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Employment

Assistant Professor, Li Anmin Institute of Economics Research, Liaoning University
2023–present

Visiting Appointments

Visiting Scholar, Freie Universität Berlin Summer 2026
John F. Kennedy Institute, Department of Economics
Host: Prof. Dr. Max Steinhardt

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Clemson University, 2023

Thesis committee: Curtis J. Simon (Chair), Devon Gorry, Jorge Luis García, Jonathan M. Leganza

M.S. Economics, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2018

B.S. Economics, University of Minnesota–Twin Cities, 2015

Research Interests

Labor Economics; Urban Economics; Applied Microeconomics; Job Matching and Agglomeration

Working Papers

"The Benefits of Major-related Labor Markets for Job Match Quality of College Graduates"

This paper examines how major-specific labor-market thickness relates to college graduates' job-match quality. Using the 2010–2019 American Community Survey across 290 U.S. metropolitan areas, it distinguishes the size of major-related labor markets from aggregate city size. The analysis considers skill-space dilution, shift-share estimates, and the relationship between job matching and wages.

"The Major-Specific Market Size and the Job Match of Power Couples"

This paper studies educational and occupational matching among highly educated, dual-career couples in local labor markets. It examines whether access to larger major-related labor markets is associated with better job-match quality for husbands and wives, distinguishing major-specific market size from overall urban population.

Selected Conference Presentations

2024 8th Annual Conference of China Labor Economists Forum

2023 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (poster); MEA 87th Annual Meeting; WEAI 98th Annual Meeting

2022 SEA 92nd Annual Meeting; Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day

Teaching Experience

Liaoning University 2023–Present

Instructor

Econometrics (Master's)

Econometrics (Ph.D., International Students)

Clemson University

Instructor

Principles of Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant

Macro Theory II (Ph.D.).

International Microeconomics; Intermediate Macroeconomics (Master's).

Principles of Microeconomics; Principles of Macroeconomics (including Honors); Economics of Health (Undergraduate).

Other Research Experience

Clemson University

Research Assistant to Sharon Nagy, The Office of Global Engagement 2021

Assisted with survey design and interviews on international collaboration among STEM faculty.

Research Assistant to Devon Gorry 2019

Conducted data work on maternal alcohol consumption and infant health using data from the National Center for Health Statistics.

Technical Skills and Languages

Programming languages and software: Stata, Python, R, LaTeX, GitHub

Languages: Chinese (native), English (fluent)