

Shengrong Hu

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APPOINTMENTS

Western Rural Development Center, University of Idaho

Postdoctoral Fellow

Boise, ID

2026 – Present

EDUCATION

Iowa State University

Ph.D. in Economics

Ames, IA

Aug. 2020 – May 2026

- Research interests: Labor Economics, Regional Economics, Economics of Education, Applied Microeconomics

Georgia Institute of Technology

M.S. in Economics

Atlanta, GA

Sep. 2019 – Aug. 2020

University of Wisconsin-Madison

B.S. in Economics and Mathematics

Madison, WI

Sep. 2015 – Dec. 2018

WORKING PAPERS

“Local Economic Impacts of Food Manufacturing Plant Closures in the Midwest”

“Growing from the STEM? OPT Classification and International Students in Economics” with John Winters, Revise and resubmit, *The Journal of Economic Education*

“Population Impacts of the Fracking Boom and Bust” with John Winters, Luyi Han, and Mike Betz

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

Hu, S. 2026. **“Local Impacts of Food Manufacturing Plant Closures in the Midwest”** *Agricultural Policy Review*, Winter 2026, Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Iowa State University

DATA TOOLS

“Food Manufacturing Closures” interactive dashboard mapping Midwest food manufacturing plant closures since 2010 (WARN data); filterable by state, year, company, and layoff size, with county-level employment, wage, and population trends; Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Iowa State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor at Iowa State University

- Econ 1010: Principles of Microeconomics

Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant at Iowa State University

- Econ 301: Intermediate Microeconomics
- Econ 416: Industrial Organization
- Econ 101: Principles of Microeconomics

Spring 2023

Fall 2021

Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

OTHER EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Academic Coach

Sep. 2017 – Dec. 2018

Varsity Tutors

- Tutor

Feb. 2019 – Feb. 2020

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Southern Economic Association 95th Annual Meeting November 2025
- 72st Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International November 2025
- 89th Annual Meetings of the Midwest Economics Association March 2025
- 71st Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International November 2024
- 63rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association April 2024

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **Referee:** *Growth and Change, The Journal of Economic Education*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Research Excellence Award, Iowa State University 2026
- Teaching Excellence Award, Iowa State University 2025
- Candidate for Distinctive Scholastic Achievement, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2018
- Dean's List, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2015, 2017, 2018

SKILLS

Software: Stata, R, \LaTeX , Python, and Matlab

Language: English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native)