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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Administration University of Illinois at Chicago	2015
M.B.A. (Management Science & Corporate Sustainability) Illinois Institute of Technology	2011
M.P.A. (Environmental Science and Policy) Columbia University	2008
B.A. of Political Science Renmin University of China	2006

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor Department of Political Science Eastern Michigan University	08/2021 to Present
Assistant Professor Department of Agricultural, Food, Resource Economics Michigan State University	08/2017 to 08/2021
Assistant Professor Department of Political Science Michigan State University	08/2015 to 08/2017

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Leiser, S., **Wang, S.**, and Kargman, C. Perceptions of local government fiscal health and fiscal stress: Evidence from quantile regressions with Michigan municipalities and counties. **State and Local Government Review**, forthcoming.
2. Wang, J., Wu, Q., Skidmore, M., and **Wang, S.**, The impact of “business tax to value-added tax reform” on land finance revenue: Empirical evidence from Eastern China. **Journal of Urban Affairs**, forthcoming.

3. **Wang, S.** and Crosby, A. 2019. Politics or professionalism to the rescue? The Friedrich-Finer debate in the context of state intervention in Michigan. **Public Administration Quarterly** 43(4), 555-583.
4. **Wang, S.** and Scorsone, E. 2019. Economic resilience after the Great Recession: An examination of unreserved fund balance in Michigan counties. **Local Government Studies** 46 (5), 716-733.
5. **Wang, S.**, Merriman, D.F., and Chaloupka, F. 2019. Relative tax rates, proximity and cigarette tax noncompliance: Evidence from a national sample of littered cigarette packs. **Public Finance Review** 47 (2): 276-311.
 - *Received the 2019 Outstanding Paper Award from **Public Finance Review**.*
6. Hendrick, R., and **Wang, S.**, 2018. Use of special taxing districts by municipal governments in the Chicago metropolitan area: Is Leviathan tamed? **Public Budgeting and Finance** 38(3):32-57.
7. **Wang, S.** 2018. Effects of state-imposed tax and expenditure limits on municipal revenue structure: A legal approach. **Publius: The Journal of Federalism** 48(2): 292-316.
8. Wang, S. and Pagano, M.A. 2017. Cities and fiscal federalism in the Trump Era. **State and Local Government Review** 49(3): 184-198.
9. Barker, D., **Wang, S.**, Merriman, D., Crosby, A., Resnick, E., & Chaloupka, F. 2016. Estimating cigarette tax avoidance and evasion: Evidence from a national sample of littered packs. **Tobacco Control** 25(Suppl 1), i38-43.
10. **Wang, S.**, & Feeney, M. K. 2016. Determinants of information and communication technology use in local governments. **American Review of Public Administration** 46(3), 292-313.
11. **Wang, S.**, & Mastracci, S. 2014. Gauging social justice: A survey of indices for public management. **Public Administration Quarterly** 38(4), 488-520.
12. **Wang, S.** 2006. The interaction between the Chinese government and NGOs in China: A case study of Children's Hope International (CHI), **Political Science Digest** (in Chinese).

BOOK CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS

1. **Wang, S.**, and Hendrick, R. (Accepted for publication). Financing urban infrastructure (and services) under the new normal: A look at special assessments. In Evan McKenzie, Alba Alexander, and Dennis Judd, *The Transformation of the*

American Local State: Developmental Politics and the Eclipse of Democratic Governance. University of Minnesota Press.

2. Wu, Y., **Wang, S.**, & Pagano, M. 2018. Contemporary fiscal situation of US cities. In Michael Pagano, *The People's Money: Pensions, Debt and Government Services.* University of Illinois at Chicago.
3. Friedman, E. (2007). *Rousseau, multiple modernities, and a political philosophy for the human species: "Nei wai you bie"?* (**S. Wang**, Trans.). *Special Issue in honor of Benjamin Schwartz, East China Normal University.* (2007).

MANUSCRIPTS READY FOR SUBMISSION/UNDER REVIEW

1. Lee, S., and **Wang, S.** Inclusive Economic Resilience after the Great Recession: Focusing on Political Fragmentation in American Metropolitan Areas. Under review at **Urban Studies.**
2. *Wang, S.* What doesn't kill the Leviathan makes it stronger: The impact of assessment limit on local fragmentation in Michigan. Under review at **Urban Affairs Review.**
3. **Wang, S.**, and Luby, M. The determinants of unfunded pension liabilities: An empirical examination of Michigan local governments. Under review at **Public Finance and Management.**

GRANTS

<i>Fiscal/Economic Policy, \$77,542 awarded</i> Pew Charitable Trusts <i>Project: Comparative Study of Local Fiscal Early Warning Systems in Four States</i>	2018-2019
<i>Michigan Applied Public Policy Research, \$25,000 awarded</i> Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University <i>Project: Deploying a Fiscal Stress Indicator System for Michigan Local Governments</i>	2018-2019
<i>Michigan Applied Public Policy Research, \$20,000 awarded</i> Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University <i>Project: The Effectiveness of Michigan Emergency Manager Law</i>	2015-2016
<i>C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, \$10,000 awarded</i> Lincoln Institute of Land Policy	2014-2015

*Project: Effects of State-Imposed Tax and Expenditure Limits on
Municipal Revenue Structure: A Legal Approach*

University Fellowship, \$25,000 awarded annually for four years 2011-2015
University of Illinois at Chicago

Merit-based Scholarship, \$7,500 awarded annually for three years 2008-2011
Illinois Institute of Technology

Scholarship for Excellent Student Performance 2005
Renmin University of China

AWARDS

2019 Outstanding Paper Award, \$1,000 awarded 2020
For paper “Relative tax rates, proximity and cigarette tax noncompliance:
Evidence from a national sample of littered cigarette packs”
published in **Public Finance Review**

Institution Award of MSU Extension 2019
For New County Commissioner School of 2018 (Finance Chapter)

Epsilon Sigma Phi (Alpha Psi Chapter) 2019
For New County Commissioner School of 2018 (Finance Chapter)
*This award is designed to recognize outstanding efforts in responding to and
incorporating into a specific educational program one or more of critical issues
defined by local, regional, or national need,*

EXTENSION & OUTREACH

Curriculum Development

1. Fiscal Sustainability Curriculum
 - Partnered with Michigan Department of Treasury and Michigan Economic Development Council
 - Provided leadership to curriculum development and extension programming
 - Institutionalized the curriculum as an annual recurring activity in 2019 and 2020
 - Over 300 local officials across the state of Michigan enrolled in training
2. New County Commissioner School of 2018 (Finance Chapter)
 - 187 newly elected county commissioners received training
 - The program received Institution Award of MSU Extension; Epsilon Sigma Phi

Policy Briefing

1. **Wang, S.** (2020, September). Measuring fiscal condition as need-capacity gap: A Note for Michigan state revenue sharing for counties
-Media coverage by Michigan Association of Counties:
<https://micounties.org/new-report-finds-most-michigan-counties-in-a-fiscal-gap/> September 11, 2020.
2. **Wang, S.,** & Walcott, E. (2020, May). How to enhance liquidity during a crisis.
<http://closup.umich.edu/COVID-19/memos/enhancing-liquidity.php/>
-Media coverage by Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Newsletter: <https://abfm.org/?p=328471> September 8, 2020
-Media coverage by MSU Today <https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2020/msu-and-partners-develop-covid-19-fiscal-strategy-and-resource-guides/>, June 9, 2020
3. Walcott, E., & **Wang, S.** (2020, May). Planning for reduced operating expenses.
<http://closup.umich.edu/COVID-19/memos/planning-reduced-operating-expenses.php>
-Reprinted by Michigan Municipal League
4. **Wang, S.,** & Zinnes, S. (2019, Oct 1). *A closer look at legacy costs and local actions in Michigan in the wake of PA 202.* Retrieved from
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/a-closer-look-at-legacy-costs-and-local-actions-in-michigan-in-the-wake-of-pa-202>
5. Zinnes, S., **Wang, S.,** & Scorsone, E. (2018, Dec 20). *Local governments in Michigan: Current trends and future challenges.* Retrieved from
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/local-governments-in-michigan-current-trends-and-future-challenges>

Stakeholder Engagement

1. Wang, S. (2020, October). Economic Development and Tax Base Growth Strategies. **The Scio Township Governance Academy.** Scio Township, MI.
2. Wang, S. (2020, September). Basic Concepts of Government Debt and Assessing Tools. **The Scio Township Governance Academy.** Scio Township, MI.
3. Scorsone, E., Schulz, M., **Wang, S.,** & Zinnes, S. (2019, October). Is Your County Financially Healthy? A Quick Way to Check the County's Finances. Presented at **MSU Extension Annual Conference,** Acme, MI.

4. **Wang, S., & Zinnes, S.** (2019, September). A Closer Look at Legacy Costs and Local Actions in the Wake of Public Act 202 of 2017. **Local Government Summit** by Michigan Department of Treasury, Lansing, MI.
5. **Wang, S.** (2019, February). The impact of state and federal politics on local government. A webinar for Current Issues Faced by Local Government series. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/the-impact-of-state-and-federal-politics-on-local-government>
6. **Wang, S.** The Changing Landscape of Retirement Programs – OPEB/Pensions. (2018, March). **Michigan Association of Counties Legislative Conference**, Lansing, MI.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Wang, S. (2021, April). *Determinants for Interlocal Collaboration for Sustainability in American Metropolitan Areas*. Paper presented at the **Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting**, Virtual due to COVID.

Lee, S., & Wang, S. (2020, November). Inclusive economic resilience after the Great Recession: Focusing on political fragmentation in American metropolitan areas. Paper presented at the **North America Regional Science Association Annual Meeting**, Virtual due to COVID.

Wang, S., & Scorsone, E. (2019, September). The impact of assessment limit on local fragmentation in Michigan. Paper presented at the **Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Meeting**, Washington D.C.

Wang, S., & Scorsone, E. (2018, October). Economic resilience of Michigan counties: An examination of fund balance. Paper presented at the **Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Meeting**, Denver, CO.

Wang, S. (2018, April). *TEL effects on county spending in Michigan*. Paper presented at the **Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting**, San Antonio, TX.

Wang, S., & Crosby, A. (2016, October). *Open the black box: State intervention in local government fiscal affairs in Michigan*. Paper presented at the **Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Meeting**, Seattle, WA.

Wang, S., Hendrick, R., & Bari, A. (2015, November). *Evaluation of property-tax-based financing tools by municipalities: A Conceptual Framework*. Paper presented at the **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**, Miami, FL.

Wang, S. (2015, October). *Effects of state-imposed TELs on municipal revenue structure*. Paper presented at the **Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Meeting**, Washington D.C.

Wang, S., & Pagano, M. A. (2014, October). *Exploring the effect of TELs on city fiscal behavior*. Paper presented at the **Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Meeting**, Grand Rapids, MI.

Pagano, M.A., & **Wang, S.** (2014, October). *Constructing clusters of similarly-constrained cities*. Paper presented at the **Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Meeting**, Grand Rapids, MI.

Pagano, M. A., & **Wang, S.** (2014, August). *State aid to municipalities and state constraints on municipal fiscal authority: A new equilibrium?* Paper presented at the **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Washington D.C.

Hoene, C., Pagano, M. A., **Wang, S.,** & Shi, Y. (2012, October). *The fiscal policy space of municipalities*. Paper presented at the **Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Meeting**, New York, NY.

Wang, S., & Mastracci, S. (2012, June). *Measuring social equity*. Poster accepted at the **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, New Orleans, LA. (Meeting canceled due to Hurricane Issac).

INVITED TALKS

Wang, S. ““What doesn’t kill the Leviathan make it stronger: The effect of TELs on local fragmentation in Michigan”, Department of Public Administration, **University of Georgia**, Athens, GA. March 2017. November 2019.

Wang, S. “What doesn’t kill the Leviathan make it stronger: The effect of TELs on local fragmentation in Michigan”, Rockefeller College of Public Administration and Policy, **State University of New York - Albany**, Albany, NY. November 2019.

Wang, S. “Use of special assessment by municipal governments in the Chicago metropolitan area and applications to Michigan” **Center for Local Government Finance and Policy**, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. March 2017. November 2015.

Wang, S. “The measurement of effects of state-imposed TELs.” **The Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. November 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University

PPL 891: Management Issues in State and Local Governments

PLS 310: Public Administration and the Policy Process

PLS 313: American Public Policy

PPL 801: Quantitative Methods in Public Policy

University of Illinois at Chicago

Introduction to Policy Process

State & Local Finance (Guest Lecture & Teaching Assistant)

Human Resource Management in the Public Sector (Guest Lecture)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE***Financial Analyst***

2009-2011

Chicago Transit Authority

Consultant

1/2008-5/2008

Mid-Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association

AD HOC REVIEWER

American Review of Public Administration

International Public Management Journal

Journal of Politics

Publius: The Journal of Federalism

State and Local Government Review

Urban Affairs Review

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management

National Tax Association

American Political Science Association

American Society for Public Administration