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## EDUCATION

Ph. D.	Economics, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY	06/2009
M. A.	Economics, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY	02/2005
B. A.	Economics (with distinction), Peking University, Beijing, China	07/2002

## DISSERTATION

“The Health Care Safety Net and Health Insurance: A Theoretical and Empirical Investigation”  
Committee: Prof. Isaac Ehrlich (Chair), Prof. Yong Yin, Prof. Nagesh Revankar

## FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Health Economics, Applied Econometrics

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Research Assistant, New York State Center of Excellence in Human Capital, 07/2006 – present*

Advise New York State Comptroller on the state economic and tax receipt outlook; develop, implement and evaluate the state business cycle dating algorithm and econometric forecasting models of the state tax revenues; participate in report writing and presentations.

*Research Analyst, Med Data Analytics, Inc., 03/2008 – present*

Conduct evidence based health economic and outcomes research for leading pharmaceutical clients; extract and clean patient data, create analytical database, perform statistical analysis and econometric modeling on treatment outcomes and cost effectiveness.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Economics, State University of New York at Buffalo

*Instructor, Principles of Macroeconomics, Summer 2007*

*Teaching Assistant, Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2003 – Spring 2006*

*Teaching Assistant, Microeconomic Theory (graduate level), Fall 2002 – Spring 2003*

## PAPERS

“The Health Care Safety Net and Health Insurance: A Theoretical and Empirical Investigation”,  
*Job Market Paper*

“Health Care Utilization and Access to Care: Evidence from VA Patients” (with S. Rajagopalan),  
*Work in Progress*

“Target Premium and Bidder Discount Revisited: A New Perspective on Mergers”, 2006

“On the Nursing Shortage in the United States” (with K. Streater), 2005

“The Evolution of Transaction Costs: Evidence from U.S. Stock Markets” (with L. Lin), 2004

“A Spatial Equilibrium Analysis with Congestion and Income Heterogeneity”, 2004

“The Construction and Application of an Equilibrium RMB Exchange Rate Model”, 2002

“Regression Analysis and Regional Comparison of Agricultural Output in Rural China”, 2001

“Exploration of China’s Community Economy and Community Service” (with X. Zhou), 2001

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Included in *Who is Who among Students in American Colleges & Universities*, 2008  
Dissertation Fellowship, State University of New York at Buffalo, 2007  
Dean's Fellowship, State University of New York at Buffalo, 2002--2006  
Outstanding Graduate Award, Peking University, 2002  
Aetna Scholarship, Peking University, 2001  
Sumitomo Bank Scholarship, Peking University, 2000  
Annual Award for Excellence in Social Work, Peking University, 2000

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Computer: SAS (Certified Programmer), MATLAB, SQL, RATS, MS Excel, Access, PowerPoint.  
Language: Chinese (Native), English (Fluent).

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association  
American Society of Health Economists  
International Health Economics Association

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

*Vice President*, Chinese Student & Scholar Association, SUNY at Buffalo, 2003-2004  
*Study Abroad Program Coordinator*, EducAsian Company, Beijing, China, 2001-2002  
*Student Research Fellow*, Unirule Institute of Economic Research, Beijing, China, 2000-2001

## REFERENCES

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## THESIS ABSTRACT

*"The Health Care Safety Net and Health Insurance: A Theoretical and Empirical Investigation"*

The large and growing uninsured population poses an alarming threat to the U.S. health care system. This paper explores one of the less cited causes of the lack of health insurance: the health care safety net. We showed that not purchasing insurance can be a rational decision reflecting the various alternatives to the option, and the safety net policy, despite its good intention, inevitably creates an insurance alternative that crowds out private coverage in the market setting. We extended Ehrlich and Becker (1972) to incorporate the safety net alternative in the model of demand for health insurance. We showed that the existence of such free remedial resources produces a direct disincentive to the purchase of market insurance of health, a pattern we called the "safety net moral hazard". Our calibrated simulation indicates about 15.75% of the current uninsured population, or 1.2 million people in U.S., can attribute their lack of health insurance to the existing safety net system. Our empirical model verifies the crowding-out effect with significant and robust evidence. On average, the presence of local safety net resources can reduce the probability of individual insurance purchase by as much as 3.55%.