LEXIN CAI – Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Exp 2026   Ph.D. in Economics, Cornell University
2015   M.S. in Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania
2013   B.S. in Public Administration, Renmin University of China

RESEARCH FIELDS

Public Finance, Labor Economics, Economics of Education

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 Intern, World Wildlife Fund

TEACHING

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

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