ZIYI WANG

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University — Expected May 2028
Advisor: Kaushik Basu; *PhD courses*: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Economics and Politics, Law and Economics, Health Economics, Causal Inference

J.D., Law, Cornell Law School — Expected May 2027

B.S.F.S., International Political Economy, Georgetown University — Dec 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, The UN75 Global Governance Forum — Feb 2021 – Present
Research Assistant, Center for Security and Emerging Technology — Feb 2019 – May 2020
Research Assistant, Georgetown Community Research Group — Jan 2019 – May 2020

CONFERENCES

2025 WINIR YS Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Institutions, Prague — Sep 2025
Tax Policy Conference, Center for Tax Law, University of Cambridge — Jul 2025
University of St. Thomas The Journal of Law and Public Policy Spring Symposium — Apr 2025
17th Cornell Law School Graduate Conference, Cornell Law School — Mar 2025
Third Race and International Relations Workshop, University of Notre Dame — Mar 2025
Digital Economics and AI Meeting, SIEPR, Stanford University — Feb 2025

TEACHIING EXPERIENCE

INFO 1200 Information Ethics, Law, and Policy (Fall 2025)
NBA 6392 Data-Driven Decision Making (Spring 2025, Spring 2026)
AEM 1200 Introduction to Business Management (Fall 2024, Fall 2025)
ECON 4010 Economics of Organizations (Fall 2024)
LAW 7194 Empirical Studies of the Legal System (Spring 2024, Fall 2025)
ECON 3030 Intermediate Microeconomics (Spring 2024)
ECON 1110 Introductory Microeconomics (Fall 2023)
CHIN 011 (Fall 2019, Fall 2020), CHIN 012 (Spring 2019), CHIN 112 Advanced Chinese (Spring 2020)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Fund Manager, Big Red Venture, Cornell University — 2026 – 2027
Legal Research Evaluations Working Group, The Unjournal — 2025
Summer Associate, Gaopeng & Partners — 2025
Consultant, Humans-to-humans Accelerator — 2025
President, Cornell Antitrust Club — 2025
Research Analyst, Computer Industry Group, Founder Securities Co., LTD — 2019

HONORS & AWARDS

Frederic Bastiat Fellowship, Mercatus Center — 2025 – 2026
Cornell Doctoral Student Advocacy, Cornell University — 2025
Sage Fellowship, Cornell University — 2022 – 2024
Dean's Lists and Honors Thesis, Georgetown University — 2018 – 2021
Third Prize in APEC Voices of the Future Grand Final — 2019

LANGUAGES

Chinese (Native), English (Native), French (Fluent), Korean (Intermediate)

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As a joint Economics Ph.D. and J.D. student at Cornell University, I am interested in studying how legal and institutional structures shape health outcomes, healthcare markets, and aging related inequalities in the United States. My broader research agenda lies at the intersection of health economics, law and economics, and technological change, with a particular focus on how regulation, administrative systems, and emerging technologies influence access to care and public welfare. Through the mentoring workshop, I hope to deepen my understanding of aging and health economics while developing a clearer pathway for integrating rigorous empirical research with institutional and policy analysis.

My economics training has provided me with strong foundations in econometrics, causal inference, and health economics, while my legal education trained me to understand the regulatory framework and formal institutions that affect incentives and distributional outcomes. Increasingly, I have become interested in questions surrounding healthcare administration and the governance of healthcare markets. I am particularly drawn to research topics involving administrative burdens, fraud detection and enforcement, and the interaction between public policy and technological systems in healthcare delivery. I have studied how pharmaceutical firms strategically use regulatory frameworks to preserve market power and delay competition, including orange book manipulation and REMS abuse. I am also interested in how AI are transforming insurance decision making, detecting fraud, and raising new and different questions about fairness, accountability, and access to healthcare benefits under Medicare, Medicaid, and ERISA.

I am especially excited about this mentoring program because I currently have limited direct mentorship in aging and health economics despite my growing interest in the field. I have taken our PhD level course on health economics and law school classes on health law, IP, and health technologies. I would greatly benefit from more guidance on identifying feasible and policy relevant research questions, navigating major datasets in health economics and aging research, and understanding the frontier empirical methods used in the field.

In particular, I would value mentorship on how to translate broad interdisciplinary interests into a coherent dissertation and long-term research agenda. I hope this workshop will help me better understand where my interdisciplinary background can contribute most meaningfully to the economics of aging and health, while also allowing me to connect with scholars and peers working on related questions. I hope to pursue a career combining academic research and policy engagement on issues involving healthcare systems and institutional governance. I believe the NBER mentoring program would provide an invaluable opportunity to refine my research direction and develop relationships with mentors and collaborators in the field.