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EDUCATION

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Department of Economics

Ph.D. in Economics, Aug. 2020 - Jul. 2025 (expected)

Huazhong University of Science and Technology, School of Economics

B.A. in Economics, Sep. 2016 - Jun. 2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS

1. **“Hospital Discharge: Model, Estimates, and Policy Analyses,”** with Yan Chen, Wei Yan, Junjian Yi, and Hang Zou. 2024. [Job Market Paper]. Under Review.
2. **“General Equilibrium Analysis of Public Insurance and Healthcare Expense,”** with Wei Yan, Junjian Yi, Shaoyang Zhao, and Hang Zou. 2024. R&R at **International Economic Review**.
3. **“Collective Behavior with Information Asymmetry,”** with Arthur Lewbel, Wenchao Li, and Junjian Yi. 2024. Under Review.
4. **“Optimal Payment Levels to Reference-dependent Physicians,”** with Wei Yan, Junjian Yi, Chuanchuan Zhang, and Hang Zou. 2024. Under Review.
5. **“Welfare Analysis of Hospital Contest in Market Equilibrium,”** with Wei Yan, Shaoyang Zhao, and Hang Zou. 2024.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Household Commitment, Human Capital Investments, and Optimal Childcare Subsidies.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

- ECON 2011 Basic Microeconomics
- ECON 2021 Basic Macroeconomics
- ECON 3121 Introductory Econometrics
- ECON 3590 Business Economics