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: Discrete Choice Model, Structural Estimation, Causal Inference, Statistical Machine Learning **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 datasets on retail and household scanner, uncovered preferences for stores and products under more realistic behavioral assumptions via advanced econometric tools, and implemented sophisticated estimation procedures in Julia and R
- Simulated and estimated complex **structural economic models** in empirical industrial organization and labor economics, and solved computational challenges with **high performance computing clusters**
- Studied the spillover effects of natural disasters on local deposit rates via geographic adjacency and social interaction using a spatial difference-in-difference method in R and Stata
- Applied the **double robust machine learning** approach to **policy evaluation** for an intervention program, estimated **the average treatment effect** allowing for high-dimensional heterogeneity
- Produced 4 research papers, and **presented** in 4 regional and international academic conferences

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

Jun 2022-present

- Facilitated students' digital access to various databases for business research in the information center
- Led a team of Rice students 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

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

Aug 2017–present
Selected courses: Introduction to Econometrics, Advanced Econometrics, Macroeconomics,
Business Law and Economics, Corporate Finance, Empirical Methods in Industrial Organization

- Taught lab sessions on Stata and MATLAB independently, prepared supplementary course materials, and graded assignments and exams for instructors
- Explained economic concepts, data analysis methods and econometric models to undergraduates

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