

LEXIN CAI – Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2020–2026 PhD Candidate in Economics, Cornell University
2015 MS in Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania
2013 Bachelor of Management, Renmin University of China

RESEARCH FIELDS

Economics of Education, Public Economics, Labor Economics

WORK IN PROGRESS

Short- and Long-Run Effects of Universal School Meals Policies
Effects of Eliminating SNAP Asset Tests on Program Participation and Family Wealth
Effects of Work Requirements in Means-Tested Programs (with Pauline Leung and Hyewon Kim)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022–present Research Assistant for Zhuan Pei, Cornell University
2021–2022 Research Assistant for Pauline Leung, Cornell University
2018–2020 Research Analyst, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
2016–2018 Research Associate, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
2015–2016 Research Intern, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
2014–2015 Research Assistant, World Wildlife Fund

TEACHING

Fall 2021 Teaching Assistant, Economics of the Public Sector, Cornell University
Spring 2022 Teaching Assistant, Behavioral Economics and Public Policy, Cornell University

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2023–2024 Jain Family Institute - Brooks School Fellow
2022 Brooks School of Public Policy Outstanding TA Award, Cornell University
2020–present Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
2014 Dean's Merit Award, University of Pennsylvania
2012 Global KU Scholarship, Korea University
2010–2013 National Scholarship, Renmin University of China (X3)

SERVICE

2022–present Executive Board Member, Diversity in Cornell Economics
2022–present Mentor, Graduate Student Association for Economics, Cornell University
2022–2024 Graduate Student Representative, Economics Diversity and Inclusion Committee
2021–2022 Social Co-chair, Graduate Students in Public Policy, Cornell University
2014–2015 Co-founder, Wonk Tank, Penn Wharton Public Policy Initiative

SKILLS

Programming Stata, R, SAS, LaTeX
Languages English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese Chinese (fluent)

OTHER

U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status
U.S. Citizen