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RESEARCH FILEDS

Primary	Labor Economics
Secondary	Environmental Economics and Applied Microeconomics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Institute for Economic and Social Research, Jinan University

2025 -	Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure)
2024 -	Assistant Dean
2023 - 2024	Associate Professor of Economics (without tenure)
2019 - 2023	Assistant Professor of Economics

EDUCATION

National University of Singapore

Ph.D. in Economics 2014 - 2019

Dissertation: Essays on Human Capital Formation

Sun Yat-sen University

B.A. in Finance *with distinction* 2010 - 2014

PUBLICATIONS

1. “How Competition Shapes Peer Effects: Evidence from a University in China” (with Zihan Hu), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, (2024), *Accepted*.
2. “Air Pollution, Student Health, and School Absences: Evidence from China” (with Chongshan Guo and Xinfei Huang), *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 92(2018), 465-497.
3. “Associations Between Stock Market Fluctuations and Stress-related Emergency Room Visits in China” (with Sumit Agarwal, Haonan He, Xinfei Huang, and Teng Li), *Nature Mental Health*, (2024): 1-7.
 - *Media coverage: Bloomberg, Medical Xpress, Tencent News, Sina News, IFENG*
4. “The Effect of Air Pollution on Criminal Activities: Evidence from the NOx Budget Trading Program” (with Teng Li), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 83(2020), 103528.
5. “Retail Price Behaviors: Evidence from 15 Cities in Yangtze River Delta” (with Xinfei Huang and Teng Li), *Management World* (管理世界), 2014 (1): 8-15. (Leading article)

WORKING PAPERS & WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Digital Distractions with Peer Influence: The Impact of Mobile App Usage on Academic and Labor Market Outcomes (with Barwick Panle Jia, Fu Chao, and Teng Li), *Revise and Resubmit at Quarterly Journal of Economics*
 - *Media coverage: The Economist, VoxChina, VoxEU, Guardian*

2. Long-run Peer Effects in Consumption and Financial Investments
3. Beyond the Cutoff: Trade-offs and Long-term Outcomes of Marginal Admissions to Elite Universities (with Yi Chen, Hongbin Li, Teng Li, and Bin Xie)
4. Cognitive Ability, College Education, and Stock Market Performance (with Sumit Agarwal, Yi Chen, and Hongbin Li)
5. Detecting Insider Information Leakage: A Digital Footprint Approach (with Sumit Agarwal, Xinfei Huang, and Teng Li)
6. Non-linear Incentives, Worker Productivity, and Firm Profits: Evidence from a Quasi-experiment (with Richard Freeman, Wei Huang, and Teng Li)

RESEARCH GRANTS

1. 2021 - 2023 The Youth Program of National Natural Science Foundation of China, PI
2. 2025 - 2029 The General Program of National Natural Science Foundation of China, Co-PI

HONORS & AWARDS

2024	Teaching Awards, Institute for Economic and Social Research
2024	The Excellent Headteacher, Jinan University
2022	First Prize in Teaching Competition, Department of Education of Guangdong
2021	Top Cited Paper in Journal of Environmental Economics and Management
2022	The Most Popular Teacher, Institute for Economic and Social Research
2020	The Best Paper Award, Institute for Economic and Social Research
2019	The Best Paper Award, SWFA 58 th Annual Conference
2016 - 2019	CFPR Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore
2017	Dissertation Award for Research on Sustainability, National University of Singapore
2015 - 2016	Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore
2014 - 2015	The KR Chou Scholarship, National University of Singapore
2012	National Scholarship (top 1%), Ministry of Education of P.R.China

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024	Hong Kong Labor Symposium; IESR Labor Conference; IESR Applied Economics Workshop
2023	IRP Summer Research Workshop; China Forum of Environmental Economics
2021	SOLE Conference; CMES; Workshop on Peer Effects; IBEFA-ASSA Meeting
2019	China Labor Economists Forum; SWFA; FMA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Labor Economics (B.A. level); Personnel Economics (B.A. level); Finance (B.A. level)

REFEREE SERVICE

Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Real Estate Economics, Energy Economics, China Economics Review, PLOS ONE