

SOPHIE LI

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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor in Economic History | **University of Southern Denmark** 2024-

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics | **Boston University** 2024

B.A. in Economics | **New York University** and **New York University Shanghai** 2018

Magna Cum Laude

WORKING PAPERS

The Effect of a Woman-Friendly Occupation on Employment: U.S. Postmasters Before WWII,
Reject & Resubmit at the Journal of Economic History

Returns to Education for Women in the Mid-Twentieth Century: Evidence from Compulsory
Schooling Laws

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Germ Theory at Home: The Role of Private Action in Reducing Child Mortality during the
Epidemiological Transition (with James Feigenbaum and Lauren Hoehn-Velasco)

Wartime Medical Education and Disruptions to Physician Labor Supply: Impacts on Physi-
cian Quality, the Health Transition, and Innovation (with Christian Møller Dahl, Melissa A.
Thomasson, and Anthony Wray)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

IPUMS Excellence in Research Award | **IPUMS** 2023

Rosenstein-Rodan Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper | **Boston University** 2023

Deanne and Gerald Gitner Prize for Excellence in Teaching | **Boston University** 2023

Research Grant \$1,700, Institute for Economic Development | **Boston University** 2022

Graduate Student Fellowship | **Boston University** 2019-2024

University Honors Scholar | **New York University** 2018

Recognition Award | **New York University Shanghai** 2017

Dean's List | **New York University Shanghai** 2015-2016

INVITED TALKS

CEPR Applied Micro-Economic History Workshop, CEPR Workshop on Public Health Interventions in the Long Run, EHS Annual Conference, Uppsala Workshop in Economic History (Scheduled), EHA Annual Meeting (Scheduled), SEA Annual Meeting (Scheduled) 2025

IESEG School of Management, Applied Young Economist Webinar, SOLE Annual Meeting, SDU HEDG Mini Workshop for Young Scholars, SSHA Annual Conference, SDU HCNC Meeting 2024

NBER SI DAE Student Session, World Cliometrics Conference, EHA Annual Meeting, SEA Annual Meeting 2023

AEA CSWEP Mentoring Workshop, Harvard Graduate Student Workshop in Economic History, SEA Annual Meeting 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor | **University of Southern Denmark** 2024-2025

Statistics (Undergraduate)

Instructor | **Boston University** 2022-2023

Labor Economics (Undergraduate)

Teaching Fellow | **Boston University** 2019-2024

Empirical Economic Analysis (Undergraduate)

Introduction to Microeconomics (Undergraduate)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Organizer of HEDG Mini Workshop | **University of Southern Denmark** 2025

Joint with Anthony Wray

Organizer of Graduate Student Workshop in Economic History | **Harvard University** 2022

Joint with Ross Mattheis

Co-Chair of Women and Non-Binary People in Economics | **Boston University** 2019-2021

Joint with Vittoria Dicandia and Nayeon Lim