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PROFESSIONAL POSITION

- **Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston** *May 2025–present*
- **Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston** *2021–2025*
- **Postdoctoral Fellow, Poverty Solutions** *2019–2021*
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

EDUCATION

- **PhD in Economics and Social Work, University of Michigan** *2019*
- **MA in Economics, University of Michigan** *2015*
- **Master of Social Work, University of Michigan** *2013*
- **Bachelor of Social Work, National Taiwan University** *2008*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Employment Dynamics, Skills and Jobs, Economic Inequality

PUBLICATIONS

1. Wu, Pinghui & Michael Evangelist. “[Unemployment Insurance and Opioid Overdose Mortality in the United States.](#)” *Demography* 59(2) (2022): 485–509.
2. Evangelist, Michael, Pinghui Wu, and H. Luke Shaefer. “[Emergency Unemployment Benefits and Health Care Spending During Covid.](#)” *Health Services Research* (2021): 1–12.
3. Shaefer, H. Luke, Kathryn Edin, Vincent Fusaro, and Pinghui Wu. “[The Decline of Cash Assistance and the Well-Being of Poor Households with Children.](#)” *Social Forces* 98(3) (2020): 1000–1025.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Wu, Pinghui & Annie Liu. “[Educational Attainment and the Evolution of Lifetime Earnings across 45 US Birth Cohorts.](#)” 2026.
2. Wu, Pinghui. “[Relative Earnings and Labor Force Exit Rate: Evidence from US Prime-Age Men.](#)” R&R (2nd round) at the *Journal of Human Resources*.
3. Wu, Pinghui & Lucy McMillan. “[Job Loss, Credit Card Loans, and the College-persistence Decision of US Working Students.](#)” Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Research Department Working Papers No. 23-19, 2023. doi.org/10.29412/res.wp.2023.19
4. Wu, Pinghui, Vincent Fusaro, and H. Luke Shaefer. “[Government Transfers and Consumer Spending among Households with Children during COVID-19.](#)” Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Research Department Working Papers No. 22-17, 2022. doi.org/10.29412/res.wp.2022.17

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Where the CHIPS Fall: Local Labor Market Impacts of Semiconductor Mega-Investments in Maricopa County, Arizona” (with Annie Liu)
- “The Past and Future of US Prime-Age Women’s Labor Force Participation” (with Joshua Montes and Ryan Nunn)

POLICY REPORTS

1. Wu, Pinghui & Annie Liu. “[Educational Attainment and Wage Growth in New England: Evidence from Four Decades of Administrative Wage Records.](#)” Federal Reserve Bank of Boston New England Public Policy Center Research Reports No. 26-1, 2026.
2. Wu, Pinghui. “[Geographic Mobility Trends: New Englanders Still Aren’t Moving as Much as They Did before the Pandemic.](#)” New England Public Policy Center Regional Briefs 24-3, 2024.
3. Wu, Pinghui & Lucy McMillan. “[Credit Access and the College-persistence Decision of Working Students: Policy Implications for New England.](#)” Federal Reserve Bank of Boston New England Public Policy Center Research Reports No. 23-2, 2023.
4. Wu, Pinghui, Joshua Rivera, and Samiul Jubaed. “[Understanding Job \(Mis\)Match: Jobs and Jobseekers in Detroit.](#)” University of Michigan Poverty Solutions Working Paper, 2020.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan (2019)
- Regents Fellowship, University of Michigan (2013, 2019)
- Karl Ma Fellowship, University of Michigan (2018–2019)
- Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan (2018)
- Barbour Fellowship, University of Michigan (2017–2018)
- International Student Fellowship, University of Michigan (2016)
- Summer Research Grant, University of Michigan (2014)
- Government Fellowship, Ministry of Education, Taiwan (2011–2013)

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and Mandarin Chinese