

Jun Wong

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Chicago
B.A., Economics (Honors), UC Berkeley

2021-present
2019

Working Papers

The distributional effects of blackouts on firms: Evidence from South Africa *with* Rowan Clarke, Christopher F. Eaglin, and Zachary Kuloszewski. 2025.

Urban Expansion, Drought Risk, and Willingness-to-pay for Piped Water *with* Ashton Pallottini and Emma Zhang. 2025.

Publications

Opening up military innovation: Causal effects of reforms to U.S. defense research *with* Sabrina Howell, Jason Rathje, and John Van Reenen *Forthcoming, Journal of Political Economy*

Lender automation and racial disparities in credit access *with* Sabrina Howell, Theresa Kuchler, David Snitkof, and Johannes Stroebel. *Journal of Finance*, 79(2), 2024.

Market potential for CO2 removal and sequestration from renewable natural gas production in California *with* Daniel Sanchez, Jonathan Santoso, and Marjorie Went. *Environmental Science and Technology*, 56(7), 2022.

Innovative wood use can enable carbon-beneficial forest management in California *with* Bodie Cabiyo, Brandon Collins, Jeremy Fried, William Steward, and Daniel Sanchez. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(49), 2021.

Selected Works in Progress

Economics of informal electricity connections *with* Zachary Kuloszewski

Scaling waste management solutions with informality *with* Ashton Pallottini, Yixin Sun, and Emma Zhang

Teaching

Northwestern Prison Education Program (Cook County Jail)
Instructor. Introduction to Microeconomics

Winter 2022

University of Chicago

TA. Microeconomics (executive MBA)

Fall 2024

TA. Introduction to Econometrics (undergraduate)

Fall 2023

TA. Introduction to Development Economics (undergraduate) Spring 2023, 2024, 2025

UC Berkeley

TA. Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate) Fall 2018

Grants

Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago	2025
J-PAL King Climate Action Initiative	2025
Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics	2025
Development Economics Research Fund (x2)	2025
J-PAL King Climate Action Initiative Pilot Grant	2024
Global Methane Hub	2024
Structural Transformation and Economic Growth Pilot Grant	2024
Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics (x2)	2023
J-PAL King Climate Action Initiative	2023
EPIC India Exploratory Grant (x2)	2022

Awards

Bradford-Osborne Research Award, First Prize	2025
Brattle Group, Distinguished Paper	2024
WRDS Best Empirical Finance Paper	2021

Presentations

Bradford-Osborne Research Award Presentation (Seattle)	2025
European Finance Association Annual Meeting (Barcelona)	2023
NBER Summer Institute Economics of National Security (Cambridge)	2022
Low Emissions Solutions Conference & Fall AGU (San Francisco)	2021

Professional Experience

Junior Research Scientist at NYU Stern with Sabrina Howell and Simone Lenzu	2019-2021
Research Analyst at UC Berkeley with Daniel Sanchez	2018-2020

Other Activities

Co-organizer. 2024 Chicago Conference on Cities.

Co-organizer. UChicago 2023-2024 Environmental and Energy PhD Workshop & Development PhD Workshop

Review committee. 2024 Midwest Development Conference

Co-organizer. [2021 Pre-Doctoral Research in Economics \(PRE\) Workshop](#)

Tutor. 2021 East Harlem Tutorial Program