

# Xingyu Wang

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Rare Event Analysis, Large Deviations, Metastability, Heavy Tails
- Machine Learning
- Stochastic Simulation
- Hawkes Processes

## EMPLOYMENT

**University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam School of Economics** Amsterdam, NL  
• Postdoc Researcher, [Quantitative Economics](#) 2024 - Present  
*Hosts: [Roger J.A. Laeven](#), [Bert Zwart](#)*

## EDUCATION

**Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering** Evanston, IL, US  
• Ph.D. in [Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences](#) 2018 - 2024  
*Advisor: [Chang-Han Rhee](#)*  
• M.S. in [Analytics](#) 2016 - 2017  
**Peking University** Beijing, China  
• B.S. in Psychology and Applied Mathematics 2011 - 2016

## SUBMITTED AND WORKING PAPERS

( $\alpha - \beta$ : ALPHABETICAL AUTHORSHIP)

**Strongly Efficient Rare-Event Simulation for Regularly Varying Lévy Processes with Infinite Activities** [\[preprint\]](#)

Xingyu Wang, Chang-Han Rhee  
Major Revision at *Mathematics of Operations Research*; [arXiv:2309.13820](#)

**Large Deviations and Metastability Analysis for Heavy-Tailed Dynamical Systems** [\[preprint\]](#)

Xingyu Wang, Chang-Han Rhee  
Major Revision at *Annals of Applied Probability*; [arXiv:2307.03479](#)  
*George Nicholson Student Paper Competition, Second Place*, 2023

**Tail Asymptotics of Cluster Sizes in Multivariate Heavy-Tailed Hawkes Processes** [\[preprint\]](#)

( $\alpha - \beta$ ) Jose Blanchet, Roger J. A. Laeven, Xingyu Wang, Bert Zwart  
Submitted to *Annals of Applied Probability*; [arXiv:2503.01004](#)

**Sample Path Large Deviations for Multivariate Heavy-Tailed Hawkes Processes and Related Lévy Processes** [\[preprint\]](#)

( $\alpha - \beta$ ) Jose Blanchet, Roger J. A. Laeven, Xingyu Wang, Bert Zwart  
Major Revision at *Bernoulli*; [arXiv:2503.01004](#)

**Global Dynamics of Heavy-Tailed SGDs in Nonconvex Loss Landscape: Characterization and Control** [\[preprint\]](#)

Xingyu Wang, Chang-Han Rhee  
Submitted to *Operations Research*; [arXiv:2510.20905](#)

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CONFERENCE  
PAPERS

**Multi-agent Multi-armed Bandit with Fully Heavy-tailed Dynamics** [\[preprint\]](#)

Xingyu Wang, Mengfan Xu  
Winter Simulation Conference (WSC), 2025

**Importance Sampling Strategy for Heavy-Tailed Systems with Catastrophe Principle** [\[pdf\]](#)

Xingyu Wang, Chang-Han Rhee  
Winter Simulation Conference (WSC), 2023

**Eliminating Sharp Minima from SGD with Truncated Heavy-Tailed Noises** [\[pdf\]](#)

Xingyu Wang, Sewoong Oh, Chang-Han Rhee  
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2022  
*Nemhauser Prize for Best Student Paper, 2022*

**Keyword-Based Topic Modeling and Keyword Selection** [\[pdf\]](#)

Xingyu Wang, Lida Zhang, Diego Klabjan  
IEEE Big Data, 2021

**Efficient Rare-Event Simulation for Multiple Jump Events in Regularly Varying Lévy Processes with Infinite Activities** [\[pdf\]](#)

Xingyu Wang, Chang-Han Rhee  
Winter Simulation Conference (WSC), 2020

**Competitive Multi-Agent Inverse Reinforcement Learning with Sub-Optimal Demonstrations** [\[pdf\]](#)

Xingyu Wang, Diego Klabjan  
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2018

HONORS AND  
AWARDS

- **Nemhauser Best Dissertation Prize**, Northwestern University 2025
- **George Nicholson Student Paper Competition, Second Place**, INFORMS 2023
- **Terminal Year Fellowship**, Northwestern University 2023
- **Nemhauser Prize for Best Student Paper**, Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences, Northwestern University 2022
- **Benjamin A. Sachs Graduate Fellowship**, Northwestern University 2022
- **Arthur P. Hurter Award for Academic Excellence among First Year Graduate Students**, Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences, Northwestern University 2019
- **Lee Wai Wang Scholarship**, Department of Psychology, Peking University 2015
- **National Scholarship for Undergraduates**, Department of Psychology, Peking University 2013

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

**Large Deviations for Multivariate Heavy-Tailed Hawkes Processes**

- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA Oct, 2025
- Seminar at School of Mathematics and Statistics, Beijing Institute of Technology Apr, 2025
- Stochastic Seminars at Korteweg-de Vries Institute for Mathematics, Amsterdam, NL Feb, 2025

**Sharp Characterization and Control of Global Dynamics of SGDs with Heavy Tails**

- University of Copenhagen, Statistics Seminar Sep, 2025

- Monte Carlo Methods 2025, Chicago, IL July, 2025
- Applied Probability Society Conference 2025, Atlanta, GA July, 2025
- Bayes Comp 2025, Singapore Jun, 2025
- Data-Driven Queueing Challenges Conference, Eindhoven, NL Nov, 2024
- INI Satellite Programme on Heavy Tails in Machine Learning, London, UK Apr, 2024
- Cornell University, ORIE, Ithaca, NY Feb, 2024
- University of Pittsburgh, Industrial Engineering, Pittsburgh, PA Jan, 2024
- SNAPP Seminar, Lightning Talk Session, Virtual [\[video\]](#) Dec, 2023

#### **Importance Sampling Strategy for Heavy-Tailed Systems with Catastrophe Principle**

- Winter Simulation Conference (Advanced Tutorial), San Antonio, TX Dec, 2023

#### **Large Deviation and Metastability Analysis for Heavy-Tailed Dynamical Systems**

- Neurips 2023, Heavy Tails in ML Workshop (Poster), New Orleans, LA Dec, 2023
- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ Oct, 2023
- Cornell ORIE Young Researchers Workshop, Ithaca, NY Oct, 2023

#### **Eliminating Sharp Minima from SGD with Truncated Heavy-Tailed Noises**

- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ Oct, 2023
- Applied Probability Society Conference 2023, Nancy, France Jun, 2023
- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN Oct, 2022
- International Conference on Learning Representations (2022), Virtual Apr, 2022
- DeepMath (2021), Virtual Nov, 2021

#### **Efficient Rare-Event Simulation for Multiple Jump Events in Regularly Varying Lévy Processes with Infinite Activities**

- Winter Simulation Conference, Virtual Dec, 2020
- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Virtual Nov, 2020

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### **Theses Supervisor**

- UvA, Master's Theses, Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance 2025
- UvA, Bachelor's Theses, Actuarial Science 2025

##### **Instructor**

- IEMS Bootcamp (Probability) for PhD Students 2022 Fall, 2023 Fall

##### **Teaching Assistant**

- UvA Introduction to Data Science 2025
- UvA Non-Life Insurance: Statistical Techniques and Data Analytics 2024, 2025
- NU IEMS 317 Discrete Event Systems Simulation 2022 Winter; 2021 Winter
- NU IEMS 315 Stochastic Models 2021 Spring, Fall; 2020 Spring, Fall

##### **Course Grader**

- NU OPNS 450 Decision Models & Prescriptive Analytics 2022 Winter
- NU IEMS 435 Stochastic Simulation 2020 Winter

## SERVICES

- Session Chair: IISE Annual Conference & Expo (2026)
- Referee: *Operations Research, Management Science, INFORMS Journal on Computing, SIAM Journal on Optimization, Communications Physics, ICML (2025), Winter Simulation Conference (2023, 2025)*
- Volunteer: *NU MORE-REACH panel (2024)*
- Webmaster: *Stochastic Networks, Applied Probability, and Performance (SNAPP) seminar (2023 - 2024)*
- Mentor: *1st-year mentorship program at NU INFORMS Student Chapter (2020, 2021)*

## INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Student Analytics Consultant**, Chicago Park District

Chicago, IL  
Oct 2016 - May 2017

**Data Analyst Intern**, 17zuoye (aka Homework Together)

Beijing, China  
Aug - Dec 2015