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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, 2018–May 2023 (expected)
Dissertation Title: *Essays on Labor Economics*
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B.S., Economics, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, 2013–2017

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Development Economics

WORKING PAPERS

“[Bargaining over Marriage Payments: Theory, Evidence, and Policy Implications](#),” October 2022. Job Market paper.

“[Hukou and Guanxi: How Social Discrimination and Networks Impact Intrahousehold Allocations in China](#),” (with Kevin Lang), October 2022.

PREDOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS (CORPORATE FINANCE)

Zhuge, Liqun, Richard B. Freeman and Dongyang Zhang (2020) “[Firm Dynamics of Hi-Tech Start-ups: Does Innovation Matter?](#),” *China Economic Review*, 101370

Zhuge, Liqun, Richard B. Freeman and Matthew T. Higgins (2020) “[Regulation and innovation: Examining outcomes in Chinese pollution control policy areas](#),” *Economic Modelling*, 89: 19-31

PRESENTATIONS

SEHO Annual Conference, London, UK 2022
BU Empirical Microeconomics Workshop, Boston, MA 2022
Harvard China Economy Seminar, Cambridge, MA 2022
BU Micro Dissertation Workshop, Boston, MA 2022 2020 2018
WEAI Annual Conference, Online 2021
AERE Annual Conference, Online 2021
Queen Mary University of London, London, UK 2019
Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo, Japan 2018

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Graduate Student Fellowship, Boston University, 2018–2023

REFeree EXPERIENCE

International Review of Economics & Finance, Finance Research Letter, Economic Modelling, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Economic Systems, Journal of Cleaner Production

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis, Department of Economics, Boston University, Fall 2020, 2021, 2022 and Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant, Empirical Economics I (EC 303), Department of Economics, Boston University, Spring 2022
Teaching Assistant, Empirical Economics II (EC 204), Department of Economics, Boston University, Spring 2020
Teaching Assistant, Empirical Economics I (EC 203), Department of Economics, Boston University, Fall 2019

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Student Ambassador to the Research Computing Services (RCS) 2021–2022

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native)

COMPUTER SKILLS: R, MATLAB, Stata, Python, Java, SAS, Mathematica, LaTeX

CITIZENSHIP/VISA STATUS: China/F1

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Bargaining over Marriage Payments: Theory, Evidence, and Policy Implications (Job Market Paper)

This article delves into a conservative marriage tradition in Chinese society that involves bidirectional wealth transfers: bride price and dowry. Under this unique institution, I examine the broad implication of a pro-women marriage law amendment regarding property division in divorce in a society with high gender inequality, considering only dowries are in the form of physical assets. Conditional on marital transfers being a tradition derived from history with unequal gender roles, this article first probes patrilocality and altruism as the rationales behind the two transfers: one from the groom's family to the bride's family (bride price) and the other one from the bride's family to the couple (dowry). To do that, I construct a theoretical model that involves the bargaining process between the parents on the two sides and between the spouses. Secondly, I investigate how dowry impacts the intrahousehold bargaining power within the new conjugal households with a collective model and reduced-form evidence. Lastly, I utilize the 2001 marriage law amendment as a natural experiment to discuss how a one-sided targeting policy can lead to a Pareto improvement for all sides.

Hukou and Guanxi: How Social Discrimination and Networks Impact Intrahousehold Allocations in China (*with Kevin Lang*)

Hukou, China's system of household registration, affects access to public services and signals the strength of a person's local social network, *guanxi*. We use a collective model and data on household consumption and spouses' hukou status to show that hukou plays a crucial role in determining within-family bargaining power. Wives who bring the family more lucrative hukou enjoy significantly higher bargaining power than other wives. Still, these wives have less bargaining power than their husbands. Large differences in preferences between husbands and wives, especially regarding alcohol, tobacco, and clothing, allow us to identify these disparities.