

# ZHUOHUI LIANG

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## EDUCATION

- **INSTITUTE : COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY** New York City, U.S.  
MAJOR : MASTER CANDIDATE IN BIOSTATISTICS(4.07/4.3) 09/2020-PRESENT
- **INSTITUTE : SHANDONG UNIVERSITY** Jinan, China  
MAJOR : BACHELOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH(4.32/5) 09/2014-06/2019

## PUBLICATION

- Appraisal of China's response to the COVID-19 outbreak compared with that to the SARS outbreak. *Frontiers in Public Health* doi:/10.3389/fpubh.2021.679540

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Department of Biostatistics, Columbia University** New York  
*Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Shuang Wang* 04/2021-PRESENT  
**Methodology Developing on Multi-omic Association and Clustering**
  - Literature review on dimensional reduction, discrete time random walk and multi-view clustering and association singular boosting method
  - Design simulation to test and compare existing multi-view clustering method, ie. Similarity Network Fusion(SNF), Multi-view Clustering Without Parameter(COMIC), Partition-level Multiview Subspace Clustering(PSMC), Diversity-Induce Multiview Clustering(DiMSC) and etc.; and association boosting method, ie. Disease-Specific Network Enhancement Prioritization(DISNEP), Gene-wanderer etc.
  - Improving above-mentioned methods with alternative manifold learning for new data representation, smoothing learned similarity matrix, multi-view fusion or consensus regulation, complementary regulation on clustering result
- **Department of Biostatistics, Columbia University** New York  
*Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Ying Wei, Prof. Yifei Sun* 09/2021-PRESENT  
**Predicting Patient Coherence with Multivariate Random Forest**
  - Design and code weighted multivariate random forest algorithm independently to predict medication adherence in a interval for an incomplete medication adherence history data;
  - Model missing pattern of the response variables under MAR, and boosting compliance prediction model's performance with the modeled missing observation probability;
  - Ensemble all trees with Hidden Markov Chains model for a dynamic prediction model;
  - Design simulation study to test algorithm performance and analysis on the data, we found that using IPW to adjust for missing data improves the prediction performance of our multivariate random forest in simulation and our adherence history data;
  - Manuscript writing
- **Department of Social Health, Shandong University** Jinan, China  
*Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Jiajia Li* 01/2019-06/2019  
**Case Study: eHealth Resource Allocation Inequality in Shandong Province**
  - Led a research group to collect data on the use of electronic health (eHealth) resources from an online healthcare community involving more than 441,000 doctors and 31 provinces in China, by using Python packages, such as lxml and pandas.

- Cleaned and analyzed data with R-ggplot; utilized techniques such as visualizing the spatial distribution and density of highly-ranked hospitals and experienced professionals.
- Performed statistical analysis on eHealth online-to-offline spillover effects using the Spatial Durbin Panel Model to reduce autocorrelation by the Pesaran CD test; improved model fitness.
- Identified the spillover effects of eHealth services on health care inequity; provided ideas and strategies to address healthcare disparities using widely accessible eHealth resources.
- Drafted and submitted a report to the 2020 Health Technology Assessment International Conference and 2019 Global Young Scholars Forum on Health Management

- **Department of Social Health, Shandong University**

*Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Jiajia Li*

Jinan, China  
10/2018-06/2019

**Project: Effect of Insurance Plans on Catastrophic Healthcare Expenditures**

- Led a research group to conduct a longitudinal study on the effects of different insurance types on catastrophic healthcare expenditures.
- Conducted data cleansing and validation using R package – tidyverse; processed information from 44,417 observational sessions and identified 3,300 missing units of data and outliers.
- Collected information on geographical locations with Google Maps API and matched this with the insurance coverage provided by each plan as an instrumental variable for addressing the endogeneity introduced by insurance selection bias.
- Performed two-stage least square regression analysis to build a model with instrumental variables using R package -AER; concluded that China's new health insurance program has decreased the odds of catastrophic health expenditures but has failed to control total health expenditures.
- Provided quantitative evidence to forecast the financial expenditures of different healthcare insurance plans and to provide a reference for other researchers in the selection of instrumental variables.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Mailman School of Public Health-Columbia University

*Teaching Assistant*

New York  
06/2021-PRESENT

- Course planning, material preparation and teaching lab session for **MIMIC Data Preparation and Sparse Coding and Instrumental Variable Analysis Method** for High-Dimensional EHR data Bootcamp
- Course planning, holding office hour and grading for **Data Science I**

- National Health Development and Research Center of China Health Committee

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Beijing, China  
06/2019-06/2020

- Provide advice on sampling method, model selection, and result interpretation as well as data visualization.
- Estimate national health expenditure in 2019, and analyze the distribution of different demographic characteristics, such as age and gender, to optimize healthcare resource allocation.
- Build ICD-10 auto-coding and data format auto-standardizing algorithm with Python for annual health accounting, improving working efficiency, data accuracy, and integrity.
- Conduct a literature review on data mining methods for detecting healthcare fraud; provide data support for a pilot feasibility project.
- Participated in data visualization of healthcare metrics and healthcare access for *Development Report On Health Reform In China(2020)*(ISBN:9787520164412).
- Assisted with study design and data processing in Python for two confidential projects

## SKILLS

- Computing: Python, R, Linux command line