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Education

- 2019 Ph.D in Economics (Expected in 2020)
Iowa State University, Ames, US
- 2015 M.A in Finance
Wuhan University, Wuhan, China
- 2012 B.A in Economics and B.S in Applied Mathematics
Wuhan University, Wuhan, China

Experience

- 2019 TA for Econ 301 Intermediate Microeconomics, Iowa State University
Responsibilities: Helping the lab and grading group reports
- 2018 TA for Econ 344 Public Finance, Iowa State University
Responsibilities: Coordinating classes and participating discussion
- 2015-2019 TA for Econ 101/102 Microeconomics/Macroeconomics, Iowa State University
Responsibilities: Helping to prepare exams, grading homework/exams, leading math and exam reviews and so on
- 2016 RA for professor Juan Cordoba in population economics, Iowa State University
Responsibilities: Reading literature, constructing models and writing codes for simulation
- 2014 RA for professor Wei Zou in Marketization Research of Huber Province, Wuhan University
Responsibilities: Collecting data and designing indexes to measure the market openness of Hubei Province

Research Interests

- Labor economics, focused on the social mobility across multiple generations in China
- Macroeconomics, especially the effects of warm glow, pure altruism and hyperbolic discounting on fertility and bequest

Working Papers

- “Social Mobility across Three Generations: Evidence from China” by Jia Cao and Minghao Li.
- “Modeling Parental Love: Warm Glow or Pure Altruism?” by Jia Cao and Elizabeth Hoffman.

- “Fertility, Pure Altruism and Hyperbolic Discounting” by Jia Cao.

Presentations

- 02/2019 “The Different Implications of Warm Glow and Pure Altruism”. LAS Week Research Day, Iowa State University.
- 10/2018 “Warm Glow vs Pure Altruism: Implications for Bequest and Fertility”. Macro-Development-Environmental Reading Group, Iowa State University.
- 09/2018 “Fertility under Hyperbolic Discounting”. Graduate Students Seminars, Iowa State University.
- 07/2018 “Learning from Co-workers” by Gregor Jarosch, Ezra Obfield and Esteban Rossi-Hansberg. Macro-Development-Trade Reading Group, Iowa State University.
- 04/2018 “Fertility under Hyperbolic Discounting”. Macro-Development-Trade Reading Group, Iowa State University.
- 12/2017 “Family Dissolution: A Historical Perspective”. Macro Reading Group, Iowa State University.
- 03/2017 “Elite Recruitment and Political Stability: the Impact of the Abolition of China’s Civil Service Exam” by Ying Bai and Ruixue Jia. Macro Reading Group, Iowa State University.

Honors and Awards

- 2019 Teaching Excellence Awards, May 2019, Iowa State University
- 2015 Standard Graduate Student Scholarship, Aug 2015 - Present, Iowa State University
- 2012 Full Scholarship for Graduate Students, Sep 2012 - June 2015, Wuhan University
- 2009 Second Class Scholarship for Coursework Achievement, Sep 2009, Wuhan University
- 2008 Presidential Scholarship for Freshmen, Sep 2008, Wuhan University

Others

Softwares STATA, R, Matlab

Languages Chinese (Native), English (Fluent), French (Basic)

Sports Squash, Table Tennis, Jogging

Birth March 1990

Citizenship China