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EMPLOYMENT:

Department of Economics, Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina

Associate Professor, 2021– Present

Assistant Professor, 2013 – 2021

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, San Diego, 2013

Thesis Title: *Essays on Ethnicity and Economic Choices*

Committee: *Julie Cullen (Chair), Eli Berman, Gordon Dahl, Gordon Hanson, John Skrentny*

B.A. in Finance, Guanghua School of Management, Peking University, 2007

B.S. in Computer Science, Peking University, 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Immigration, Urban Economics

PUBLICATIONS:

Journal Articles

Zhan, Crystal, 2023. “Book Matters: The Effect of Cockey’s Reading Express on Student Performance,” *Economics of Education Review*, 94, 102395.

Gordanier, John, Orgul Ozturk, and **Crystal Zhan**, 2022. "Pencils Down? Computerized Testing and Student Achievement," *Education Finance and Policy*, 1-21.

Sheldon, Tamara and **Crystal Zhan**, 2022. "The Impact of Natural Disasters on Domestic Migration." *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 115, 102726.

Zhan, Crystal, 2022. "Wage distributions in origin societies and occupational choices of immigrant generations in the USA," *Journal of Population Economics*, 35: 89-133.

Amuedo-Dorantes, Catalina and **Crystal Zhan**, 2021. "The Determinants of Immigrant Health Insurance in the United States: Understanding the Role of Health Care in Origin Societies." *Health Economics*, 30(6): 1498-1516.

Gordanier, John, Orgul Ozturk, Breyon Williams, and **Crystal Zhan**, 2020. "Free Lunch for All! The Effect of Community Eligibility Provision Program on Student Outcomes," *Economics of Education Review*, 77, 101999.

Jones, Daniel and **Crystal Zhan**, 2020. "Ethnic Diversity and Citizens' Support for Local Public Good Provision." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 174: 108-130.

Sheldon, Tamara and **Crystal Zhan**, 2019. "The Impact of Natural Disasters on US Home Ownership," *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, 6(6): 1169-1203.

Zhan, Crystal, 2018. "School Choice Programs and Location Choices of Private Schools," *Economic Inquiry*, 56(3): 1622-1645

Zhan, Crystal, 2016. "Institutions, Social Norms, and Educational Attainment," *Education Economics*, 25(1): 22-44.

Zhan, Crystal, 2015. "Money vs. Prestige: Cultural Attitudes and Occupational Choices," *Labour Economics*, 32: 44-56.

Zhan, Crystal, 2015. "Schools and Neighborhoods: Residential Location Choice of Immigrant Parents in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area," *Journal of Population Economics*, 28: 737-783.

Book Chapters

Sheldon, Tamara and **Crystal Zhan**, 2022. "A Better Place to Call Home: Natural Disasters, Climate Risk, and Regional Migration," in Robert Sauer, ed., *World Scientific Encyclopedia of Global Migration. Vol. 2* (Singapore: World Scientific Publishing)

WORKING PAPERS:

Sheldon, Tamara and **Crystal Zhan**, 2023. "Wildfires, Smoke Pollution, and Household Purchasing Behaviors."

Zhan, Crystal and Sumit Deole, 2023. "Economic Preferences and the Self-selection of Immigrants." *Under Review*.

Bilen, Eren, Tamara Sheldon, and **Crystal Zhan**, 2023. “Disaster Preparedness and Experience: Evidence from Purchases of Emergency Supplies Before and After Hurricanes.”

Ozturk, Orgul and **Crystal Zhan**, 2019. “Mission Statements, Location Choices, and the Supply of Charter Schools.”

PRESENTATIONS:

2024: Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference (scheduled)

2023: Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day, UCSD Past Grads Applied Micro Conference, South East Exchange of Development Studies Conference.

2022: Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day, JOPE Spring Workshop.

2021: Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day, Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference

2020: Triangle Economics of Education Workshop, World Congress of the Econometric Society, Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop Series, Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference

2019: Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, UCSD Past Grads Applied Micro Conference, Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day, ASSA Annual Meeting

2018: Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, European Society of Population Economics Conference, South Carolina Applied Micro Day

2017: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association

2016: Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, the Society of Government Economists Annual Conference, South Carolina Applied Micro Day

2015: Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Chinese Economist Society Annual Conference, South Carolina Applied Micro Day

2014: European Association of Labour Economists Conference, European Society of Population Economics Conference

2013: Norface Migration Conference, Durham University Business School, University of South Carolina, American Institutes for Research

2012: All-California Labor Economics Conference, Oikos Young Scholars Economics Academy, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, Wisconsin Center for Education Research, University of Wisconsin, University of California, San Diego

2011: All-California Labor Economics Conference, University of California, San Diego

REFEREE:

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, Journal of Labor Research, Singapore Economic Review, Housing, Theory and Society, Education Economics

TEACHING:

Department of Economics, University of South Carolina

Undergraduate: Principle of Macroeconomics (222), Introduction to Econometrics (436), Labor Economics

(506), Econometrics (594)

Master: Applied Econometrics (736)

Ph.D.: Economics of Human Capital (882), Third-Year Seminar (893)

STUDENT ADVISING:

Undergraduate Honors Thesis: *Andy Jackson (2023), *Kelvin Shihemi (2023), Aaron Schickler (2023), Tong Gu (2018), *Jamie Gilberto (2017), *Sheri Cunningham (2017)

Master's Thesis: Jacob Martin (2016), Morgan Holland (2014)

PhD: *Zhongyu Cao (2019, Hunan University), Yuqi Peng[†] (2021, Salisbury University)

* Main adviser † Outside committee member

SERVICE:

Department of Economics Ph.D. Coordinator, 2022 – Current

Moore School of Business Certificate Electives Approval Committee, 2021 – Current

Master's in Economics Committee, 2021 – 2022

Moore School Data Analytics Task Force, 2017 – 2019

Economics Undergraduate Teaching Committee, 2017 – 2018, 2019 – 2020

Magellan Scholar Program Reviewer, 2016, 2017, 2019

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Languages English (fluent), Chinese (native)