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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

## Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (Dev, EEE), 2022–

Fellow, The Coase Project, 2021–

Invited Researcher, King Climate Action Initiative, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, 2020–

Affiliated Faculty, Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago, 2019–

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

## 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

"Performance Evaluation, Influence Activities, and Bureaucratic Work Behavior: Evidence from China"  
(with Alain de Janvry, Elisabeth Sadoulet, Guojun He, and Qiong Zhang);  
Revise and Resubmit, *American Economic Review*

"The Environmental and Economic Consequences of Internalizing Border Spillovers," (with Zenan Wang);  
Revise and Resubmit, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

"When Information Conflicts with Obligations: the Role of Motivated Cognition," (with Ao Wang, and Xiaoyang Ye)

Revise and Resubmit, *Economic Journal*

"Citizen Participation and Government Accountability: National Scale Experimental Evidence from Pollution Appeals in China," (with Mark Buntaine, Michael Greenstone, Guojun He, Mengdi Liu, and Bing Zhang)

"Policy Experimentation in China: the Political Economy of Policy Learning," (with David Y. Yang)

"Cognitive Limitation in Complex Decision Making: Evidence from Centralized College Admission," (with Ao Wang, and Xiaoyang Ye)

"English Curriculum and Educational Inequality: Evidence from 22 Million College Entrance Exam Takers in China" (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 Ernest Liu, Yi Lu, and Wenwei Peng)

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

"The Political Economic Determinants of Nuclear Power: Evidence from Chernobyl," (with Alexey Makarin, and Nancy Qian)

"Long Run Effects of Higher Education on Financial Outcomes," (with Hongbin Li, Yi Lu, and Binzhen Wu)

## 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*

2022: AEA/ASSA, University of Hong Kong (Law), HKBU-NUS-NTU joint seminar (Econ), NBER EEE, NBER Organizational Economics, NBER Chinese Economy Group, CUHK-Shenzhen (Econ), BFI-China Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison (AAE), Norwegian School of Economics, Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum

2021: AEA/ASSA, University of Virginia (Econ), Cambridge Society for Economic Pluralism, University of Southern California (Marshall), University of Chicago (EPIC), Xiamen University (WISE), UC Riverside (Econ), University of Munich (Econ), Tsinghua University (SEM), Environmental Workshop (XMU), NBER/BREAD Development Meeting, NEUDC (BU), Stanford University (GSB), University of Nottingham (NICEP), BSU (Econ), University of Chicago (Econ)

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 Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, China Economic Review, Economica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Energy Journal, Environmental and Resource Economics, 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 Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, World Development*

### *Services*

Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee, UChicago Harris (2021–2022)

EPIC Lunch Seminar Series Co-Organizer, UChicago (2021–2022)

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

Freelance Columnist for CNPolitics.org, 2013–

## Teaching Experience

*At UChicago:*

Chinese Economy, Winter 2022 (Average Rating: 4.6/5)

Environmental Economics, Winter 2022 (Average Rating: 4.6/5)

## References

Available upon request

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