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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration,  
University of Kentucky, 2019 (expected)  
Committee: Dwight Denison (Co-Chair), Edward Jennings (Co-Chair), J.S. Butler, Merl  
Hackbart  
Dissertation: *Three Essays on Municipal Structure and Government Fiscal Management*

M.A. in Public Policy, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, 2013

B.A. in Political Science, Department of Political Science, Wuhan University, China, 2011

**RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Public budgeting and finance  
Public management and performance  
Quantitative research methods (causal inference)  
Policy analysis and program evaluation

**RESEARCH**

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*Peer-reviewed journal articles:*

- [6] **Wei, Wenchi**, J.S. Butler, and Ed Jennings. “The Determinants of Municipal Structures on a Political-Administrative Dimension.” (Accepted, *The American Review of Public Administration*).
- [5] **Wei, Wenchi**, and Dwight Denison. “State Rainy Day Funds and Government General Fund Expenditures: Revisiting the Stabilization Effect.” (Accepted, *Public Finance Review*).
- [4] **Wei, Wenchi**, and J.S. Butler. “State Fiscal Constraints and Local Responses: Evidence from the Property Tax Limit Overrides in Massachusetts.” (R&R, *Public Administration Review*).
- [3] **Wei, Wenchi**. “Overriding Fiscal Constraints through Direct Democracy: A Regression Discontinuity Design Analysis of the Fiscal Outcomes.” (Under review).

[2] **Wei, Wenchi**. “Municipal Structure Matters: Evidence from Government Fiscal Performance.” (Under review).

[1] Wei, Wenchi. “Budgetary Institutions and Government Corruption: Evidence from the U.S. States.” (Under review).

***Working papers:***

[3] Yu, Jinhai, **Wenchi Wei**, and J.S. Butler. “Fiscal Transparency and State Credit Ratings.”

[2] **Wei, Wenchi**. “Municipal Structure and Government Credit Ratings.”

[1] **Wei, Wenchi**. “The Effect of Local Government Managerial Professionalism on Fiscal Slack Size.”

***Works in progress (abstracts available):***

[2] **Wei, Wenchi**. “Fiscal Slack and Government Innovation: Evidence from the U.S. Municipalities.”

[1] Yu, Jinhai, and **Wenchi Wei**. “Party Alignment and State Transfers to Localities: A Regression Discontinuity Design Analysis.”

***Conference presentations:***

[10] Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). “The Effect of Local Government Managerial Professionalism on Fiscal Slack Size.” Washington, DC, November 8-10, 2018.

[9] Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). “Municipal Structure Matters: Evidence from Government Fiscal Performance.” Washington, DC, November 8-10, 2018.

[8] Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM). “The Effect of Local Government Managerial Professionalism on Fiscal Slack Size.” Denver, Colorado, October 4-6, 2018.

[7] Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM). “Municipal Structure Matters: Evidence from Government Fiscal Performance.” Denver, Colorado, October 4-6, 2018.

[6] American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). “Does Professional Management of Municipalities Impact Government Fiscal Slack?” Denver, Colorado, March 9-13, 2018.

[5] Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). “Municipal Structures and Government Fiscal Performance: A Visit of the Bond Ratings.” Chicago, Illinois, November 2-4, 2017.

- [4] Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA). "Municipal Structures and Government Fiscal Performance: A Visit of the Bond Ratings." Hollywood, Florida, October 4-7, 2017.
- [3] Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). "Revisiting the Effect of Rainy Day Funds on Stabilizing State Government Expenditures." Washington, DC, November 3-5, 2016.
- [2] Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM). "Revisiting the Effect of Rainy Day Funds on Stabilizing State Government Expenditures." Seattle, Washington, October 6-8, 2016.
- [1] Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). "Rainy Day Funds and Expenditure Volatility of State Governments: An Analysis during the Great Recession (2007-2010)." Miami, Florida, November 12-14, 2015.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### ***Teaching assistant:***

- PA 632: *Public Funds Management*, MPA and MPP core course, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, Spring 2018  
Primary instructor: Dr. Dwight Denison
- PA 731: *Seminar in Fiscal and Budgetary Policy*, Doctoral core course, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, Fall 2017  
Primary instructor: Dr. Dwight Denison
- PA 632: *Public Funds Management* (online), Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, Fall 2017  
Primary instructor: Dr. Dwight Denison

### ***Guest lecturer:***

- PA 632: *Public Funds Management*, MPA and MPP core course, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, Spring 2018  
Topic 1: Financial Statement Analysis  
Topic 2: Financial Condition Analysis  
Topic 3: Investment Strategies  
Topic 4: Time Value of Money
- PA 731: *Seminar in Fiscal and Budgetary Policy*, Doctoral core course, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, Fall 2017  
Topic 1: Qualitative and quantitative research methods

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- [6] Research assistant for Dr. Dwight Denison, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, Aug. 2017-May. 2018
- [5] Research assistant for Dr. J.S. Butler, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, Aug. 2016-May. 2017
- [4] Research assistant for Dr. Keith Schnakenberg, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky, Aug. 2014-May. 2016

- [3] Intern policy analyst and translator for the Carter Center, Sep. 2013-Dec. 2013
- [2] Research and administrative assistant for the Executive Program of Public Policy, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, Aug. 2012-May. 2013
- [1] Research project team leader (a project sponsored by Wuhan University, Sep. 2008-Sep. 2009). Project name: “*Civic Culture and Democracy Growth: An Empirical Study on the Change of Political Value of Contemporary Chinese Farmers.*”

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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- [8] Research Assistantship, Martin School, University of Kentucky, 2014-2018
- [7] Graduate School Travel Grant, University of Kentucky, 2014-2018
- [6] Board of Visitors Fellowship, School Public Policy, University of Maryland, 2012
- [5] Graduate Assistantship, School Public Policy, University of Maryland, 2012-2013
- [4] Second Class Scholarship, Wuhan University, 2010
- [3] Research Funding from Wuhan University, 2008-2009
- [2] Second Class Scholarship, Wuhan University, 2009
- [1] Third Class Scholarship, Wuhan University, 2008

## **ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

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Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)  
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM)  
American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)  
American Political Science Association (APSA)  
China-America Association for Public Affairs (CAAPA)  
Public Management Research Association (PMRA)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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Reviewer, *The American Review of Public Administration*

## **SKILLS**

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### ***Programming***

Stata, LaTeX, R

### ***Language***

English, Chinese (native)

## REFERENCES

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