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Education

University of Wisconsin–Madison (UW–Madison)	2025 Expected
Ph.D., Quantitative Methods Department of Educational Psychology	
Advisor: Dr. David Kaplan	
M.S., Statistics Department of Statistics	2024
Advisor: Dr. Sameer Deshpande	
Minor., Computer Science Department of Computer Science	2023
University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign (UIUC)	2019
M.S., QUERIES Department of Educational Psychology	
Advisor: Dr. Carolyn Anderson	
University of Macao (UM) Honors College	2015
B.Ed., Education	
Minor., Psychology	

Research Interests

Bayesian Statistics | Machine Learning | Multilevel Modeling | Causal Inference

- Bayesian ensemble learning for personalized predictive modeling in large-scale assessments.
- Bayesian nonparametrics for dynamic modeling in multilevel and longitudinal data.
- Bayesian causal effect estimation in experimental/observational settings.

Preprints

- 6 **Huang, M.** (2024+). Bayesian treed regressions for estimating heterogeneous trajectories of test scores in large-scale educational assessments. PsyArXiv:
<https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/s6cb3>.

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- 5 **Huang, M.**, & Kaplan, D. (2024) Predictive performance of Bayesian stacking in multilevel education data. *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*. DOI: 10769986241255969. PsyArXiv: <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/e9m6x>.
- 4 Xia, Y., Luo, Y., **Huang, M.**, & Yang, Y. (2022). On the use of inclusive strategy when some participants fail to provide data on all studied variables. *International Journal of Quantitative Research in Education*, 5(4), 356-378. DOI: [10.1504/IJQRE.2022.129794](https://doi.org/10.1504/IJQRE.2022.129794)
- 3 Garbacz, S. A., Stormshak, E. A., McIntyre, L. L., Bolt, D., & **Huang, M.** (2022). Family-Centered Prevention During Elementary School to Reduce Growth in Emotional and Behavior Problems. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*, 10634266221143720. DOI: [10.1177/10634266221143720](https://doi.org/10.1177/10634266221143720).
- 2 Kaplan, D., & **Huang, M.** (2021). Bayesian probabilistic forecasting with large-scale educational trend data: a case study using NAEP. *Large-scale Assessments in Education*, 9(1), 1-31. DOI: [10.1186/s40536-021-00108-2](https://doi.org/10.1186/s40536-021-00108-2).

Book Chapters

- 1 **Huang, M.**, & Anderson, C. (2021). A Bayesian solution to non-convergence of crossed random effects models. *Quantitative Psychology*, (pp. 297-307). Springer International Publishing. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-030-74772-5_27](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-74772-5_27).

Working Papers & Research in Progress

* indicates co-first author.

- 5 **Huang, M.**, Lyu, W., & Kaplan, D.(2024+). Personalized predictive modeling using Bayesian nonparametric methods with input-dependent weighting scheme. [**Finishing simulation**].
- 4 **Huang, M.**, & Ghosh, S. (2024+). A Bayesian multinomial item response theory model with spatial clustering. [**Coding in progress**].
- 3 Kanopka, K., **Huang, M.***, & Perrett, G. (2024+). Optimizing causal estimation in conjoint survey experiments with Bayesian treed regressions. [**Coding in progress**].
- 2 Kokandakar, A.H., **Huang, M.**, Lyu, W., & Deshpande, S.K. (2024+). A Bayesian non-parametric mixture approach for estimating heterogeneous treatment effects. [**Coding in progress**].
- 1 Pan, P., & **Huang, M.**, & Anderson, C. (2024+). Navigating crossed-classified random effects: A comprehensive Bayesian tutorial. [**Manuscript in preparation**].

Conference Presentations

- **Huang, M.** (2024). “Bayesian treed regressions for estimating heterogeneous trajectories of test scores in large-scale data”. Presented at the world meeting of the International Society of Bayesian Analysis (ISBA), Venice, Italy.
- **Huang, M.** (2024). “Bayesian Additive Regression Trees for estimating heterogeneous trajectories of test scores in large-scale educational data”. Presented at the 89th annual Psychometric Society International Meeting (IMPS), Prague, Czech Republic.
- Edwards, E., & **Huang, M.** (2024). “Predictive performance of Bayesian model mixing in large-scale clustered data”. Presented at the 5th annual Data Science Research Bazaar, Madison, WI.
- Edwards, E., & **Huang, M.** (2024). “Predictive performance of Bayesian model mixing in large-scale clustered data”. Presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, Madison, WI.
- **Huang, M.**, & Kaplan, D. (2023). “Bayesian stacking in multilevel Models”. Presented at the 88th annual Psychometric Society International Meeting (IMPS), College Park, MD.
- **Huang, M.**, & Kaplan, D. (2023). “Bayesian hierarchical stacking in large-scale assessment”. Presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME), Chicago, IL.
- **Huang, M.**, & Kaplan, D. (2022). “Bayesian hierarchical stacking in random effects models”. Presented at the 87th annual Psychometric Society International Meeting (IMPS), Bologna, Italy.
- **Huang, M.**, & Anderson, C. (2020) [Virtual]. “A Bayesian solution to non-convergence of crossed random effects models”. Presented at the 85th annual Psychometric Society International Meeting (IMPS).
- Kaplan, D., & **Huang, M.** (2020) [Virtual]. “Bayesian probabilistic forecasting with large-scale educational trend data: a case study using NAEP”. Presented at the 85th annual Psychometric Society International Meeting (IMPS).
- **Huang, M.** (2019). “Self-concept, motivational calibration and biology performance of college students” [Accepted]. The Annual Meeting of American Educational Research Association (AERA). DOI: [10.3102/1431491](https://doi.org/10.3102/1431491).

Invited Talks

May 2024 “Bayesian treed regressions for estimating heterogeneous trajectories of test scores in large-scale clustered data”. Statistics Graduate Students Seminar, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison WI.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant Guest Lecturer	<i>UW–Madison</i>
ED PSYCH 965 Applied Bayesian Statistics for Education Research	2024
ED PSYCH 763 Regression Models in Education	2024
ED PSYCH 762 Introduction to the Design of Educational Experiments	2024
ED PSYCH 761 Statistical Methods Applied to Education II	2023/2024
ED PSYCH 760 Statistical Methods Applied to Education I	2022/2023
Graduate (Teaching) Assistant	<i>UIUC</i>
EPSY 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar	2018 – 2019
Intern Homeroom Teacher	<i>Urbana, IL</i>
<i>Jefferson Middle School</i>	Jan – May 2014

Research & Professional Experience

LED TA & Statistical Consultant	2024 – 2025
Department of Educational Psychology <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	
Project Assistant	June – July 2023
World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	
Project Assistant	2021 – 2022
Testing and Evaluation Services (TNE) <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	
Project Assistant	June – August 2021
Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER) <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	
Chair Project Assistant	2020 – 2021
Department of Educational Psychology <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	

Graduate (Research) Assistant International Student and Scholar Services <i>University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign</i>	2017 – 2018
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Research Assistant Honors College Research Program <i>University of Macao</i>	2012 – 2015
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Honors & Awards

Graduate School Fellowship <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	2019/2024
Student Travel Award <i>International Society of Bayesian Analysis (ISBA)</i>	2024
Busk Travel Scholarship <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	2024
Student Travel Award <i>Psychometric Society (IMPS)</i>	2023
RAFA Travel Award <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	2022/2023
Henry Fok Foundation Academic Prize <i>University of Macao</i>	2015
Dean’s Honors List <i>University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign</i>	2014
Wu’s Group Scholarship <i>University of Macao</i>	2013
Dean’s Honors List <i>University of Macao</i>	2011 – 2015
The Third Prize <i>National Biology Competition, China</i>	2010

Service

Ad Hoc Reviewer	AERA/NCME Annual Meeting.
Graduate Research Mentor	Undergraduate Research Scholar Program. <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>
Exchange Program Coordinator	Macao Honors College Exchange Program. <i>University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign</i>

Professional Affiliations

Psychometric Society (PS)

International Society of Bayesian Analysis (ISBA)

American Psychological Association (APA) – Division 5

American Educational Research Association (AERA) – Division D

Programming

R | Python | Stan | SAS | *Mplus* | CSS | shell script | C/C++ | Git | Docker | L^AT_EX

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