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## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. in Economics</b> , University of California San Diego	2021 - present
<b>M.A. in Economics</b> , University of California San Diego	2023
<b>B.A. in Economics and Finance</b> , Tsinghua University	2021

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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**Public Economics, Labor Economics, Household Finance**

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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**“Maternity Ward Crowding, Birth Outcomes, and Future Fertility and Healthcare Decisions: Evidence from California”**, with Yuli Xu

We study how overcrowding in maternity wards influences concurrent birth outcomes and mothers’ future fertility and hospital choices by leveraging day-to-day fluctuations in birth counts within Californian hospitals. We find a notable reduction in procedure use—C-sections, epidurals, inductions, and augmentations—on crowded days, without compromising maternal or infant health. Despite null effects on future fertility, mothers—particularly non-Black, more educated, and those in less deprived counties—are more likely to switch hospitals or to a non-hospital setting for their next birth. We do not find specific patterns in choice of subsequent hospitals, attributing the decision to negative first-birth experiences.

**“The Financial Impacts of Pregnancy and Childbirth”**, with Lei Ma and Victoria Wang

**“Infant Health and the Inter-generational Effects of Early Cash Transfers”**

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Teaching Assistant for GPEC 486</b> (Chinese Economy, Master’s level)	2024 Winter, 2025 Winter
<b>Teaching Assistant for MGTF 404</b> (Financial Econometrics, Master’s level)	2024 Fall
<b>Teaching Assistant for Econ 120C</b> (Econometrics C)	2024 Summer
<b>Teaching Assistant for Econ 120B</b> (Econometrics B)	2022 Fall, 2024 Spring
<b>Teaching Assistant for Econ 100B</b> (Microeconomics B)	2023 Fall
<b>Teaching Assistant for Econ 104</b> (Economics with Morals)	2023 Spring
<b>Teaching Assistant for GPCO 404</b> (Public Economics, Master’s level)	2023 Winter

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research Assistant</b> to Professor Katherine Meckel at University of California San Diego	Jun 2023 - Sep 2023 <i>La Jolla, CA</i>
<b>Research Assistant</b> to Professor Julie Cullen at University of California San Diego	Jun 2022 - Sep 2022 <i>La Jolla, CA</i>

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>Travel and Research Grant</b> , University of California San Diego	2024
<b>Graduate Student Fellowship</b> , California Policy Lab	2024
<b>Diversity Research Fellowship</b> , University of California San Diego	2024
<b>Summer Research Fellowship</b> , University of California San Diego	2022, 2023
<b>Regent's Fellowship</b> , University of California San Diego	2021 - 2022
<b>National Scholarship</b> , Tsinghua University	2020
<b>Toyota Scholarship</b> , Tsinghua University	2019
<b>Zhang Mingwei Scholarship</b> , Tsinghua University	2018

## OTHER INFORMATION

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**Software & Programming:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, Stata, Python, and MATLAB

**Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (native), English (proficient), and Japanese (basic)

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