Mengxi Sun

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Academic Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor, College of Business, University of Akron 2025 - 2026

Education

| Ph.D. in Economics, University of Pittsburgh | Exp. 2025 |
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| M.A. in Public Policy with Certificate in Research Methods, University of Chicago | 2018 Dec. |
| B.Sc. in Mathematics (Hons), Economics, History of Art, University of Michigan | 2015 Dec. |

Research

Fields: Microeconomic Theory, Information Economics, Behavioral Economics.

JMP

Misinterpreted Persuasion. 2025, link to current version of JMP.

Work in progress

Credibility vs. Context. Learning from Other Worldviews.

Other working papers

Keyphrase Generation on News Articles. 2020.

Audience Costs of Insurgency: Civilian Casualties and Tolerance for Reintegration. 2018.

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Sentiment Analysis of Pandemic-Related Tweets (PI: Osea Guinttela), 2020 Summer. China Gazetteers Project (PI: Richard Freeman), 2016 Aug.–2017 Feb. Strategic Disclosure of Mutual Funds (PI: Paolo Pasquariello), 2016 Summer.

Activities

Conference presentation

| 2025 | Berlin Micro Theory and Behavioral Economics PhD Conference |
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| | Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory |
| 2024 | Economic Science Association (ESA) North America Meeting |

2023 Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory

Pennsylvania Economic Theory Conference (PETCO) poster session

2022 Economics Graduate Student Conference (EGSC) at WashU

Summer school participation

2024 RSF Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics

2023 Asian School in Economic Theory

Teaching

University of Akron

2025 Fall Labor Market and Social Policy

Introduction to Economic Analysis

University of Pittsburgh

2023 Summer Instructor, Game Theory (Calculus-based) 2023 Spring Grader, Intermediate Microeconomics

2022 Fall TA, Intro to Microeconomics

2022 Spring Grader, Game Theory (Calculus-based)
2021 Fall Grader, Intermediate Macroeconomics

2020 Fall, 2021 Spring TA, Intro to Macroeconomics

2020 Spring Grader, Economic Data Analysis (Undergrad level)

University of Chicago

2018 Fall TA, Advanced Microeconomics for Policy Analysis I (Ph.D. level)

Tools

Python (NLP, web-scraping, etc.), Stata, Matlab, Mathematica, LATEX

References

References: Richard van Weelden (Email: richard.vanweelden@gmail.com)

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