

MENGWEI LIN

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Berkeley Research Group
Managing Economist

2024-

EDUCATION

Cornell University
Applied Economics & Management, Ph.D.

2018-2024

Harvard University
Department of Economics, Visiting Student

2022-2023

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of Economics, Master of Science

2016-2018

Beijing Jiaotong University
School of Traffic and Transportation, Bachelor of Engineering

2012-2016

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Research Interests: Public Economics, Political Economy, Firm Behavior

Teaching Interests: Applied Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics, Empirical Industrial Organization

WORKING PAPERS

“Local Policies and Firm Location: Measuring the ‘Unmeasurable’” [\[PDF\]](#)

“Peace and Petty Corruption: Evidence from Trucking in Côte d’Ivoire,” with Jeremy Foltz and Souleymane Soumahoro. [\[PDF\]](#)

“A Tax-Shaped Retail Landscape,” with Feng Chi, Limin Fang, Nathan Yang. [\[PDF\]](#)

“Money, Influence (and Death) in U.S. Politics,” with Marco Battaglini, Valerio Leone Sciabolazza, Eleonora Patacchini. [\[NBER\]](#)

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

“Local Governance and Environmental Regulation in China,” with Deyu Rao. [\[PDF\]](#)

GRANTS

Collaborator, Local Governance and Environmental Regulation in China
Research Grants Council, Early Career Scheme

2023-2025

HK\$ 535,443

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Adam Smith Fellowship

2023-2024, Mercatus Center

EAP C.V. Starr Fellowship

2024, Cornell

Adlerbert Graduate Fellowship

2023, Cornell

Graduate School Fellowship

2022-2023, Cornell

Cornell Laidlaw Scholars Graduate Mentor Fellowship

2022, Cornell

Cornell Center for Teaching Innovation (CTI) Graduate Fellowship

2021, Cornell

Dyson “Graduate Teaching Assistant - Outstanding Service” Award

2020, Cornell

First Prize, 13th “Jinshixuan Cup” Innovation Contest

2015, BJTU

Outstanding Student Leader Award

2015, BJTU

First-class Scholarship for Academic Excellence

2014, BJTU

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Adam Dearing NCC5020/NCCY5020 Microeconomics for Management (MBA)	<i>2022 Summer Cornell</i>
Instructor CICER Winter Camp Public Economics Research Group	<i>2022 Winter Cornell</i>
Teaching Assistant for Prof. Carla Gomes AEM4120 Computational Methods for Management and Economics	<i>2021 Fall Cornell</i>
Teaching Assistant (Head TA) for Prof. Suzanne Shu AEM2420 Marketing for Dyson Majors	<i>2021, 2022 Spring Cornell</i>
Teaching Assistant (Head TA) for Prof. Nathan Yang AEM2400 Marketing for Non-majors	<i>2020 Fall Cornell</i>
Teaching Assistant for Prof. Michael Waldman AEM7020/ECON6115 Game Theory (PhD)	<i>2020 Spring Cornell</i>
Teaching Assistant for Prof. Loren Tauer AEM4110 Introduction to Econometrics	<i>2019 Fall Cornell</i>
Volunteer Tutor for Great University Tutoring Service (GUTS) MATH217 Calculus with Algebra and Trigonometry II	<i>2017 Fall UW-Madison</i>

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- 2023: Harvard University (Graduate Student Workshop in Political Economy and Rational Choice), Harvard University (Political Economy Tea)
- 2022: AEA, University of Oxford (Center for the Study of African Economics), CEGA (Working Group in African Political Economy), Harvard University (Econ and Social Policy Grad Workshop), Harvard University (Graduate Student Workshop in Environmental Economics)
- 2021: International Growth Centre (the BREAD Conference on the Economics of Africa), SEA, Cornell University (Emerging Markets Research Day)
- 2020: Boston University (Mentoring Workshop), Cornell University (Labor Work in Progress Seminar), Cornell University (Development Microeconomics Graduate Research Seminar)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: Regional Science and Urban Economics, Journal of Economic Geography
Ad-hoc Reviewer: STAARS Fellowship

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

President , Community-Based Project Evaluation Group	<i>2022-2023, Cornell</i>
Director of Outreach , Community-Based Project Evaluation Group	<i>2020-2022, Cornell</i>
Treasurer , AEM Graduate Student Association	<i>2021-2022, Cornell</i>
Internship , Tesla Inc., Department of APAC Indirect Purchasing	<i>2016, Beijing</i>

OTHERS

Skills	Stata, R, Matlab, Python, QGIS, C Programming, Latex, 3DS Max, AutoCAD
Interests	Photography, Dancing(Jazz, Latino), Painting, Swimming