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**Current Position** Aug. 2022 – present: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Colorado State University

**Education** **Colorado State University** Fort Collins, CO  
Ph.D., Economics Aug. 2022 – present

**Coe College** Cedar Rapids, IA  
B.A., Economics and Business Administration (*Cum Laude*) May 2022

**Research Fields** Health Economics, Regional Economics, Demographics, Economics of Aging

**Research** **Working Papers**  
Growing Old in Rural America: Measuring Late-Life Health and Economic Well-being, with Sayorn Chin and Ray Miller.

*Abstract: We estimate well-being among older rural Americans using an expected utility framework and longitudinal data spanning nearly 30 years from the Health and Retirement Study. At age sixty, we find mean rural consumption expenditures of \$24,105, a retirement probability of 53%, and a remaining life expectancy of 20.3 years for the cohort born 1931-36. When adjusting life expectancy for living in poor health, we obtain an age sixty quality adjusted life expectancy (QALE) of only 15.4 years. Our welfare metric suggests well-being among socially isolated rural residents is only 69% that of more integrated rural residents—largely driven by substantial consumption and QALE gaps. We also document substantial regional variation in rural well-being. Moreover, we find that older rural Americans are generally falling further behind older urban Americans across birth cohorts. Most of this widening gap is driven by declining relative consumption as opposed to health.*

**Work in Progress**  
Emotional Shocks and Complications in the Workplace, with Sayorn Chin and Sammy Zahran.

Sleep, Mood, and Cognitive Performance: Evidence from Chess Players, with Sayorn Chin and Sammy Zahran.

The Causal Effect of Lead Exposure on Mortality Across Racial/Ethnic Groups

Teaching Experience	<p><b>Department of Economics, Colorado State University</b>  Graduate Teaching Assistant Aug. 2022 – present</p> <p>Spring 2024: Principles of Microeconomics (3 sections)  Fall 2023: Principles of Macroeconomics (3 sections)  Spring 2023: Principles of Microeconomics (3 sections)  Fall 2022: Principles of Microeconomics (3 sections)</p>
Honors & Awards	<p><b>Graduate Teaching Assistantship</b> 2022 – 2027  Awarded a full tuition scholarship and monthly stipend from the Department of Economics at Colorado State University.</p> <p><b>Harley W. Howell Prize</b> May 2022  An award of \$500, endowed by the Harley W. Howell Charitable Foundation, recognizes Mr. Howell’s distinguished career in the business and financial world, coupled with a high sense of civic responsibility. This award is given to a senior business and economics major for superior academic achievement, promise of leadership career in the field, sound moral character and campus citizenship. This award was issued by the Stead Department of Business Administration &amp; Economics from Coe College.</p> <p><b>Spellman Optimum Optimorum</b> May 2022  An award of \$500 is given to a senior major who will be entering an economics Ph.D. program immediately following his or her graduation from Coe. The cash award is in honor of Dr. Bill Spellman, who taught economics at Coe from 1970 until his untimely death in 1997.</p>
Skills	<p><b>Programming &amp; Software</b>  Proficient in: Stata, R, Python  Intermediate: Git/GitHub, IntelliJ IDEA, Java</p>
Professional Development	<p><b>NBER’s Mentoring Program on Aging and Health Economics Research</b></p> <p><i>The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), with support from the National Institute of Aging, is launching a mentoring program for students from under-represented and nontraditional backgrounds who are interested in pursuing research in aging and health economics. The program will include elements of both training, such as discussions of state-of-the-art empirical methods and relevant data sets, and project development, with an emphasis on identifying promising research questions. (Cambridge, MA; May 16-17th, 2024)</i></p>
Affiliations	<p>Center for Healthy Aging at Colorado State University, American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists</p>
References	<p>Available upon request</p>