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EDUCATION

Cornell University PhD Candidate in Economics	2020–Present
University of Pennsylvania MS in Social Policy	2015
Renmin University of China Bachelor of Management, Public Administration Study abroad: Korea University, 2012	2013

RESEARCH FIELDS

Public Finance, Labor Economics

WORK IN PROGRESS

Local Responses to Federal Grants: Evidence from the Universal School Meals Programs
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

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

TEACHING

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

SERVICE

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

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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

SKILLS

Computer: Stata, R, ArcGIS, LaTeX, Matlab

Languages: English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese Chinese (fluent), Korean (basic)

OTHER

U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status

2022–Present

Citizenship: United States

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

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