RUQING XU

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EDUCATION

Cornell University 2021 - 2026 (Expected)

Ph.D. in Economics GPA: 4.0/4.3

Ph.D. minor in Computer Science

Committee Members: Collin Raymond, Marco Battaglini, Jörg Stoye, Jon Kleinberg

Yale University 2019 - 2020

Yale Visiting International Students Program GPA: 3.85/4.0

The University of Hong Kong 2017 - 2021

B.A. in Comparative Literature and Economics GPA: 4.06/4.3

First Class Honours, Dean's List

RESEARCH FIELDS

Microeconomics, Information Economics, Economics and Computation

WORKING PAPERS

Learning from a Mixture of Information Sources. Nicole Immorlica, Brendan Lucier, Clayton Thomas, and Ruqing Xu. 2024.

Persuasion, Delegation, and Private Information in Algorithm-Assisted Decisions. Ruqing Xu. 2024.

Stakes and Signals: An Empirical Investigation of Muddled Information in Standardized Testing. Germán Reyes, Evan Riehl, and Ruqing Xu. 2024.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCES

Microsoft Research, Boston, MA

May 2024 – August 2024

Research Intern

- Mentored by Nicole Immorlica and Brendan Lucier in the EconCS group at MSR New England.
- Led the team to identify a novel research topic on learning in online settings where data may come from unknown sources.
- Developed an information-theoretic model to theorize learning from LLM summaries versus from raw data points.
- Conducted simulations in Python to approximate and compare the two modes of learning.
- Collaborated with researchers in TCS and ML and presented in Microsoft internal seminars.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Overall Distinction in Ph.D. Qualification Exams, Cornell University	2022
Sage Ph.D. Fellowship, Cornell University	2021 - 2026
Joseph Needham Merit Scholarship, JNFSC Given to STEM PhD students with "strong empathy in humanity."	2021 - 2025
First Class Honours, The University of Hong Kong	2021
Dean's List, The University of Hong Kong	2017 - 2021
Tam Wun Tsun HKU Horizons Student Enrichment Award. The University of Hong Ko	ong 2020

Laidlaw Undergraduate Research and Leadership Scholarship, The Laidlaw Foundation	2019 - 2020			
Sir Man Kam Lo/Jardine Scholarships, The University of Hong Kong	2019, 2020			
Professor Robert Lord Memorial Prize, The University of Hong Kong	2019			
RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCES				
Cornell University				
Teaching Assistant, Game Theory (Ph.D.), Prof. Marco Battaglini	Spring 2025			
Teaching Assistant, Networks (Undergraduate), Profs. Rohit Lambda and Yian Yin	Fall 2024			
Teaching Assistant, Game Theory (Ph.D.), Prof. Marco Battaglini	Spring 2024			
Teaching Assistant, Networks (Undergraduate), Profs. David Easley and Yian Yin	Fall 2023			

Yale University

Research Assistant, Prof. Barbara Biasi

Research Assistant, Prof. Evan Riehl

2020 - 2021

2022 - 2023

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Summer 2024: Econometric Society Interdisciplinary Frontiers Conference; Gender Inclusion Workshop at the Twenty-Fifth ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC'24).

Fall 2023: Cornell Artificial Intelligence, Policy, and Practice (AIPP); Cornell Economics Work in Progress Seminar; Cornell Econometrics Reading Group.

Spring 2023: Cornell Artificial Intelligence, Policy, and Practice (AIPP); Cornell Economics Work in Progress Seminar.

REFEREE SERVICES

American Economics Review: Insights

SELECTED COURSEWORK

Algorithmic Game Theory	Microeconomic Theory I-III
The Structure of Information Networks	Economics of Networks: Theory
Advanced Topics in Machine Learning	Behavioral Economics I
Theory of Computing	Economics and Politics

CODING PROFICIENCY

Python, MATLAB, Stata, R, LATEX

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Chinese, Native; English, Fluent