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CURRENT POSITION

Dr. Lester B. Lave Professor of Economics, Reed College.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Stanford University, 1992.

Certificate in Chinese Studies, Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies, 1988.

B.A., *cum laude*, Economics, Carleton College, 1983.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013-present Dr. Lester B. Lave Professor of Economics**, Reed College. Courses include: Economics of Development; Economics of Population, Gender, and Race; Jobs, Technology and Trade; China's Economy in Transition; Revolution and Reform in Chinese Agriculture; Introductory Economics; Survey of Econometric Methods; Theory and Practice of Econometrics; Microeconomic Theory; Intermediate Macroeconomics, Economics of Collectives, and Economics of the Family.
- 2021 SIT Investment Visiting Professor of Asian Policy**, Carleton College Economics Department.
- 2002-2015 Instructor and Research Mentor**, Beijing University. Research training program for young women economists in China sponsored by the Ford Foundation.
- 2009-2013 Professor of Economics**, Reed College.
- 1999-2008 Associate Professor of Economics**, Reed College.
- 2000-2001 Field research**, hosted by Vietnam National University. Conducted interviews in Hanoi and in five rural communes throughout Vietnam.
- 1992-1998 Assistant Professor of Economics**, Reed College.
- 1995-1997 Postdoctoral Fellow**, Economics Department, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University.
- 1996 Consultant** to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Assisted with preparation of background report and terms of reference for subsequent main mission on township and village enterprise development in China.
- 1996 Consultant** for Swedish International Development Agency-funded project on Social Policy to Assist Vulnerable Groups in Vietnam. Contracted by ADUKI Pty. Ltd., Canberra. Assisted with survey project design and implementation.
- 1995 Field research**, hosted by the Development Research Center of the State Council to conduct a rural household survey in Henan Province, China.

- 1994** **Consultant** to the Asian Development Bank. Prepared report "An Assessment of China's Township and Village Enterprise Sector".
- 1990** **Field research**, South China Agricultural University, Guangzhou, China. Conducted two surveys in rural Guangdong province.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Decomposing Growth in the Gender Wage Gap in Urban China: 1989-2011, *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change*, vol. 27, issue 4, pp. 915-941, October 2019.
- Examining the Timing of Women's Retirement in Urban China: A Discrete Time Hazard Rate Approach, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, vol. 36, no. 3, pp. 451-466, July 2018.
- What Accounts for the Decline in Labor Force Participation among Married Women in Urban China, 1991-2011? *China Economic Review*, vol. 38, pp. 251-266, April 2016.
- Grain Promotion and Food Consumption: Analysis of Chinese Provincial Data, with Jing Zhu, Funing Zhong, and Zhangyue Zhou, *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, vol. 37, no. 2, pp. 332-345, June 2015.
- The Link Between Credit Markets and Self-employment Choice Among Households in Rural China, with Han Linghui, *Journal of Asian Economics*, vol. 26, no. 3, pp. 52-64, June 2013.
- Does the Provision of Public Goods Correspond to Local Demand? with Yi Hongmei and Zhang Linxiu, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, vol. 29, no. 1, pp. 115-137, January 2011.
- The Origins and Influence of Land Property Rights in Vietnam, *Development Policy Review*, vol. 26, no. 3, pp. 339-363, May 2008.
- Land Management in Rural China and its Gender Implications, with Yang Li and Daniel Englander, *Feminist Economics*, vol. 13, nos. 3-4, pp. 35-61, July/October 2007.
- The Determinants of Job Location and its Effect on Migrants' Wages: Evidence from Rural China, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 50, no. 3, pp. 557-79, April 2002.
- Spatial Patterns in China's Rural Industrial Growth and Prospects for the Alleviation of Regional Income Inequality, with Loraine A. West, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, vol. 27, no. 3, pp. 475-497, September 1999.
- Women's Economic Status in Rural China: Household Contributions to Male-Female Disparities in the Wage Labor Market, *World Development*, vol. 27, no. 6, pp. 1011-1029, June 1999.
- "Push" versus "Pull" Factors in Migration Outflows and Returns: Determinants of Migration Status and Spell Duration Among China's Rural Population, *Journal of Development Studies*, vol. 35, no. 3, pp. 45-72, February 1999.
- Rural Nonagricultural Activities and Their Impact on the Distribution of Income: Evidence from Farm Households in Southern China, *China Economic Review*, vol. 5, no. 1, pp. 59-82, Spring 1994.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Yue Gong, *Manufacturing Towns in China: The Governance of Rural Migrant Workers*, in *China Information*, vol. 34, no. 1, pp. 143-144, March 2020.
- Tetsushi Sonobe and Keijiro Otsuka, *Cluster-Based Industrial Development: An East Asian Model*, in *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 57, no. 2, pp. 431-433, January 2009.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Labor Migration as a Rural Development Strategy: A View from the Migration Origin, with Shukai Zhao, Chapter 6 in Loraine A. West and Yaohui Zhao, eds., *Rural Labor Flows in China*,

Institute of East Asian Studies Research Papers and Policy Studies Series, University of California, Berkeley, 2000.

The Choices of a Rural Household in Southern China, Pew Case Study in International Affairs Number 232, The Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University, March 2000.

WORKING PAPERS

The Effects of Higher Vocational Education on Early Career Outcomes of Vocational-Track Students in China: Earnings and Occupations, with Sihang Rao and Hongmei Yi, January 2025.

Higher Education Returns in China's General and Vocational Tracks, December 2024.

Is Higher Education Worthwhile for China's Upper-Secondary Vocational Graduates? with Hongmei Yi, April 2023, in revision.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Economics Summer Research Program Collaborative Grant, Reed College, 2011, 2013-2024.

Lamson Lecture, Carleton College, 2015.

Sabbatical Fellowship Award, Reed College, 2014-15.

Bernard Goldhammer Summer Collaborative Grant, Reed College, 1998, 2004, 2007, 2009.

Institute for International Research Fellow, Nanjing University, 2008.

Paid Leave Awards, Reed College, 2000-01, 2007-08.

Ford Foundation Grant (Beijing Office), with Yang Li, 2004.

Freeman Foundation Faculty-Student Summer Research Grant in Chinese Studies, Reed College, 2003.

Fulbright Senior Research Scholarship, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, 2000-2001.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, 1995-1997.

Vollum Sabbatical Award for Faculty Research in the Support of Teaching, Reed College, 1995-96.

Committee on Scholarly Communication with China, National Program Research Scholar, 1995-96.

Ford Foundation Grant (Beijing Office), with Zhao Shukai, 1995.

Hewlett Foundation Student/Faculty Collaborative Summer Grant Reed College, 1994.

Pew Faculty Fellowship in International Affairs, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 1993.

Morrison Institute for Population and Resource Studies Fellowship, Stanford University, 1992.

Economics Department Fellowship, Stanford University, 1991 and 1992.

Center for East Asian Studies Fellowship, Stanford University, 1991.

Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1990.

U.S. Department of Education, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, 1987 and 1988

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

"Higher Education Returns in China's General and Vocational Tracks," Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, June 2024; 16th International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets, China Center for Human Capital and Labor Markets Research, Beijing, December 2024

"Is Higher Education Worthwhile for China's Upper-Secondary Vocational Graduates?" CES Annual Conference, online, June 2022; Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, Portland, June 2022; 14th International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets, China Center for Human Capital and Labor Market Research, Beijing (and online), December 2022.

- “Decomposing Growth in the Gender Wage Gap in Urban China, 1989-2011,” International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Conference, Sungshin University, Seoul, June 2017; Nanjing Agricultural University, June 2018; Fudan University, Shanghai, June 2018.
- “Examining the Timing of Women’s Retirement in Urban China,” Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, Portland, June 2016; Portland State University Economics Department Seminar, January 2016; First World Congress for Comparative Economics, Roma Tre University, Rome, June 2015; Northwest Development Workshop, Portland, April 2015.
- “What Accounts for the Decline in Labor Force Participation among Married Women in Urban China, 1991-2011?” Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn, July 2015; China Center for Human Capital and Labor Market Research, Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, March 2015; Women, Family and Work in Contemporary Asia Workshop, Reed College, February 2015.
- “Grain Promotion and Food Consumption: Analysis of Chinese Provincial and Household Data,” Portland State University Economics Department Seminar, April 2013; Chinese University of Hong Kong Universities Service Centre, June 2012; Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, San Diego, June 2011.
- “The Link Between Credit Markets and Self-employment Choice Among Households in Rural China,” Nanjing Agricultural University, June 2012; Conference Honoring Lawrence Lau, Stanford University, December 2010; Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, Honolulu, June 2008.
- “Enterprise Privatization, Local Government Finance, and the Provision of Public Goods,” Western Economics Association International Annual Meetings, Vancouver, B.C., June 2009.
- “Does the Provision of Public Goods Correspond to Local Demand?” Portland State University Economics Department Seminar, May 2009, Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, Honolulu, June 2008.
- “Land Management in Rural China and its Gender Implications,” Workshop on Gender, China, and the WTO, Rice University, April 2006, China’s Women Economists International Workshop, Beijing University, June 2006.
- “Investing in Education: What Determines Schooling Outcomes in Rural Vietnam?” International Workshop on Gender and Development, Beijing University, June 2004.
- “Transferable Land Use Rights and Agricultural Productivity in Rural Vietnam”, National Economics University and Vietnam National University, Hanoi, February 2001; Beijing University, March 2001; Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, July 2002.
- “Implementation of a System of Transferable Land Use Rights Ownership in Rural Vietnam, with Implications for China’s Land Management Policy,” Workshop on Opportunities And Constraints In China’s Rural Transition: A Critical Appraisal Of Two Decades Of Reform And Development, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, June 2001.
- “The Determinants of Job Location and its Effect on Migrants’ Wages: Evidence from Rural China,” Economics Department, Research School of Social Sciences, The Australian National University, April 1997; Economics Department, University of New South Wales, April 1997; Allied Social Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, January 1998; Migration in Contemporary China Conference, University of California at Los Angeles, December 1998; Chinese University of Hong Kong Universities Service Centre, June 1999; International Conference on Labor Market and Unemployment Policy in Transitional China, Chengdu, July 1999.
- “China’s Rural Industrial Growth and Regional Income Inequality,” East Asian Economics Association Meetings, Kitakyushu, September 1998.

- "Exploring the Schooling Decisions of Households in Rural China," China Center for Economic Research, Beijing University, July 1997; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Williamstown, October 1997; East Asian Economics Association Meetings, Singapore, November 2000.
- "Efficiency Considerations of Out Migration from Rural China," Economics Department, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University, March 1996; Association for Asian Studies Annual Meetings, Honolulu, April 1996; and East Asian Economics Association Meetings, Bangkok, October 1996.
- "Labor Migration as a Rural Development Strategy: A View from the Migration Origin," International Conference on the Flow of Rural Labor in China, Beijing, June 1996.
- "The Role of Township and Village Enterprises in China's Rural Economic Development," International Conference on the Market Economy and China's Agriculture, Shanghai, December 1995.
- "Gender and Wages in Rural China," Triangle East Asia Colloquium, Chapel Hill, February 1995; Demography Brown-Bag Seminar Series, University of Washington, May 1995; and at the Women and Work in East Asia Workshop, University of Chicago, June 1995.
- "Labor Market Reforms and Wage Trends," Chinese Economists Society Annual Meetings, Chicago, August 1994.
- "Household and Individual Effects in Rural Non-agricultural Wages," Association for Asian Studies Annual Meetings, Boston, March 1994.
- "Vietnam's Rural Labor Force: Prospects for the Future," Center for Southeast Asia Studies Conference on Vietnam: Development in Comparative Perspective, Berkeley, February 1994.
- "Rural Nonagricultural Activities and Their Impact on the Distribution of Income: Evidence from Farm Households in Southern China," International Conference on Chinese Agricultural Development in the 1990s, Beijing, August 1992.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer review: Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, *African Journal of Agricultural Research*, *Asian Perspective*, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, Bloomsbury Publishing, *BMC Public Health*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *China Economic Review*, *The China Journal*, *China: An International Journal*, *China Review*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Demography*, Department for International Development and Economic and Social Research Council Joint Scheme (UK), *Eastern Economic Journal*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Modelling*, *Economics of Transition*, *Feminist Economics*, *Gender Work & Organization*, Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Independent Social Research Foundation, *International Review of Economics*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., *Journal of Asian Economics*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Economic Education*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, The McGraw Hill Companies, *Modern China*, National Science Foundation Economics Program, Oxford University Press, *Pacific Economic Review*, Palgrave MacMillan, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Review of Agricultural Economics*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, Routledge Press, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Southern Economic Journal*, Westview Press, *World Development*.

Promotion/tenure review external evaluator, Soka University of America, 2025; Agnes Scott College, 2023; Vassar College, 2021; Willamette University, 2019; Colgate University, 2017; University of Washington, Tacoma, 2017; Colorado College, 2015; Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 2000; Bates College, 1999.

Northwest Development Workshop Scientific Committee, 2022, 2023 and 2024.
Panel organizer and chair, "Gender, Households, and Labor Markets in Urban China," International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Conference, Seoul, June 2017.
Mentor, American Economic Association Committee for the Status of Women in the Economics Profession Mentoring Workshop for Faculty in Non-Doctoral Programs, San Diego, June 2017.
Panel discussant, "Women's Fertility and Labor Market Participation," American Economics Association Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession-sponsored session at the Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, Portland, July 2016.
Workshop co-organizer, Pacific Northwest Development Workshop, Reed College, April 2015.
Workshop organizer, "Women, Family, and Work in Contemporary Asia," Reed College, Feb. 2015.
Panel discussant, "Aspects of Unemployment," President-Elect Featured Session at the Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, June 2013.
Panelist, "Blending Religious and Economic Insights on the Good Life," Environmental Affairs Symposium, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, October 2009.
Panel organizer, "Economic Policy and Local Finance in Rural China," Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, Honolulu, June 2008.
Ph.D. thesis external examiner, The Australian National University, 2003.
Panel discussant, "Financial Institutions and Markets," East Asian Economics Association Meetings, Singapore, November 2000.
Panel organizer, "Rural Household Behavior: The Case of China in Transition," Chinese Economists Society-sponsored session of the Allied Social Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, January 1998.
Workshop discussant, "Productivity Growth in Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific Islands," National Centre for Development Studies, The Australian National University, June 1997.
Panel discussant, "China's Institutional Transition," American Economic Association / Chinese Economists Society jointly sponsored session of the Allied Social Science Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, January 1996.
Workshop discussant, "Transforming Asian Socialism: A Comparison of China and Vietnam," Contemporary China Centre, Australian National University, August 1995.
Workshop discussant, "Women and Work in East Asia," University of Chicago, June 1995.
Panel discussant, "Consumption and Behavior of Households," Northeast Universities Development Conference, Economic Growth Center, Yale University, October 1994.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association
Chinese Economists Society
Committee for the Status of Women in the Economics Profession