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Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, May 2015

M.A., Economics, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, May 2012

B.A., Economics, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, June 2010

Employment

Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, Wuhan, China

Professor of Economics, Wenlan School of Business, March 2022 - present

Professor of Law and Economics (cross-appointed), Law School, March 2022 - present

Mississippi State University, Starkville, USA

Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), July 2021 - December 2021

Assistant Professor of Economics, August 2015 - June 2021

Research Fields

Applied Microeconomic Theory, Public Economics

Political Economics, Law & Economics

Grants & Funding

1. Principal Investigator (PI), the Social Science Funds of Hubei Province (Grant number: 23ZD168), 2023.
2. Principal Investigator (PI), the Fundamental Research Funds for the Central Universities, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (Grant number: 2722023BQ065), 2023.
3. Principal Investigator (PI), the Science and Technology Research Project, Department of Education of Hubei Province (Grant number: B2022273), 2022.

Publications

1. Li, Cheng and Huangxing Mao. 2024. "Delegation to Incentivize Information Production." *Mathematical Social Sciences*, 129: 1-11.
2. Li, Cheng, Le Wang and Junsen Zhang. 2024. "Politician's Childhood Experience and Government Policies: Evidence from the Chinese Great Famine." *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 52 (1): 76-92.
3. Li, Cheng and Yancheng Xiao. 2023. "Information Design, Externalities, and Government Interventions." *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 25 (4): 821-839.
4. Li, Cheng and Christopher Cotton. 2023. "Profiling Restrictions in a Model of Law Enforcement and Strategic Crime." *European Journal of Law and Economics*, 55: 511-532.
5. Li, Cheng. 2020. "Centralized Policymaking and Informational Lobbying." *Social Choice and Welfare*, 54 (4): 527-557.
6. Zhang, Xufang, Changyou Sun, Jason Gordon, Cheng Li and Ian A. Munn. 2020. "Antidumping Duty Investigations and Decisions in the Global Forest Products Industry." *Forest Science*, 66 (6): 666-677.
7. Li, Cheng. 2019. "Informational Benefits of Managerial Myopia." *Economics Letters*, 185: 108705.
8. Cotton, Christopher and Cheng Li. 2018. "Clueless Politicians: On Policymaker Incentives for Information Acquisition in a Model of Lobbying." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 34 (3): 425- 456.
9. Campos, Sergio J. and Cheng Li. 2018. "Discovery Disclosure and Deterrence." *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 71 (6): 1993-2013.
10. Li, Cheng. 2017. "A model of Bayesian Persuasion with Transfers," *Economics Letters*, 161: 93-95.
11. Connolly, Michael and Cheng Li. 2016. "Government Spending and Economic Growth in the OECD Countries." *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*, 19 (4): 386-395.
12. Cotton, Christopher and Cheng Li. 2015. "Profiling, Screening, and Criminal Recruitment." *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 17 (6): 964-985.
13. Cotton, Christopher S., Cheng Li, Frank McIntyre and Joseph P. Price. 2015. "Which Explanations for Gender Differences in Competition are Consistent with a Simple Theoretical Model?" *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 59: 56-67.
14. Campos, Sergio J., Christopher S. Cotton and Cheng Li. 2015. "Deterrence Effects under *Twombly*: On the Costs of Increasing Pleading Standards in Litigation." *International Review of Law and Economics*, 44: 61-71.

Working Papers

1. Disinformation campaigns and optimal government response to a pandemic
2. Social media platform, content moderation, and usage time

Conferences and Seminars

Conference Organizer

Co-organizer, Workshop on the Theory of the Digital Economy, ZUEL, 2023

Conference and Seminar Presentations

China Law and Economics Forum (**keynote speaker**), 2022

International Conference on Public Economic Theory by APET, 2022

Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society (presenter and discussant), 2019

Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference (presenter and discussant), 2019

Midwest Economics Theory Conference, 2019

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, 2019

Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference (presenter and discussant), 2019

Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society (presenter and discussant), 2017

Vanderbilt Law Review Symposium, 2017

University of Alabama, Department of Economics, Finance, and Legal Studies, 2016

Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory, 2016

Mississippi State University, Department of Finance and Economics, 2015

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (presenter and discussant), 2015

University of Miami, Department of Economics, 2014

Queen's University, Department of Economics, 2014

University of Quebec at Montreal, Department of Economics, 2014

Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society (presenter and discussant), 2013

International Workshop on Economic Analysis of Institutions, Xiamen University, 2013

University of Miami, Department of Economics, 2013

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, 2013

Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory, 2012

Journal Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Applied Economics, Comparative Political Studies, Economics Bulletin, Economics Letters, Energy Journal, Frontiers of Economics in China, Games, International Review of Economics and Finance, International Studies of Economics, Journal of Agricultural

and Applied Economics, Journal of Chinese Governance, Journal of Economic Policy Reform, Journal of Economics & Management Strategy, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Management & Organization, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Managerial and Decision Economics, PLOS ONE, Portuguese Economic Journal, Social Choice and Welfare, Social Indicators Research, Social Science Journal, Sustainability, The American Economist

Teaching

Zhongnan University of Economics and Law

- Financial Investments
- International Finance
- Intermediate Microeconomics

Mississippi State University

- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Macroeconomics I (PhD course)
- Microeconomics II (PhD course)

Advising

Zhongnan University of Economics and Law

- Xinxin Jia, Ph.D. in Law and Economics, in progress (supervisor)
- Jing Chen, M.A. in Economics, in progress (supervisor)

Mississippi State University

- Michael Fakutiju, Ph.D. in Economics, 2021 (committee member)
- Brandon Bolen, Ph.D. in Economics, 2018 (committee member)
First placement: Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi College
- Shaomeng Jia, Ph.D. in Economics, 2018 (committee member)
First placement: Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Muskingum University
- Xufang Zhang, Ph.D. in Forest Resources, 2018 (committee member)
First placement: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Purdue University