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RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary fields: Labor Economics, Health Economics

Secondary fields: Economic History

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Davis	2021 –
M.A. in Economics, Fudan University	2021
Exchange Student in Economics, Erasmus University of Rotterdam	2019
B.A. in Economics, East China Normal University	2018

PUBLICATIONS

- **“Congestion on the Information Superhighway: Does Economics Have a Working Papers Problem?”** with Lester R. Lusher and Scott E. Carrell. *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 225, 2023 [[published link](#)][[ungated](#)][NBER [WP29153](#)]

WORKING PAPERS

- **Job Market Paper - “Doctors With(out) Borders: Effects of Easing Occupational Licensing for Foreign Physicians”** [[working paper](#)]
- **“The Effects of Marriage Bar: Evidence from US Teachers in 1900-1940”** with Rebecca Brough [[working paper](#)]
- **“Cash for Class: The Effect of Paying Students for Full-Time Community College Enrollment”** with Paco Martorell, Scott E. Carrell, Elizabeth Friedmann, and Alice Li

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- **“When D.O.s are Granted M.D. Degree: Evidence from 1962 California Degree Transition”**

FELLOWSHIP & AWARDS

Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Fellowship	2026
Dean’s Summer Graduate Support Award	2026
ASHEcon Diversity Scholarship	2026
UC President’s Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting Fellowship	2025
Research Grant (*3), UC Davis Economics Department	2023-26

EXTERNAL CONFERENCES

- **2026:** Becker Friedman Institute Health Economics Initiative Conference, ASHEcon, ASSA
- **2025:** Economic History Association Meeting, Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting in Economics Science

EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant for Professors Scott Carrell and Paco Martorell, UC Davis	2022 –
Research Assistant for Professor Sharon Xuejing Zuo, Fudan University	2021
Research Assistant for Professor Laura Hering, Erasmus University of Rotterdam	2020

TEACHING

Project Manager of Undergraduate Research Fellow Program (15+ students), UC Davis	2024, 2025
Teaching Assistant, Econ 001A: Introductory Microeconomics, UC Davis	2021, 2022, 2025
Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Economics, Fudan University	2021
Teaching Assistant, Industrial Organization, Fudan University	2020
Teaching Assistant, Health Economics and Policy, Fudan University	2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UC Davis Global Migration Center Student Seminar, Discussant (*2)	2025
UC Davis Applied Micro Student Talk, Co-organizer	2023 – 2025
UC Davis Gender Economics Reading Group (15+ students), Head Organizer	2021 – 2022

POLICY

- **“Effects of Financial Aid Expansion for Community College Adult Learners”** with Oded Gurantz, Michal Kurlaender, Elizabeth Friedmann, Paco Martorell. *Submitted.*

OTHERS SKILLS

Technical: Stata, Python, LaTeX, MATLAB, R
Language: Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)