

# Ming Gao

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## Research Interests

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Model selection, High-dimensional statistics, Graphical model, Causal discovery

## Education

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|---|-------------------|
| Ph.D. in Econometrics and Statistics                              | 2021.09 – now     |
| M.B.A.  | 2023.09 – now     |
| Booth School of Business, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA |                   |
| Advisor: Bryon Aragam   |                   |
| M.Sc. in Statistics   | 2019.09 – 2021.04 |
| Department of Statistics, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA |                   |
| Advisor: Jingshu Wang   |                   |
| B.Sc. in Statistics   | 2015.09 – 2019.06 |
| School of Statistics, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China  |                   |

## Publications

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9. Yuhao Wang, **Ming Gao**, Wai Ming Tai, Bryon Aragam, and Arnab Bhattacharyya. [Optimal estimation of gaussian \(poly\)trees](#). In *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*PMLR, 2024.
8. **Ming Gao**, Wai Ming Tai, and Bryon Aragam, 2023. [Optimal neighbourhood selection in structural equation models](#)
7. Cong Zhang and **Ming Gao**. [Optimizing return forecasts: A bayesian intermediary asset pricing approach](#). *SSRN*, 2023.
6. Jin-Hong Du, Tianyu Chen, **Ming Gao**, and Jingshu Wang. [Joint trajectory inference for single-cell genomics using deep learning with a mixture prior](#). *bioRxiv*, 2023.
5. Yuxuan Guo, **Ming Gao**, and Xiaoling Lu. [Multivariate change point detection for heterogeneous series](#). *Neurocomputing*, 2022.
4. **Ming Gao**, Wai Ming Tai, and Bryon Aragam. [Optimal estimation of gaussian dag models](#). In *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*PMLR, 2022.
3. **Ming Gao** and Bryon Aragam. [Efficient bayesian network structure learning via local markov boundary search](#). *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 34:4301–4313, 2021.

2. Goutham Rajendran, Bohdan Kivva, **Ming Gao**, and Bryon Aragam. [Structure learning in polynomial time: Greedy algorithms, bregman information, and exponential families](#). *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 34:18660–18672, 2021.
1. **Ming Gao**, Yi Ding, and Bryon Aragam. [A polynomial-time algorithm for learning nonparametric causal graphs](#). *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 33:11599–11611, 2020.

## Professional Service

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### *Reviewer*

- **Conferences:** ICML 2023-2024, NeurIPS 2022-2024, AISTATS 2022-2024

## Teaching Experience

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### *Teaching Assistant*

- BUSN 41901: Probability and Statistics (PhD), Autumn, 2023
- BUSN 41000: Business Statistics (MBA), Winter, 2024

## Awards

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| Arnold Zellner Doctoral Prize | Chicago Booth, 2024       |
| Ph.D Program Fellowship       | Chicago Booth, 2021 – now |
| Outstanding Thesis Award      | RUC, 2019                 |

## Internship Experience

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### **Data Analyst Intern**, 2018.12 – 2019.05

[Department of Dynamic Drilling Computing Engineering, Schlumberger](#), Beijing, China

Project: Apply convolutional neural network on drilling trajectory to retrieve the potential geometry patterns contributing to better Torque & Drag evaluation.

### **Data Analyst Intern**, 2018.07 – 2018.08

[Department of Science and Technology, Industrial Bank of China](#), Shanghai, China

Project: Apply random forest to identify loan fraud or overdue.

### **Quantitative Research Intern**, 2018.01 – 2018.03

[Lion Fund Management](#), Beijing, China

Project: Assist in the development of stock-trading strategies, processing, validity recognition, selection and synthesis of the factors in multi-factor models.