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EDUCATION

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

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Household Finance

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“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

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

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

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

OTHER INFORMATION

Software & Programming: L^AT_EX, R, Stata, Python, and MATLAB

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

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