

Mengxi Sun

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Ph.D. Economics

May 2025 (expected)
GPA: 3.86/4.0

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
M.A. Public Policy with Certificate in Research Methods
Passed Political Economy Qualifying Exam

Dec 2018
GPA: 3.67/4.0

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
B.S. Mathematics (honors), Economics, Art History

Dec 2015
GPA: 3.63/4.0

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Microeconomic Theory, Information Economics, Behavioral Economics

WORKING PAPER

- Misinterpreted Persuasion

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Costly Communication between Worldviews
- Misspecified Persuasion

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Conferences: North American Meeting of the Economic Science Association (2024), Brook International Conference on Game Theory (2023), Economics, Graduate Student Conference of Washington University in St. Louis (2022)

Summer Camps: Asian School in Economic Theory (2023), RSF Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics (2024)

OTHER PROJECTS

- Keyphrase Generation on News Articles (with Eric Zhou, CMU LTI11711 project)
- Audience Costs of Insurgency: Civilian Casualties and Tolerance for Reintegration

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

Sentiment Analysis of Pandemic Related Tweets, Pittsburgh, PA Summer 2020
Research Assistant, Economics Department at Pitt (PI: Osea Guinttela)

China Gazetteers Project, Cambridge, MA Aug 2016–Feb 2017
International Team Member (PI: Richard Freeman, Harvard University)

Strategic Disclosure of Mutual Funds, Ann Arbor, MI Summer 2016
Research Assistant, Finance Department at UMich (PI: Paolo Pasquariello)

TEACHING

Instructor, Game Theory (adv. undergrad), University of Pittsburgh.	Summer 2023
Introduction to Microeconomics (undergrad), University of Pittsburgh	Fall 2022
Introduction to Macroeconomics (undergrad), University of Pittsburgh	2020-2021
Advanced Microeconomics for Policy Analysis I (Ph.D. level), University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy	Fall 2018
Grading for undergraduate level courses	2019-2020, 2021-2022

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2014	Member, Publicity Committee, UMich Habitat for Humanity
2012–2014	Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge
2013-2015	Competitive Dancer, Michigan Ballroom Dance Team