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Gender: Female

Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Texas at San Antonio, US, 2025-.

Visiting Researcher, Aalto University, Finland, 2025-.

Postdoctoral Researcher, Aalto University, Finland, 2024-2025.

Graduate Research Fellow, Texas Policy Lab, Rice University, US, 2022-2024.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Rice University, US, 2024.

M.A. Economics, Duke University, US, 2017.

B.S. Economics (*with highest honors*), Capital University of Economics and Business, China, 2015.

Research Fields

Primary: Development Economics, Labor Economics

Secondary: Education Economics, Family Economics, Health Economics

Publications

"Social Status and Marriage Markets: Evaluating a *Hukou* Policy in China"
***Review of Economics of the Household* 22 (2024): 477-509**

"Language Environment and Maternal Expectations: An Evaluation of the LENA Start Program"
with Flávio Cunha, Marsha Gerdes, and Snejana Nihtianova ***Journal of Human Capital* 18.1 (2024): 105-139**

"Direct and Indirect Impacts of Natural Disasters on Banks: A Spatial Framework"
with Fisher Yu, Robin Sickles, James Barth, and Yanfei Sun ***Journal of Financial Stability* 70 (2024): 101194**

"Revisiting the Occupational Health Impact of the Right-to-Work Laws: A Research Note"
with Emma Zang and Zitong Wang ***Demography* (2024): 11556182**

"Helping Parents Combat *Middle-School Blues*"
with Yiming Xia (Accepted ***American Journal of Health Economics***)

Working Papers

"Breaking Down Bullying: Empathy, Social Networks, and Adolescents"

"Intrahousehold Property Ownership and Children's Undesirable Behaviors in China"
with Emma Zang and Zitong Wang

"Reducing Bullying: Evidence from a Parental Involvement Program on Empathy Education"
with Flávio Cunha, Yiming Xia, and Naibao Zhao (*NBER WP #30827)*

"An Evaluation of the Alief Independent School District Jump Start Program: Using a Model to Recover Mechanisms from an RCT (*NBER WP #33537)* **Revise and Resubmit *Journal of Political Economy***
with Flávio Cunha, Kenneth I. Wolpin, Andrea Salvati, and Rui Zeng

"Sharing the Roof, Dividing the Pie: A Collective Model of Intrahousehold Allocation in Multi-Generational Families "

"From Bytes to Business: Broadband Networks and Rural Entrepreneurship in China"
with Xiongfei Li

Work in Progress

"**Sad! I Got Talent But My Mom Doesn't Know It**"
with Pedro Carneiro, Yiming Xia, and Yijuan Deng

"**Collective Households with Endogeneous Fertility: Evidence from Ghana**"
with Rossella Calvi and Jacob Penglase

"**On The Measurement of Investments: Adult-Child Verbal Interactions**"
with Flávio Cunha, Kenneth I. Wolpin, and Rui Zeng

"**Everybody's Normal: A Field Experiment to Destigmatize Mental Illness Among Adolescents and Parents**"
with Pedro Carneiro, Yiming Xia, and Jintao Sun

"**Game of Bullies: Strategic Aggression, Peer Interactions, and Human Capital in Schools** "
with Andrea Salvati and Yiming Xia

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Statistics Camp (Ph.D.), Department of Economics, Rice University, 2021&2022.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Rice University, 2018-2023.

Ph.D. level

Structural Estimation in Accounting, Econometrics II, Econometrics I.

Undergraduate level

Economic Development ($\times 2$), Corporate Finance, Applied Econometrics ($\times 2$), Microeconomics.

Duke Academic Tutor, Student-Athlete Tutoring Program, Duke University, 2017.

Teaching Assistant, Duke Summer Academy, Duke University, 2016.

Seminars & Conferences

Seminar Talks

2025 Aalto University, University of Geneva, University of Gothenburg, University of Duisburg-Essen, Texas A&M^{+}

2024 University of Houston, University of Rochester, University of Texas at San Antonio, Northwestern, University of East Anglia, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Jinan University SOE, Jinan University-Birmingham Joint Institute, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, Peking University

2023 University of North Texas, University of Utah, Jinan University IESR, Tecnológico de Monterrey

2022 University of Houston Brown Bag, Rice University Brown Bag

Conferences & Workshops

2025 Annual Meeting of the Finnish Economic Association, Chinese Economists Society North American Conference (University of Michigan), Stanford Rosenkranz Global Health Policy Research Symposium, Workshop on Networks and Development, CESifo/ifo Junior Workshop on the Economics of Education, Essen Health Conference, Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics, 4th Asian Economic Development Conference (Peking University)$^{+}$, Australasian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics (Monash University)$^{+}$, Workshop on Field Experiments in Economics and Business (TUM)$^{+}$

2024 Ninth European Conference on Networks (Essex), Texas Economics of Crime Workshop, Texas Development Economics Workshop, SEHO Annual Meeting, Workshop of Labour and Family Economics (University of York), ESA European Meeting in Helsinki, Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference 2024 (U Chicago), Field Days 2024 (Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam)*, Annual Health Econometrics Workshop (Johns Hopkins University), NEUDC, AEFP EdDev, SEA, Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics (Jinan University)

2023 Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-being (Georgia Tech), PacDev (University of Washington), Chinese Economists Society North American Conference (University of Oklahoma), ASHEcon, Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, NBER Summer Institute, LSE CEP Wellbeing seminar, Economic Science Association Job Market Seminar, APPAM, SEA

2022 SOLE Annual Meeting, PAA Annual Meeting, The ESA Special Meeting by JILAEE, ES Asian Meeting in China (CUHK-Shen Zhen, virtual), ES Asian Meeting in East and South-East Asia, HCEO-IESR Virtual Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality (Jinan University, virtual), EEA-ESEM Milano 2022 (Bocconi University), ECTS Summer School 2022 (University of Southampton, virtual), Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics 2nd Workshop, SEA, AASLE Annual Meeting (University of Tokyo)

2021 PAA Annual Meeting, SOLE Annual Meeting, Young Economist Symposium, AASLE Annual Meeting, Econometric Society Delhi Winter School, Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics (Xiamen University)

2019 UChicago HCEO Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality (Chengdu)

$^{+}$*scheduled*

Awards & Grants

John W. Gardner Award for Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences, 2024.

Doctoral Fellowship ($20,000), Chiang Ching-kuo Fellowship, 2023-2024.

Expanding Horizons Scholarship ($2,000), Rice University, 2023-2024.

American Society of Health Economists Diversity Scholarship, 2023.

Best Paper Award, 7th China Labor Economics Forum, 2023.

Social Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Grant ($4,220), Rice University, 2022-2023.

Southern Economic Association Graduate Student Award (×2), 2022 & 2023.

Travel Grant, European Economic Association, 2022.

Social Sciences Research Institute Conference Travel Award (×3), Rice University, 2022.

Graduate Fellowship, Rice University, 2017- 2022.

Hansen Family Fellowship in Economics, Rice University, 2021.

Best Performance in Econometrics Qualifying Exam, Rice University, 2019.

Merit Award (×4), Duke University, 2015-2017.

Best College Graduate of Beijing (*ranked 2 out of 350*), 2015.

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Scholarship (*ranked 1 out of 350*), 2014.

Honorable Mention in International Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling (ICM), 2014.

Professional Activities

Ad hoc reviewer, 2020-

Journals: *Review of Economics of the Household, PLOS ONE, Journal of Happiness Studies, Health Economics, Journal of Development Economics, SSM-Population Health, Journal of Human Capital, China Economic Review, Journal of Development Studies, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, BMC Public Health, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, The Economic Journal, Nature - Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*

Conferences: *American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting, Annual Meeting of the European Association of Young Economists (EAYE)*

Discussant, 2021-

Essen Health Conference (2025), CESifo/ifo Junior Workshop on the Economics of Education (2025), NEUDC (2024), ASHEcon (2023), Chinese Economists Society North American Conference (2023, 2025) Young Economist Symposium (2021)

Mentor, Lumiere Education Research Mentoring Program, 2025-current.

Mentor, The Women in Economics Initiative (WiE) Mentoring Programme, 2024-current.

Alumni Mentor, Duke Blue Devil Bridges Program, 2023-current.

Research Mentor, ConnectEd Educational Foundation, 2022-current.

Skills

Programming

Stata, R, MATLAB, Julia, Python, LaTeX.

Language

Chinese Mandarin (Native), English (Proficient), Japanese (Basic).

References

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