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EDUCATION:

- 2022** **University at Albany, State University of New York**
Ph.D. in Economics
- 2009** **Economics, Peking University**
M.A. in Economics
- 2007** **Economics, Peking University**
B.A. in Economics

EMPLOYMENT:

- 2022-present** **Center for Retirement Research at Boston College**
Research Economist
- 2018-2022** **University at Albany, State University of New York**
Economic Researcher at the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy
- 2014-2018** **Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government**
Research Analyst
- 2009-2010** **Center for Human and Economic Development Studies, Peking University**
Assistant Researcher

PUBLICATIONS:

Referred Journal Articles

“Seasonality in U.S. Disability Applications, Labor Market, and the Pandemic Echoes,” with Kajal Lahiri. 2024. *Labour Economics* 87: 102510

“A Simulation of Risk-Sharing Policies in U.S. Public Pension Plan,” with Gang Chen and Donald Boyd. 2022. *Municipal Finance Journal* 43(1): 67-91.

“The Interplay between Retirement Plan Funding Policies, Contribution Volatility, and Funding Risk,” with Don Boyd. 2016. *Proceedings, Annual Conference on Taxation and Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the National Tax Association* 109: 1-49.

Other Publications

“How Has the Variance of Longevity Changed Over Time?” with Gal Wettstein. 2025. Working Paper 2024-18. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Has the Variance of Longevity Changed Over Time?” with Gal Wettstein, 2025. *Issue in Brief* 25-1. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Do Public Pension Plan Returns Compare to Simple Index Investing?” with Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2024. *Issue in Brief* 24-13. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“The National Retirement Risk Index: An Update from the 2022 SCF,” with Anqi Chen and Alicia H. Munnell. 2024. *Issue in Brief* 24-5. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Why Did IBM Reopen Its Defined Benefit Plan? Will Others Follow?” with Alicia H. Munnell and Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2024. *Issue in Brief* 24-4. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What Is the Insurance Value of Social Security by Race and Education?” with Gal Wettstein and Karolos Arapakis. 2024. *Issue in Brief* 24-3. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“The National Retirement Risk Index with Varying Claiming Ages,” with Anqi Chen and Alicia H. Munnell. 2023. *Issue in Brief* 23-23. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What Is the Insurance Value of Social Security by Race and Socioeconomic Status?” with Karolos Arapakis and Gal Wettstein. 2023. Working Paper 2023-14. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Public Pension Funded Levels Improve Amidst Rising Interest Rates,” with Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2023. *Issue in Brief* 23-15. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Well Do People Perceive Their Retirement Preparedness?” with Anqi Chen and Alicia H. Munnell. 2023. *Issue in Brief* 23-12. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“The National Retirement Risk Index: Version 2.0,” with Anqi Chen and Alicia H. Munnell. 2023. *Issue in Brief* 23-10. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Inter-State Variation in Disability Applications during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” with Pinka Chatterji, Yiran Han, Kajal Lahiri, and Jinman Pang. 2022. Working Paper NB22-02. Cambridge, MA: NBER Retirement and Disability Research Center.

“Understanding the Impact of the Low Interest Rate Environment on Retirement Security in the United States: A Review of Academic and Practitioner Research,” with Donald Boyd and Hao Sun. 2021. Aging and Retirement Research Report. Chicago, IL: Society of Actuaries.

“Public Pension Risk-Sharing Policies: A Policymaker’s Guidebook,” with Donald Boyd and Gang Chen. 2021. Albany, NY: Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany.

“The New York City Teachers’ Retirement System, Fiscal Issues and Risks,” with Donald Boyd and Gang Chen. 2020. New York, NY: Marron Institute of Urban Management, New York University.

“Public Pension Risk-Sharing Mechanisms and Their Potential Impact,” with Donald Boyd and Gang Chen. 2019. Working Paper 53. Washington, DC: Hutchins Center, Brookings Institution.

“Analyzing the Interplay Between Public Pension Finances and Government Finances: Lessons from Linking an Economic Model to a Pension Fund Model,” with Donald Boyd. 2019. Public Administration and Policy Faculty Scholarship.

“Investment Return Volatility and the Pennsylvania Public School Employees’ Retirement System,” with Donald J. Boyd. 2017. Albany, NY: Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

“Investment Return Volatility and the Michigan State Employees Retirement System,” with Donald J. Boyd. 2017. Albany, NY: Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

“Investment Return Volatility and the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension Plan,” with Donald J. Boyd. 2017. Albany, NY: Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

“Appropriateness of Risk-Taking by Public Pension Plans,” with Donald J. Boyd. 2017. Albany, NY: Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. Reprinted in *In the Public Interest*. 2018. Chicago, IL: Society of Actuaries.

“How Public Pension Plan Investment Risk Affects Funding and Contribution Risk,” with Donald J. Boyd. 2017. Report. Albany, NY: Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

“How Public Pension Plan Demographic Characteristics Affect Funding and Contribution Risk,” with Donald J. Boyd. 2016. Report. Albany, NY: Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

“Investment Return Volatility and the University of California Retirement Plan,” with Donald J. Boyd. 2016. Albany, NY: Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

“Public Pension Funding Practices: How These Practices Can Lead to Significant Underfunding or Significant Contribution Increases When Plans Invest in Risky Assets,” with Donald J. Boyd. 2016. Report. Albany, NY: Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

“The Interplay Between Retirement Plan Funding Policies, Contribution Volatility, and Funding Risk,” with Don Boyd. 2016. Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Session 7.08.

“Human Development in East and Southeast Asian Economies: 1990-2010,” with Minquan Liu. 2010. Human Development Research Paper 2010/17. New York, NY: United Nations Development Programme.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:

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| 2021 | Association for Budgeting & Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference, Washington DC |
| 2020 | Brookings Municipal Finance Conference, Washington DC |
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| 2019 | Brookings Municipal Finance Conference, Washington DC |
| 2019 | R/Finance Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago |
| 2019 | Public Finance Conference: “Ready or Not? Post-Fiscal Crisis/Next Fiscal Crisis”, The Government Finance Research Center, University of Illinois at Chicago |
| 2019 | Practical Issues in Public Pension Design, Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute, University of Minnesota |
| 2018 | Brookings Municipal Finance Conference, Washington DC |
| 2017 | Brookings Municipal Finance Conference, Washington DC |
| 2017 | Annual Meeting of the National Tax Association, Baltimore, MD |
| 2016 | The Pew Charitable Trusts & The Urban Institute, Washington, DC |
| 2016 | Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting, Denver, CO |

GRANTS:

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| 2024 | Measuring and Mitigating Retirement Risk Funded by Jackson National |
| 2021-2022 | Explaining Inter-state Differences in Disability Applications during the COVID-19 Pandemic Funded by Social Security Administration |
| 2020-2021 | Public Pension Plan Risk-Sharing Analysis Funded by Pew Charitable Trusts |
| 2020-2022 | California Public Pension Plan Policy Analysis Funded by Carla and David Crane Foundation |

- 2019-2020 Public Pension Risk-Sharing: A Policy Guidebook
Funded by Arnold Venters
- 2019 Creating state microdata tax file compatible with TaxData
Funded by American Enterprise Institute
- 2018-2020 Analyzing risks and issues relating to the New York City Teachers' Retirement System
Funded by The Equable Institute
- 2018-2019 Understanding the Impact of the Low Interest Rate Environment on the Retirement System in the United States
Funded by Society of Actuaries
- 2017-2018 Public Pension Funding Risk and its Interplay with Fiscal Conditions of Sponsoring Governments
Funded by Pew Charitable Trusts
- 2014-2017 Modeling and Disclosing Public Pension Fund Risk, and Consequences for Pension Funding Security
Funded by Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2017 Best Public Finance Paper
The 6th Annual Municipal Finance Conference, Brookings Institute
- 2014 Helen Horowitz Award for Outstanding Teaching
University at Albany, 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2012-2014 Public Finance lecturer, University at Albany
- 2012 Intermediate Microeconomics lecturer, University at Albany

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Referee: *International Journal of Forecasting*
- Media: *Reuters, Pensions & Investments, Washington Post, MarketWatch, Investor's Business Daily*