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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, 2025 (expected)  
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland, 2021  
B.A. Economics & B.S. Mathematics, Wuhan University, 2019

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy, Chinese Economy

## RESEARCH

### PUBLICATIONS

1. [“Housing Market Regulations and Strategic Divorce Propensity in China”](#), with James Alm and Xun Li, *Journal of Population Economics*, Vol.35, July 2022
2. [“Role of Professionalism in the Policy Response to COVID-19: Does a Public Health or Medical Background Help?”](#), with Xun Li, Qianqian Wan, and Xi Chen, *China Economic Review*, Vol.71, February 2022

### WORKING PAPERS

3. [“China’s Anti-Corruption Campaign and Civil Servant Fever”](#), with Xun Li, r&r at *Journal of Law and Economics*
4. [“The Effect of Education on Voter Turnout in China’s Rural Elections”](#)
5. “Anti-Corruption and Political Trust: Evidence from China”, with Ming Fang and Congling Xia

### WORK IN PROGRESS

6. “The Impacts of Economic Statecraft: The Case of Taiwan”
7. “Exposure to Violence and Occupational Outcomes: Evidence from Children of the Cultural Revolution”
8. “China’s State-Owned Enterprises Reform” (JMP)
9. “The Legacy of the Taiping Rebellion”, with Colin Xu

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

### PRESENTATION

2022: University of Queensland

2021: GLO & Renmin University Joint Conference

Pre-Ph.D.: Chinese Economists Society Meeting (2018, 2019, coauthor presented)

### REFeree SERVICE

*Agribusiness: An International Journal* • *British Medical Journal: Leader* • *China: An International Journal* • *Journal of Population Economics*

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

RA for Dr. Colin Xu (World Bank), 2022

## TEACHING

### AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomics

TA, Ph.D. Econometrics

TA, Ph.D. Summer Probability & Statistics Course

## AWARDS

2nd Place for Economics Poster Competition, University of Maryland, 2023

2nd Place for Best 3rd-Year Paper Prize, University of Maryland, 2022

Melville Ulmer Prize (Best 2nd-Year Paper), University of Maryland, 2022

Graduation with Distinction, Wuhan University, 2019

Scholarship for Outstanding Students, Wuhan University, 2015–2019

## SKILLS

Software: Stata, Matlab, R

Language: English, Chinese (native)