

# Letian Yin

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## EDUCATION

<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

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

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

**“Crowded at Birth: Lasting Effects of Maternity Ward Crowding in California”**, with Yuli Xu

We study how overcrowding during a woman’s first childbirth influences both clinical practices and subsequent healthcare choices, using comprehensive administrative records on all California births between 1989 and 2017. Leveraging quasi-random, within-hospital variation in daily number of patients, we find that overcrowding reduces the intensity of medical interventions—such as C-sections, epidurals, inductions, and augmentations—consistent with efforts to relieve physician workload. Despite these adjustments, we find no detectable adverse effects on immediate maternal or infant health. Looking beyond the initial birth, we show that overcrowding does not alter future fertility but significantly increases the likelihood that mothers switch hospitals for subsequent deliveries. We find no systematic patterns in hospital selection, indicating that switching is driven primarily by negative first-birth experiences.

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

**“The Effect of Social Security’s Full Retirement Age on the Economic Well-Being of Older Americans”**

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>TA for Econ 120C</b> (Econometrics)	Yixiao Sun	2024, 2025
<b>TA for GPEC 486</b> (Chinese Economy, Master’s level)	Barry Naughton	2024, 2025
<b>TA for MGTF 404</b> (Financial Econometrics, Master’s level)	Rossen Valkanov	2024
<b>TA for Econ 120B</b> (Econometrics)	Maria Candido and Xinwei Ma	2022, 2024
<b>TA for Econ 100B</b> (Intermediate Microeconomics)	Meredith Crane	2023
<b>TA for Econ 104</b> (Behavioral Economics)	James Andreoni	2023
<b>TA for GPCO 404</b> (Public Economics, Master’s level)	Julie Cullen	2023

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<b>Research Assistant</b> to Professor Katherine Meckel	2023
<b>Research Assistant</b> to Professor Julie Cullen	2022

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>Yankelovich Graduate Research Grant</b> , University of California San Diego	2025
<b>Travel and Research Grant</b> , University of California San Diego	2024, 2025
<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

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2025 - 2026** *Scheduled:* All-California Labor Economics Conference (poster session), SEA Annual Meeting
- 2024 - 2025** UCSD Applied/Development Workshop, ASHEcon Annual Conference
- 2023 - 2024** UCSD Applied/Development Workshop

## OTHER INFORMATION

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

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

*Last updated: August 2025*