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Research Fields: Health Economics, Industrial Organization

Education:

- PhD in Economics, Yale University (2021–2027, expected)
- MPhil in Economics, Yale University (2021–2024)
- BA in Economics (with Honors), University of Chicago (2015–2019)
- BS in Mathematics, University of Chicago (2015–2019)

Qualifying Exams Completed: Industrial Organization (2023), Econometrics (2023)

Research in Progress:

- “Optimal Entry of Hospital Obstetric Units”
- “Redesigning Graduate Medical Education Payments”
- “Incidence of Medicare Drug Price Negotiation”

Working Papers:

- “How to Prevent Traffic Accidents: AI and the ‘First-Best’ Insurance Contract” with Yizhou Jin

Publications:

- “High-Frequency Location Data Shows That Race Affects Citations and Fines for Speeding” (2025) with Pradhi Aggarwal, Alec Brandon, Ariel Goldszmidt, Justin Holz, John List, Ian Muir, and Gregory Sun. *Science*, 387(6741), 1397–1401.

Research and Work Experience:

- RA to Prof. Zack Cooper, Yale University (2022–2023)
- Economist, Lyft (2019–2021)
- RA to Prof. Tarek Hassan and Prof. Leonardo Bursztyn, University of Chicago (2017–2019)
- Economist Intern, Lyft (2018)

Teaching Experience:

- TF to Prof. Daniel Hauser, Intermediate Microeconomics, Yale University (Spring 2025)
- TF to Prof. Cormac O’Dea, Introductory Microeconomics, Yale University (Fall 2024, Spring 2024)
- TF to Prof. Evangelia Chalioti, Intermediate Microeconomics, Yale University (Fall 2023)

Honors and Awards:

- University and Teaching Fellowships, Yale University (2021–2027)
- Department of Economics/Cowles Foundation/EGC Fellowship, Yale University (2021–2026)
- Nathan Hale Associates Fellowship, Yale University (2024–2025)
- David S. Hu Award in Economics, University of Chicago (2019)
- BFI Award for Academic Achievement in Macroeconomics, University of Chicago (2019)
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Chicago (2019)
- President’s Scholarship, University of Chicago (2015–2019)
- Dean’s List, University of Chicago (2016, 2017, 2018)

Presentations:

- Industrial Organization Prospectus Workshop, Yale University (Spr 2025, Fall 2024, Spr 2024, Fall 2023)
- Alumni Weekend Economics Student Poster Session, University of Chicago (2019)

Referee Service: *American Economic Review*

Skills: R, Python, Stata, MATLAB, SQL, LaTeX

Languages: English, Chinese (Mandarin)

Citizenship: United States