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## EDUCATION

- University of California**, *Master of Science in Applied Statistics and Data Science* **Sep.2024-Mar.2026**
- Relevant Courses: Mathematics Probability, Statistical Computing and Programming, Data Management, ...
- University of Chicago**, *Master of Art in Social Science(Quantitative Methods and Social Analysis)* **Sep.2023-Jun.2024**
- GPA: 3.85/4.0
  - Relevant Courses: Applied Regression Analysis(A-), Statistical Theory and Methods II(A), Content Analysis(A), Topics in Data Science:HCI (A)
- Fudan University**, *Bachelor of Art in Journalism and Communications* **Sep.2019-Jun.2023**
- Minor: Economics, GPA: 3.56/4.0, Ranking: 6/30
  - Relevant Courses: Advanced Mathematics(A-), Social Media Analytics(A),Contemporary Chinese Economy (A)...
- University of Helsinki**, *Exchange Study (Faculty of Social Science)* **Jan.2022-Jun.2022**
- GPA: 4.8/5.0
  - Relevant Courses: Working with Text in Python(5), Natural Language Processing for Linguists(5)...

## SKILLS

**Programming:** Python (Proficient), R (Proficient)

**Language:** Mandarin(Native); English(Fluent, TOEFL:110); Wu(Fluent); Japanese (Basic, N4),German (Basic);

**Tools:** Latex, Markdown

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Knowledge Lab, University of Chicago | Remote, United States** **Jun.2024 – Present**
- Data Analyst, Knowledge Lab
- Summarized over 100 research about the driving force of the disruptive technology diffusion and wrote an analysis on the innovation behavior in academia
  - Extracted and sorted the dissertation and publication data of scientists since 2012 from Openalex
- Siemens Smart Infrastructure Group China | Shanghai, China** **Sep.2022-Nov.2022**
- Strategy Analyst**
- Monitored Chinese macroeconomic trends by analyzing National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) data, with a focus on real estate, industry, and transportation sectors
  - Authored a strategic report on the future of new energy development in China, drawing insights from energy policy analysis
  - Summarized China's economic performance based on World Bank and IMF reports, providing an outlook for the next fiscal year
  - Prepared competitive analysis presentations, comparing Siemens with competitors such as Schneider and ABB
- Caixin Data Technology Co.Ltd. | Worked remotely** **Jun.2022-Nov.2022**
- Policy Analyst**
- Contributed to a public health policy project in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, analyzing and visualizing themes from over 2,000 media reports
  - Collaborated on a study with Kuaishou, examining the impact of Zero-Covid policy on SME owners, and authored a 25,000-word case study on key influencers
  - Provided daily political, economic, technological, and energy sector news summaries, including analysis of the 20th CPC National Congress and Politburo Standing Committee

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- Fading Digital Empathy: The narrative transformation of Online Support groups across Covid-19** **Jan.2024 – Aug.2024**
- Researcher, Instructor: James Evans, University of Chicago*
- Extracted and analyzed 76,000 posts from Reddit using Python, conducted time series analysis on social support patterns
  - Utilized large language models for sentiment analysis to assess shifts in online community support, discovering a 24% decline in social support within mental health communities post-Covid-19.
  - Developed statistical models (regressions) to identify key factors influencing the intensity of social support in online communities
  - Paper published in HCI Conference Proceedings 2024
- Of Sugar and of Bullet: Tracing the economic consequences of 1740 Batavia(Jakarta) Massacre** **Sep.2023 - Present**
- Researcher, Instructor: Panos Toulis, University of Chicago*
- Applied Difference-in-Differences (DID) methodology to evaluate the economic consequences of the ethnic massacre
  - Conducted time series analysis using commodity price data from the VOC archive to trace the long-term economic effects

## **The Analysis of Chinese Private Equity Funds on Risk-Avoidance**

**July.2022-Nov.2022**

*Research Assistant, Instructor: Professor Changrui Yu of Shanghai University of Finance and Economics*

- Processed and analyzed data of Chinese private equity funds performance (2016-2022) using Python.
- Calculated risk-avoidance indices for hedge funds and visualized trends from 2016 to 2022
- Drafted a detailed report on fund performance, categorizing and comparing various fund types over the period