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## Employment

2025– Assistant Professor in Economics, Georgia State University  
User Workplace Research Group, Georgia State University  
J-PAL Invited Researcher  
Weiss Fund Junior Faculty  
2024–25 Postdoctoral Fellow, Fairbank Center of Chinese Studies, Harvard University  
2024–25 Postdoctoral Research Affiliate, Harvard Kennedy School

## Education

2024 **Ph.D.**, Economics, UC Berkeley  
2017 **B.A.**, Economics, Peking University  
2017 **B.S.**, Applied Mathematics, Peking University

## Publications

1. Henn, S., Mugaruka, C. M., Ortiz, M., Sánchez de la Sierra, R. & Wu, D. Q. Monopoly of Taxation Without a Monopoly of Violence: The Weak States Trade-offs from Taxation. *Review of Economic Studies* (2024).

## Working papers

1. Huang, J. & Wu, D. Q. *What Causes Turnover? Evidence from Manufacturing Firms in an Industrial Park.*
2. Marchais, G., Mugaruka, C. M., de la Sierra, R. S. & Wu, D. Q. *Social Origins of Militias: The Extraordinary Rise of “Outraged Citizens”.* *Journal of Political Economy*, Rejected and Resubmitted.
3. Wu, D. Q. & Lauletta, M. *Misperception of Career Incentives and Turnover: Evidence from Ethiopia*
4. Wu, D. Q. & Wang, S. Z. *Search Costs, Belief Formation, and Firm Hiring: Evidence from Ethiopia.*

## Selected Work in Progress

1. Ayalew, S., Ortiz, M. & Wu, D. Q. *Discipline Training.*
2. Barteska, P., Sen, R. & Wu, D. Q. *Bureaucrat-Firm Relationships and the Success of Labor Market Policy.*
3. Grosset-Touba, F. & Wu, D. Q. *Stepping into a Larger World: Industrial Park Jobs, Network Formation, and the Domestic Economy.*

## Grants and Awards

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| 2025 | International Growth Center (£100,000, £33,376), Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (£25,000), Weiss Fund (\$68,769), J-PAL GEA Initiative (\$74,752)                                   |
| 2024 | International Growth Center (£20,000)  |
| 2023 | Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$30,000), ROCCA Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,000), UC Berkeley Summer Travel Grant (\$4,090)   |
| 2022 | Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Small Grant from International Growth Center (£19,952), Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries Exploratory Research Grant (£39,801) |
| 2021 | Center for Effective Global Action Challenge Grant (\$13,200), ROCCA Pre-dissertation Fellowship (\$6,000), The Weiss Fund (\$11,300), UC Berkeley SummerTravel Grant (\$4,500)                    |
| 2020 | Center for Effective Global Action Challenge Grant (\$10,000), Strandberg Fund at UC Berkeley (\$21,000)   |
| 2019 | Center for Effective Global Action Travel Grant (\$2,800)  |

## Teaching

### Georgia State University

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| 2026 | Development Economics (Ph.D.) |
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### UC Berkeley

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| 2024–25 | Graduate Student Instructor, Topics in Economic Research (Undergraduate) |
| 2023    | Graduate Student Instructor, Data Science (MBA)                          |
| 2020–23 | Graduate Student Instructor, Microeconomic Theory (Undergraduate)        |
| 2020–21 | Graduate Student Instructor, Game Theory (Ph.D.)                         |
| 2019    | Graduate Student Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate) |
| 2018    | Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate)   |

## Other Information

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| Languages   | English (fluent), Cantonese (native), Mandarin (native), Japanese (intermediate), Spanish (basic), French (basic), Amharic (basic) |
| Citizenship | Chinese  |

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