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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, George Washington University, Expected August 2023.

Dissertation: *"Essays on Housing Regulations and Internal Migration in China"*

Main advisor: Prof. Bryan Stuart

M.S. Economics, George Washington University, May 2018.

M.S. Econometrics & Quantitative Economics, Tufts University, December 2015.

B.S. Business, Indiana University Bloomington, May 2014.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Urban and Development Economics

Secondary: Labor Economics, Public Economics, and Applied Microeconomics

Teaching interests: Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Urban and Regional Economics

RESEARCH

Job Market Paper

"The Effects of Transaction Taxes on the Housing Market in China: Evidence from Shanghai" (latest version here)

Abstract: Many governments have encouraged low-income housing; however, affordability concerns for the middle class are often overlooked. In 2005 the Chinese government began to promote the supply of economical middle-class houses with the introduction of higher transaction tax rates for housing units above 140 square meters (sqm). This paper uses novel data to assess the consequences of these transaction taxes on the housing market in Shanghai. I find that the combination of a 1.5% increase in the deed tax and a 5.5% increase in sales tax for housing units larger than 140 sqm increased the supply of units that were 100 - 140 sqm by 29.2% compared to units that were 140 - 180 sqm. I also find that the higher transaction taxes led to a decrease in the average price of housing units below 140 sqm, and I present evidence that suggests this price decrease resulted from shifts in the composition of units developed after the policy. Overall, my results show that transaction taxes in China had substantial consequences on the distribution of house sizes.

Working in Progress

"The Stringency of Hukou Qualification and Internal Migration Flows in China" (latest version here)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant (Graduate)

Probability and Statistics for Economics, George Washington University, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate)

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Tufts University, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

GRANTS & AWARDS

Graduate Assistantship & Tuition Fellowship, George Washington University, 2018-2021

Tuition Scholarship, Tufts University, 2014 - 2015

W Robert Porter Scholarship, Indiana University Bloomington, 2012

Bev Rice Scholarship, Indiana University Bloomington, 2011

F & D Spencer Scholarship, Indiana University Bloomington, 2010, 2013

PRESENTATIONS (including scheduled)

2022 (Scheduled): Development Tea, George Washington University

SKILLS

Programming: Stata, Python, MATLAB, GIS

Languages: English (proficient), Chinese (native)

Other: L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office

REFERENCES

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