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Employment

Assistant Professor, China Economic Research Institute, Liaoning University, 2023-present.

Assistant Professor, Institute for Economic and Social Research, Jinan University, 2017-2023.

Education

PhD, University of California, Davis, 2017.

MS, Economics, Peking University, 2010.

BA, Economics, Peking University, 2006.

Fields of Interest

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Demographic Economics, Human Capital

Published and Forthcoming Papers

Effects of Childhood Peers on Personality Skills, with Shuaizhang Feng and Jun Hyung Kim. **Forthcoming at *Journal of Labor Economics***. <https://doi.org/10.1086/732770>.

Effects of Temperature Exposures on Early Childhood Cognitive Development and Home Environment, with Wenjie Wu, Jun Hyung Kim and Ai Yue. ***Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*** 132 (2025), 103162. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeem.2025.103162>.

Market Access and Educational Inequality in China, with Lijuan Yin. ***Journal of Asian Economics*** 98 (2025), 101927. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asieco.2025.101927>.

The Effects of Childhood Health on Adult Health and SES in China, with James P. Smith, Yan Shen, John Strauss, and Yaohui Zhao. ***Economic Development and Cultural Change*** 61 (2012): 127–56. <https://doi.org/10.1086/666952>.

Health Outcomes and Socio-Economic Status Among the Elderly in China: Evidence from the CHARLS Pilot, with John Strauss, Xiaoyan Lei, Albert Park, Yan Shen, James P. Smith, and Yaohui Zhao. ***Population Ageing*** 2011 Mar 11; 3 (3-4): 111–142. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12062-011-9033-9>.

Working Papers

Gender Wage Equality and Unmarried Cohabitation, with Jun Hyung Kim and Shiko Maruyama.

A House for My Family: The Impacts of Down Payment Rate on Marriage and Fertility, with Yuting Bai, Shiko Maruyama and Yangyang Zhang.

Maternity Leave Expansion and Fertility: The Role of Three Margins, with Yuting Bai, Jun Hyung Kim, Shiko Maruyama and Yangyang Zhang.

Work in Progress

Child Skill Production with Parents' Time and Money Investments, with Shuaizhang Feng, James J. Heckman, and Jun Hyung Kim.

The Role of Personality Traits in Children's Economic Preferences, with Shuaizhang Feng, Yujie Han and James J. Heckman.

Children's IQ, Personalities, and Economic Preferences and Their STEM Outcomes: Evidence from Mianzhu Data, with Shuaizhang Feng, Yujie Han and James J. Heckman.

Robot Adoption and Human Capital Accumulation in China, with Lijuan Yin and Chaoqun Zhan.

The Impact of Rural Financial Development on Non-Agriculture Employment and Migration in China, with Mingmei Liu.

The Impact of Marriage Tax Bonus and Penalty on Marital Decisions in the U.S., with Zhuoyu Qiu.

Grants

2020: Philosophy and Social Science Planning Projects of Guangdong Province, China (Grant No. GD20CYJ32). PI: Zhe Yang.

2024: Basic Scientific Research Project of Liaoning Provincial Department of Education, China (Grant No. LJ112410140088). PI: Zhe Yang. Concluded.

Teaching Experiences

Liaoning University. Mathematical Economics (F2024)

Liaoning University. Corporate Finance (F2023, F2024)

Jinan University. Mathematical Economics (F2020, F2021, F2022)

Jinan University. Labor Economics (F2018, F2019, F2020, F2021, F2022)

Teaching Assistant at the University of California, Davis: Introductory Microeconomics (F2010, F2015), Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (W2011), Economic Development (S2011), Analysis of Economic Data (F2011, S2012, F2013, S2014), Economics of Uncertainty and Information (W2012), Cross-Section Analysis (F2012), Health Economics (W2013, W2014), Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (S2013), Economics of the Labor Market (S2013, S2014, F2014), Economics of Education (W2015), Decision Making (W2016), Econometrics (S2016).

Referee Service

Journal of Population Economics, Labor Economics, China Economic Review, Economics of Transition, PLOS ONE

Presentations and Conferences

2017: Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics at Claremont Colleges; Conference on Health and Development at Academia Sinica, Taipei; The 17th China Economics Annual Conference at Ningxia University; International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics at Jinan University IESR;

2018: IESR-GLO Joint Labor Workshop at Jinan University IESR; 2018 UC Davis Economics Alumni Conference; China Meeting of the Econometric Society at Jinan University IESR;

2020: Brookings–Jinan 2020 Conference at Jinan University IESR; International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics at Jinan IESR;

2022: LACEA LAMES Annual Meeting at Universidad del Pacifico;

2023: The 9th Camphor Economist Circle (CEC) Workshop at Liaoning University; Xiangjiang River Forum in Economics, Finance and Management for Young Scholars at Hunan University; The 15th International Symposium on Human Capital at Central University of Finance and Economics; Tsinghua University-Peking University NCER-CCER The 3rd China Economic Symposium;

2024: European Conference on Personality at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (virtual presentation).