

## **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**

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 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