Dongyang He

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Profile

- Ph.D. Candidate of Economics at Penn State University, adept at applied econometrics and machine learning.
- Five-year hands-on experience with demand estimation and causal inference in Python and R.
- · Proficient skills in working with large-scale administration data and survey data

EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University | College of the Liberal Arts

Expected May 2025

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics (STEM)

GPA: 3.73/4

• Fields: Spatial Economics, Applied Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics

May 2019

The Pennsylvania State University | Schreyer Honors College M.A. in Economics, B.S. in Mathematics (Schreyer Scholar)

GPA: 3.83/4

SKILLS

Economics

- Structural Estimation: Discrete Choice Model, Dynamic Demand, BLP, Spatial Model
- Causal Inference: Diff-in-Diff, A/B Testing, Regression Discontinuity, Instrumental Variable
- Machine Learning: Regularized Regression, Clustering, Random Forests, Synthetic Control

Programming

• Modeling: R, Python, Stata, Matlab, SQL, Shell, ArcGIS, SQL

Work Experience

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, the Pennsylvania State University

May 2022 - Aug 2022

- Conducted estimations on the effects of cash transfers on school enrollments using a dynamic education demand model.
- Leveraged high-performance computing infrastructure, ArcGIS, Git, R, and Python for data analysis and modeling.

Short-Term Consultant, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Jan 2019 - May 2019

- Compiled, cleaned, visualized, and analyzed maps and census data from Mumbai, India.
- Ensured timely delivery of results through regular coordination with fellow researchers.
- $\bullet \ \ {\rm Recognized \ and \ awarded \ Bates \ White \ Research \ Funding \ for \ significant \ contributions \ to \ the \ project.}$

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Distributional Impacts of Exclusionary Zoning Policies

2023

- Investigated the differential impacts of density and height regulations across income groups in the greater Boston area, using large-scale parcel-level housing data covering 1 million residential properties.
- Employed spatial discontinuity design to examine the impact of zoning restrictions on housing supply and demographic composition.
- Formulated a theoretical housing production model to rationalize the impacts and interactions of density and height regulations on housing supply.
- Developed a discrete choice model to estimate preferences of heterogenous households over locations and housing.

Migration and Proximity Preference in Fertility Decision

2022

- Examined how distance from hometown might impact people's fertility decision, using large-scale survey data covering 5 million households in the U.S. from 2000 to 2019.
- Constructed a discrete choice model to estimate households' preferences over locations, fertility choices, and consumption.
- \bullet Discovered that changes in migration pattern can account for 5% of the changes in fertility rate since 2000.

Industrial Payments and Physicians' Prescriptions

2020

- Explored the impact of industrial payments on physicians' prescription choices in the Statin market, using over 10 million prescription records from 16,000 physicians during 2016 and 2017.
- Applied a split-sample Lasso approach to systematically select controls and instruments from a vast potential set for demand estimation.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Founder and Organizer, International Trade Reading Group, Penn State

2020 - Present

- Orchestrated weekly research presentations, attracting participation from 11 Ph.D. researchers in the field.
- Fostered a vibrant platform for promoting research discussions and collaboration.

Instructor, Department of Economics, Penn State

Summer 2021, Summer 2023

• Guided and instructed a cohort of seventy undergrad students on Intermediate Microeconomics and International Trade.

Fellow, Mathematics Advanced Study Semesters Program, Penn State

Fall 2017

• Recognized for sustained passion in mathematics and actively engaging with program participants from across the nation.