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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024–	South Dakota State University , Ness School of Management and Economics Assistant Professor of Economics
2020–2024	Dickinson College , Department of Economics Assistant Professor of Economics

EDUCATION

2020	University of Kentucky Ph.D., Economics
2015	Tufts University M.S., Economics
2013	Chongqing Technology and Business University B.S., Finance

EXPERIENCE

2025–	<i>Review of Regional Studies</i> Co-Editor
2024 Spring	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Economics Visiting Scholar
2023 Fall	University of Kentucky, Department of Economics Visiting Scholar
2015–2020	University of Kentucky, Center for Business and Economic Research Research Assistant
2018–2019	University of Kentucky, Department of Economics Graduate Instructor
2013–2015	Tufts University, Department of Economics Graduate Teaching Assistant

RESEARCH FIELDS

Urban and Regional Economics, Labor Economics, and Public Economics

PUBLICATIONS

6. [Maternal Education and Early Childhood Outcomes in China](#)
with Yaxiang Song.
Economics of Education Review, 107, 102660. (2025).
5. [Too Late to Buy A Home? School Redistricting and the Timing and Extent of Capitalization](#)
with Christopher Bollinger, Michael Clark, and William Hoyt.
Journal of Regional Science, 64(1), 207-237. (2024).
4. [Son Preference, Intra-Household Discrimination, and the Gender Gap in Education in China](#)
with Chenxu Hu and Hao Guo.
International Review of Economics & Finance, 79 (May), 324-339. (2022).

3. [The Expansion of Higher Education and Household Saving in China](#)
with Christopher Bollinger and Steven Lugauer.
China Economic Review, 71, 101736. (2022).
2. [College Education and Internal Migration in China](#)
China Economic Review, 69, 101649. (2021).
1. [Flood Risk and Salience: New Evidence from the Sunshine State](#)
with Laura A. Bakkensen and Lala Ma.
Southern Economic Journal, 85(4), 1132-1158. (2019).

WORKING PAPERS

1. [Estimation of Welfare Effects in Hedonic Difference-in-Differences: The Case of School Redistricting](#)
with Christopher Bollinger, Michael Clark, and William Hoyt.
2. [College Education, Enrollment Location, and the Geographical Mobility of Young Adults](#)
with Shu Cai and Rui Du.
3. [Reshaping Traditions: Pension Reform, Son Preference, and Old Age Support](#)
with Yang Jiao and Yuyun Liu.
4. [Like Mother, Like Child: The Earned Income Tax Credit and Gender Norms](#)
with Yang Jiao, Yi Lu, and Xincheng Qiu.
5. [The Effects of Public Investments Funded by the Community Development Block Grant on Residential Property Values: Evidence from Cuyahoga County, Ohio](#)
with Valencia Prentice.
6. [Impact of Asymmetric Productivity Spillovers in Job-to-Job Transitions: Evidence from Labor Mobility in Academia](#)
with Eren Bilen and Paul Ko.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

8. [Schools and Neighborhoods: The Impact of School Attendance Boundary Changes](#)
with William Hoyt.
Census Bureau FSRDC Project.

POLICY REPORTS

Center for Business and Economic Research, Gatton College of Business and Economics, University of Kentucky
[Kentucky School Districts as Educational Bright Spots](#). (2019).
[Kentucky Annual Economic Report](#). (2018).
[The Economic Impacts of Land Use Policies in Lexington, Kentucky](#). (2017).
[Kentucky Annual Economic Report](#). (2016).

PRESENTATIONS

2025

Chinese Economists Society China Conference (Sun Yat-sen University), Liaoning University, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meeting (Louisville), Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting (Kansas City), University of North Texas

2024

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Washington D.C.), Creighton University, University of Nebraska Omaha, AREUEA-ASSA Conference (San Antonio), LERA-ASSA Conference (San Antonio)

2023

Fordham University, Bucknell University, Urban Economics Association North American Meeting (University of Toronto), Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (Tsinghua University), Peking University, Renmin University of China, Liberal Arts College Public and Labor Conference (Smith College), Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (Cambridge, MA), Chinese Economists Society North America Conference (University of Oklahoma)

2022

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Fort Lauderdale), Lafayette College, Liaoning University, Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting (Minneapolis), AREUEA-ASSA Conference

2021

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Houston), North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting (Denver)

2020

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Kentucky Economic Association Annual Conference, Chinese Economists Society North America Conference

2019

International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets (Central University of Finance and Economics), Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Fort Lauderdale), North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting (Pittsburgh), Urban Economics Association North American Meeting (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia), Biennial Conference of China Development Studies (Shanghai Jiao Tong University), Nanjing Audit University, China Meeting of the Econometric Society (Jinan University), Chongqing Technology and Business University, Society of Labor Economists Conference (Arlington, VA), Chinese Economists Society North America Conference (University of Kansas)

2018

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Washington D.C.), Kentucky Economic Association Annual Conference (Centre College, KY), Chinese Economists Society North America Conference (University of Georgia)

2017

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Tampa), North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting (Vancouver)

RESEARCH GRANTS

Dickinson College

2023 Summer	Summer Research Grant (\$10,624.20)
2023 Spring	Dana Research Assistantship (\$816.00, with Mengnan Zhu and Paul Ko)
2022 Fall	Dana Research Assistantship (\$816.00)
2022 Summer	Dana Research Assistantship (\$4862.20, with Eren Bilen and Paul Ko)
2022 Summer	Summer Research Grant (\$9,766.20)
2022 Spring	Dana Research Assistantship (\$785.20, with Emily Marshall and Shamma Alam)
2021–2022	Dana Research Assistantship (\$1,570.40)
2020–2021	Dana Research Assistantship (\$1,570.40)

TEACHING

South Dakota State University

ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 301 Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 423 Introduction to Econometrics
ECON 485 Economics Capstone

Dickinson College

ECON 111 Introduction to Microeconomics
ECON 278 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
ECON 344 Public Finance
ECON 353 Labor Economics

University of Kentucky

ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECO 391 Business and Economics Statistics
ECO 401 Intermediate Microeconomics
ECO 702 Advanced Macroeconomic Theory (TA for Prof. Steven Lugauer)
Math Camp

Tufts University

EC 202 Econometrics (TA for Prof. David Garman)
EC 206 Advanced Macroeconomic Theory II (TA for Prof. Marcelo Bianconi)

GRADUATE THESIS ADVISING (First placement in parentheses)

South Dakota State University

Wilberforce Arthur (2026)

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISING (First placement in parentheses)

Dickinson College

Shixi Liu	(2024, Georgetown University, Ph.D. in Economics)
Harry Huy Do	(2024, Harvard Kennedy School, Predoctoral Fellow)
Trang Do	(2023, San Francisco Fed, Research Associate)
Yingying Cao	(2023, University of Chicago, MAPSS-Econ)

STUDENT ADVISING (*Students for whom I have written letters for graduate school applications*)

Dickinson College

Jie Hou	(2023, Cornell University, M.S. in Biostatistics and Data Science)
Aidan Shea	(2023, Northeastern University, M.S. in Accounting)
Grant Nitta	(2022, University of San Francisco, M.S. in Data Science)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023	Lincoln Institute Scholar, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
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SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY

South Dakota State University

2024–	Graduate Committee, Ness School of Management and Economics
2024–	Honors Departmental Representative, Fishback Honors College

Dickinson College

2021–2023	Research Seminar Coordinator, Department of Economics
2021–2023	Information and Technology Services Committee
2021–2023	Strategic Planning Committee
2023	Faculty Advisor, Dickinson Student Investment Group
2022	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Economics
2021	Faculty Advisor, Econ Games
2020	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Economics

University of Kentucky

2016–2019	Coordinator, Labor Reading Group, Department of Economics
2017–2018	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Economics

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2025

Session Organizer	South Dakota Land and Lending Conference, Sioux Falls, SD
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2024

Session Organizer	Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
Program Committee	Liberal Arts College Public and Labor Conference, Grinnell College
Organizing Committee	Liberal Arts College Public and Labor Virtual Seminar
Program Committee	Chinese Economists Society North America Conference, Bucknell University
Session Organizer	Chinese Economists Society North America Conference, Bucknell University

2023

Program Committee	Liberal Arts College Public and Labor Conference, Smith College
Session Organizer	Chinese Economists Society North America Conference, University of Oklahoma

2022

Program Committee	Liberal Arts College Public and Labor Conference (Virtual)
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REFEREE

Applied Economics, Bulletin of Economic Research, China Economic Review, Economics & Human Biology, Economics of Education Review, Empirical Economics, International Review of Economics & Finance, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Land Economics, The Annals of Regional Science

OTHER

U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status

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