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Summary Passionate in leveraging big data to advance personalised health care and precision

medicine. Statistician, entrepreneur, debater and dreamer.

Positions Data scientist, Neuroscience analytics, Jan. 2020 -

Personalized Healthcare (PHC) Data Science, Roche

Visiting researcher, Jan. 2020 -

MRC Biostatistics Unit, University of Cambridge

Co-founder, Mar. 2020 -

Dx Analytics (currently in Accelerate Cambridge)

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, U.K.

Ph.D., Statistics, passed with no corrections,

• Developed a multilevel (mixed-effects) model to relate clusters of individuals to multiple event histories and various health outcomes.

- Applied the methodology to a cohort study (N=19K,T=60 years). These analyses improved our understanding of the life course impact of social and health inequalities.
- Programming: R, STATA.

MSc., Statistics (Research), Distinction,

Oct. 2014

Nov. 2018

Dissertation: The valuation of American option contracts.

- Modelled the CBOE volatility index (VIX) using a jump diffusion (stochastic) process that improves the prediction of spot VIX.
- Programming: WinBUGS, R.

University of Liverpool, Liverpool, U.K.

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, Suzhou, China.

BSc.(Hons), Financial Mathematics, First Class,

Aug. 2013

Dissertation: The valuation of American option contracts.

- Compared three numerical schemes for pricing American put options.
- Wrote an efficient Matlab scripts for quick implementation with user-defined scenarios (simulation studies and empirical analyses).
- Programming: MATLAB.

Work Experience

Co-founder of D-Art (predecessor of Dx Analytics)

Apr. 2019 -

Precision health check for artworks.

Finalist in the 3^{rd} China (Shenzhen) Innovation& Entrepreneurship International Competition.

Research Associate, Precision medicine

Nov. 2018 - Dec. 2019

MRC Biostatistics Unit, University of Cambridge.

Multimorbidity research (electronic health records, N=400K, T=20 years).

Joint project with Addenbrooke's Hospital

Jul. 2019 -

Developed dynamic risk prediction models for ANCA-associated vasculitides with competing outcomes (relapse and infection).

Joint project with Papworth hospital

Mar. 2019

Developed a dynamic and personalised early warning tool using electronic health records of cardic surgical patients.

Improved sensitivity by 50% and tripled the precision of the current system.

Built a risk calculator (shiny app, R) with a doctor-friendly interface.

Worked with doctors and hospital researchers.

Joint project with DHSC of the UK government

Mar. 2016 -

Implemented a new method to compute the variance of margin estimates.

Built a Stata program (in mata) for efficient computation with user-defined constraints. Worked with policy makers, PSNC and academics.

Visiting Researcher, Department of Geography

Sept. - Dec. 2014

Developed a statistical model to empirically test the migration framework in Burkina Faso.

Worked with geographers from University of Namur & University of Liege, Belgium.

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Zhu*, Y., Edwards, D., Mant, J., Payne, R. A., and Kiddle, S. (2020). Characteristics, service use and mortality of clusters of multimorbid patients in England: a population-based study. *BMC Medicine*, 18, 1-11.
- 2. Zhu*, Y., Steele, F., and Moustaki, I. (2020). A multilevel SEM for the interrelationships between multiple latent dimensions of childhood socioeconomic circumstances, partnership transitions and midlife health. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*. Series A: Statistics in Society, 183 (3), 1029-1050.
- 3. De Longueville*, F., Zhu*, Y., Henry, S. (2018) Direct and indirect impacts of environmental factors on migration in Burkina Faso: Application of Structural Equation Modeling. *Population and Environment*, 40(4), 456-479.
- 4. Zhu*, Y., Steele, F., Moustaki, I., (2017). A General 3-Step Maximum Likelihood Approach to Estimate the Effects of Multiple Latent Categorical Variables on a Distal Outcome. *Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal*, 24(5), 643-656.
- 5. Zhu*, Y. and Cheng, J., (2013). Using hidden Markov model to detect macroeconomic risk level. Review of Integrative Business and Economics Research, 2(1), 238-249.

Papers in Preparation

- Zhu*, Y., Chiu, Y.D., Villar, S.S., Brand, J.W., Patteril, M.V., Morrice, D.J., Mackay, J.H. (2020) Dynamic personalised early warning score versus national early warning score for predicting postoperative cardiac surgical ward patient deterioration. (submitted)
- 2. McClure* M., Zhu* Y., Smith R., Gopaluni S., Tieu, J., Kabir T., David Jayne D., Barrett J. and Jones R. (2020) Long term maintenance rituximab for ANCA-associated vasculitis: infection and relapse prediction model. (minor revision)
- 3. Shi* C., Zhu* Y. and Wong H.Y., Do Older People Expect Reciprocity When Providing Care? Evidence from Rural and Urban China. (in preparation)
- 4. Shi*, C. and Zhu*, Y. Can Multidimensional Poverty Index Substitute Income to Target the Poor? A Study Based on the Poor Household Database of a Nationally Designated Poor County in China. (in preparation)
- 5. Ding*, Y., Zhu, Y., Ody-Brasier A., Vermeulen, F. Organizational Antecedents of Evil: The Effect of Supervision on Workplace Abuse. (in preparation)

6. Bendayan*, R., Zhu*, Y., Federman, A., Dobson, R. Patterns of multimorbidity and cognitive decline in older adults: Evidence of the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing. (in preparation)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

• (Invited talk) A novel method to identify clusters of multimorbid patients in linked CPRD primary and secondary care EHR. Jul. 2020

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, London

• (Invited talk) Relating clusters of patients to distal outcomes: A misclassificationcorrection approach.

Computational and Methodological Statistics, London

Dec. 2019

• (Invited workshop) Understanding the life course impact of childhood socioeconomic disadvantages on midlife health: a multilevel SEM approach.

Institute of Child Health, University College London

Jan. 2019

• Characteristics, service use and mortality of clusters of multimorbid patients in England: a population-based study.

The Lancet Public Health Science 2019, London

Nov. 2019

 Identification of clusters and outcomes of multimorbid patients in UK general practice. 12th European Public Health conference, Marseille Nov. 2019

A 3-step multilevel SEM

Statistical Analysis of Multi-outcome Data, Manchester

Jun. 2019

• Extending the 3-step approach to a multilevel structural equation model. 2018 International Meeting of Psychometric Society, New York Jul. 2018

 Application of Structural Equation Modeling for analysing impacts of environmental factors on migration in Burkina Faso.

2017 International Population Conference, Cape Town

• An extension of the general 3-step ML approach to random effects EHA with multiple latent categorical predictors.

Royal Statistical Society Annual Conference, Glasgow

Sept. 2017

• A general 3-step method to estimate the effects of multiple latent categorical predictors on a distal outcome.

Royal Statistical Society Annual Conference, Manchester

Sept. 2016

AWARDS

2015 - 2019

- Associate Fellow of The Higher Education Academy, UK.
- LSE Travel grants (Aug. 2018, £1,000; Jul. 2017, £1000)
- LSE Best Class Teacher Award, London School of Economics.
- LSE Statistics PhD Scholarship (£120,000), London School of Economics.

2009 - 2013

- National Scholarship (Ministry of Education of the P.R China).
- National Endeavor Scholarship (Ministry of Education of the P.R China).
- Provincial Outstanding Student in Jiangsu Province, P.R China.
- University first-class progression scholarship (3 years in a row).
- Departmental Best Overall Performance (Dept. of Mathematical Science).
- Honourable Mention in Mathematical Contest in Modelling (The Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications, U.S.)
- 'Best Debater' and 'Winning Team' in the Debating Society.

Teaching EXPERIENCE

Class teaching at London School of Economics, U.K.

Dept. of Statistics

• ST411 Generalised linear modelling

2017 - 18

• ST405 Multivariate Methods

2017 - 18

• Elementary Statistical Theory Dept. of Economics

2015 - 17

•	LSE Summer	School 2017:	Essential Statistics for Economics and Econometrics
•	LSE Summer	School 2017:	Further Statistics for Economics and Econometrics

SERVICES

• Departmental PhD representative.

• Athena Swan EDI Taskforce: Student representative.

2015 - 19 2016 - 19

SOFTWARE AND LANGUAGE SKILLS Computer Programming: R, Stata, Matlab, WinBUGS, Mplus, LatentGOLD Language: English (fluent), Mandarin (native), French (beginner).