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Academic Appointment

2022-present Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Connecticut

2023-present Research Affiliate, Center for Connecticut Education Research Collaboration

2018-2022 Assistant Professor, School of Public Economics and Administration, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFE)

Education

Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, 2018

Master of Public Policy, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, 2018

Master of Public Administration, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China, 2013

Bachelor of Management, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China, 2011

Research and Teaching Interests

Public budgeting; financial transparency and accountability; capital finance; public management; causal inference

Research

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles(* =corresponding author; †=equal contribution)

22. David Schwegman, Eric Brunner, **Jinhai Yu**, Xin Chen, 2026. Financial Myopia in Closed Systems: How State Financial Monitoring Systems Can Ignore Local Constraints, *Public Budgeting & Finance*, Forthcoming.

21. Jia Chen, Min Tang, **Jinhai Yu**^{*}, 2025. The Effect of Legislative Incumbency on Policy Innovativeness of U.S. States, *Policy Studies Journal*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.70072>.

20. Xin Chen, **Jinhai Yu**^{*}, 2025. Does Negative Performance Feedback Cause Managerial Turnover? The Moderating Role of Race, *Review of Public Personnel Administration*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0734371X251343327>.

19. Chao An, **Jinhai Yu**^{*}, Xi Tan, 2025. Public Service Motivation and Policy Implementation Attitudes: Survey Experimental Evidence from Street-level Bureaucrats in China, *Public Management Review*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14719037.2025.2501734>
18. Sungmin Han, Min Tang, **Jinhai Yu**[†], 2025. Nature Made the State: Exploring the Effect of Disasters on Centralization, *Comparative Political Studies*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00104140251349661>.
17. **Jinhai Yu**^{*}, Nicolai Petrovsky, Zhiwei Zhang, and Josie Schafer, 2025. Popular Financial Reporting Increases the Public's Understanding, Interest, and Trust: Experimental Evidence, *International Public Management Journal*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10967494.2025.2496807>.
16. **Jinhai Yu**, Xin Chen^{*}, 2025. Does Organizational Performance Feedback Affect Public Service Outsourcing?, *Urban Affairs Review*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/10780874251330256>
15. **Jinhai Yu**, Xin Chen^{*}, 2025. Does Negative Feedback on Financial Performance Affect Managerial Turnover? *Public Management Review*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14719037.2025.2456665>
14. **Jinhai Yu**, Xin Chen, Zhiwei Zhang, Rachel Boward, 2025. Mapping Government Budgeting Research: A Systematic Literature Review, *International Journal of Public Administration*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/01900692.2024.2447080>
13. Kate Yang, **Jinhai Yu**^{*}, Xin Chen, 2024. The Elusive Fiscal Commons: Examining Fiscal Interaction among Overlapping Governments, *Public Budgeting & Finance*, online first. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.1111/pbaf.12374>
12. **Jinhai Yu**, Zhiwei Zhang^{*}, 2023. Local Debt Financing in the Shadow of Storms: Disrupted and Destructed?, *Public Performance & Management Review*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15309576.2023.2192943>
11. Nicolai Petrovsky, Ge Xin, **Jinhai Yu**^{*}, 2023. Job Satisfaction and Citizen Satisfaction with Street-level Bureaucrats: Is There a Satisfaction Mirror? *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory (JPART)*, Vol. 33(2) 279–295. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jopart/muac022>
10. **Jinhai Yu**^{*}, 2023. Agency Autonomy, Public Service Motivation, and Organizational Performance, *Public Management Review*, Vol. 25(3) 522–548. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14719037.2021.1980290>
9. Jia Chen, Yuan Yang, **Jinhai Yu**^{*}, 2022. Task Complexity and Organizational Performance: Evidence from the US States Budget Agencies, *Public Management Review*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14719037.2022.2116093>
8. **Jinhai Yu**^{*}, 2022. When It Matters to Keep Promises: OPEB Funding and Local Government Borrowing Cost, *Chinese Public Administration Review*, Vol. 13(3) 162–177.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/15396754221099004>

7. **Jinhai Yu**, Xin Chen*, Mark D. Robbins, 2022. Market Responses to Voter-Approved Debt, *National Tax Journal*, Vol. 75(1) 93–119. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1086/716770>

6. **Jinhai Yu***, 2022. Does Financial Disclosure Matter? GASB 45 and Municipal Borrowing Costs, *Local Government Studies*, Vol. 48(3) 534–555. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/03003930.2020.1870956>

5. **Jinhai Yu***, Edward T. Jennings Jr., 2021. Politics, Competence, and Performance: Evidence from the U.S. State Budget Agencies, *Public Administration Review*, Vol. 81(3) 500–518. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/puar.13277>

4. **Jinhai Yu**, Wenchi Wei*, J.S. Butler, 2021. Fiscal Transparency and Government Credit Quality: Evidence from the U.S. States, *Public Performance & Management Review*, Vol. 44(2) 378–403. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15309576.2020.1807368>

3. **Jinhai Yu***, Edward T. Jennings Jr., and J.S. Butler, 2020. Lobbying, Learning, and Policy Reinvention: An Examination of Drunk Driving Laws in U.S. States, *Journal of Public Policy*, Vol. 40(2) 259–279. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0143814X18000363>

2. **Jinhai Yu***, Edward T. Jennings Jr., and J.S. Butler, 2019. Dividing the Pie: Parties, Institutional Limits, and State Budget Trade-Offs, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Vol. 19(2) 236–258. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532440018822469>

1. **Jinhai Yu***, 2019. Does State Online Voter Registration Increase Voter Turnout?, *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol. 100(3) 620–634. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12598>

Peer-reviewed Book Chapters

Jinhai Yu, Zhiwei Zhang, Future Directions for Research in National and Subnational Government Budgeting, in W. Bartley Hildreth and Komla Dzigbede (edited), *Research Handbook on Public Financial Management*, Edward Elgar Publishing, London, United Kingdom, 2023.

Work Under Review

4. Xin Chen, **Jinhai Yu***, Performance Feedback and Performance Improvements, Revise and Resubmit

3. J. Cameron Anglum, Eric Brunner, **Jinhai Yu**†, The Impact of Moody's Rating Recalibration on School District Finance

2. **Jinhai Yu**, Zhiwei Zhang, Josie Schafer, Nicolai Petrovsky, and Shannon Cummins, Citizen Use of Government Financial Information: An Eyetracking Experiment

1. Xi Tan, **Jinhai Yu**, Chao An, Administrative Burden and Perceived Service Performance

Selected Work in Progress

Jinhai Yu^{*}, Zhiwei Zhang, Nicolai Petrovsky, Josie Schafer, Citizen Use of Government Financial Information under Various Fiscal Conditions: A Survey Experiment

Jinhai Yu, Xin Chen, Loyalty and Competence in Public Finance: A Survey Experiment

Nicolai Petrovsky, Ge Xin, **Jinhai Yu**[†], Job Satisfaction and Citizen Satisfaction with Street-level Bureaucrats: A Field Experimental Test

Xin Chen, **Jinhai Yu**, Motivating Public Finance Professionals

Eric Brunner, **Jinhai Yu**, School District State Aid and Bond Market Outcomes

Publications in Chinese

4. Xiaojuan Pan and **Jinhai Yu**, 2016. A book chapter in "Research on Local Government Cooperation," People's Publishing House.

3. Xiaojuan Pan and **Jinhai Yu**, 2015. A Framework on Local Government Coordination: Based on Cooperation in Water Supply between Yongjia County and Yueqing City, *Management World*, 2015 (7), pp. 172-173.

2. Xiaojuan Pan and **Jinhai Yu**, 2015. A Framework on Local Government Coordination: Based on the Cooperation in Water Supply between Yongjia County and Yueqing City, Beijing: China Yanshi Press.

1. **Jinhai Yu**, 2012. Interlocal Cooperation of U.S. Local Government in the Provision of Public Goods and Its Implications. *Journal of China National School of Administration*. 2012(2), pp.123-127.

Research Funding

In Development

Jinhai Yu, Principal Investigator (PI), "Government Fiscal Communication and Democratic Accountability," total amount \$550,000, National Science Foundation CAREER Award (SBE/AIB), Anticipated submission: July 2026.

Under Review

Jinhai Yu, Principal Investigator (PI), "Public Financial Reporting in the Digital World: Evidence-Based Design Strategies for Effective Communication," total amount \$20,000, IBM Center for The Business of Government, 02/2026

Jinhai Yu, Principal Investigator (PI), "Public Finance Literacy and Civic Learning about School Finance," total amount \$50,000, Spencer Foundation, Small Grant, 12/2025

Funded

Jinhai Yu, Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI), "Understanding Middle School Academic Growth," total amount \$200,000, Center for Connecticut Education Research Collaboration, 3/2025-12/2025.

Jinhai Yu, Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI), "Evaluation of Reading Curriculum Implementation," total amount \$250,000, Center for Connecticut Education Research Collaboration, 1/2024-12/2025.

Jinhai Yu, Principal Investigator (PI), "Categorizing and Understanding Facilities and Long-term Capital Investments," total amount \$100,000, Center for Connecticut Education Research Collaboration, 5/2023-8/2025.

Jinhai Yu, Team Member, "An Experimental Test of the Satisfaction Mirror between Frontline Public Servants and Citizens," (PI: Nicolai Petrovsky), HKD 230,000, General Research Fund, Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 2023-2025.

Research Reports

Jinhai Yu, Elizabeth Burland, Eric Brunner, Jinsoon Cho, Vanessa Reineke, 2025. "Categorizing and Understanding Facilities and Long-term Capital Investments in Connecticut School Districts," Center for Connecticut Education Research Collaboration

Kristin Rainville, Katie Cunningham, **Jinhai Yu**, Benjamin Taraskevich, 2026. "The Right to Read": Evaluation of Science of Reading-Aligned Curriculum Implementation in Connecticut

Shannon Holder, **Jinhai Yu**, Eric Brunner, Jiaqi Wang, 2026. Understanding Middle School Academic Growth in Connecticut

Awards and Honors

CAAPA Best Student Paper Award, China-America Association for Public Affairs (CAAPA), 2018

Pi Alpha Alpha, The Global Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, 2018

Pi Alpha Alpha Doctoral Student Manuscript Award, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), 2017

Presentations

2026 American Society for Public Administration; Public Management Research Conference (scheduled)

2025 American Society for Public Administration; Spring Public Finance Conference, Wichita State University; Public Finance and Budgeting Northeastern Workshop, Baruch College; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; National Tax Association

2024 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; Public Management Research Conference; Public Finance and Budgeting Northeastern Workshop, Rutgers University-Newark; Spring Conference on Applied Public Finance, University of Nebraska at Omaha

2023 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management

2022 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Southeastern Conference for Public Administration; Shanghai Jiaotong University (Invited talk, online)

2021 University of Connecticut (online); Sun Yat-Sen University; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

2020 Midwest Political Science Association(canceled); Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

2019 Western Social Science Association, Public Finance and Budgeting section; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (twice); Conference on “Public Administration: Context and Innovation”, Fudan University; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; China-America Association for Public Affairs

2018 American Society for Public Administration; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics; China-America Association for Public Affairs

2017 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

2016 American Society for Public Administration; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management

2015 Midwest Political Science Association; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

2014 Southeastern Conference for Public Administration; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Teaching

Graduate Courses at UCONN

Applied Quantitative Methods, MPA/MPP core, Fall 2023, Summer 2025 (MPA Fellows), Fall 2025

Applied Quantitative Methods (Online), Fall 2024, Fall 2025

Math Camp, MPA/MPP, Summer 2025

Public Finance and Budgeting, MPA core, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026 (two sections)

Capital Financing and Budgeting, MPA/MPP elective, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025

Applied Research Design, MPA/MPP core, Fall 2022

Graduate Courses at SUFE

Public Budgeting and Financial Management (conducted in Chinese), MPA core, SUFE, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Theories and Practices of Public Budgeting (conducted in Chinese), SUFE, Fall 2020

Politics of Public Budgeting (conducted in Chinese), SUFE, Spring 2021

Selected Topics on Local Fiscal Policies in China (conducted in English), summer intensive course, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan, August 2019

Public Policy Analysis (conducted in English), MPA core, SUFE, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020 (conducted in Chinese)

Selected Topics on Public Administration and Public Policy (conducted in Chinese), Ph.D. seminar, SUFE, Fall 2021

Theories of Public Policy (conducted in Chinese), Ph.D. seminar, SUFE, Fall 2019 (co-teaching), Spring 2020 (online teaching)

Undergraduate Courses at UKY and SUFE

Economics and Business Statistics (conducted in English), University of Kentucky, Spring 2017

Introduction to Public Budgeting (conducted in Chinese), SUFE, Fall 2019

Introduction to Public Policy (conducted in Chinese), SUFE, Spring 2019

Student Advising

graduate research assistants, UConn (one MPA student and three PhD students)

master's thesis advisor, MPA students, SUFE (two students)

primary thesis advisor, undergraduate students, SUFE (three students)

Manuscript Reviewer

Review of Public Personnel Administration, Public Administration and Development, Routledge (book proposal), Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management, Applied Economics, Public Budgeting & Finance, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory (JPART), Journal of Chinese Governance, Social Science Quarterly, Public Finance and Management, Public Administration, Policy Studies, Governance, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Public Administration Review, Public Management Review, Public Performance and Management Review, International Journal of Public Administration, Electoral Studies, Chinese Public Administration Review, Journal of Politics (in order of recency)

University & Department Service

Organizer, Public Finance and Budgeting Northeastern Workshop, UConn, May 2026

Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor, UConn, AY2025-2026

Research Seminar Series Committee, UConn, AY2025-2026

MPA Assessment Committee, AY2025-2026

MPA/MPP Admission Committee, UConn, AY2024-2025

MPA Committee, SPP, UConn, AY2023-2024, AY2024-2025, AY2025-2026

MPA and MPP Committee, SPP, UConn, AY2022-2023

Speaker Series & Lunch Bag Series Committee, SPP, UConn, AY2022-2023, AY2023-2024

Coordinator, Center for Comparative Politics and Policy Workshops, SUFE, Spring 2019, Fall 2021

Professional Service

CAAPA Best Student Paper Award Committee, China-America Association for Public Affairs, 2026

Membership Committee, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, 2024-2025, 2025-2026

Finance Committee, Public Management Research Association, 2025-2027

Media Coverage

Email interview by *Philadelphia Inquirer* on U.S. state online voter registration reforms, July 2018

Research on budgeting cited by *PA Times*, December 2015

Other Professional Experience

Instructor of Record, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2017

Intern, National Association of State Procurement Officials, Lexington, Kentucky, June 2015-August 2015

Membership

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management 2015-present

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2014-present

Public Management Research Association, 2024-present

American Society for Public Administration, 2015-present

China-America Association for Public Affairs 2017-present

Skills

Programming

STATA, LaTeX

Language

Chinese (native), English(fluent)

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