

# JIAYI WANG

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## EDUCATION

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**Texas A&M University**

Ph.D. in Statistics

Advisor: Dr. Raymond K.W. Wong

*Aug 2017 - Present*

(GPA: 4.00/4.00 )

**Zhejiang University, China**

B.S. in Statistics

*Jul 2013 - Jun 2017*

(GPA: 3.94/4.00 )

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- Emanuel Parzen Graduate Research Fellowship Award 2021  
*Texas A&M University*
- Best Student's Paper Award 2020  
*Section on Nonparametric Statistics, American Statistical Association(ASA)*
- Excellent Student 2017  
*Zhejiang University*
- Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Program Awards 2016  
*University of Melbourne*
- National Scholarship 2014  
*Zhejiang University (2% winning rate)*

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **Jiayi Wang**, Raymond K.W. Wong, Xiaojun Mao, and Kwun Chuen Gary Chan. (2021+). Matrix Completion with Model-free Weighting. *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*. [Link](#)
- **Jiayi Wang**, Raymond K.W. Wong, and Xiaoke Zhang. (2021+). Low-rank Covariance Function Estimation for Multidimensional Functional Data. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*. [Link](#)
- **Jiayi Wang**, Raymond K.W. Wong, Mikyoung Jun, Courtney Schumacher, R Saravanan, and Chunmei Sun. (2021). Statistical and Machine Learning Methods Applied to the Prediction of Different Tropical Rainfall Types. *Environmental Research Communications*. Accepted. [Link](#)

## PREPRINTS

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- **Jiayi Wang**, Zhenglin Qi, and Raymond K.W. Wong. (2021). Projected State-action Balancing Weights for Offline Reinforcement Learning. *Submitted*. [Link](#)
- **Jiayi Wang**, Raymond K.W. Wong, Shu Yang, and Kwun Chuen Gary Chan. (2021). Estimation of Partially Conditional Average Treatment Effect by Hybrid Kernel-covariate Balancing. *Submitted*. [Link](#)

## TEACHING

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### Instructor

*Texas A&M University*

- Stat 201: Elementary Statistical Inference Summer 2021
  - Responsible for designing courses and exams, giving lectures, assigning grades and supervising the teaching assistant.

### Teaching Assistant

*Texas A&M University*

- Stat 614: Probability for Statistics (graduate level) Fall 2021
- Stat 648: Applied Stat & Data Analysis (graduate level) Spring 2021
- Stat 612: Theory of Linear Models (graduate level) Fall 2020, Fall 2021
- Stat 404: Statistical Computing Spring 2020
- Stat 211: Principles of Statistics I Fall 2017, Spring 2018

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Internship

- Data Scientist Internship Summer 2020  
*Modeling & Optimization, Amazon*
  - Constructed a predictive model for the late deliveries via Catboost and neural network modeling.
  - The predictive model is applied to the European delivery system to improve customer service.

### Research

- Research Assistant Jun 2018 - present  
*Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Texas A&M University*
  - Explored multiple data compression methods, including principal component analysis, auto-encoder, sufficient dimension reduction to interpret high-dimensional atmospheric variables.
  - Explored various machine learning methods (random forest, lightGBM, and deep learning) to model tropical rain occurrence and rain amount.
  - Compared statistical models (generalized linear models) and machine learning methods in characterizing the tail of rain amount density.
- Global Engagement in Academic Research (GEAR) Summer 2016  
*Department of Accounting, North Carolina State University*
  - Developed time series models to analyze and predicted the frequency of data breach.
  - Developed a Bayesian linear model to evaluate the size of data breach.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Low-rank Covariance Function Estimation for Multidimensional Functional Data Fall 2022  
*Causality inference & Missing data analysis group, North Carolina State University*
- Matrix Completion with Model-free Weighting Summer 2021  
*Poster presentation, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*

- Low-rank Covariance Function Estimation for Multidimensional Functional Data  
*Stat Cafe at the Department of Statistics, Texas A&M University* Spring 2021
- Low-rank Covariance Function Estimation for Multidimensional Functional Data  
*Student paper award talk, Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)* Summer 2020
- Analysis of Characteristics of Data Breach  
*GEAR poster presentation, North Carolina State University* Summer 2016

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Functional Data
- Low-rank Modeling
- Causal Inference
- Reinforcement Learning

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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<b>Languages</b>	Mandarin, English
<b>Softwares &amp; Tools</b>	R, Python, C, Matlab, SQL, LaTeX