ANHUA CHEN

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EDUCATION

PhD Harvard University

PhD Candidate in Economics (Industrial Organization, Trade)

Aug 2019 – Jun 2025 (Expected)

M.A. Harvard University

Economics

May 2023

M.A. University of Chicago

Computational Social Science (Economics Track)

Sep. 2017 - Jun. 2019

B.S. Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Economics and Finance, Minor in Mathematics

Sep. 2012 - Jun. 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cornerstone Research | Boston

Jun. 2024 – Aug. 2024

PhD Summer Associate

- Worked in team to use empirical industrial organization toolkit to solve complex litigation cases.
- Analyzed big dataset, built and estimated structural demand model to assist the writing of expert reports for antitrust litigation cases.

Flexport Inc | San Francisco

Jun. 2022 – May. 2023

PhD Economist/Applied Scientist

- Estimated importers' price elasticity of demand using large-scale in-house quote data, paired with experiment design to optimize firms' pricing strategy.
- Built innovative structural empirical industrial organization model to estimate importer's value of transit speed during Pandemic shipping congestion. Turn the insight into strategic decision implemented by company leadership.
- Forged a long-term research collaborative arrangement between the firm and Harvard Economics department on studying the strategic capacity allocation of carriers

Goldman Sachs (Asia), Global Investment Research | Hong Kong SAR

Aug. 2015 -- Aug. 2016

Gap-year Macroeconomic Research Analyst

- Performed in-house research on market dynamics for various industries in Asian emerging economies, supervised by Chief Asia-Pacific Economist Andrew Tilton
- Wrote and published research on quantifying China central bank's policy stance in one of Goldman Sachs' most featured journals --- Asia Economics Analyst

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Prof. Marc Melitz (Harvard), Prof. Keith Head (UBC) and Prof. Thierry Mayer (Science Po)

Harvard University, Department of Economics | Mar. 2020 – Mar. 2022

• Conducting research on multinational firms' supply chain configuration using proprietary auto industry data on powertrain manufacturing plants

Research Professional

Becker Friedman Institute, The University of Chicago | Jun. 2018 – Jul. 2019

 Assisted in project "The Rise in Household Spending Concentration" for Prof. Brent Neiman and Prof. Joe Vavra. Use millions of micro transaction-level Nielsen data to study the within/across household consumption concentration trend in US Constructed a meta high-performance-computing structure of the project on UChicago supercomputer – Remoting Computing Center

Student Research Fellow Becker Fr

Becker Friedman Institute, The University of Chicago | Jun. 2017 – Aug. 2017

 Selected as 1 of 21 students worldwide to participate in bootcamp directed by Dr. Rick Evans on microfoundation-based macroeconomic modeling with heterogeneous firms/industries. Received systematic training on how to enhance computational performance of large-scale macroeconomic modeling with rich micro features

WORK IN PROGRESS

Anhua Chen "How Big Is Too Big": The Competitive Effect of Container Shipping Technology Innovation

Anhua Chen, Phil Levy, Ryan J Martin, "I Feel the Need For Speed": Importers' Re-configuration of Transportation

Network During Supply Chain Disruption

Anhua Chen, Constanza Maria Abuin, "Imperfect Competition and Trade in Firm-to-Firm Networks" Anhua Chen, Hanbin Yang, "Reconfiguration of Global Auto Production Network"

PUBLICATION

Anhua Chen, Andrew Tilton, "Gauging the PBoC's monetary policy stance", Asia Economic Analyst, Goldman Sachs GIR

HONORS AND REWARDS

Grants

- CEPR STEG PhD grant (GBP 10,000 shared with Constanza Maria Abuin)
- Molly and Domenic Ferrante Economics Research Fund (\$12,000)

Honors

- Academic Achievement Medal (awarded to top 1% graduate university-wide) | HKUST
- Outstanding Graduating Student Award | HKUST
- Beta Gamma Sigma

Scholarship

- The Joseph Lau Luen Hung Charitable Trust Scholarship | HKD 130,000 | HKUST
- Merit-based Tuition scholarship | USD 65,600 | The University of Chicago

Fellowship

- Student Research Fellowship | USD 4,200 | Becker Friedman Institute, The University of Chicago
- Harvard GSAS fellowship, Department of Economics

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Technical: R, Matlab, STATA, Python, SQL, EViews, Bash, MS Office, Github, SAS **Languages:** English (Professional), Chinese (Native), Cantonese (Professional)