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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, American University

(expected) 2018

Dissertation: "Essays on Uncertainty and Macroeconomic Dynamics"

Advisor: Xuguang Sheng

M.S. in Economics, American University

2014

2010

B.A. in Economics & Political Science, Michigan State University

FIELDS AND INTERESTS

- Priniciples of micro and macro economics
- Empirical macroeconomics
- Data science
- Python
- Agent based modeling

EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist, Urban Institute (Washington, DC)

June 2016 - current

Part of a six-person Research Programming team that becomes involved in research throughout the institute in order to help with difficult technical and analytical barriers. My particular expertise is in Python, big data, automated data retrieval, text and unstructured data, and cross-platform and web interactions. Other notable areas of work include Stata, SAS, R, survey data, data visualization, and machine learning.

Adjunct Faculty, American University (Washington, DC)

Fall 2016

Graduate Assistant, American University (Washington, DC) Fall 2012 - Spring 2016

Research Assistant, American University (Washington, DC)

Mary Hansen Summer 2016
Jeremiah Dittmar Summer 2014
Jeremiah Dittmar Summer 2013

Research Assistant, Brookings Institution (Washington, DC)

I worked with the Metropolitan Policy Program, where I became an expert in data on foreign direct investment, working with it in Python and Stata in order to explore, identify and fix issues and outliers, provide summary statistics and contribute to the final research.

WORKS IN Job Market Paper:

PROGRESS "The causal impact of uncertainty shocks: evidence from military base closures"

Other Papers:

"State and regional economic uncertainty"

TEACHING Python for Data Science Priniciples of Microeconomics EXPERIENCE

Fall 2016

2017

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

President's Award for Technology Innovation in Research, Urban Institute, \$1500

University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum: History, Political Science and Economics, Michigan State University, \$500

PRESENTATIONS Urban Institute Webinar

"Spark for Social Science' Washington, DC. [slides]

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

"Regional Variation in Economic Uncertainty" Macroeconomic Potpuri. Washington, DC. [conference]

Urban Institute Brown Bag Series

"Python for Researchers" Washington, DC. [slides]

Center for Advanced Modeling at Johns Hopkins University

"Contract Enforcement and Group Formation: An Agent Based Model of the Maghribi

Traders" Baltimore, MD.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE Contributing Memeber, Python Software Foundation 2017-current Contributes to open source Python projects and the expansion of the Python pro-

graming language. Participates in PSF voting for board members and other important

issues on the direction of development for Python.

Python: Pandas, statsmodels, web scraping, data visualiza-**SKILLS**

tion, multiprocessing, natural language processing

Computer: STATA, SAS, R, SQL, Mathematica, NetLogo,

Amazon Web Services, Apache Spark, LATEX

Languages: English (native), Czech (beginner-intermediate)

REFERENCES

Xuguang Sheng (chair)

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