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Education

M.A. Economics, **Zhejiang University**   Sept 2024 – June 2026 (Expected)

- GPA: 91.75/100
- **Relevant Coursework:** Mathematical Analysis, Statistical Design and Analysis (In Progress)

B.A. Economics, Chu Kochen Honors College, **Zhejiang University**   Sept 2020 – July 2024

- GPA: 3.98/4.0 (2/27)
- **Relevant Coursework:** Game Theory, Mathematical Economics, Advanced Microeconomics, Calculus, Python, Stata, Intermediate Econometrics, Linear Algebra, Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics

Research Interests

Fields: Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Labor Economics
Topics: Gender Disparities, Education, Motivated Beliefs

Research Experiences

Parenting and Children's Behavioral Preferences: Evidence from Field Experiments of Real Family Interactions   May 2023 – Dec 2024
– Research Assistant

- Tested experimental programs (oTree), and designed experimental descriptions and questionnaires for children and parents
- Conducted experiments by explaining procedures to participants and organizing experimental materials

Closing the Gender Gap in Competitiveness: The Role of Altruism in Teams   July 2023 – Aug 2024
– Author (Bachelor Thesis)

- Designed experimental programs using z-Tree, analyzed results with Stata, and authored the thesis in both Chinese and English using LaTeX.
- Recruited participants and organized experimental sessions.

How Do Other-Regarding Preferences Influence the Gender Gap in Leadership?   Oct 2024 – Present
– Author

- Developed the research proposal and designed experimental programs using oTree.

Working Papers

"**Closing the Gender Gap in Competitiveness: The Role of Altruism in Teams**", with Wenyuan Yang and Yefeng Chen.

"**The Invisible Hand of Tax Shifting: A Study on Tax Incidence in VAT Reform**" (in Chinese), with Yuheng Chai and Yanpeng Wang.

Academic Conferences

- The 2023 Annual Conference of the Chinese Association of Quantitative Economics, Hangzhou.   Oct 2023
- The 1st China Economic Policy Assessment Forum, Hefei.   Dec 2023

Skills & Languages

Languages: Mandarin (Native), English (TOEFL: 105)
Technical Skills: Stata, Python (oTree), z-Tree, LaTeX