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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Professor of Economics, March 2022 - present
Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, Wenlan School of Business

Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), August 2021 - December 2021
Mississippi State University, College of Business, Department of Finance and Economics

Assistant Professor of Economics, August 2015 - July 2021
Mississippi State University, College of Business, Department of Finance and Economics

EDUCATION

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

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

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

RESEARCH

Research Fields

Economics of Information, Public Economics, Political Economy, Law & Economics

Publications

1. Boleslavsky, Raphael and Cheng Li. "Evaluating University Graduates: Prestige versus Merit." *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*, forthcoming.

2. Li, Cheng and Huangxing Mao. 2024. "Delegation to Incentivize Information Production." *Mathematical Social Sciences*, 129: 1-11.

3. 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.

4. Li, Cheng and Yancheng Xiao. 2023. "Information Design, Externalities, and Government Interventions." *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 25 (4): 821-839.

5. 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.

6. Li, Cheng. 2020. "Centralized Policymaking and Informational Lobbying." *Social Choice and Welfare*, 54 (4): 527-557.

7. 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.

8. Li, Cheng. 2019. "Informational Benefits of Managerial Myopia." *Economics Letters*, 185: 108705.

9. 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.

10. Campos, Sergio J. and Cheng Li. 2018. "Discovery Disclosure and Deterrence." *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 71 (6): 1993-2013.

11. Li, Cheng. 2017. "A model of Bayesian Persuasion with Transfers," *Economics Letters*, 161: 93-95.

12. Connolly, Michael and Cheng Li. 2016. "Government Spending and Economic Growth in the OECD Countries." *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*, 19 (4): 386-395.

13. Cotton, Christopher and Cheng Li. 2015. "Profiling, Screening, and Criminal Recruitment." *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 17 (6): 964-985.

14. 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.

15. 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. Competitive Informational Lobbying with Endogenous Timing (with Huangxing Mao)
2. From Bribery to Legal Means: How Judicial Independence Affects Corporate Cash Holdings (with Yujing Gong and Xinxin Jia)
3. Trans-Regional Legal Jurisdiction and Foreign Direct Investment: Evidence from China (with Xinxin Jia)

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.

CONFERENCE & PRESENTATIONS

Conference Organizer

- Co-organizer, Workshop on Industrial Organization, Wenlan School of Business, 2024
- Co-organizer, Workshop on the Digital Economy: Theory and Policy, Wenlan School of Business, 2023

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- China Law and Economics Forum (presenter and discussant), 2024
- The Chinese Economist Society Annual Conference, 2024
- China Law and Economics Forum (**keynote speaker**), 2022
- International Conference on Public Economic Theory by APET, 2022
- The Public Choice Society Annual Conference (presenter and discussant), 2019
- Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference (presenter and discussant), 2019
- Midwest Economic Theory Conference, Indiana University, 2019
- Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, 2019

- Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference (presenter and discussant), 2019
- The Public Choice Society Annual Conference (presenter and discussant), 2017
- Vanderbilt Law Review Symposium, 2017
- University of Alabama, Department of Economics, Finance, and Legal Studies, 2016
- International Conference on Game Theory, Stony Brook University, 2016
- Mississippi State University, Department of Finance and Economics, 2015
- Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (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
- The Public Choice Society Annual Conference (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 Conference, 2013
- International Conference on Game Theory, Stony Brook University, 2012

TEACHING

Zhongnan University of Economics and Law: Intermediate Microeconomics, Financial Investments, International Finance, Frontiers of Law & Economics (graduate level)

Mississippi State University: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Macroeconomics I (PhD course), Microeconomics II (PhD course)

ADVISING

Graduate Students:

- Xinxin Jia: Ph.D. in Law and Economics, ZUEL, in progress (supervisor)
- Jing Chen: M.A. in Economics, ZUEL, in progress (supervisor)
- Fang Yan: M.A. in Economics, ZUEL, in progress (supervisor)
- Songyu Zheng: M.A. in Economics, ZUEL, in progress (supervisor)
- Michael Fakutiju, Ph.D. in Economics, Mississippi State University, 2021 (committee member)
- Brandon Bolen, Ph.D. in Economics, Mississippi State University, 2018 (committee member)
  Placement: Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi College
- Shaomeng Jia, Ph.D. in Economics, Mississippi State University, 2018 (committee member)
  Placement: Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Muskingum University
- Xufang Zhang, Ph.D. in Forest Resources, Mississippi State University, 2018 (committee member)
  Placement: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Purdue University

Undergraduate Thesis Supervision:

- Zixuan Huang: B.A. in Economics, ZUEL, 2025.
  Placement: M.S. in Business Analytics, Nanyang Technological University
- Huangxing Mao: B.A. in Economics, ZUEL, 2025.
  Placement: M.Phil. in Economics, Hong Kong University
- Wenyun Wang : B.A. in Economics, ZUEL, 2025
  Placement: M.A. in Economics, Central University of Finance and Economics
- Xinyu Zhang: B.A. in Economics, ZUEL, 2025
  Placement: Master of Laws, LL.M., Huazhong University of Science and Technology

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Applied Economics, China Economic Review, Comparative Political Studies, Economics Bulletin, Economics Letters, Economic Modelling, 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, & 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, Sustainability, The American Economist, The Social Science Journal

University Service

- Member, Academic Committee, Wenlan School of Business, 2024-present
- Member, Undergraduate Teaching Committee, Wenlan School of Business, 2024-present
- Faculty Advisor, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Mississippi State University, 2018-2021
- Faculty Representative, College of Business Academic Insight Event, Mississippi State University, 2018
- Member, Economics faculty search committee, Mississippi State University, 2017-2018
- Member, Economics Ph.D. qualifying examination committee, Mississippi State University, 2016, 2018