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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor 2025-, Peking University Department of Agricultural and Development Economics, and Senior Research Fellow at China Center for Agricultural Policy (CCAP)

Associate Professor 2024-2025, Assistant Professor 2020-2023, Xiamen University, School of Economics and Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics (WISE)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Agricultural Economics and Management, Renmin University of China, 2020

Visiting Ph.D. student, Michigan State University, 2018-2019; Nanyang Technological University, 2017-2018

M.Phil., Finance, Southwest University, 2016

B.A., Finance & B.Sc., Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, Southwest University, 2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Land Tenure and Agricultural Productivity; Land Institutions and Culture; Consumer Theory; Entrepreneurship and Innovations; Quantitative Spatial Model

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Property Rights and Market Frictions: Evidence from the Universe of Land Dispute Files in China", *Journal of Development Economics*, 184: 103891, 2026 (Single Author)
2. "The Power of Business Legislation: Evidence from China's 1904 Company Law", *Journal of Law and Economics*, 2026 (with Yang Cai)
3. "The Security Unlock: How Rural Social Pension Makes People More Entrepreneurial?", *Journal of Development Economics*, 2026 (with Lingran Yuan)
4. "Property Rights and Land Quality", *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 10: 12440, 2024 (with Haoyang Li)
5. "Cooperative Culture and the Birth of Modern Enterprises in China", *European Economic Review*, 163: 104697, 2024 (with Yang Cai)
6. "Land Titling, Human Capital Misallocation, and Agricultural Productivity in China", *Journal of Development Economics*, 165: 1-24, 2023 (with Shouying Liu, Sen Ma, & Lijuan Yin)
7. "The Effect of Pension Income on Land Transfers: Evidence from Rural China", *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 1: 333-371, 2022 (with Songqing Jin, Zhong Tang, & Awokuse Titus)
8. "Removing the Hats of Poverty: Effects of Ending the National Poverty County Program on Fiscal Expenditures" (invited paper for special issue on anti-poverty experience), *China Economic Review*, 69: 101673, 2021 (with Shouying Liu & Yihao Li)
9. "The Agricultural Roots of Chinese Innovation Performance", *European Economic Review*, 118: 126-147, 2019 (with James Ang & Per Fredriksson)

WORKING PAPERS

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1. “Municipal Institutions and the Knowledge Take-off: The Roles of Physical and Human Capital”, R&R, *Journal of Economic Growth* (with Yang Cai)
 2. “Collectivistic Culture and Charitable Giving”, R&R, *Journal of Comparative Economics* (with Yang Cai)
 3. “Locked Doors, Open Hands: The Unintended Pitfalls of Revolving Door Laws”, R&R, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* (with Qianqian Shang)
 4. “Patron-driven Entrepreneurship: The Reciprocal Relationship of State Leader Networks to Firm Success”, Reject&R, *European Economic Review* (with Yang Cai)
 5. “When the Collective Coordinates: Land Assembly, Capital Inflow, and Rental Market Outcomes in Rural China”, Submitted (Single Author)
 6. “The Variety Engel Curve in China: Welfare Gains from Dietary Diversity Amid Economic Shocks”, Submitted (with Bangwan Zhao)
 7. “The Retirement Consumption-Variety Puzzle: Evidence from an Engel Curve Approach”, Submitted (with Bangwan Zhao)

GRANTS

1. China National Natural Science Foundation General Fund, PI, 2026-2029
2. China National Natural Science Foundation Youth Fund, PI, 2022-2024
3. Province-level Natural Science Foundation Youth Fund, PI, 2022-2024
4. Yongyou Foundation General Fund, PI, 2020-2022
5. China Merchants Charitable Foundation - Shanghai Jiaotong University Research Fund, PI, 2020-2021

AWARDS

1. AAEA China Section Best Paper Award, 2025
2. Ministry of Education Humanity & Social Science Excellent Research Output Award, 2024
3. Virtual Young Scholar Fellowship, Global Labor Organization (GLO), 2023
4. Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) 3535 Conference Nomination Award, 2022
5. Ministry of Education Humanity & Social Science Excellent Research Output Award, 2020

TEACHING

1. Rural Development, Peking University, 2026
2. Agricultural Policy Studies, Peking University, 2026
3. Development Economics (Fully in English), Xiamen University, 2020-2025
4. Economic History (Fully in English), Xiamen University, 2020-2025
5. Applied Micro-econometrics, Xiamen University, as guest lecturer, 2022

SERVICE

1. Editorial Board Member, *Scientific Reports*, 2026-
2. Referee Service: *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (8 times), *Journal of Development Economics* (3 times), *Journal of Public Economics*, *World Development* (3 times), etc.