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OBJECTIVE

I have over six years of research experience in applied microeconomics. My expertise lies in data analysis and statistical modeling for program evaluation and causal inference. My research studies topics on anti-poverty programs and labor supply, unemployment duration, and job search; food environment and childhood obesity; and ability tracking and academic performance. I am currently looking for an opportunity that allows me to apply my technical and economic expertise to solve real-world problems.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago, PhD, Economics; GPA 3.9/4.0 Exp. Jul 2017

Relevant coursework: Labor Economics I&II, Health Economics, Economics of Education, Economics of Public Expenditure, Micro-econometrics, Longitudinal Data Analysis, Economic Evaluations of Health Interventions

University of Arkansas, MS, Agricultural Economics; GPA 3.9/4.0 Jul 2012

Relevant coursework: Econometrics I, II and III, Data Analysis Using SAS

East China Normal University, BA, Economics Jul 2010

Relevant coursework: Database System and Information Security

FIELD OF CONCENTRATION

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Health Economics, Economics of Education, and Applied Micro-econometrics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Economics

Research Assistant to Prof. Darren Lubotsky on labor economics projects Fall 2013 - Spring 2016

- Cleaned and analyzed complex public microdata files including CPS (March, Monthly and MORG), ACS, PSID and SIPP using Stata
- Developed research ideas directed by labor economic theory along with intensive literature surveys
- Implemented multiple econometric methods and research designs including OLS, Probit/Logistic regressions, fixed effects, difference-in-differences and instrumental variables
- Prepared summary reports and brief presentations for weekly meetings

Research Assistant to Prof. Ben Ost on an economics of education project Fall 2013-Spring 2014

- Compiled, merged and examined over 100 million administrative student and teacher records using Stata in Unix environments

Research Assistant to Prof. Frank Chaloupka on a smoking policy project Summer 2013

- Updated, cleaned and merged state level data on smoking policy and tobacco products using SAS and Excel

University of Arkansas, Department of Agricultural Economics

Research Assistant to Prof. Michael Thomsen on childhood obesity projects Fall 2010 - Summer 2012

- Consolidated, cleaned and evaluated large industry data sets of business establishments using SAS and ArcGIS
- Created succinct research reports for weekly meetings on a panel of 7 members

- Collaborated with researchers from various backgrounds (Economics, Medical Science, Public Health, etc.)

RESEARCH PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

- “The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Welfare Reforms on Work Entry and Exit” –**Job Market Paper** Fall 2016
- “The Effect of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Welfare Reforms on Unemployment Duration and Re-employment Wages” Fall 2016
- “How do Higher Minimum Wages Affect the Earned Income Tax Credit and Labor Supply?” Fall 2016
- “Food Environment and Childhood Obesity” Summer 2012

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Southern Economic Association 2016 Conference (forthcoming) Fall 2016
- APPAM 2016 Fall Research Conference (forthcoming) Fall 2016
- Illinois Economics Association Annual Conference Fall 2016
- Department Seminar, Dept. of Economics, UIC Fall 2016
- UIC Economics Research Lunch Spring 2016
- UIC Graduate Student Research Seminar Fall 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Course Evaluations in Parentheses)

Instructor, Econometrics, UIC	Fall 2016
Instructor, Econometrics, UIC (4.5/5)	Summer 2016
Instructor, Statistics for Economics, UIC (4.67/5)	Summer 2015
Instructor, Statistics for Economics, UIC (4.67/5)	Summer 2014
Teaching Assistant, Principles of Economics for Business, UIC	Spring 2013
Teaching Assistant, Principles of Macroeconomics, UIC	Fall 2012

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Edgeworth Economic Consulting Firm	Summer 2016
2016 PhD Summer Program	

AWARDS

Finalist for Graduate Student Paper Competition, IEA 2016 Conference	Fall 2016
Department Travel Funding Award, UIC	Fall 2016
Department Award for Best Graduate Research in Applied Micro, UIC	Spring 2016
Travel Award for ESTIMATE Econometrics Workshop at MSU, UIC	Summer 2016
Outstanding Student Award for Masters Degree, University of Arkansas	Spring 2012
1st Class, Excellence in Academic Performance Scholarship, East China Normal University	Fall 2007

SKILLS

Languages

- Fluent in English
- Native in Chinese
- Advanced Chinese-English Interpreter Certificate

PC Software

- Expert in STATA
- Proficiency in SAS, SQL, ArcGIS, MS Office, Photoshop CS
- Experience in R, Python, Matlab

Others

- UIC In-House Certificate of Personal Training