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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Applied Economics, Cornell University	2023-2028
IvyPlus Exchange Scholar, Stanford University	2026-2028
M.S. in Applied Economics, Cornell University	2026
B.S. in Physical Geography, Nanjing University	2022

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Economics; Urban Economics; Public Economics

PUBLICATIONS

[1] “*Urban Forests: Environmental Health Values and Risks*,” with Fan Xia, Jianwei Xing, Jintao Xu, and Eric Zou, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2026.

WORKING PAPERS

[1] “*Greening through Tourism*,” with Mingying Zhu, Bo Chen, and Wei Du, Reject and Resubmit at *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*.

[2] “*Incentivizing Environmental Public Goods*,” with Ding Ma and Xintong Li, Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*.

[3] “*Solar Powered Charging: The Role of Economic Incentives and Information Nudges*,” with Huanxiu Guo and Jindi Zheng.

[4] “*The Efficiency of Outsourcing: Evidence from Foreclosure Auctions in China*,” with Xinmei Yang.

TEACHING

TA for AEM 2300: Introduction to International Trade, Cornell	Spring 2026
TA for AEM 2600: Managerial Economics, Cornell	Fall 2025
TA for AEM 5510: Environmental Economics, Cornell	Spring 2025
TA for AEM 2500: Resource and Environmental Economics, Cornell	Fall 2024
TA for ECO 4001: Environmental Economics, CUHK(SZ)	Spring 2023
TA for ECO 2011: Basic Microeconomics, CUHK(SZ)	Fall 2022

RELEVANT POSITIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Research Affiliate, Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions	2026 - Present
Research Affiliate, Stanford Economics for Sustainability and Energy Transition	2025 - Present
Research Affiliate, Cornell Institute of China Economic Research	2023 - Present
Research Affiliate, Luohan Academy at Alibaba Group	2023-2024
Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow for Peng Zhang, CUHK(SZ)	2022-2023
Research Assistant for Yingju Ma, Luohan Academy at Alibaba Group	2022-2023
Research Assistant for Bing Zhang, Nanjing University	2020-2022
Research Assistant, CIDE, Tsinghua University	2020-2021
Research Assistant, SoilMicroBio Lab, Nanjing University	2019-2022

SELECTED CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

(* denotes co-author presentations; † denotes scheduled presentations)

2026 Wuhan Workshop on Experimental Economics*; Cornell SEERE; CAERE Annual Meeting*† (×2); Academic Symposium on Law, Courts, and Judges in Comparative Perspective

2025 THU-PKU NCER-CCER Symposium on Chinese Economy; SMU-Jinan Conference on Urban and Regional Economics; China Economics Annual Conference; AAEA Annual Meeting; PKU CCER Summer Institute; International Conference of China and Development Studies; CAERE Annual Meeting; Cornell Real Estate Symposium (Poster); Harvard Economic Development Workshop*; Harvard Contracts and Organizations Workshop*; CEC Beijing Meeting

2024 NBER China Meeting Spring*; ASSA Annual Meeting*

2023 Stanford SITE*

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Cornell Graduate School Travel Grant (\$700)	12/2025
Cornell East Asia Program Travel Grant (\$900)	07/2025
Cornell Graduate School Travel Grant (\$700)	07/2025
Einaudi Center International Research Travel Awards (\$1,500)	07/2025
Cornell University Graduate Research Assistantship	2023-2026

REFeree SERVICES

Journal Referee: *Applied Economics*; *China Economic Review*; *Economic Development and Cultural Change*; *Finance Research Letters*; *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Management Science*

Ad-hoc Reviewer: *Cornell STARS Program*

PERSONAL

Languages: Chinese Mandarin (native), English (fluent)

Programming: R, Stata, Python, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS, SQL
Citizenship: P.R.China (F1 Student Visa)

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