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EDUCATION

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| 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-Related Choices: Evidence from California”, with Yuli Xu

Our paper examines how overcrowding in maternity wards influences concurrent birth outcomes and mothers’ future fertility and hospital choices. We leverage day-to-day fluctuations in birth counts at Californian hospitals as a proxy for overcrowding. We find a notable reduction in the use of procedures such as C-sections, epidurals, inductions, and augmentations on crowded days, without compromising maternal or infant health. While there is no effect 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 after experiencing overcrowding. We do not find specific patterns in their 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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| Teaching Assistant for Econ 120B (Econometrics B) | 2022 Fall, 2024 Spring, 2024 Fall |
| Teaching Assistant for Econ 120C (Econometrics C) | 2024 Summer |
| Teaching Assistant for GPEC 486 (Chinese Economy, Master’s level) | 2024 Winter |
| 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

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| 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

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| Graduate Fellowship Grant , 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)

Last updated: October 2024