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POSITION

Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Singapore Management University, 2023.7 - present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University, 2017.8 - 2023.5

Master, Economics, National University of Singapore, 2014.8-2017.6

A.B., Economics, Peking University, 2009.8-2014.7

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Development Economics

PUBLICATION

How Competition Shapes Peer Effects: Evidence from a University in China (with Siyu Chen), accepted, *Review of Economics and Statistics*

Hu, Z., & Li, T. (2019). Too Hot to Handle: the Effects of High Temperatures during Pregnancy on Adult Welfare Outcomes. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 94, 236-253.

WORKING PAPERS

GDP or Life? Promotion Incentives of City Mayors and Workplace Accidents (with Hao Yang)

Gender Difference in Education Migration – Evidence from China (with Hyejin Ku, Xingzheng Shi, and Ming-ang Zhang)

Permanence and Performance: The Incentive Effect of Tenure on Worker Productivity (with Hyejin Ku, Xuan Wang, Xinjue Yao)

Nutrition, Labor Supply, and Productivity: Evidence from Ramadan in Indonesia (with Zhiwen Wang)

The Minimal Impacts of the One-Child Policy on Aggregate Fertility Decline in China (with Gordon Liu and Samantha Vortherms)

SELECETED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Agriculture Machinery Subsidy Policy and Structural Transformation (with Elaine Liu, Lin Tian, Qi Wu, and Peng Wang)

Chinese Students and Curriculum in U.S. Universities (with Julia Zhu and Jane Zhang)

Ideology Trend of Courses in U.S. Universities (with Ruixue Jia, Julia Zhu, and Jane Zhang)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Ministry of Education (MOE) Tier 1 Grant (S\$44,605), 2023-2025
 Ernest Liu '64, Ta-Chung and Ya-Chao Liu Memorial Fellowship, Cornell University, 2022-2023
 Humane Studies Fellowship, Insitute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 2022
 Hsien Wu and Daisy Yen Wu Scholarship, Graduate School, Cornell University, 2022
 Sadov Graduate Student Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University, 2021
 Excellence in Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, Cornell University, 2021
 Tapan Mitra Economics Prize for 3rd-year paper, Department of Economics, Cornell University, 2020
 Red Wilson Excellence in Economics Medal, Department of Economics, Cornell University, 2019
 Small Grants in Labor Economics (\$5,000), Department of Economics, Cornell University, 2019
 Gregory Chow Best Paper Award, Chinese Economists Society, 2018

PRESENTATIONS

2025: NUS Real Estate; SMU Labor Workshop; NBER Summer*

2024: AASLE, Bangkok; Rockwool Foundation - Berlin; CES- North American Conference, Pennsylvania; University of College London (CReAM); University of Essex; University of Sussex; USI University, Lugano

2023: SMU Applied Micro Workshop; AASLE, Taipei; Econometric Society Australasian Meetings, Sydney; Singapore Management University; National University of Singapore (Economics); National University of Singapore (LKYSPP); INSEAD; University of College London (CReAM); Hong Kong University of Science and Technology;

2022: PacDev*; IRES Religion Graduate Student Workshop*; CU/SU education conference; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics; Zhejiang University; Nanjing University

2021: AEA annual meeting; AEFP; SOLE annual meeting

2020: CES North American; IESR peer effects workshop*; NEUDC

2019: Cornell Health Economics Seminar; WEA International; ASHEcon; WEA; NEUDC; AASLE; Beijing Normal University

2015: NBER-CCER

* indicates presentation by a co-author

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

2025 Fall: Topics in Labor Economics (Ph.D.)

2023 Fall, 2024 Fall: Microeconomics I (intermediate)