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### Employment

Associate Professor, Institute for Economic and Social Research (IESR), Jinan University, October 2023-

Associate Professor (without tenure), Institute for Economic and Social Research (IESR), Jinan University, October 2022-September 2023

Assistant Professor, Institute for Economic and Social Research (IESR), Jinan University, July 2019-September 2022

Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, August 2016-June 2019

### Education

Ph.D in Economics, University of Arizona, May 2016

Dissertation Title: *Economic Performance and Social Conflicts in Chinese History*

Advisors: Price Fishback (Chair), Mo Xiao, Carol Shiue, Cihan Artunc, Ashley Langer

Visiting Student, University of Colorado Boulder, August 2015-September 2015

M.A in Economics, University of Arizona, December 2012

B.A in Economics, Peking University, June 2011

### Research Interests

Chinese Economic History, Development Economics, Political Economy, International Trade

### Journal Articles

“Military Investment, Industrial Linkage, and the Rise of Clusters: Evidence from China” (with Shiyu Bo and Yan Zhou), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2023, 161: 103015.

“Trade Shocks, Industrial Growth, and Electrification in Early Twentieth-Century China” (with Shiyu Bo and Ting Chen), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2022, 50(3): 732-749.

“The Impact of WWI on the Chinese Textile Industry: Was the World’s Trouble China’s Opportunity?”, *Journal of Economic History*, 2020, 80(1), pp.246-285.

“Knowledge Elites, Technology Transfer and Economic Transformation: The Impact of Overseas Students on Industrial Development in Historical China” (with Wei Wang, Bin Xie, and Shiyu Bo). *China Economic Quarterly* (lead article), 2025(1).

(刘丛、王薇、谢斌、薄诗雨：科技人才、技术创新与经济转型：留学生对近代中国工业发展的影响，《经济学（季刊）》（封面文章），2025年第1期，1-17。)

“Expansion of Electricity and Industrial Growth in Early Twentieth-Century China” (in Chinese), with Shiyu Bo and Ting Chen. *China Economic Quarterly*, 2024 (1). (刘丛、薄诗雨、陈婷：《电力扩张对工业发展影响的因果评估：来自近代中国的证据》。《经济学（季刊）》，2024年第1期。)

“Elite or State: Grain Prices, Social Conflicts, and Provision of Public Goods in Eighteenth-Century China” (in Chinese), with Se Yan. *China Economic Quarterly*, 2024 (1).

（颜色、刘丛：《十八世纪中国的粮价、社会冲突与公共品供给：地区异质性与政府-社会的互补作用》。《经济学（季刊）》，2024年第1期。）

“From ‘Chinese Must Go’ to ‘Chinese Virus’: The Historical Origins of Sinophobia in the United States (in Chinese), with Bin Xie and Shiyu Bo. *China Economic Quarterly*, 2023(3).

（刘丛、谢斌、薄诗雨：《从“中国人必须走”到“中国病毒”——美国社会排华文化的历史根源》。《经济学（季刊）》，2023年2期。）

“Market Integration in Southern and Northern China in the Eighteenth Century: A Study Based on Grain Price Data in Qing Dynasty” (in Chinese), with Se Yan. *Economic Research Journal*, 2011(12): 124-137. （颜色、刘丛：《18世纪中国南北方市场整合程度的比较》。《经济研究》，2011年第12期。）

### **Working Papers**

“Modern Technology on Traditional Farms: The Impact of Electric Irrigation on Rural Farms in Early Twentieth-Century China” (with Shiyu Bo and Xiaomeng Cui), revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Economic History*.

“Railroads, Industrial Development and Distributional Effects in Historical China” (with Shiyu Bo, Ting Chen and Yan Zhou), revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Development Economics*.

“Going Native with Trademarks: Foreign Firms' Response to Domestic Boycotts” (with Shiyu Bo and Ting Chen)

### **Work in Progress and Resting Papers**

“Gateway to Knowledge: Public Libraries and the Emergence of Modern Human Capital” (with Ting Chen, Chong Liu, and Yan Zhou)”

“Railroads and Books” (with Shiyu Bo, Ting Chen, and Yan Zhou)

“Overseas Experience and Occupational Choice” (with Wei Wang and Bin Xie)

“Knowledge Elites in Modern China: New Estimates of Overseas STEM Students” (with Wei Wang)

“Warlords, Industrial Growth and Taxation in Early Twentieth-Century China” (with Wentian Diao)

“Public Storage in Eighteenth-Century China” (with Se Yan)

“Tax Reform, Protests and Incidence of Taxes in Eighteenth-Century China”

“Severe Air Pollution Reduces Crops Yields in China” (with Shiyu Bo and Ting Chen)

### **Book Reviews and Invited Publications**

Book review for *Trade and Technology Networks in the Chinese Textile Industry: Opening Up Before the Reform*. By Brasó Broggi Carles. *Journal of Economic History*, 2017, 77(2): 636-638.

Dissertation summary of “Economic Performance and Social Conflicts in Chinese History”, *Australian Economic History Review*, 58 (2), July 2018, 192-197.

Money, Finance and Commerce in Chinese History: An Introduction with Reference to the Special Issue, with Debin Ma. *Frontiers of Economics in China*, 2018, 13 (3): 313-321.

### **Fellowships, Grants & Awards**

- 2023 IESR Best Teaching Award  
The Second Prize in the 9th Teaching Competition of Jinan University
- 2022 General Program by National Natural Science Foundation of China (Grant No.72273053), RMB 450,000
- 2021 “The Great Wall of Commerce” Project by Yonyou Foundation (Grant No.2021-YB05), RMB 150,000
- 2020 Guangzhou Social Science Project (Grant No. 2020GZGJ42)
- 2019 Start-up Research Fund, Jinan University, RMB 120,000  
2019 Graduates’ Favorite Teachers, School of Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- 2018 Youth Program by National Natural Science Foundation of China (Grant No.71803113), RMB 180,000  
Shanghai Pujiang Program (Grant No.18PJC042), RMB 150,000  
Finalists for the Asia-Pacific Prize in Economic History. Economic History Association of Australia and New Zealand
- 2016 Start-up Research Fund, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, RMB 90,000
- 2015 GPSC Travel Grant, University of Arizona  
Department of Economics Travel Grant, University of Arizona
- 2014 Ed E. Zajac Best Third Year Paper Prize, University of Arizona  
Exploratory Travel and Data Grants, Economic History Association, USD 2,500  
Department of Economics Travel Grant, University of Arizona
- 2013 Steve Manos Best Second Year Paper Prize, University of Arizona  
Quantitative History Summer School Scholarship, Tsinghua University
- 2011 George W. Coleman Scholarship, University of Arizona  
Distinguished Graduates, Peking University
- 2010 Leo KoGuan Scholarship, Peking University  
Excellent Student in Beijing
- 2009 Shuping Scholarship, The Shuping Scholarship Foundation  
ICBC Scholarship, Peking University

### **Conference and Seminar Presentations**

- 2024 Quantitative History Webinar, Xiamen University
- 2023 AMES (Beijing)
- 2022 Peking University, WEHC in Paris, Korean Economic History Society, NYU Quantitative China Studies Seminar (discussant)
- 2021 Northwestern Economic History Virtual Seminar, Kyoto University Panel on WWI
- 2020 EHDR webinar, HKU Quantitative History webinar (discussant), Fudan “Nothing to Envy” webinar (discussant), AusClio Workshop
- 2019 APEBH and All-UC Conference at Caltech, “Chinese Economic History” Mini-Conference at UCLA, ShanghaiTech University, EHA in Atlanta (discussant), Symposium on Chinese Economy at Tsinghua University
- 2018 Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (School of Business), Quantitative History Symposium in Yantai, WEHC in Boston, EHA in Montreal, AHEC in Hong Kong, Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing Normal University, Jinan University (IESR), 2nd HED Workshop

- 2017 ASSA meetings in Chicago, Fudan University, Econometrics Society Asian Meetings in Hong Kong, Quantitative History Symposium at Henan University, 1st HED Workshop, Workshop on Political Economy at Sun Yat-sen University, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics University (Econ), Third Quantitative History Workshop at Southeastern China Normal University
- 2016 The RES PhD Meetings, EHA in Boulder (discussant), AHEC in Seoul, Korea Development Institute, Peking University (Econ), Southeastern China Normal University, Jinan University (IESR), 2nd Quantitative History Workshop at Southeastern China Normal University
- 2015 Cliometrics Conference in Ann Arbor, CES Annual Conference at Chongqing University, Biennial Conference of China Development Studies, Quantitative History Symposium at Peking University, WEHC in Kyoto, University of Colorado Boulder, EHA in Nashville (discussant), University of Arizona, All-UC “Frontiers in Chinese Economic History” Conference at UC Berkeley
- 2014 University of Arizona (third-year paper presentation), AHEC in Istanbul, LSE Econ History (thesis workshop), LSE Econ (STICERD work in progress workshop)
- 2013 University of Arizona (second-year paper presentation), EHA in Washington, DC (poster)
- 2011 Tsinghua University

### **Teaching (as Instructor)**

Jinan: Chinese Economic History, Introduction to Economic Research

SUFE: Intermediate Microeconomics, Chinese Economic History, China’s Economic Development in a Comparative Perspective (co-instructor)

Arizona: Economic Development, China’s Economic Development

### **Graduate Students Supervised**

PhD students, as main advisor

Tiantian Chen (2025- )

Wei Wang (2023- )

Master students, as main advisor or co-advisor

Xinghua Ouyang (2024- )

Pingxin Ming (2024- )

Ao Wang (2022-2025). Self-employed.

Xi Xie (2021-2024). China Construction Bank, Shenzhen Branch.

Guanwen Lu (2020-2023). Guangzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone Administration Committee.

Wei Wang (2020-2023). PhD student at Jinan University (2023- )

Zhen Wu (2019-2022). National Statistical Bureau, Shenzhen Office

Wenting Du (2019-2022). Lecturer at Sichuan Vocational College of Finance and Economics

Yan Zhou (2017-2020). Research Associate at Hong Kong Baptist University (2020-2021),

PhD student at Hong Kong University (2021-2025), Assistant Professor at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law.

### **Referee Services**

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Australian Economic History Review, Business History Review, China Economic Quarterly International, China Economic Review, Econometrica, Economic History of Developing Regions, Economic History Review, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, European Review of Economic History,*

*Explorations in Economic History, Frontiers of Economics in China, Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Government and Economics, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Review of International Economics, World Development, 经济研究, 经济学（季刊）, 经济学报, 财经研究, 中国经济史研究*

**Other Information**

Language: Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)

Married to Shiyu Bo, mother of Yanfeng Bo

Interests: swimming, choir