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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, Chinese Economy

RESEARCH

Publications

2022   "Housing Market Regulations and Strategic Divorce Propensity in China" (with James Alm, Xun Li), *Journal of Population Economics*, Vol.35, July 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

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 the Cultural Revolution on Occupational Outcomes"

"Trade and Elections: Evidence from Taiwan"

"Anti-Corruption and Trust in 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), December 12, online

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)

TEACHING

University of Maryland

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

AWARDS

2022   Melville Ulmer Prize (for the best 2nd year paper), University of Maryland
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

REFERENCES

Prof. Ethan Kaplan	Prof. Allan Drazen	Prof. Peter Murrell
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