

# **Yaling Xu**

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## **Education**

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

## **Research Interests**

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Labor Economics; Economics of Education; Health Economics

## **Working Paper**

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

## **Work-in-Progress**

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"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**

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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**

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**Graduate Research Assistant, Cornell University**

**2022 – 2024**

*Advisors: Evan Riehl; Nicolas Bottan; Colleen Carey*

**Research Assistant, University of Chicago**

**2019 – 2020**

*Advisors: Robert Kaestner; Dan Black and Carolyn Mary Sloane*

## **Teaching Experience**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**2024-Present:** Graduate Affiliate, Inequality Data Science Lab

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

**2024:** Reviewer(×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**

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

## **References**

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**Michael F. Lovenheim (chair)**

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