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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Administration and Policy, University of Georgia, August 2009

Fields: Public Budgeting and Finance, Public Administration, and Public Policy

Dissertation: “The Sales Tax Holiday in Georgia: Policymakers’ Motives and Expectations and the Actual Effects”

Committee: Thomas P. Lauth (co-chair), Jerome S. Legge (co-chair), Yilin Hou, Deborah A. Carroll

Master of Management, Public Administration, Fudan University, China, July 2002

Bachelor of Law, Public Administration, Soochow University, China, July 1999

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public finance and budgeting, intergovernmental fiscal relations and decentralization, local finance and governance

## EMPLOYMENT AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

**Assistant Professor**, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, August 2011-present

**Adjunct Research Fellow**, Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, August 2013-present

**Visiting Research Fellow**, Shanghai Center for Innovation and Governance, Fudan University, China, December 2016-present

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, Eastern Michigan University, August 2008-December 2011

**Graduate Student Instructor**, Department of Public Administration and Policy, University of Georgia, 2008-2009

**Graduate Student Instructor**, Center for Continuing Education, Fudan University, Fall 2000 and Fall 2001

**Research Assistant**, Department of Public Administration and Policy, University of Georgia, August 2002-May 2007

## HONORS AND AWARDS

**Long Service Award (5 years of dedicated service)**, National University of Singapore, 2017

**Best Paper Prize**, Sino-US Pre-Conference Workshop on Public Administration and Policy for junior scholars, School of Public Administration, Renmin University of China, 14-16 June 2016, for “Adoption of the Market Mechanism and Its Impact on Illegal Land Uses in China” (co-authored with Hongping Lian and Kilkon Ko), 2016

**Academic Service-Learning Fellowship**, Eastern Michigan University, 2009

**Provost’s Research Award for New Faculty**, Eastern Michigan University, 2008

**“Most Valuable Professor,”** Eastern Michigan University Athletic Program, 2008

**Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship Award**, University of Georgia Graduate School, 2006-2007

**Golembiewski Family and Friends Endowment for Research Assistantships Award**, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia, 2002-2003

**Guanghua Scholarship**, Fudan University, China, 2001

**Graduate Student Scholarship (Second Class)**, Fudan University, China, 2000

**Excellent Student Leader**, Fudan University, China, 2000

**Second Prize for the Graduate Student Term Paper Competition**, Fudan University, China, 1999  
**Excellent University Graduate**, Soochow University, China, 1999  
**Comprehensive Achievements Scholarship (the highest honor scholarship)**, Soochow University, China, 1998, 1999  
**Excellent Performance Prize for the National Youth Composition Competition**, China, 1998  
**Social Work Scholarship (Second Class)**, Soochow University, China, 1997  
**Academic Excellence Scholarship (First Class)**, Soochow University, China, 1996  
**Second Prize for the Mandarin Contest**, Soochow University, China, 1995

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Yee, Wai-Hang, and Hui Li, “The Mediating Role of Governance in Decentralization: The Case of Indonesia” (under review at a refereed journal).
- Lian, Hongping, Hui Li, and Kilkon Ko, “Adoption of the Market Mechanism and Its Impact on Illegal Land Uses in China” (under review at a refereed journal).
- Yu, Minghui and Hui Li, “Can Chinese Style Fiscal Decentralization Reduce Corruption?” (under review at a refereed journal).
- Li, Hui, “Intra-Provincial Fiscal Disparity and Provincial Fiscal Transfer System in China: Evidence and Policy Insights from Two Provinces” (under review at a refereed journal).
- Li, Hui, “The Equalization Effects of Sub-Provincial Transfers on County-Level Fiscal Disparities in China: A Case Study of Henan Province,” *Public Finance and Management* (revise and resubmit).
- Li, Hui, and Lance L. P. Gore, “Merit-Based Patronage: Career Incentives of Local Leading Cadres in China,” *Journal of Contemporary China* (forthcoming).
- Li, Hui, “An Empirical Analysis of the Effects of Land-Transfer Revenues on Local Governments' Spending Preferences,” *China: An International Journal*, Vol 14, No 3 (August 2016).
- Seifert, Jan, and Hui Li, “Indonesia’s Fiscal Decentralization and Its Effect on Provincial Public Finances,” *Public Finance and Management*, Vol 15, No 2 (2015).
- Li, Hui, “An Empirical Analysis of the Equalization Effects of Fiscal Transfers on County-Level Fiscal Disparities in H Province,” *Wuhan University Journal (Philosophy & Social Sciences)*, 67, no 2(2014), China (in Chinese).
- Li, Hui, “The Effectiveness of Government Finance During the Development Campaign of the Western Regions,” *Party and Government Forum*, 2002(1): 26-28, China (in Chinese).
- Li, Hui, “Linking Community Administration with the People’s Representatives Congress System: An Attempt to Improve the Grass-Roots Democratic System,” *China Civil Affairs Forum*, 2001(3): 6-8, China (in Chinese).
- Li, Hui, “A Reexamination of the Attempt to Improve the Grass-Roots Democratic System,” *Jiangxi Social Science*, 2001 (Supplement), China (in Chinese).
- Li, Hui, “A New Approach to the Improvement of Community Administration,” *Party and Government Forum*, 2001(7): 30-32, China (in Chinese).
- Li, Hui, Sijian Xiao, and Ye Liu, “Studies and Practice on the Innovative Development of Student Organizations of Fudan University,” *Fudan Education*, 2000(April), China (in Chinese).
- Li, Hui, “Organizational Development of the Youth League: A New Stage of the Youth League’s Development” (with Sijian Xiao), *Fudan Education*, 2000(March), China (in Chinese).
- Li, Hui, “Government Reform, Function Transformation and Administrative Legality,” *Soochow University Newspaper*, 1998(April), China (in Chinese).

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

- Li, Hui, and Wai-Hang Yee, “Decentralization, Governing Institutions and Economic Development in Indonesia”, in Tan Khee Giap, Nurina Merdikawati, Mulya Amri, Tan Kong Yam, *2015 Annual Provincial and Regional Competitiveness Analysis in Indonesia: Optimising Layers of Government and Agricultural Productivity*, World Scientific, Singapore, 2016.
- Yu, Minghui, and Hui Li, “Can Chinese Style Fiscal Decentralization Reduce Corruption?” (in Chinese), in Lin, Zhimin

and Jianwei Wang (eds.) *The Modernization of Public Administration: Legacy and Development*, Sun Yat-Sen University Press, 2016.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “China’s Local Public Finance at the County-Level over 1993-2006: Patterns and Causes” (with Yiping Wu), 2017 Korean Association for Public Administration (KAPA) International Conference, Jeonju, Jeollabuk-do, South Korea, June 22-24, 2017.
- “Intra-Provincial Fiscal Disparity and Provincial Fiscal Transfer System in China: Evidence and Policy Insights from Two Provinces,” International Forum on Public Finance and Governance, Southwest University of Finance and Economics, Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China, June 18-19, 2016.
- “Adoption of the Market Mechanism and Its Impact on Illegal Land Uses in China” (with Hongping Lian & Kilkon Ko), Public Administration and Policy Young Scholars Forum, School of Public Administration and Policy, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, June 14, 2016.
- “The Role of Governance in Decentralization: The Case of Indonesia” (with Wai-Hang Yee), HKU-USC-IPPA Conference on Public Policy (CPPHK), Hong Kong, June 10-11, 2016.
- “Intra-Provincial Fiscal Disparity and Provincial Fiscal Transfer System in China: Evidence and Policy Insights from Two Provinces,” Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) 2016 Annual Conference, Burapha University, Chonburi Province, Thailand, February 19 – 20, 2016.
- “An Empirical Analysis of the Effects of Land-Transfer Revenues on Local Governments’ Spending Preferences in China,” National Workshop on Public Financial Management and Policy, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 4-6 December 2015.
- “An Empirical Analysis of The Equalization Effects of Fiscal Transfers on County-Level Fiscal Disparities in H Province,” the 5th Global Conference of the Forum for Economists International, Regardz Zilveren Toren, Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 29-Jun 1, 2015.
- “Career Incentives of Local Leading Cadres: Is China a Meritocracy?” (with Lance L. P. Gore), the 11th Cross-Strait Academic Conference on Public Administration Modernization of Public Governance: Sustainability and Development, University of Macau, Macau, May 15-16, 2015.
- “Does Fiscal Decentralization Reduce Corruption?” (with Minghui Yu), the 11th Cross-Strait Academic Conference on Public Administration Modernization of Public Governance: Sustainability and Development, University of Macau, Macau, May 15-16, 2015.
- “Decentralization, Governing institutions and Economic Development in Indonesia” (with Yee Hai-Hang), American Society for Public Administration 2015 Conference, Chicago, United States, Mar 6-10, 2015.
- “Career Incentives of Local Leading Cadres: Is China a Meritocracy?” (with Lance L. P. Gore), Workshop on China’s Social Policy and Governance under Xi Jinping, jointly organized by NUS East Asian Institute and Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology (SCUT), 18 November, 2014.
- “An Empirical Analysis of the Effects of Land-Transferring Revenues On Local Governments’ Spending Preferences,” the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 2-4, 2014.
- “Decentralization and Investment Decisions: Empirical Results from Indonesian Provinces,” 2014 Asian Group for Public Administration (AGPA) Annual Conference, Jakarta, Indonesia, August 27-29, 2014.
- “Performance Evaluation and Local Cadre Promotion: Results from a Local Cadre Work Incentive Survey”, International Workshop on China’s Governance after the Crisis: Problems, Challenges and Solutions, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, June 7-8, 2014.
- “An Empirical Analysis of the Effects of Land-Transferring Revenues on Local Governments’ Spending Preferences,” International Workshop on Local Government Entrepreneurship in China: Dynamics, Achievement and Risks, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, October 24-26, 2013.
- “An Empirical Analysis of the Equalization Effects of Fiscal Transfers on County-Level Fiscal Disparities in Henan Province,” presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM),

Washington D.C., October 3-5, 2013.

- “County-Level Fiscal Disparities and Equalization Effects of Intergovernmental Transfers in China: A Case Study of Henan Province,” presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), New York City, October 11-13, 2012.
- “An Empirical Analysis of the Revenue and Expenditure Effects of the Municipal Income Tax in American Large Cities” (with Rui Sun), presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), Washington D.C., October 13-15, 2011.
- “Municipal Income Tax: Its Impact on Municipal Tax Structure” (with Rui Sun), presented at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association (WSSA), Salt Lake City, Utah, April 13 - April 16, 2011.
- “Michigan City Income Tax: Its Impact on Municipal Tax Structure,” presented at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association (WSSA), Reno, Nevada, April 14 -17, 2010.
- “Michigan City Income Tax: Property Tax Relief or Additional Revenue Source?” presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), Washington D.C., September 24-26, 2009.
- “The Fiscal Effects of the Georgia Sales Tax Holiday: An Empirical Analysis,” presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), Chicago, Illinois, October 22-25, 2008.
- “Sales Tax Holiday in Georgia: A Policy Gimmick or Tax Relief?” presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), Washington D.C., March 25-27, 2007.
- “Georgia Sales Tax Holiday: Are Taxpayers Receiving the Full Tax Savings?” presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), Atlanta, Georgia, October 19-21, 2006.
- “Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) in Georgia Counties: Its Instability and Fiscal Impact on Capital Spending,” presented at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association (WSSA), Phoenix, Arizona, April 19-22, 2006.
- “The Impact of Performance Budgeting on State Government Performance: An Empirical Analysis” (with Gene A. Brewer), presented at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Washington, DC, November 3-5, 2005.
- “Implementation of Performance Budgeting in the States: The Impact of Management and Organizational Capacity” (with Gene A. Brewer), presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington, DC, September 1-4, 2005.
- “Implementation of Performance Budgeting in the States: Status and Factors,” presented at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association (WSSA), Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 13 - 16, 2005.

## **RESEARCH REPORTS**

- “The State of Democratic Parties’ Check on the Communist Party of China (CPC),” 2000, United Front Work Department of CPC Shanghai Committee.
- “Democratic Development in Communities: Experience and Lessons from Three Cities (Beijing, Tianjin, and Shanghai),” 2000, School of International and Public Affairs, Fudan University.

## **APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- Worked as a team member on the research project on China’s neo-socio-political order during the period of transition, School of International and Public Affairs, Fudan University, August 2001-June 2002.
- Assisted the Wuliqiao Subdistrict Office, Pudong New District Government of Shanghai, in developing and conducting a survey on the election results of neighborhood committees, May 2001.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- “China’s Local Public Finance at the County-Level over 1993-2006: Patterns and Causes”
- “Loopholes for Corruption in a Meritocracy: How to Improve China’s Cadre Promotion System”

- “China’s Anti-Corruption Campaign and Its Impact on Economic Growth”

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS/TALKS**

- “Career Incentives of Local Leading Cadres: Is China a Meritocracy?” academic talk at School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, 4 December, 2016.
- “Fiscal Decentralization, Local Fiscal Autonomy and Disparity in China,” academic talk at School of Political Science and Public Administration, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, June 12, 2014.
- Future Citizen Engagement for Government Forum Asia, Singapore, November 2012
- Orientation of Constitutional Amendment in Financial-Budgetary Sector, Vietnam, March 2012

### **OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

Invited participation in the 35<sup>th</sup> ISC (International Students’ Committee)-Symposium “Liberty, Trust, and Responsibility” in St. Gallen, Switzerland, May 19-21, 2005, for the essay selected “Liberty, Responsibility and Role of Government”

### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

**NUS Staff Research Support Scheme**, 2017-2019, SGD \$14,990

**NUS Thematic Collaboration Scheme**, PI, co-PIs: Eduardo Araral, and Vu Minh Khuong, 2016-2017, SGD \$49,680

**NUS Staff Research Support Scheme**, 2012-2014, SGD \$15,000

**MOE Faculty Start-up Grant**, 2012-2015, SGD \$180,000

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Courses Taught**

- NUS: Public Finance and Budgeting (postgraduate), Public Financial Management (postgraduate)
- EMU: Politics of Government Budgeting (undergraduate), Public Administration (undergraduate), American Government (undergraduate), State and Local Government (undergraduate), Public Budget Administration (postgraduate), Public Administration (postgraduate)
- UGA: Public Administration & Democracy (undergraduate), Government Budgeting & Finance (undergraduate)
- Fudan University: Political Science (undergraduate), Municipal Administration (undergraduate)

#### **Executive Education/Consultation Work (Selection)**

- Financial Management, Accountability and Performance Module, LKY School of Public Policy - Nazarbayev University of Kazakhstan in Astana, 2015, 2016
- Session on Fiscal Management: Local and State Budget Process, Its Complications and Implementation, UNESCAP - DPRK Training Program, 2014
- Executive Program on Public Finance, LKY School of Public Policy - Asian Development Bank (ADB), 2013
- Session on Revenue Management: Improving Tax Collection in Developing Countries, for Mid-Career Training Program for Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Central Excise), LKY School of Public Policy, 2013
- Session on Public Sector Budgeting for the eGovernance Practice and Innovation Course, Singapore E-Government Leadership Centre, Institute of Systems Science, 2013
- Sessions on Principles in Designing Fiscal Transfer Systems, and Principles of Intergovernmental Fiscal Decentralization - International Experiences, Committee for Financial, Budgetary Affairs of the National Assembly of Vietnam, 2012
- Training Program for government officials of Afghanistan, LKY School of Public Policy, 2012
- Training Program for Ningbo Social Work specialists, LKY School of Public Policy - Ningbo Human Resource Office, 2012

#### **Student Supervision and Advising**

PhD Theses and QE

- Thesis advisory committee member for NUS Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy PhD candidate Janet S. Cuenca, “The State of Health Service Delivery under a Decentralized Framework in the Philippines”
- Thesis advisory committee member for NTU School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) PhD candidate Ariful Haque, “Three Essays on Public Management Capacity Building in Bangladesh”
- PhD QE2 (Public Finance) examiner for NUS Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy PhD student Janet S. Cuenca Attachment Paper (Master in Public Management)
- Zhang Yujie, “How to Sustain and Improve Employability of Employees in Private Sector” Policy Analysis Exercise (Master in Public Policy)
- Bee Shin, Timothy Jack Coleman, Kwan Jin Yao, Goh Wei Leong, Sarthak Luthra, “Youth Employment Opportunities in Hong Kong” (2017)
- Kyaw Naing Tun, Ugyen Dorji, Aung Mrat Lurn, Le Thi Thanh Loan, Tang Yi, “The Mobility of Skilled Labour in ASEAN - The Study on Challenges and Gaps in the Engineering Services and The Way Forward” (2017)
- Nahid Tahrira Rashid, Melania Lotti, Timothy Shing Yan Yu, “The Global Application Of Whole-Of-Government Approaches To E-Government Systems” (2017)
- Kittisak Kaweejmanee, Law Choi Wu, Li Ji, “The Multiplier Effects of Foreign Domestic Workers Employment Programmes – Aidha as a Case Study” (second reader) (2016)
- Vicky Qin Mengqi and Ye Miao, “An Impact Evaluation of COCOFINANCE Programs In the Philippines” (2015)
- Achshah Ang Xiaohui, Lilia Saetova and Han Dong, “Determinants Of Project Outcomes in World Bank Investments” (second reader) (2015)
- Chia Shuhui and Anna Mini Jos, “The Evolution of SME Financing Policies in Singapore and China” (2014)
- Ravi Narain, “Transforming Local Government Management and Finances for Improved Service Delivery in Bangalore” (2013)
- Amos Garcia, Krish Raghav, Siti Aigah Jemy, “Building Sectoral Intelligence for Impact Investments in Singapore” (2013)
- Liu Tao and Saqib Ali Khan, “Evaluation on Paperless Trade Strategy of China Customs” (second reader) (2013)
- Benat Onatibia Camara, “Sovereign Wealth Funds in Central West Asia: Potential for Infrastructure Finance” (second reader) (2013)
- Lo Siulung, “Policy Options for Wind Power Development in Xinjiang, P.R. China” (second reader) (2012)
- Tan Kay Kiang, “Assessing Economic and Social Impacts of Reforming Fuel Subsidies in Malaysia” (second reader) (2012)

#### Independent Study Module

- Rully Prassetya, “Policy for Enhancing Fiscal Sustainability: The Case of Indonesia” (2012)

## **SERVICES**

### **Services to Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore**

Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE) faculty supervisor, 2016-present  
 Chair, Best Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE) Award Judging Panel, 2016  
 Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE) co-coordinator, 2015-2016  
 Member, Teaching Excellence Committee, 2011-present  
 Member, MPAM Program Committee, 2011-present  
 Interviewer and Assessor, Admissions Exercise for MPP, MPA and MPM programs, 2014-present  
 Member, MPA Program Committee, 2011-2013  
 Member, MPA Curriculum Reform Committee (ad hoc), 2012-2013  
 Member, MPA capstone committee, 2011-2012  
 MPA student advisor, 2011-2012

### **Services to Eastern Michigan University**

Interim Internship Director, Department of Political Science, 2011

Member, College Grade Grievance Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2010-2011  
(Alternate) Member, College Committee on Research & Sabbatical Leaves (CCRSL), College of Arts and Sciences, 2010-2011  
Member, Bargaining Council, AAUP, 2009-2010  
Member, Library Advisory Council, 2009-2011  
Member, College Advisory Council, College of Arts and Sciences, 2009-2011  
Member, MPA Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-2011  
Public Administration Club Faculty Advisor, Department of Political Science, 2008-2011

### **Other University/Community Involvement**

Volunteer Teacher of Chinese Language Program, The University of Georgia, 2005-2006  
Secretary-General, Chinese Student Union, The University of Georgia, 2004-2005  
Vice President, Youth League Training School, Fudan University, 2001-2002  
Public Relations Intern, Department of Public Relations, Municipal Informatization Commission, Shanghai, China, January 2002-March 2002  
Administrative Assistant Intern, Personnel Department, Wu County Government, Jiangsu Province, China, February 1999-May 1999  
Director of the Academic Division, Student Union, School of Political Science & Public Administration, Soochow University, 1995-1999  
Assistant to Director Intern, Shuangta Subdistrict Office, Canglang District, Suzhou City, Jiangshu Province, China, February 1998-June 1998

### **Services to International Academic Community**

Reviewer, *Public Administration Review*  
Reviewer, *International Journal of Public Administration*

### **MEDIA EXPOSURE**

*Lianhe Zaobao* – Singapore Budget 2014  
Singapore Channel 8 programme FOCUS – Detroit filing for bankruptcy in July 2013

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)  
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM)  
China-America Association for Public Affairs (CAAPA)  
Asian Group for Public Administration (AGPA)