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Research Interest

Public Economics, Health Economics, Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Academic Employment:

Assistant Professor, Renmin University of China, School of Applied Economics, 2021-

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Southern California, 2021.

M.A. Economics, Vanderbilt University, 2015.

B.A. Economics, Peking University, 2013.

B.A. Broadcasting & Television Editing and Directing, Peking University, 2013.

Publications

1. "Beyond Wealth: The Impact of Robot Adoption on Chronic Diseases", with Zou Wang, Xiaoxuan Jin, and Angdi Lu. **Health Economics** (2025)
2. "Biting the Hand That Teaches: Unraveling the Economic Impact of Banning Private Tutoring in China", with Zibin Huang, Mingming Ma and Leo Y. Yang. **Journal of Comparative Economics** (2025)
3. "Green Innovation through Trade: the Impact of European Union Emissions Trading Scheme on Chinese Exporters", with Peiyao Lv, and Hao Zhao. **Journal of International Money and Finance** (2024)

Working Papers

1. "Exploitation vs. Exploration: How Knowledge Spillovers Shape Healthcare Practices and Innovation", with Chen Lin, Zixiao Li, and Jing Zhang (*Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Development Economics*)
2. "When National Canal Meets Local Pipelines: Clean Water Supply, Local Infrastructure and Health Benefits", with Yazhen Gong, and Hao Zhao (*Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*)
3. "Does Telemedicine Alleviate Concerns About Healthcare Accessibility? Evidence from China"
4. "The Value of Medicaid Long-Term Care: Evidence from the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005"

Conferences and Invited Presentations:

2026: AEA (scheduled)

2025: SFS Cavalcade Asia-Pacific 2025; Tsinghua University; The Ninth CCER Summer Institute; Resource and Environmental Economics Workshop at Shandong University; The 4th Annual Conference of Chinese Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (CAERE); Nanjing University

2024: The Eighth CCER Summer Institute; Peking University; Fudan University; Renmin University; Nanjing University; IESR at Jinan University; Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics

2023: Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

2022: Nanjing University; IESR at Jinan University

2021: Economics Department at California State University, Long Beach (Long Beach, CA); Munich Center for the Economics of Aging; Renmin University; Jinan University

2020: USC Development Seminar (Los Angeles, CA)

2019: Western Economic Association International (San Francisco, CA)

2018: Western Economic Association International (Vancouver, CAN)

Fellowships and Awards

Summer Research Award, University of Southern California, 2018, 2019, 2020

Dornsife Graduate Merit Fellowship, University of Southern California, 2015-2021

Outstanding Student of GPED, Vanderbilt University, 2015

Referee Services

China & World Economy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Management Science

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