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EDUCATION

Emory University

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics (Advisor: Prof. Zheng Fang)

Aug 2021 – Jul 2027 (Expected)

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Master of Philosophy in Economics (Supervisor: Prof. Zhentao Shi)

Aug 2019 – Jul 2021

Bachelor of Social Science in Economics, First Class Honours

Sept 2015 – Jul 2019

Minor: Statistics, Concentration Area: Financial Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Econometric Theory, Machine Learning, Semiparametric Estimation

PUBLICATIONS

“Survey-Based Forecasting: To Average or Not to Average” (with Naijing Huang and Zhentao Shi). In: Sriboonchitta S., Kreinovich V., Yamaka W. (eds) *Behavioral Predictive Modeling in Economics*. Studies in Computational Intelligence, vol 897. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-49728-6_5. 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor – Department of Economics, Emory University

ECON 320: Econometrics (Lab) (UG)

Teaching Assistant – Department of Economics, Emory University

ECON 722: Time Series Econometrics (PhD)

ECON 622: Econometrics Methods II (PhD)

ECON 620: Probability Theory and Statistical Inference (PhD)

ECON 524: Big Data Econometrics (Master's)

ECON 320: Econometrics (UG)

ECON 220: Data Science for Economists (UG)

Teaching Assistant – Department of Economics, CUHK

ECON 4470: Economics of Behavioral Finance (UG)

ECON 4130: Economic Analysis for Social Networks (UG)

ECON 1101: Mathematical Methods in Economics I (UG)

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Emory University, Department of Economics, Atlanta, GA

Research Assistant to Prof. Melvin Ayogu

Spring 2025

Research Assistant to Prof. Ian McCarthy

Fall 2022

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

Research Assistant to Prof. Zhentao Shi

Sep 2017 – Jul 2021

Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Banking Supervision Department, Hong Kong SAR

Summer Intern

Jun 2018 – Aug 2018

REFeree SERVICE

Empirical Economics

OTHER SKILLS

Languages

Native in Cantonese

Fluent in English and Mandarin

Programming skills

R, Python, Stata, MATLAB