YAJIE WANG

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EDUCATION

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

2017-2023 (expected)

Ph.D. candidate in Economics

Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

2013-2017

Major: B.A. in Economics, Minor: B.S. in Mathematics

WORKING PAPERS

Wage Commitment, Financial Frictions, and Unemployment, Job Market Paper, May 2022

Tapan Mitra Prize for the Best 5th-Year Paper in Empirical Economics, University of Rochester, 2021

• This paper builds a novel model to study how volatility shocks to firm-level productivity affect unemployment through the financial channel of wage commitments.

Automation, Market Concentration, and the Labor Share with Hamid Firooz and Zheng Liu, February 2022

 This project investigates how automation favors large firms to increase the market concentration and lowers the labor share.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Borrow From Workers

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants, PI is Prof. Yan Bai

• This project uses the employer-employee matched data to study how a firm's financial condition affects its wage-setting behaviors when it faces elevated uncertainty.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

2021

Research Assistant, Department of Economics

• Assisted Professor Yan Bai for her paper with Dan Lu and Xu Tian "Do Financial Frictions Explain Chinese Firms' Saving and Misallocation?"

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

2020

Research Assistant, Department of Economics

 Assisted Professor George Alessandria, Professor Yan Bai, and Minjie Deng for their paper of "Migration and Sovereign Default Risk"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

Summer 2020 and Summer 2021

Instructor for ECO 108

• Overall rating: 4.3/5.0 and 4.6/5.0

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

2019-2021

Teaching Assistant for ECO 207, ECO211, STR401, and STR427

ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

TICTIVITED WITHINGS	
Dean's Post-Field Research Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Rochester	2022-2023
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants, PI is Prof. Yan Bai	2021-2022
Tapan Mitra Prize for the Best 5th-Year Paper in Empirical Economics, University of Rochester	2021
Summer Research Grant, University of Rochester	2019
Graduate Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship, University of Rochester	2017-2022
National Scholarship, Renmin University of China	2015-2016

SKILLS

Language skills: native in Mandarin, proficient in English

Computer skills: Fortran, MATLAB, Python, Stata, R, and SPSS