

Yaling Xu

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Education

Cornell University <i>Ph.D. Candidate in Economics</i>	2020 - 2026 (expected)
University of Chicago <i>Master of Arts in Computational Social Science, concentration on Economics</i>	2018 - 2020
Nanjing University <i>Bachelor of Management in Business Administration</i>	2014 - 2018

Research Interests

Labor Economics; Economics of Education; Health Economics

Working Paper

"Mobile Internet and Mental Health" (*with Lipeng Chen*)

Work-in-Progress

"Does Coursework Matter? Uncovering the Role of Skills in the Returns to College" (JMP)

"How to Choose Donors for Individual Synthetic Control?" (*with Ian Lundberg*)

"Nurse Education and Productivity" (*with Jessica Lu*)

"Does a College Minor Really Matter?" (*with René Kizilcec*)

Awards

2025: Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University
2025: Ernest Liu '64, Ta-Chung and Ya-Chao Liu Memorial Fellowship, Cornell University
2024: Brooks School of Public Policy Outstanding PhD Research Paper Award, Cornell University
2023: Tapan Mitra Memorial Prize (best third-year paper), Department of Economics, Cornell University
2023: Research Support Grant, Cornell Population Center, Cornell University
2023: Small Grants in Labor Economics, Cornell University
2021: Passed with Distinction First Year PhD Sequence, Department of Economics, Cornell University
2020 - Present: Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
2019: Social Sciences Scholarship of 2/3 Tuition, University of Chicago
2017: Second Grade Award, 20th Forum of Sciences & Arts, Nanjing University
2016: People's Scholarship (Academic merit-based scholarship, top 3% in department)

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, Cornell University <i>Advisors: Evan Riehl; Nicolas Bottan; Colleen Carey</i>	2022 – 2024
Research Assistant, University of Chicago <i>Advisors: Robert Kaestner; Dan Black and Carolyn Mary Sloane</i>	2019 – 2020

Teaching Experience

Spring 2024: PUBPOL 2100: Intermediate Microeconomics, Cornell University
Fall 2023: ECON 3850: Economics and Environmental Policy, Cornell University
Spring 2022: ECON 3670: Behavioral Economics and Public Policy, Cornell University
Fall 2021: PAM 2100: Introduction to Statistics, Cornell University

Industry Experience

Netflix

Experimentation and Causal Inference Intern

Los Gatos, CA

May 2023 - August 2023

Women's World Banking

Research Intern

New York City, NY

June 2019 - August 2019

Presentations and Seminars

2025 (including scheduled): Population Association of America Annual (PAA) Meeting; Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Conference

2024: Labor Work-in-Progress Seminar, Cornell University

2023: Health Economics Seminar, Cornell University

2022: Presentations in Emerging Research Seminar Series, Cornell University

Professional Service and Affiliation

2024-Present: Graduate Affiliate, Inequality Data Science Lab

2024-Present: Graduate Affiliate, Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality

2024: Reviewer($\times 6$), 2024 European Association of Young Economists (EAYE) Annual Meeting

2021-Present: Graduate Affiliate, Cornell Population Center

2021-Present: Graduate Affiliate, Cornell Center for Social Sciences

2022-Present: Mentor, Field of Economics Mentorship Program

2021-Present: Member, Diversity in Cornell Economics

2021-2022: Academic Events Chair, Graduate Students in Policy Analysis and Management

Selected Skills

Software and Programming: Python, Stata, R, SQL, Git, LaTeX

References

Michael F. Lovenheim (chair)

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