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## EDUCATION

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### Brown University

Ph.D. in Economics 2025

*Advisors:* Andrew Foster (main), Louis Putterman, Neil Thakral

M.A. in Economics 2020

### Renmin University of China

M.A. in Economics 2019

### University of California, San Diego

Exchange Program in Economics 2018

### Zhongnan University of Economics and Law

B.A. in Economics (*with honor*) 2016

## RESEARCH

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WORKING PAPERS “Informed Climate Adaptation: Input and Output Subsidies for Shaded Cocoa”  
with Jiayue Zhang [\[Link\]](#)

“Credit Constraint and Green Energy Adoption: Evidence from Small Firms in Kenya”  
with Jiayue Zhang and Wycliffe Oluoch

“Local Favoritism and Environmental Regulation: Evidence from China”  
with Xiaowei Zhang and Tiemeng Ma

“Intergenerational Impact of Land Property Rights: Evidence from Land Certification Reform in China”

WORK IN PROGRESS “Information Nudge on Social and Private Benefit, and Impact on Adaptation”  
with Ming Li, Jia Xiang and Jiayue Zhang

“Adaptation Through Trading and Cocoa Production Dynamics”  
with Ruozi Song and Jiayue Zhang

“Local Knowledge or Misallocation: Efficiency Costs of Discretion in Regulatory Enforcement” with Ruozi Song and Bing Zhang

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

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2025 Chinese Economist Society (CES) China Meeting, Guangzhou (scheduled); LSE Environmental Camp, London (scheduled); Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), UIUC; CSAE Conference, Oxford

2024 Duke Kunshan University (DKU); All-IGC Talk; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference, Washington DC; Environmental Politics and Governance 10th Annual Conference, Québec City; ISSER Seminar, University of Ghana; PAA 2024\*, Columbus

2023 Behavioral Breakfast, Brown; Sloan/Berkeley Energy and Environmental Economics Summer Camp, UC Berkeley; International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE), PSE; Theoretical & Applied Economics Seminar, CY Cergy Paris Université; PEDL Young Scholars Matchmaking Workshop, Oxford

2022 Young Economist Symposium 2022, Yale; Applied Micro Lunch, Brown  
(\* for poster)

## GRANTS

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2024–2025	International Growth Centre (IGC) Research Grant (£29,920) ( <i>Green Energy Adoption</i> )
2023–2024	PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (£39,996) ( <i>Green Energy Adoption</i> )
	IGC Research Grant (£39,622) ( <i>Farmers' Climate Change Adaptation</i> )
	PEDL Seed Research Grant (£5,000) ( <i>Climate Change and the Gender Earnings Gap</i> )
2022–2023	PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (£39,919) ( <i>Farmers' Climate Change Adaptation</i> )
2022–2024	PDBF Research Fund, Orlando Bravo Center for Economic Research (\$15,160)
	Brown University Travel Grants (\$5,800)
2023	Research Training and Travel (RTT) Award, IBES, Brown University (\$5,000)
2022–2023	Graduate Program in Development Summer Funding, Watson Institute (\$2,000)

## SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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2024	Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG) 2024 Best Poster Prize
	Department Travel Fellowship, Brown University
2023	Global Mobility Research Fellowship, Brown University
2022	Graduate Student Fellowship, Brown University
2020–2021	Summer Fellowship (×2), Brown University
2019	Graduate Student Fellowship, Brown University
	Outstanding Graduate, Renmin University of China
2017–2019	First-level Scholarship (×3), Renmin University of China
2018	President's Scholarship (\$33,495, top 3), Renmin University of China
2013–2014	National Scholarship (×2), China's Education Ministry

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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New York University Abu Dhabi, Social Science Division	
<i>Research Assistant for Morgan Hardy</i>	2022–2023
Brown University, Department of Economics	
<i>Research Assistant for Jesse Shapiro</i>	2021–2022
<i>Research Assistant for Brian Knight</i>	2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Brown University, Department of Economics	
<i>Head Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Econometrics (undergraduate)</i>	Spring 2025
<i>Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics II (Ph.D.)</i>	2021, 2022
New York University, Accra	Winter 2023
<i>Guest Lecturer, Research Design, Fieldwork &amp; Analysis for Development Economics</i>	

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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REFEREE:	<i>Journal of Development Economics, World Development, Journal of Asian Economics</i>
AFFILIATION:	Graduate Affiliate, Institute at Brown for Environment and Society (IBES)
	Graduate Program in Development Fellow, Watson Institute, Brown University
	S4 Fellow, Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences, Brown University
	Predocutorial Trainee, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University

## OTHER

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*Skills:* Python, Stata, R, ArcGIS, QGIS, SurveyCTO, and LaTeX  
*Languages:* Chinese (native) and English (fluent)