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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Educational measurement and assessment; Quantitative research methods

EDUCATION

- 2021-present **Ph.D. Student**, Educational Research
Department of Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology and Counseling, College of Education, University of Alabama, U.S
Division: Quantitative Methods
Advisor: Dr. Joni Lakin
- 2012-2013 **M.A.** Global Journalism
Department of Journalism Studies, University of Sheffield, UK
Advisor: Dr. Scott Eldridge II
- 2008-2012 **B.A.** Sports Journalism, Sport Journalism & Communication Department,
Beijing Sport University, China

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

- 2021-2026 *Dean's Special Graduate Assistantship*, College of Education, University of Alabama.
Awarded to **one** exceptional incoming graduate student each year at Department of Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology and Counseling, College of Education.
- Mar 2022 *Helene DeBlanc Crow Memorial Endowed Scholarship* \$2,300
College of Education Graduate Scholarship, University of Alabama

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021-2022 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Department of Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology and Counseling, College of Education, University of Alabama
Research Advisor: Dr. JoonHo Lee

Project R Markdown: preparing tutorials with R Markdown on topics such as Basic statistical principles, Opposing Statistical Philosophies, Estimation and Inference, Introduction to Linear Models, Simple Linear Regression, etc.
- 2022-2023 **Graduate Research Assistant**

Department of Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology and Counseling, College of Education, University of Alabama
Research Advisor: Dr. Stefanie Wind

Targeted Double Scoring Project: drafting literature review, assisting data simulation and data analyses with R

CONFERENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

Mar 2022 Xu, Y. (2022, March). Better English language proficiency, higher GPA? Predictive Validity of the TOEFL iBT Scores of Mainland Chinese Students in the University of Alabama. Paper presented at the Southeastern Universities Graduate Research Symposium (SUGRS), Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014-2021 **Head Teacher**

2018- 2021 Shuofan International Education Co.,Ltd

2014- 2018 New Oriental Education & Technology Group Inc.

Teaching IELTS, TOEFL language courses, and GRE courses; developing and delivering curricula; planning and developing syllabi and teaching content; training new teachers; organizing conferences and meetings; monitoring classroom activities and students' performances.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

R programming; R Markdown; FlexMIRT

STATISTICS COURSEWORK

Statistical Methods in Education; Applied Regression; Item Response Theory; Applied Bayesian Analysis.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2022-2023 **Board Member at College of Education Graduate Student Organization, University of Alabama (COE-GSO)**

Representing students within the Educational Research program at UA; supporting and engaging graduate students by providing professional development, social and community service events.

REFERENCES

Dr. Joni Lakin

Position: Associate Professor, Department of Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology and Counseling, College of Education, University of Alabama

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Dr. JoonHo Lee

Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology and Counseling, College of Education, University of Alabama

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