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Education

University of Illinois

Urbana-Champaign, IL

PhD Economics, MS Statistics

August 2016

Dissertation: "Three Essays in Applied Market Design"
University of Missouri-St. Louis

MS Economics

St. Louis, MO

May 2008

New York University

BA Economics

New York, NY May 2003

Employment

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Gaithersburg, MD

Economist - Applied Economics Office

September 2016 - present

- Lead interdisciplinary research teams across NIST, academia, and industry; develop comprehensive project plans with defined milestones, deliverables, and budgets; translate complex business and policy questions into data-driven research initiatives.
- Design and implement advanced analytical methodologies including econometric modeling with causal inference techniques, supervised and unsupervised machine learning algorithms, inputoutput analysis, and computational simulations to extract actionable insights from complex economic and disaster resilience datasets.
- Develop and deploy quantitative models that demonstrate positive benefit-cost ratios for resilience investments, creating reproducible data pipelines and analysis workflows that have been successfully adopted by practicing engineers and policymakers.
- Spearhead behavioral research initiatives through experimental survey design, data collection, and analysis; build and evaluate AI-assisted human-in-the-loop systems to efficiently process qualitative data for economic and policy insights.
- For FY25: Successfully secured competitive funding for two data-driven research proposals from NIST Research Protections Office; designed innovative survey instruments and analytical frameworks to quantitatively assess organizational policy impacts.
- FY22-FY23: Served as Analyst in NIST Director's Office, developing interactive data visualization dashboards; facilitated cross-functional data governance initiatives; represented NIST in Department and interagency working groups to advance evidence-based decision making.

Publications (peer-reviewed)

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- 2. Orhan, E., Wein, A. M., Kroll, C. A., & Fung, J. F. (2025). Lessons in business recovery following the 2023 kahramanmara earthquake sequence, türkiye informed by women entrepreneurs. *Earthquake Spectra*, 41(3), 1910–1940. https://doi.org/10.1177/87552930251330921
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- 6. Fung, J. F., Zhang, Y., Johnson, K. J., Cook, D. T., & Sattar, S. (2023). Multidisciplinary research to advance the development of functional recovery for community resilience. *Disaster Prevention and Resilience*, 2(13). http://dx.doi.org/10.20517/dpr.2023.15
- 7. Zhang, Y., Fung, J. F., Johnson, K. J., & Sattar, S. (2022). Motivators and impediments to seismic retrofit implementation for wood-frame soft-story buildings: A case study in california. *Earthquake Spectra*, 38(4), 2788–2812. https://doi.org/10.1177/87552930221100844
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- 9. Zhang, Y., Fung, J. F., Johnson, K. J., & Sattar, S. (2022). Review of seismic risk mitigation policies in earthquake-prone countries: Lessons for earthquake resilience in the united states. *Journal of Earthquake Engineering*, 26(12), 6208–6235. https://doi.org/10.1080/13632469.2021.1911889
- 10. Hariri-Ardebili, M. A., Sattar, S., Johnson, K., Clavin, C., Fung, J., & Ceferino, L. (2022). A perspective towards multi-hazard resilient systems: Natural hazards and pandemics. *Sustainability*, 14(8), 4508. https://doi.org/10.3390/su14084508

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- 2. Fung, J., Hall, M., Helgeson, J., Dima, A., Andrews, A., & Benkstein, J. (2025). *Evaluating the impact of changes to the internal publication review policy at NIST*. Data Collection Instruments, National Institute of Standards; Technology, Gaithersburg, MD. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.DCI.007
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- 13. Helgeson, J., Fung, J., Henriquez, A. R., Zycherman, A., Mohammadabadi, P. A., Nierenberg, C., Butry, D., & Ramkissoon, D. (2021). *Eliciting lessons from small- and medium-sized enterprises for resilience during and following complex events: Longitudinal data collection (wave 2)*. Data Collection Instruments, National Institute of Standards; Technology, Gaithersburg, MD. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.DCI.003
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- 22. Sattar, S., McAllister, T., Johnson, K., Clavin, C., Segura, C., McCabe, S., Fung, J., Abrahams, L., Emily, Levitan, M., Harrison, K., & Harris, J. (2018). *Research needs to support immediate occupancy building performance following natural hazard events*. Special Publication (NIST SP), National Institute of Standards; Technology, Gaithersburg, MD. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.1224
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- 24. Thomas, D., Butry, D., Gilbert, S., Webb, D., & Fung, J. (2017). *The costs and losses of wildfires*. Special Publication (NIST SP), National Institute of Standards; Technology, Gaithersburg, MD. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.1215

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Leadership, activities, and other skills

Leadership: Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI): Co-chair, Learning From Earthquakes (LFE) Business Resilience Subcommittee.

Professional Organizations: American Economic Association (AEA); American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI).

Mentoring: Formal mentoring through NIST Mentoring Program (2023, 2024). Informal mentoring through NIST academic programs (GMSE, SURF, PREP).

Programming: R, Julia, Python, SQL. Instructor for NIST Software Carpentry. Lesson maintainer for Data Carpentry.

Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native).

Clubs: NIST Toastmasters Club; Association of NIST Hispanic Americans; NIST Community Building Group.

Local Governance: Elected to lead HOA representing neighborhood households; manage meetings, budgets, and vendor oversight.