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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics	Auburn University, Auburn, AL	Aug. 2019 (expected)
M.A. in Economics	Ocean University of China, Qingdao, China	Jun. 2014
B.A. in Economics	Ocean University of China, Qingdao, China	Jun. 2011

FIELDS OF RESEARCH

Labor Economics, Political Economics, Applied/Micro-Econometrics

SOFTWARE SKILLS/LANGUAGE

Stata, R, LaTeX, Matlab, SQL

PAPERS

Job Market Paper Zhang, J., 2018 “More Representatives, More Economic Development? Evidence from Turkey”

- Applied the Instrumental Variables (IV) method as the identification strategy
- Captured the causal effect of political representation on regional economic growth
- Found mentioning a province to be the channel through which politicians could influence the local economy

Published Paper Zhang, J., 2013 “Economic Analysis of the Change on Japan’s Regional Policies after WWII” *Market Modernization*, 2013(8), pp186-188

Working Paper Altindag, D., Mocan, N., Zhang, J., 2016 “Returns to Bullying in the Turkish Parliament”

- Used Diff in Diff (DinD), Ordinary Least Square (OLS) and contingency analysis as the empirical methods
- Explored the interrupting behavior among Turkish politicians in parliamentary meetings
- Investigated the motivations of the interrupting behavior of these politicians

Work in Progress

Zhang, J., 2018 “Do the State Governor’s Skills Matter on the State’s Development? Evidence from the U.S.”

- Utilized the Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD) method as my identification strategy
- Estimated the true effect of governor’s skills on the state’s economic performance.

Altindag, D., Zhang, J., 2017 “Is It a Blessing to Win a Gubernatorial Election? Evidence from the U.S.”

- Relied on the Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD) method as the identification strategy
- Estimated the causal effect of being a state governor on the lifespan

EXPERIENCE

Conference Presentations

Midwest Econometrics Group Conference	Madison WI, Oct. 2018
Auburn University Friday Seminar Series of Economics	Auburn AL, Sep. 2018
Auburn University Brown-Bag Seminar Series of Economics	Auburn AL, Nov. 2017
86th Annual Southern Economics Association Conference	Washington DC, Nov. 2016

Teaching (Auburn University)

Instructor of ECON 2020 Principles of Microeconomics Fall 2016 - Present

- Gave lectures of microeconomics, designed exams and provided students office hours to answer their questions

TA of ECON 4600 Econometrics I Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

TA of ECON 3030 Intermediate Macroeconomics Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

TA of ECON 2030 Principles of Macroeconomics Spring 2016

Participated Projects

Setup of the Health Index System of Ocean and Sea Oct. 2012 - Dec. 2012

Design on the Economic Integration of Ocean and Land Sep. 2012 - May 2013

Creative Business Project of the Twelfth-Five-Year Plan in Qingdao Aug. 2012 - Nov. 2012

Analysis on the Construction of Modern Ocean Economy and on the Circle-Polarization Of East China May 2012 - Sep. 2012

Statistical Analysis on the Setting-ups of Ocean-Related Courses and Majors by Universities in China Nov. 2011 - Jun. 2012

- Mainly did data analysis and ran econometrical regressions for these above projects

Internships

Personal loan assistant of Shanghai Pudong Development Bank, Qingdao Branch Jun. 2013 - Aug. 2013

- Certified the authenticity of warrants and ordered the whole personal loan materials

Finance assistant of the Finance Department of Ocean University of China Aug. 2012 - Jan. 2013

Operation assistant of Bank of China, Xianju Jun. 2010 - Sep. 2010

- Practiced general deposit and loan process and differentiated various loans

Community Involvements and Activities

Volunteer of the 22nd Qingdao International Beer Festival Aug. 2012

Member of the Creation Department of the Graduate Unity at Ocean University of China Jan. 2012 - Jan. 2013

Teacher of the Tutoring Center of Xianju in Taizhou, Zhejiang Province Jul. 2009 - Sep. 2009