Xiaoyu (Fisher) Yu

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Rice University, Houston, TX

Expected May 2023

- Job Market Paper: Bundle Choice with Limited Consideration: An Application to Yogurt
- References: Xun Tang, Robin Sickles, Maura Coughlin, Arun Gopalakrishnan

M.A. in Statistics, Rice University, Houston, TX

Expected May 2023

M.Sc. in Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

May 2017

B.Sc. in Statistics, School of Management, Fudan University, Shanghai, China

Jul 2015

SKILLS

Research: Quantitative Analysis, Applied Econometrics, Economic Modeling, Structural Estimation **Coursework:** Mathematical Probability, Multivariate Analysis, Statistical Machine Learning, Asset Pricing **Programming & Software**: R, Julia, MATLAB, Stata, Python, SQL, SAS, UNIX, AWS, LaTeX

• Certificates: Databases and SQL for Data Science with Python (with Honors), Machine Learning with Python, AWS Machine Learning Foundations Nanodegree Program

Language: English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native), Spanish (Beginner)

EXPERIENCE

Researcher, Department of Economics, Rice University, Houston, TX

Sep 2019–present

- Analyzed consumers' demand in grocery shopping from large panel data on retail and household scanner, uncovered preferences for stores and products under more realistic behavioral assumptions to extend the multinomial logit model, and implemented in R and Julia estimation procedures including maximum likelihood and generalized methods of moments
- Led a research project on the spillover effects of natural disasters on **deposit rates of banks' local branches** via geographic adjacency and social interaction using a **spatial difference-in-difference approach in R**
- Simulated and estimated complex structural economic models in empirical industrial organization and labor economics, and solved computational challenges with **high performance computing clusters**
- Applied the **double robust machine learning approach** to policy evaluation for an intervention program, estimated the average treatment effect allowing for high-dimensional heterogeneity
- Presented the banking project in **leading finance conferences**, including Financial Management Association Annual Meeting and International Finance and Banking Society Conference

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Rice University, Houston, TX

Aug 2017-present

- Selected courses: Corporate Finance, Business Law and Economics, Macroeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics, Advanced Econometrics, Empirical Methods in Industrial Organization
- Taught **lab sessions on MATLAB and Stata** independently, prepared supplementary course materials, and graded assignments and exams for instructors
- Explained economic concepts, data analysis methods and econometric models to undergraduates

Information Assistant, Jones Graduate School of Business, Houston, TX

Jun 2022–present

- Facilitated MBA and EMBA students' digital access to various databases for business research
- Supervised a team of Rice undergraduates on improving customer service at the circulation desk

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Rice University, Houston, TX

Aug 2018-May 2019

- Cleaned datasets in Stata and set up a game theory model for household retirement decisions
- Implemented a simulation and testing procedure in MATLAB to confirm the relevance of strategic interactions in retirement decisions of couples using a new theoretical econometric framework

Grants and Awards

• Department of Economics Doctoral Fellowship (\$27,000 x 5), Rice University

Aug 2017–May 2022

• Social Sciences Research Institute's Graduate Conference Grants, Rice University

Dec 2021

• Best Academic Performance in Master Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison

May 2017

• First Prize of Outstanding Students, Fudan University

Jul 2015