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Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics, University of Pittsburgh, 2017 - present
Expected Completion Date: May 2022
Thesis Title: Public Health in China during the Cultural Revolution
Thesis Committee: Prof. Daniel Berkowitz, Prof. Osea Giuntella, Prof. Claire Duquenois, and Prof. Yogita Shamdasani
M.A. in Economics, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, 2014-2017
Visiting Student, Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France, 2016-2017
B.A. in Economics, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, 2010-2014

Research Interests

Primary Fields: Development, Health, Labor, Applied Microeconomics
Secondary Fields: Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics

Working Papers

[“The Impact of Early Childhood Access to Community Health Workers: Evidence From China’s Barefoot Doctors”](#) (*Job Market Paper*)

Works in Progress

“The Cultural Revolution, Railroads, and the Spread of Epidemic Meningitis”
“Labor Market Response to India’s Public Distribution System” joint with Yogita Shamdasani
“State Mobilization under Authoritarianism: The Lasting Impacts of Sent-Down Youths on China’s Rural Society” joint with Xin Han
Replication and Extension of “*Gendered Language on the Economics Job Market Rumors Forum*” (Wu, 2018): “Sex and Politics: Gendered Language on Poliscirumors.com” joint with Jordan Bazak

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2021-2022
Thomas and Evelyn Rawski Graduate Student Research Fellowship, 2021
Andrew W. Mellon Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2020-2021
Best Second-year Paper Award, 2020
Ronald Coase Institute Fellowship, 2020

Art and Science Graduate Summer Fellowship, 2019
Art and Science Graduate Fellowship, 2017-2018

Conference and Seminar Presentations

ASSA conference, 2022 (*scheduled*)
Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) conference, 2021 (*scheduled*)
Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) conference, 2021 (*scheduled*)
Southern Economic Association (SEA) conference, 2021 (*scheduled*)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) conference, 2021
ShanghaiTech University seminar, 2021
The Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, 2020 (*rescheduled*)
American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), 2020
Labor and Development Brownbag, University of Pittsburgh, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Professional Activities

Membership: AEA, ASHEcon, APPAM, iHEA, the Ronald Coase Institute
Mentorship: Mentor for Second-Year Economics PhD Student, University of Pittsburgh

Other Research Experience

Research Assistant to Prof. Yogita Shamdasani, Pitt Economics Department, 2019-2020
Research Assistant to Prof. Richard Freeman, Harvard Economics Department, 2016

Teaching Experience

Instructor, University of Pittsburgh
Development Economics Summer 2021 (Teaching Score: 4.2/5)
Development Economics Summer 2020 (Teaching Score: 4.4/5)
Teaching Assistant, University of Pittsburgh
Introduction to Macroeconomics, Fall 2018 (Teaching Score: 4.3/5)
Introduction to Macroeconomics, Spring 2019 (Teaching Score: 4.3/5)

Programming Skills

Stata, Python, R, Otree, ArcGIS, Matlab, Latex, Web scraping

Languages

Chinese(native), English(fluent), French(Basic)

Working Paper Abstracts

“The Impact of Early Childhood Access to Community Health Workers: Evidence From China’s *Barefoot Doctors*” (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: This paper studies the short-run and long-run effects of China’s Barefoot Doctors — the world’s first Community Health Workers (CHWs) project — that started in 1969. I collect a unique county-level dataset on the Barefoot Doctor program from historical gazetteers. Using the geographic variation in the program’s intensity across counties after the introduction of the program in 1969, I employ a cohort difference-in-difference model to identify the programs influence. I find that greater exposure to Barefoot Doctors significantly reduced neonatal mortality, and increased breastfeeding duration. In the long-run, I find that Barefoot Doctors significantly improved reported health, boosted educational attainment, and increased working hours. This paper provides the first evidence that CHWs have lasting impacts on health and economic outcomes.

References

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