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## EDUCATION

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**Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI** *August 2022 – Present*

*Doctor of Philosophy - Economics*

- Peter Schmidt [Outstanding First-Year Student] Award

*Summer 2023*

**The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

*October 2019 – August 2020*

*Master of Arts in Social Sciences - Economics*

- Phoenix Research Award

- Director's Scholarship

**The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH**

*August 2015 – May 2019*

*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics - Theoretical*

*Bachelor of Science in Economics*

- Summa Cum Laude with Research Distinction in Economics

## TECHNICAL SKILLS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Data Analytics and Econometrics: Stata, R, Python, PostgreSQL, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

- Languages: Fluent in English, Taiwanese, and Taiwanese Mandarin

- Interests: Economics of Inequality, Labor Economics

## PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

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Elbel, B., Zhou, G. E., Lee, D. C., Chen, W., Day, S. E., Konty, K. J., & Schwartz, A. E. (2022). *Analysis of School-Level Vaccination Rates by Race, Ethnicity, and Geography in New York City*. JAMA network open, 5(9), e2231849-e2231849.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Willy Chen, Xiao Qiao, and Hanzhe Zhang, December 2024. *138 years of economics research collaboration*

Saied Toossi, Willy Chen, and Amy Ellen Schwartz November 2024. *The Relationship between Entrée Variety and Student Participation in School Lunch (Under Review)*

Willy Chen, October 2024. *Descriptive Units of Heterogeneity: An Axiomatic Approach to Measuring Heterogeneity (Under Review)*

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI** *August 2020 – Present*  
*Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics (251H, 301) ; PhD Game Theory (812B)*

**Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY** *September 2020 – May 2022*  
*Research Associate, Center for Policy Research*

**The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL** *October 2019 – June 2020*  
*Teaching Assistant, ECON 100/200/201*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY** *September 2020 – Present*  
*Research Associate – Center for Policy Research*

- Supervising Professor: Amy Ellen Schwartz

- Statistical Analysis with multiple projects using student-level longitudinal data from New York City Department of Education and partnering organizations

- Collected data set from individual players over 32 games for every  $\frac{1}{10}$  second (GPS tracking and 3D force vectors)
- Created a new metric to track real-time physical toll in game to increase player output based on exertion and monitor injury risks
- Received Honorable Mention. Judges Choice

## OUTREACH & INCLUSION

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### **Act!on Social Change - The Ohio State University**

*August 2018 - May 2019*

*President and Founder*

- Our organization hosts screenings of movies and bring in speakers to discuss prominent social issues
- We hold inclusion workshops to guide members through discussing social issues with others
- We encourage difficult conversations and want to enable people to be an ally and spread awareness

### **Buckeye Student Leadership Academy - The Ohio State University**

*May 2018 - May 2019*

*BSLA Student Mentor*

- BSLA brings underprivileged high school seniors to Ohio State to guide them through the college exploration
- Student mentors stay in contact with their students throughout the entire school year and help them through the college application process

### **University Ambassador - The Ohio State University**

*May 2018 - May 2019*

*University Ambassador*

- Pushed for changes to include mandatory discussion of resources for diversity and inclusion in campus tours
- Pushed for changes in the ambassador hiring process for a more diverse and inclusive staff

### **Office of First Year Experience - The Ohio State University**

*May 2016 - May 2018*

*FYE Peer Leader*

- Guide first-year students through their transition process throughout the whole year
- Strategically provide targeted outreach to students who may not have or know of specific campus resources
- Promote a welcoming and safe environment for students to find their space in our community
- Support students in all possible ways for both social and academic situations

## REFERENCES

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**Name: Steven N. Durlauf** (MA Thesis Advisor)

Title: Steans Professor in Educational Policy

University: University of Chicago - Harris School of Public Policy

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**Name: Todd Elder**

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**Name: Hanzhe Zhang**

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