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ACADEMIC POSITION	Assistant Professor, Trachtenberg School, George Washington University	2017-
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Public Affairs, Indiana University, Bloomington	2017
	M.P.P, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	2011
	B.A., China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing	2009
RESEARCH INTERESTS	public finance; government financial management; fiscal federalism; fiscal transparency	
JOURNAL ARTICLES	Yang, Lang, Laura Connolly, and Jennifer Connolly. 2022. “Is There a Glass Cliff in Local Government Management? Examining the Hiring and Departure of Women.” <i>Public Administration Review</i> , 82(3): 570-584.	
	Cheng, Yuan, Lang Yang, and Shuyi Deng. 2022. “Nonprofit Density and Distributional Equity in Public Service Provision: Exploring Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Public Park Access across U.S. Cities.” <i>Public Administration Review</i> , 82(3): 473-486.	
	Wang, Ziyuan, Thomas Luke Spreen, and Lang Yang. 2022. “A Replication of ‘Trade Shocks and the Provision of Local Public Goods’.” <i>Public Finance Review</i> , 50(3): 336-376.	
	Yang, Lang. 2022. “Fiscal transparency or fiscal illusion? Housing and credit market responses to fiscal monitoring.” <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i> , 29: 1–29.	
	Yang, Lang and Maithreyi Gopalan. 2021. “The Effects of Campus Shooting on School Finance and Student Composition.” <i>Education Finance and Policy</i> , in print.	
	Yang, Lang. 2021. “Auditor or Adviser? Auditor (In)Dependence and Its Impact on Financial Management.” <i>Public Administration Review</i> , 81(3): 475-487.	
	Yang, Lang and Yulianti Abbas. 2020. “General Purpose Local Government Defaults: Type, Trend, and Impact.” <i>Public Budgeting & Finance</i> , 40(4): 62-85.	
	Yang, Lang. 2020. “Intergovernmental Costs of Political Gridlock: Local Government Cash Flow Smoothing during State Budgetary Delays.” <i>Public Finance</i>	

Review, 48(1): 102-134.

Yang, Lang. 2019. "Not All State Authorizations for Municipal Bankruptcy are Equal: Impact of Bankruptcy Authorizations on State Primary Market Borrowing Costs." *National Tax Journal*, 72(2): 435-464.

Yang, Lang. 2019. "The impact of state intervention and bankruptcy authorization laws on local government deficits." *Economics of Governance*, 20(4): 305-328.

Cheng, Yuan and Lang Yang. 2019. "Providing Public Services without Relying Heavily on Government Funding: How do Nonprofits Respond to Government Budget Cuts?" *American Review of Public Administration*, 49(6): 675-688.

Yang, Lang. 2018. "Negative Externality of Fiscal Problems: Dissecting the Contagion Effect of Municipal Bankruptcy." *Public Administration Review*, 79(2): 156-167.

Yang, Lang. 2017. "Financial Management Conservatism under Constraints: Tax and Expenditure Limits and Local Deficit Financing during the Great Recession." *Local Government Studies*, 43(6): 946-965.

Yang, Lang and Bradley Heim. 2017. "Responsiveness of Income to Local Income Taxes: Evidence from Indiana." *National Tax Journal*, 70(2): 367-392.

Heim, Bradley and Lang Yang. 2017. "The Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Self-Employment." *Health Economics*, 26(12): 256-273.

Ross, Justin, Madeline Dinges, and Lang Yang. 2015. "Indiana's Property Tax Caps: Old Idea, New Approach, and Surprising Incentives." *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 35(4), 18-41.

UNDER REVIEW

Yang, Lang and Ruth Winecoff. "Municipal Bond Sectoral Risk and Information Intermediation in Uncertain Times: Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic." Revised and resubmitted.

Yang, Lang. "State Intervention in Local Government Fiscal Distress." Revised and resubmitted.

Yang, Lang, Jinhai Yu, and Xin Chen. "The Elusive Fiscal Commons: Examining Fiscal Interaction among Overlapping Governments." Under review.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Yang, Lang. "School District Borrowing and Capital Spending: The Effectiveness of State Credit Enhancement."

Thomas Luke Spreen, Ziyuan Wang, and Lang Yang. "Industrial Automation and Local Public Goods."

OTHER WRITING

Yang, Lang, Laura Connolly, and Jennifer Connolly. [“Women city managers face a glass cliff as local governments are more likely to hire them when budgets are collapsing.”](#) Phelan US Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science. March, 2022.

Yang, Lang. [“Spending beyond Your Means during a Recession?”](#) Institute of Local Government Studies, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK. May 2017.

Randall, Judy and Lang Yang. [“State Employee Union Fair Share Fee Calculations.”](#) Minnesota Office of Legislative Auditor, July 2013.

Bombach, Valerie and Lang Yang. [“Medical Assistance Payment Rates for Dental Services.”](#) Minnesota Office of Legislative Auditor, March 2013.

Hauer, Jodi, David Kirchner, and Lang Yang. [“Helping Communities Recover from Disasters.”](#) Minnesota Office of Legislative Auditor, March 2012.

HONORS & AWARDS

Wen Wang Award for Best Young Scholar Paper, CAAPA, 2019

Lincoln Institute Scholar, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2018

Dissertation Award, NASPAA, 2017

Best Student Paper Award, CAAPA, 2017

Michael Curro Student Paper Award, ABFM, 2016

Best Paper in Policy Analysis & Public Finance, ASPS Student Conference, 2016

Robert Agranoff Summer Fellowship, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2014

GRANTS

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, “Effects of Credit Enhancement Programs for Districts.” Sep. 2021 - Aug. 2022.

George Washington Institute of Public Policy Policy Research Scholar, “Financial Management Implication of Auditor Sharing and Auditor Tenure.” Sep. 2019 - May 2020.

Harriss Dissertation Fellowship (declined), Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, “Negative Externality of Fiscal Problems.” 2017.

PRESENT- ATIONS

2022 IU Conference on Public & Environmental Affairs, Bloomington, IN.

2022 Urban Affairs Association, Washington, D.C.

2022 Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO.

2021 National Tax Association Annual Conference, online.

2021 NYU Wagner School (invited), New York, NY.

2021 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, D.C.

2021 NAPA Social Equity Leadership Conference, online.

2020 IU O’Neill SPEA (invited), online.
2020 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, online.
2020 Zhongshan University (Invited), online.
2020 Public Administration Review Race and Gender Symposium, online.
2020 DC Area Public Finance and Budgeting Seminar, online.
2020 Fudan University Summer Public Finance Seminar (Invited), online.
2020 Association for Education Finance and Policy, online.
2019 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, D.C.
2019 Municipal Finance Conference, Washington, D.C.
2019 Public Management Research Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.
2019 University of Illinois Public Finance Conference, Chicago, IL.
2019 Public Choice Society Conference, Louisville, KY.
2019 American Society for Public Administration, Washington, D.C.
2019 DC Area Public Finance and Budgeting Seminar, Washington, D.C.
2018 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Denver, CO.
2018 DC Policy Day Conference at Georgetown University, D.C.
2018 American Accounting Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
2018 Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (Invited), Cambridge, MA.
2017 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, D.C.
2016 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, D.C.
2016 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Seattle, WA.
2016 Association of SPEA PhD Students Conference, Bloomington, IN.
2015 National Tax Association, Boston, MA.
2015 Innovation, Institution, and Governance, Shanghai, China.
2015 Association of SPEA PhD Students Conference, Bloomington, IN.
2014 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Grand Rapids, MI.

PRESS

The 74 Million, “[New Study: After School Shootings, Well-Off Families Flee and Enrollment Drops. Low-Income Kids are Left to Confront the Aftermath,](#)” June 1, 2021.

GWToday, “[Study: School Shootings Shatter Communities,](#)” June 2, 2021.

Bond Buyer, “[Study finds non-GO bond defaults don’t impact GO ratings,](#)” July 15, 2019.

Brookings, “[Muni bond defaults more common than rating agency tallies suggest,](#)” July 15, 2019.

Governing, “[For Muni Bond Sales, Brand Matters,](#)” August, 2018.

TEACHING	<i>PPPA 6053 Financial Management for Public and Nonprofit Organizations</i>	2018-
	GWU	
	<i>PPPA 6005 Public Budgeting, Revenue, and Expenditures</i>	2018-
	GWU	
	<i>Public Policy and Public Diplomacy Summer Institute</i>	Summer19, 21
	GWU	
	<i>SPEA V361 Financial Management</i>	Fall15, Spring16
	Indiana University	
UNIVERSITY SERVICE	Doctoral Program Committee, Trachtenberg School	2021-
	Research Committee, Trachtenberg School	2018-2020
	Doctoral Program Admissions Committee, Trachtenberg School	2018-
	Masters Program Committee, Trachtenberg School	2018-2019
	Field Advisor, Public Budgeting and Finance, Trachtenberg School	2018-
	Faculty reviewer, <i>Policy Perspectives</i>	2018-
	Doctoral Dissertation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee member, Gabriel Royal • Committee member, Ziyuan Wang • Committee member, Justina Jose, Georgia State University (2022). “Essays on Public Debt Management.” • Committee member, Qianqian Zhang (2020). “Fiscal Decentralization and Economic Growth.” • Reader, Yaerin Park (2020). “Participatory Budgeting and Willingness to Pay Taxes.” • Reader, Melissa McShea (2018). “Essays on State Tax Revenues During the Great Recession and Beyond.” 	
SERVICE TO PROFESSION	Manuscript review	
	• <i>Public Administration Review</i>	
	• <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>	
	• <i>Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory</i>	
	• <i>Public Budgeting and Finance</i>	
	• <i>Education Finance and Policy</i>	
	• <i>Regional Science and Urban Economics</i>	
	• <i>Public Finance Review</i>	
	• <i>American Review of Public Administration</i>	
	• <i>Public Performance and Management Review</i>	
	• <i>Local Government Studies</i>	
	• <i>State Politics and Policy Quarterly</i>	
	• <i>Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial management</i>	
• <i>Chinese Public Administration Review</i>		

- *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*
- *Nonprofit Management & Leadership*
- *International Journal of Public Administration*
- *Oxford University Press*

Organizer, DC Area Public Finance and Budgeting Seminar, 2018-2020

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management

- Executive Committee 2021-2023
- Mentor Program 2019
- Posner Award Committee 2019
- Poster Award Committee 2018

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

- Proposal Review Committee 2020, 2021
- Mentor Program 2018

Public Management Research Association

- Proposal Review Committee 2019

China-America Association for Public Affairs

- Mentor Program 2020, 2021
- Best Paper Award Committee, 2022

Discussant

- 2020 Public Administration Review Race and Gender Symposium
- 2019 Public Choice Society conference
- 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management conference
- 2018 Hamilton Project Author's Conference at Brookings Institution (invited)
- 2018 Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Academic Forum (Invited)

External reviewer: Pew Charitable Trust 2019

Professional associations membership

- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- National Tax Association
- American Society for Public Administration
- Association for Education Finance and Policy
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- China-America Association for Public Affairs

**PRIOR
WORK**

Evaluation Specialist
Minnesota Office of Legislative Auditor, St. Paul, Minnesota

2011-2013

Evaluator
Metropolitan Council, St. Paul, Minnesota

2010-2011

REFERENCES

Dr. Justin Ross, Professor, Indiana University, justross@indiana.edu

Dr. Bradley Heim, Professor, Indiana University, heimb@indiana.edu

Dr. Bart Hildreth, Professor Emeritus, Georgia State University, barthildreth@gsu.edu