Weizheng Lai

Updated: January 2023

Department of Economics
University of Maryland
3115N Tydings Hall
College Park, MD 20742

Website: laiwz.github.io
Email: laiwz@umd.edu

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

PUBLICATION

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 Grassroots Elections"

5. "Anti-Corruption and Political Trust: Evidence from China", with Ming Fang

6. "The Impacts of Economic Statecraft: The Case of Taiwan"

7. "Exposure to Violence and Occupational Choice: Evidence from Children of the Cultural Revolution"

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

PRESENTATIONS

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

TA for 1st-year Ph.D. Econometrics

TA for 1st-year Ph.D. Summer Probability & Statistics Course

AWARDS

Best 3rd-Year Paper Prize, University of Maryland, 2022

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

Distinguished Graduate, Wuhan University, 2019

Scholarship for Outstanding Students, Wuhan University, 2015–2019

SKILLS

Software: Stata, Matlab, R

Language: Chinese (native), English