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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, May 2025
Dissertation Title: *Essays in Development and Political Economics*
Dissertation Committee: Raymond Fisman, Dilip Mookherjee, and Martin Fiszbein
B.A., Economics, Xiamen University (WISE), China, 2019
Visiting Student, University of California, Berkeley, 2018

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development, Political Economy;
Labor Economics, Behavioral Economics

PUBLICATIONS

“**Not Always a Panacea: History Education and Identity-Building in Taiwan**,” (with Yuhang Lyu), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* (2025), 229: 106837

WORKING PAPERS

“**The Costs of Leader Biases: Evidence from Superstitious Chinese Mayors**,” (with Yuheng Zhao), 2024.
“**The Political Economy of Public CCTVs in Rural China**”, 2024
“**Corruption and Human Capital Supply for the State**,” 2023,
Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Labor Economics*.
“**Risk-Taking and Public Leadership: Evidence from Chinese Villages**,” 2022,
Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Development Economics*.
“**Host Favoritism and Talent Selection in Chinese Science Olympiads**,” (with Xuan Li), 2022,
Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Robots, State Capacity, and Economic Development” (with Yiming Cao)
“Licensed Corruption” (with Yiming Cao, Raymond Fisman, Xuan Li, and Michael Luca)
“Southbound Bureaucrats and the Making of China, 1949 - 2019” (with Yuheng Zhao)
“Fertility and Elites” (with Qingyuan Chai)
“Legal Capacity and State-Building”

CONFERENCES

Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), 2025
North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (joint with ASSA), 2025
NBER – Development Economics Program Meeting, 2024
CEPR Symposium – Development Economics, 2024
Asian Meeting of the Econometrics Society, 2024
Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE), 2024
Chinese Economists Society North America Annual Conference, 2024

Hong Kong Economic Association Biennial Conference*, 2023
BU Wheelock PREREQ Seminar*, 2023
ASSA Annual Meeting (Poster), 2023
The Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), 2022
Development & Political Economics Graduate Conference, Stanford University, 2022
Cambridge China Politics Research Workshop, MIT, 2021
Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, 2019

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Rosenstein-Rodan Prize for Best Essay in Development Economics, Boston University, 2024
Best Teaching Fellow Award, Boston University, 2022
Dean's Student Fellowship, Boston University, 2019 - 2024
National Scholarship, Ministry of Education (China), 2017

WORK EXPERIENCE AND SUMMER SCHOOL

Price Theory Summer Camp, University of Chicago, 2022
Research Assistant for Raymond Fisman, Boston University, 2022 - 2023
Research Assistant for Guo Xu, UC Berkeley, 2018
Research Assistant for Xi Yang, Xiamen University, 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Empirical Economics I (EC 203), Boston University, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
Teaching Fellow, Empirical Economics II (EC 204), Boston University, Fall 2022
Teaching Fellow, Introductory Macroeconomics (EC 102), Boston University, Spring 2021
Teaching Fellow, Introductory Microeconomics (EC 101), Boston University, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022,
Teaching Fellow, Microeconomics (MBA course), Summer 2022

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

Quarterly Journal of Economics,
Review of Economics and Statistics,
Journal of the European Economic Association,
Journal of Law, Economics and Organization

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Development Reading Group, Boston University, Co-Organizer, Fall 2021 - Spring 2023
MA-RA Mentor Program, Boston University, Mentor, Summer 2022 - Summer 2024

LANGUAGES: Chinese (native), Taiwanese Hokkien (fluent), English (fluent)

COMPUTER SKILLS: Stata, R, LaTeX, ArcGIS, Python

REFERENCES

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