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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, 2021–

Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Economics and EPIC, University of Chicago, 2019–2021

Education

Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley, 2019

B.A., Economics, Peking University, 2014

Research Interests

Development Economics, Political Economy, Environmental Economics

Publications

"Watering Down Environmental Regulation in China" (with Guojun He and Bing Zhang)
Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2020, 135(4), pp.2135-2185

"Do College Graduates Serving as Village Officials Help Rural China?" (with Guojun He)
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 2017, 9(4), pp 186-215

Working Papers

"Does Public Participation Matter? Evidence from a National-Scale Experiment on the Enforcement of Environmental Regulations in China," (with Mark Buntaine, Michael Greenstone, Guojun He, Mengdi Liu, and Bing Zhang)

"The Political Economy of Policy Experimentations in China," (with David Y. Yang)

"Heuristics in Strategic Decision-Making: Evidence from Chinese College Admission," (with Ao Wang, and Xiaoyang Ye)

"The Environmental and Economic Consequences of Internalizing Border Spillovers," (with Zenan Wang)

"Performance Evaluation, Influence Activities, and Bureaucratic Work Behavior: Evidence from China" (with Alain de Janvry, Elisabeth Sadoulet, Guojun He, and Qiong Zhang)

"Religion and Motivated Cognition: When Ramadan Meets the College Entrance Exam," (with Ao Wang, and Xiaoyang Ye)

"Globalization, English Curriculum, and Educational Inequality," (with Hongbin Li, Lingsheng Meng, and Kai Mu)

"Fiscal Competition and Coordination: Evidence from China."

"Buddha's Grace Illuminates All: Temple Destruction, School Construction, and Modernization in 20th Century China," (with Boxiao Zhang)

Selected Works in Progress

"The Selection and Making of Civil Servants: Evidence from China's College Graduate Civil Services Program," (with Guojun He, David Y. Yang, and Qiong Zhang)

"Judicial Independence, Local Protectionism, and Economic Prosperity," (with Yi Lu, and Wenwei Peng)

"Open Justice and Judicial Quality: Evidence from Courtroom Livestreaming in China," (with Yi Lu, and Wenwei Peng)

Other Writings

"How Does the Auction of License Plates Affect the Trade of Auto in Shanghai?" (with Boxiao Zhang), *Statistical Research*, V30(3): 78-85, 2013.

"Capturing the Transformation Rent: Lessons from Mexico and China," (with Alain de Janvry), *Ferdi Policy Brief* B112, July 2015.

"Why Have Some Local Governments Closed More Rural Schools than Others?" (with Yanqing Ding and Xiaoyang Ye), *China Economics of Education Review*, 2016, 1(4): 3-34.

Grants and Awards

Tsinghua-UChicago Joint Research Center for Economics and Finance (\$40000, with Yi Lu, and Wenwei Peng), 2021

Tsinghua-UChicago Joint Research Center for Economics and Finance (\$40000, with Bo Li), 2021

JPAL PPE Grant (\$30360, with Ao Wang), 2020

IGC State Effectiveness Grant (£70000, with David Y. Yang), 2020

Tsinghua-UChicago Joint Research Center for Economics and Finance (\$40000, with Yi Lu, and Wenwei Peng), 2020

Tsinghua-UChicago Joint Research Center for Economics and Finance (\$20000, with Jing Cao), 2020

BFI Gender Initiative Grant (\$17000), 2020

BFI Political Economics Initiative Grant (\$4000), 2019

EPIC-UCAS Grant (\$58000, with Michael Greenstone, Guojun He, and Zifa Wang), 2019

EPIC-UCAS Grant (\$41500, with Michael Greenstone and Guojun He), 2019

EPIC-UCAS Grant (\$58400, with Fiona Burlig, Michael Greenstone, Guojun He, Koichiro Ito, and Zifa Wang), 2019

JPAL GI Pilot Grant (\$49797, with David Y. Yang), 2019

BFI Development Grant (\$21000), 2019

JPAL PPE Grant (\$43901, with Ao Wang), 2019
Gregory Chow Best Paper Award, Chinese Economists Society, 2018
Masahiko Aoki Best Paper Nomination Award, 2017
PEDL Exploratory Grant (£26922, with Guojun He and Bing Zhang), 2017
HK UGC General Research Fund (HK\$364876, with Guojun He and Bing Zhang), 2017
All-UC Econ History Group Fellowship (\$3500), 2017
UC Berkeley Grad Division Summer Grant (\$3500), 2017
JPAL GI Full Grant (\$200000, with Alain de Janvry, Elisabeth Sadoulet, and Qiong Zhang), 2017
HKUST IEMS Grant (HK\$150500, with Guojun He, Alain de Janvry, Elisabeth Sadoulet, and Qiong Zhang), 2017
Weiss Family Program Fund Research Grant (\$11200), 2016
Sidney Hoos Award for Best Second-Year Econometrics Paper, 2016
UC Berkeley CCS Summer Grant (\$2500), 2016
Gregory Chow Best Paper Award, Chinese Economists Society, 2015
JPAL GI Pilot Grant (\$50000, with Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet), 2015
BEHL Grant (\$2400), 2014
UC Berkeley ARE Travel Grants (Multiple), 2014–2019
Tai-Sun Chen Award for Academic Talents, Peking University, 2013
Chancellor's Undergrad Research Grant, Peking University, 2012
Yihai-Kerry Scholarship, Peking University, 2012
Outstanding Student, Peking University, 2012
Outstanding Winner, Challenge Cup Academic Competition, Peking University, 2012

Professional Activities

Invited Talks

2021: AEA/ASSA, University of Virginia (Econ), Cambridge Society for Economic Pluralism, University of Southern California (Marshall), Xiamen University (WISE), UC Riverside (Econ), University of Munich (Econ), Tsinghua University (SEM), University of Oregon (Econ), National University of Singapore (Econ), NYU-AD (Econ), University of Hong Kong (Law)

2020: Tsinghua Growth and Institutions Conference, NYU Politics China Workshop, NBER Chinese Economy Group (Discussant), ASHEcon (Discussant), GoSee (Discussant), Tsinghua University, Fudan Social Sciences Lab Webinar, University of Iowa (Econ), Zhongshan University, Renmin University, University of Idaho (Ag Econ)

2019: LSE (Management), University of Chicago (Harris), ASREC, UC Berkeley PE Lunch, Northwestern Development Rookiefest, Environmental Workshop (NJU), CAAS, Renmin University, China Economics Summer Institute, AFE (Chicago), NBER Chinese Economy Group, University of Tokyo, Hitotsubashi University, GRIPS, Purdue University (Ag Econ), Fudan University, Jinan University (IESR), Peking University (NSD)

2018: PEDL Conference (LSE); PEDL Workshop (Oxford), EMCON (Northwestern), Occasional Workshop (UCSB), AFE (BU), Heartland Workshop (UIUC), UC Berkeley Development Lunch, UC Berkeley ERE Seminar, Camp Resources, APSA (Boston), ABCDE (World Bank), Peking University, MIEDC (UMN), IPWSD (Columbia), CES North America, PacDev (UCD)

2017: PEDL Workshop (Oxford), CSES (Chengdu), Environmental Workshop (NJU), ES China, BCCDS (SJTU), YSC (UCSD), MIEDC (UWM), PacDev (UCR)

2016: All-UC Conference (UCD), NEUDC (MIT), UC Berkeley PE Lunch, PacDev (Stanford)

2015: NEUDC (Brown), All-UC Conference (UCB)

Referee

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, China Economic Review, Economica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal Energy Journal, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies

Services

Guest Researcher, the Alibaba Research Center for Rural Dynamics, 2019–

PhD Admissions Committee (student member), UC Berkeley ARE, 2017–18

Freelance Columnist for CNPolitics.org, 2013–

Teaching Experience

Graduate Student Instructor

ARE 213–Applied Econometrics, UC Berkeley, 2018 (Average Rating: 6.1/7)

References

Available upon request

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