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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 (expected)

B.A., Economics, Peking University, 2014

## Research Interests

Development Economics, Political Economy, Environmental Economics

## Publications

"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

"Influence Activities and Bureaucratic Performance: Experimental Evidence from China," (with Alain de Janvry, Elisabeth Sadoulet, Guojun He, and Qiong Zhang), 2019

"Religion and Motivated Cognition: When Ramadan Meets the College Entrance Exam," (with Ao Wang, and Xiaoyang Ye), 2018

"Environmental Regulation and Firm Productivity in China: Estimates from a Regression Discontinuity Design," (with Guojun He and Bing Zhang), 2018

"Fiscal Competition and Coordination: Evidence from China," 2016

"Buddha's Grace Illuminates All: Temple Destruction, School Construction, and Modernization in 20th Century China," (with Boxiao Zhang), 2016

## Works in Progress

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

"Marginal Abatement Cost and Optimal Regulation Stringency: Evidence from the 'Double-Randomized Emissions Auditing' Program in China," (with Guojun He)

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

"Improving Social Mobility by Helping Rural Students Make Informed College Choices," (with Ao Wang, and Xiaoyang Ye)

"Bureaucrat Quality and State Effectiveness: Evidence from the Bereavement Leave Rules in Historical China," (with Weijia Li, and Zenan Wang)

## 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

JPAL PPE Pilot Grant (\$43901, with Ao Wang and Xiaoyang Ye), 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

Best Paper Award, National Conference for Undergrad Economics Thesis, 2013

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*

2019: LSE (Management), U Chicago (Harris), ASREC (Boston), UC Berkeley PE Lunch, Northwestern Development Rookiefest

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), PE Workshop (PKU), 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*

*Economic Development and Cultural Change, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Development Economics*

### *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)

## Skills

Computer Skills: STATA, R, EVIEWS, MATLAB, ArcGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, LyX

Language Skills: Chinese (native), English (fluent)

## References

Available upon request

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