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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, 2019–now  
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland, 2021  
B.S. Mathematics, Wuhan University, 2019  
B.A. Economics, Wuhan University, 2019

## RESEARCH AREAS

Political Economy, Economic History, Labor Economics

## RESEARCH

### Publications

2022 “Role of Professionalism in the Policy Response to COVID-19: Does a Public Health or Medical Background Help?” (with Xun Li, Qianqian Wan, Xi Chen)  
*China Economic Review*, Vol. 71, February 2022

2021 “Housing Market Regulations and Strategic Divorce Propensity in China” (with James Alm, Xun Li)  
*Journal of Population Economics*, forthcoming

### Working Papers

2022 “China’s Anti-Corruption Campaign and Civil Servant Fever” (with Xun Li)  
*Journal of Law and Economics*, R&R

2022 “Learn to Abstain: How Education Can Lower Voter Turnout in China’s Grassroots Elections”  
submitted

In progress “The Legacy of Cultural Revolution on Occupational Choice”

“Trade and Elections: Evidence from Taiwan”

“Anti-Corruption and Trust in the Government” (with Ming Fang)

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### Conferences (\* = coauthor presented)

2021 Journal of Population Economics Special Session, 4th Global Labor Organization-Renmin University Joint Conference (invited talk), online, December 12

2019\* Chinese Economists Society Meeting, Dalian, China  
2018\* Chinese Economists Society Meeting, Hefei, China

### **Referee**

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

### **Research Assistant**

2022 Research Assistant to Dr. Colin Xu (World Bank)  
2017–2019 Research Assistant to Prof. Xun Li (Wuhan University) and Prof. Wei Huang (Chinese University of  
Hong Kong)

### **TEACHING**

#### **University of Maryland**

Spring 2022 Teaching Assistant, Econ 624: Econometrics (1st-year Ph.D.)

### **AWARDS**

2019– Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland  
2019 Distinguished Graduate, Wuhan University  
2015–2019 Scholarship for Outstanding Students, Wuhan University

### **SKILLS**

Language English, Chinese (native)  
Software Stata, R, Matlab

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