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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Louisiana State University, E. J. Ourso College of Business
- Assistant Professor of Economics — 2023 -

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
- Research Economist — 2025 -
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Retirement and Disability Policy Research — 2022 - 2023

Harvard University, Harvard Medical School
- Visiting Research Fellow — 2022 - 2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity (HCEO), Markets Network, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago — 2021 -

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Minnesota — 2022
B.S., Economics *with Honors*, B.A., Mathematics, University of Washington — 2015

MAJOR FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION

Macroeconomics, Labor, Public, and Health

PUBLICATIONS

"Breadwinning, Social Security, and Retirement Patterns Among Couples" (with Siha Lee)
***American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings**, May 2025*

"An Empirical Study of the Well-being of Older Individuals in China, Japan, and Korea" (with Selahattin Imrohoroglu)
***The Japanese Economic Review**, Special Issue: Demographic Change and Wellbeing in Japan and Asian Economies*, 2024

"Why Are Older Men Working More? The Role of Social Security"
Journal of Public Economics, March 2024

"On the Coexistence of Cryptocurrency and Fiat Money"
Review of Economic Dynamics, July 2023

"Association of SNAP Retailers with Child Food Insecurity during the COVID-19 Pandemic" (with Qingxiao Li, Shuoli Zhao, and Metin Çakır)
The Journal of the American Medical Association** (JAMA) **Pediatrics, 2023

"Home Production and Leisure During the Covid-19 Recession" (with Oksana Leukhina)
***The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics**, Special Issue: The Macroeconomic Implications of the Covid-19 Pandemic*, 2022

"Association of Food Expenditure with Life Expectancy in the United States, 2001-2014" (with Qingxiao Li, Susanna C. Larsson, Shuai Yuan, and Qiqiang He)
Nutrition, November–December 2021

FEDERAL RESERVE PUBLICATIONS AND BLOG POSTS

"Home Production Activity during the COVID-19 Shutdown" (with Oksana Leukhina)
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis The Regional Economist, Third Quarter, 2020

"COVID-19 and the Great Recession: Market Hours and Home Production across American Households" (with Oksana Leukhina and Devin Werner)
St. Louis Fed On the Economy Blog, July 2020

CURRENT RESEARCH

"Flexible Retirement and Optimal Taxation" (with Abdoulaye Ndiaye), *Revise & Resubmit,* ***Quarterly Journal of Economics***

"Pension Reforms, Longevity, and Late-Life Employment: Evidence from Sixteen Countries" (with Selahattin Imrohoroglu), *Accepted*, ***The Journal of the Economics of Ageing***

"Welfare Programs and the Time Allocation, Savings, and Human Capital Development of Single Mother Families"

"Women at the Helm? Earnings Power and Retirement Decisions in Married Couples" (with Siha Lee)

"Insurance Through Marriage: Case of Parental Health Shocks and Social Security Claiming" (with Neha Bairoliya and Ray Miller)

"Optimal Pension Reforms during Demographic Transitions " (with Daniel Carroll, Sewon Hur, and Selahattin Imrohoroglu)

"Breaking Barriers: How Policies, Norms, and Preferences Shape Women's Labor Force Participation" (with Abdoulaye Ndiaye)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dal and Leslie Miller Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Business, LSU	2026
NBER Early Career Award on READ	2025
Provost's Fund for Innovation in Research - Faculty Travel Awards, LSU	2025
NBER Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Retirement and Disability Policy Research	2022 - 2023
MRDRC Funding Award, The HRS Summer Workshop, University of Michigan	2022
Best Ph.D. Paper Presentation Award, The 29th Colloquium on Pensions and Retirement Research, Australian Research Council CEPAR and UNSW	2021
Graduate Research Program Partnership Fellowship, University of Minnesota	2020
College of Liberal Art Summer Graduate Fellowship, University of Minnesota	2019
Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, University of Minnesota	2018
Dissertation Awards, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota	2018
Department Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota	2016 - 2017
Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Rochester	2015 - 2016
Honors Program, Department of Economics, University of Washington	2013 - 2015
Economics Undergraduate Board and Tutors of Merit, University of Washington	2013 - 2015
Annual Dean's List, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington	2012 - 2015
Certificate of Outstanding Academic Achievement in Honor, University of Washington	2011 - 2015

COURSES TAUGHT

Louisiana State University, Department of Economics

Advanced Macroeconomics II (PhD), Introduction to Advanced Macroeconomics (Master's), Aggregate Economic Analysis (Undergraduate)

University of Minnesota, Department of Economics

Instructor: Money and Banking, Industrial Organization, and Principles of Microeconomics
Writing Assistant: International Trade and Economic Development
Teaching Assistant: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Econometrics, Introduction to Econometrics, and Intermediate Microeconomics

University of Washington, Department of Economics

Grading/Teaching Assistant: Advanced Macroeconomics and Advanced Microeconomics
English Language Learner Center Economics Tutor for undergraduate level economics courses

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2027: (including scheduled) ASSA Annual Meeting.

2026: ([†]Presented by coauthor; including scheduled) ASSA Annual Meeting; NBER Aging Program Meeting; Richmond Macroeconomics Workshop; LAEF Demographics in the 21st Century, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland[†]; Annual Conference of the NBER Coordinating Center on the Economics of AD/ADRD; Society for Economics Dynamics[†]; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory[†]; Upjohn Institute; Southern Economic Association.

2025: ASSA Annual Meeting (coauthor); University of Houston; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference; Hitotsubashi University; NBER ADRD Coordinating Center Meeting; Structural Microeconomics Conference, Duke University.

2024: "Demographic Change and Wellbeing in Japan and Asian Economies" JER special issue conference (coauthor); NBER Aging Program Meeting (discussant); CSWEP CeMENT Workshop; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference.

2023: Florida State University; University of South Carolina; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (coauthor); Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance; Southern Economic Association.

2022: ASSA Annual Meeting; City University of Hong Kong; University of Queensland; Georgetown University Qatar; Mississippi State University; University of Missouri; Binghamton University, State University of New York; Louisiana State University; Efferson Lecture at Louisiana State University; NBER conference, The Labor Market for Older Workers; BSE Summer Forum (MLM Workshop, canceled due to travel restriction); North America Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory; NBER Aging and Health Seminar; Stanford University, SIEPR Working Longer and Retirement Conference; Midwest Macro Meeting; Southern Economic Association; Louisiana State University.

2021: ASSA Annual Meeting (poster); European Society for Population Economics; Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute Alumni Conference; Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference; China Meeting of the Econometric Society; Australian Meeting of the Econometric Society; Young Economist Symposium, Princeton Econ; Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; Economics Graduate Student Conference, Washington University

St. Louis; Colloquium on Pensions and Retirement Research, Australian Research Council CEPAR and UNSW; European Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society; Jinan University IESR.

2020: Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; Southern Economic Association; Macro Brownbag Seminar at the University of California Irvine.

2019: Summer Workshop on Money, Banking, Payments and Finance at the Bank of Canada; Midwest Economics Association Meeting.

DISCUSSIONS

"Flexible Retirement and Optimal Taxation," by Abdoulaye Ndiaye (New York University), NBER Aging Program Meeting, Spring 2024

INVITED ATTENDEE

NBER Summer Institute (SI) Aging, SI Economics of Social Security, SI Health Care, SI Micro Data and Macro Models, SI Inequality and Macroeconomics, SI Macro Public Finance; NBER Public Economic Program Meeting; NBER Aging Program Meeting; NBER Coordinating Center on the Economics of AD/ADRD Prevention, Treatment, and Care Annual Meeting; NBER Data for Long-Term Care Research; NBER Economics of Chronic Disease; Social Security Administration, Annual Meeting of Retirement and Disability Research Consortium

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee:

China Economic Review; European Economic Review; Games and Economic Behavior; Global Finance Journal; International Economic Review; International Studies of Economics; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control; Journal of Macroeconomics; Journal of Monetary Economics; Journal of Money, Credit and Banking; North American Journal of Economics and Finance; Review of Economic Dynamics

Mentoring Initiatives:

2024 - : Liaison for the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP)
2024: Mentee for the CSWEP CeMENT Workshop: Mentoring for Junior Faculty, Chicago Fed
2023: Mentor for the CSWEP Mentoring Workshop for 3rd and 4th Year Women/Non-Binary Economics PhD Students, Southern Economic Association
2022 - : Mentor and Mentee for the Women In Economics Initiative Mentoring Programme

Conference Session Chair:

Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute Alumni Conference, Jamboree Session, 2023

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Louisiana State University, Department of Economics

Member, Alumni Relations Committee	2025 -
Member, Research Committee	2023 -
Member, Recruiting Committee (Macroeconomics Position)	2023 - 2024

Louisiana State University

Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Tax Association 2025 -

Dean's Representative, Doctor Student's Examination Committee 2023 -

SUPERVISORSHIP

Doctoral Dissertation Committees, Department of Economics, LSU

Jingya Sun (2025, First Placement: James Madison University)

MEDIA COVERAGE

"A very Planet Money Thanksgiving" NPR Planet Money, November 2023.

"Training Fellowship" National Bureau of Economic Research, The Bulletin on Retirement and Disability, Issue: No. 1, March 2023.

"Postdoctoral Fellowships Awarded for 2022–23 Academic Year." National Bureau of Economic Research, The Reporter, Issue No.2, July 2022.

"Accounting for Household Production in the National Accounts, An Update 1965–2020." Survey of Current Business, Bureau of Economics Analysis, February 2022.

"Listen to latest research: Financing retirement in the 2020s and beyond." The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research, December 2021.

"Why Are Older Americans Working More?" Heller-Hurwicz Economic Institute, June 2021.

"The COVID-19 Economy: How the Pandemic Defined 2020." Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Annual Report 2020, published April 2021.

"Can Cryptocurrency Coexist with Fiat Money?" Heller-Hurwicz Economic Institute, Feb. 2021.

"COVID-19's Impact on U.S. Home Production." St. Louis Fed On the Economy Blog, Jan. 2021.

"The Household Shift from Paid Work to Home Production." St. Louis Fed On the Economy Blog, January 2021.

"Women In St. Louis Worry About Their Careers As They Step Back To Care For Their Families." St. Louis Public Radio. November 2020.

"How have lost market hours from the partial economic shutdown affected Americans?" Monthly Labor Review, Bureau of Labor Statistics, October 2020.

"COVID-19 Research and Information from HCEO Members." Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, April 2020.

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Chinese (Native)