# Wei Zhou

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### **EDUCATION**

2016-2021(expected) University of Arizona

Eller College of Management

Ph.D. in Economics

Dissertation Title: Economics of Search Design on E-commerce Platforms

Dissertation Committee: Mo Xiao (Chair), Mingfeng Lin, Ashley Langer, Hidehiko Ichimura

2014-2016 Renmin University of China

M.S. in Economics

2010-2014 Huazhong University of Science and Technology

B.E. in Electronic and Information Engineering

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

• **Topics**: Economics of Information Systems, Platform Strategy, E-commerce, Digital Entrepreneurship, Gig Economy, FinTech, Industrial Organization, Behavior Economics

• **Methodology**: Applied Econometrics, Structural Modeling, Field Experiments, Machine Learning

#### WORKING PAPERS

- "Exploitation and Exploration: Improving Search Precision on E-commerce Platforms" Wei Zhou, Mingfeng Lin, Mo Xiao, and Zidong Wang. (Job Market Paper)
- "Competing for Search Traffic in Query Markets: Entry Strategy, Platform Design, and Entrepreneurship"

Wei Zhou and Zidong Wang.

• "Herding in the U.S. Spectrum Auctions"

Tanjim Hossain, Mo Xiao, Zhe Yuan, and Wei Zhou

"Asymmetric Competition Effect: A Study of Movie Theaters in China"
 Wei Zhou

#### PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATION

• "Optimal Policy Design for Photovoltaic Power Industry with Positive Externality in China" Tian Wu, Wei Zhou, Xiaoyu Yan, and Xunmin Ou. *Resources, Conservation and Recycling*, 2016, 115(216): 22-30

#### **WORKING IN PROGRESS**

- "Small Enough to Jail? A Structural Analysis of Arbitration in Online Labor Markets" Mingfeng Lin and Wei Zhou
- "Too Much of a Good Thing? Reputation Management in Online Labor Markets"
   Mingfeng Lin and Wei Zhou
- "Internet of Things, Social Media, and Productivity Growth: Evidence from a Field Experiment"

Yiyang Bian, Mingfeng Lin, Leon Zhao, and Wei Zhou

• "Did Going Public Impair the Credit Ratings of the Online Crowdfunding Platform?" Mingfeng Lin, Alex Zhou, and Wei Zhou

#### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- "Beyond the Search Bar: The Value of Search Quality on E-commerce Platforms", International Conference on Information Systems, (ICIS 2020), Virtual (scheduled)
- "Exploitation and Exploration: The Value of Improving Search Precision on E-commerce Platforms", Conference on Information Systems and Technology, (CIST 2020), Virtual (scheduled)
- "Beyond the Search Bar: The Value of Improving Search Quality on E-commerce Platforms", INFORMS Annual Meeting (INFORMS 2020), Virtual (scheduled)
- "Beyond the Search Bar: The Value of Improving Search Quality on E-commerce Platforms", Symposium on Statistical Challenges in Electronic Commerce Research (SCECR 2020), Virtual
- "Beyond the Search Bar: The Value of Improving Search Quality on E-commerce Platforms", ISMS Marketing Science Conference (ISMS 2020), Virtual
- "Asymmetric Competition Effect: A Study of Movie Theaters in China", China Meeting of Econometric Society (CMES 2019), Guangzhou, China

• "Too Much of a Good Thing? Reputation Management in Online Labor Markets", INFORMS Annual Meeting (INFORMS 2018), Phoenix, AZ

#### **TEACHING**

- UA Eller College of Management, Instructor of Record
  - o Microeconomic Analysis for Business Decisions, Summer 2018
  - o Global and Financial Economics and Strategies (Online), Winter 2018, Summer 2019, Winter 2019, Summer 2020
- UA Eller College of Management , Online Course Co-developer
  - o Basic Economic Issues (Online), Fall 2019/ Spring 2020
- UA Eller College of Management, Teaching Assistant
  - o Data Analytics and Modeling, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

# BUSINESS ANALYTICS/DATA SCIENCE SKILLS

- Data Infrastructure: Hadoop, Spark
- Analytics: SQL, Tableau, Google Analytics
- Statistic Software: R, SAS, Stata
- Programming & Scientific Computing: Python/C++/Matlab

## GRANTS, AWARDS AND SERVICES

- NET Institute Summer Research Grant, 2020
- Fellow, OCIS Doctoral Consortium at Academy of Management, 2020
- Graduate & Professional Student Council Travel Grant, University of Arizona, 2020
- Economics Department Travel Grant, University of Arizona ,2018,2019
- Steve Manos Prize (Best Second-Year Paper), University of Arizona, 2018
- Meritorious Winner, Mathematical Contest in Modeling, U.S., 2013
- Served as anonymous referee for
  - o International Conference on Information Systems
  - o UA Graduate & Professional Student Council Research/Travel Grant

## INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

Alibaba Group, Hangzhou, China

• Economist (Mechanism Design and Platform Growth Team)

## **REFERENCES**

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