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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Administration and International Affairs, July 2016

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

Fields: Public Finance, Budgeting, and Financial Management; Development Policy

Dissertation: "Three Essays on the Links between Local Government Structural Changes and Public Finance"; Advisor, John Yinger

Graduate Scholar Exchange Program, Fall 2012

Cornell University

Master of Public Affairs, May 2011

School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, Bloomington

Fields: Public Finance; Public Policy Analysis

B.A., Political Science, June 2008.

School of Government, Sun Yat-sen University

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, SPAA, Rutgers University, Newark (Fall 2016 - present)

Co-Director, International Programs, SPAA, Rutgers University, Newark (June 2018 - present)

Graduate Associate, Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University (Fall 2011 - Spring 2016)

Research Assistant, Indiana University, Bloomington (Spring, Fall 2010)

Research Assistant, Beijing Office, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (Summer 2010)

HONORS & AWARDS

Doctoral Award for Best Dissertation, Syracuse University, 2017

Doctoral Prize for Best Dissertation, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, 2017

Best Student Paper Award, China-America Association for Public Affairs, 2016

C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2015

Dissertation Fellowship, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, 2015

Graduate Associate Award, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, 2011-14

Starr Fellowship, Indiana University-Bloomington, 2010

National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of China, 2008

First Prize Scholarship, Sun Yat-sen University, China, 2006, 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS

State & Local Government Finance

Local Governance; Education Finance & Policy; Development Policy

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (* with doctoral students)

1. **Pengju Zhang**. (forthcoming). The Non-Randomness of Municipal Government Reorganization: Evidence from Village Dissolution in New York. *American Review of Public Administration*.
2. **Pengju Zhang** and Yilin Hou. (forthcoming). The Impact of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on User Fees and Charges in Local Government Finance: Evidence from New England. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*.
3. Jiahuan Lu, Jongmin Shon and **Pengju Zhang**. (forthcoming). Understanding the Dissolution of Nonprofit Organizations: A Financial Management Perspective. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.
4. **Pengju Zhang** and Marc Holzer. (forthcoming). Do Small Local Governments Fare Well: A Survey of Villages in New York. *American Review of Public Administration*.
5. Saied Toossi* and **Pengju Zhang**. 2019. Video Gambling Adoption and Tax Revenues: Evidence from Illinois. *Public Budgeting and Finance*. 39(1): 67-88.
First published: December 04, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1111/pbaf.12211>
6. Sharon Kioko and **Pengju Zhang**. 2019. Impacts of Tax and Expenditure Limits on Local Government Use of Tax-supported Debt. *Public Finance Review*. 47 (2): 409-432.
First Published August 10, 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1091142117723706>
7. **Pengju Zhang**. (2018). The Unintended Impact of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on the Use of Special Districts: Politics of Circumvention. *Economics of Governance*. 19(1). PP.21-50
8. Duncombe, William D., John Yinger, and **Pengju Zhang**. 2016. How Does School District Consolidation Affect Property Values: A Case Study of New York. *Public Finance Review* 44 (1): 52-79.
9. Yanling He, Xiaofeng Zhou, and **Pengju Zhang**. 2009. Non-Cooperation: A Case Study of Chinese Grass-Root Organizations' Survival Strategies. *Journal of Public Management* (CSSCI, in Chinese), 6(1): 48-54.

WORKING PAPERS

1. **Pengju Zhang**. "The Evaluation of Village Dissolution in New York State: A Capitalization Approach" [draft is available]
2. Phuong Nguyen-Hoang and **Pengju Zhang**. "Does the Property Tax Cap Affect School District Performance in New York?" [draft is available]
3. **Pengju Zhang**, Michael Hayes & Alan Sadovnik. "Does State Takeover of School District Make a Difference?"
4. Xiuming Dong, Jindong Pang and **Pengju Zhang**. "Does Superfund Cleanup Raise Housing Values?" [preliminary draft is available]
5. John Yinger and **Pengju Zhang**. "Property Tax Incidence and Fiscal Health."
6. **Pengju Zhang**. "Demographic Changes and Municipal Fiscal Health."

GRANTS

SPAA Faculty Research Grant, Rutgers University, Newark, \$4,920, 2018

SPAA Faculty Research Grant, Rutgers University, Newark, \$4,000, 2017

SPAA Faculty Research Grant, Rutgers University, Newark, \$3,534, 2016

C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, \$10,000, 2015

Dissertation Fellowship, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, \$22,000, 2015

Summer Research Grant, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, \$1,750, 2015

Summer Research Grant, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, \$1,200, 2014

Summer Research Grant, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, \$1,535, 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University, Newark (Fall 2016 - Present)

1. Economics for Public Administration - MPA Core Course
(Fall 2016, 2017, 2018; Spring 2017, 2018, 2019)
2. Government Revenue Systems - MPA Course (Spring 2019)

Syracuse University (2011 - 2016)

1. Quantitative Analysis: Program Evaluation - MPA Core Course (Spring 2016)
Teaching Assistant; Supervisor: Len Lopoo
2. Introduction to Statistics - MPA Core Course (Fall 2015)
Teaching Assistant; Supervisor: Douglas Wolf
3. Financial Management in State and Local Government - MPA Course (Fall 2014)
Teaching Assistant; Supervisor: Ross Rubenstein
4. Public Budgeting - MPA Core Course (Summer 2012; 2014)
Teaching Assistant;
Supervisor: William Duncombe & Robert Bifulco (2012); Yilin Hou & Sharon Kioko (2014)
5. Managerial Economics - MPA Core Course (Fall 2013)
Teaching Assistant; Supervisor: Peter Wilcoxon

Indiana University, Bloomington

1. Revenue Theory and Administration - MPA Course (Fall 2010)
Teaching Assistant Supervisor: John Mikesell
2. Statistical Techniques- Undergraduate Course (Spring 2010)
Teaching Assistant

INVITED LECTURES

Shandong University, Qingdao, China, 7/1/2019

- Lecture: Taxes and User Fees in Local Government Finance

Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China, 5/8/2019

- Lecture: Property Tax in the U.S.

Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China, 7/4/2018

- Lecture: The Rapid Growth of Special Districts in the U.S.

Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China, 6/4/2018 – 6/14/2018

- Ph.D. Seminar: Public Finance and Policy Analysis

Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China, 12/11/2017

- Ph.D. Seminar: Empirical Research Methods
“Difference-in-Difference & Synthetic Control Model”

Rutgers University - New Brunswick, New Jersey, 10/16/2017 - 10/19/2017

- Yunnan Provincial Department of Finance Official Fall Program
Topic 1: “Government Budget: Federal, State and Local”
Topic 2: “Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in the U.S.”
Topic 3: “Public Revenue and Property Tax in the U.S.”

New York University, 05/26/2017

- Wagner School, Summer Workshop for Northeastern ABFM Scholars

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Does State Takeover of School District Make a Difference?”

- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Denver, CO, Oct. 2018
(panel organizer and chair)

“From Fiscal Stress to Organizational Decline: What’s Happening to Village Governments in New York State?”

- American Society for Public Administration, Denver, CO, March 2018

“Tax and Expenditure Limitations and User Charges – Explaining Paradigm Shifts in Local Public Finance”

- European Public Choice Society Conference, Rome, Italy. April 2018.
- Public Choice Society Conference. Charleston, SC, March 2018
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Seattle, Washington, Oct. 2016

“Determinants of Video Gaming Terminal Revenue in Illinois”

- Association for Public Policy and Management, Chicago, Illinois, Fall 2017
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, D.C. Oct. 2017 (poster)

“Access Gap in New York State”

- Association of Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO, March 2016 (poster)

“The Unintended Impact of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on The Use of Special Districts: Politics of Circumvention”

- National Tax Association, Boston, MA, Nov. 2015

“How Does the Change of Local Government Structure Affect Property Values? A Case Study of Village Dissolution in Upstate New York”

- Public Finance and the New Economy Conference, Georgia State University, April 26, 2018
- Association for Public Policy and Management, Miami, Florida, Nov. 2015
(panel organizer and chair)
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, D.C. Oct. 2015
(discussant)

“Impacts of Tax and Expenditure Limits (TEEs) on Local Government Debt Burdens”

- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Grand Rapids, MI, Oct. 2014

“How Does School District Consolidation Affect Property Values?”

- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, New York City, NY Oct. 2012

“Local Government Innovations in China.”

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2010

SERVICE

School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University-Newark

- SPAA International Program Committee, 2017-
Co-Director of International Programs, 2018-
- SPAA Undergraduate Program Committee 2016 - 2018
- SPAA Teaching Evaluation Committee, 2018 -

Dissertation Committee Service

- Committee Member: Olugbenga Sonola; Fall 2017 – Spring 2018
SPAA, Rutgers University, Newark (Chair: Cleopatra Charles)

American Society for Public Administration

- Section on Chinese Public Administration
Section Secretary, 2018 - 2020

Editorial Service

- *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*
- *Economics of Governance*
- *Public Finance Review*
- *Public Budgeting and Finance*
- *American Review of Public Administration*
- *International Public Management Journal*
- *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*

Memberships & Affiliations

- American Society for Public Administration
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- National Tax Association
- Association for Public Policy and Management