

# YUJIE ZHANG

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## RESEARCH FIELD AND TOPICS

Development Economics, Applied Economics; Environment, Health, Education

## POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow, [Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania](#)

Aug 2025 -

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, [University of Houston](#)

Texas, US, 2020 - 2025

M.A. in Economics and Finance, [Hanyang University](#)

Seoul, Korea, 2016 - 2018

B.E. in Ocean and Naval Engineering, [Tianjin University](#)

Tianjin, China, 2012 - 2016

## WORKING PAPERS

"The Long-Term Human Capital Consequences of Natural Disasters: Evidence from India" (*Job Market Paper*) [\[Draft\]](#) [\[Poster\]](#)

"Are Natural Disasters Disastrous for Learning? Evidence from Seven Asian Countries", with [Jere R. Behrman](#), [Emily Hannum](#), [Minhaj Mahmud](#), and [Fan Wang](#), *Revise & Resubmit, Economics of Education Review*, Sep 2024 [\[Draft\]](#) [\[Slides\]](#)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

"Population Burden of Rising Heat Stress and Pollution Risks", with Minhaj Mahmud

Data: (1) [ERA5-HEAT temperature data](#); (2) [Satellite-derived PM2.5 data](#)

"The Effect of Children Gender on Younger Siblings' Health Outcomes"

Data: [Demographic and Health Surveys \(DHS\)](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

"News-driven Business Cycles: Evidence from Investors Expectations of Future Stock Market Returns", with [Deokwoo Nam](#), *Journal of Economic Research*, 27.1 (2022): 1-22. [\[Journal link\]](#)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Consultant, [Asian Development Bank](#)

Jul 2024 - present

Project: Strengthening policies on climate change in Asia and the Pacific

Doctorate Researcher, [PIRE Project funded by NSF](#)

Jan 2023 - Apr 2025

Project: [Climate risk, pollution, and childhood inequalities in low- and middle-income countries](#)

Graduate Researcher, [Institute for Research on Women, Gender and Sexuality](#)

Jun 2022 - Jun 2023

[Census Household Pulse Survey](#) Analysis; LGBTQ+ Support Project with [Montrose Center](#).

Research Assistant, [Elaine M. Liu](#), University of Houston

Feb 2022

Analyzed county-level data on car accident mortality using [FARS](#) and [NHIS](#).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Principles of Microeconomics, University of Houston

Spring 2024

[\[Evaluation\]](#): 4.1/5 for "Overall course quality"; 4.6/5 for "Respect students"; [\[Syllabus\]](#); 80+ enrolled.

Lecturer, Ph.D. Math Camp, University of Houston

2021 - 2023

Teaching Assistant, Econometrics I (Ph.D.), [Nathan J. Canen](#), University of Houston

Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics I (**Ph.D.**), [Janet E. Kohlhasse](#), University of Houston *Fall 2021*

Evaluation: 5/5 for "Teaching assistant was receptive to questions"; 4.9/5 for "Teaching assistant was available for assistance to students" (department average: 4/5).

Teaching Assistant, [Eleanor Jawon Choi](#), Hanyang University *Mar 2017 - Jul 2018*

Applied Econometrics (**Graduate**), Introductory Mathematical Economics, Econometrics, Empirical Methods in Applied Microeconomics; 150+ students each semester.

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

Client Manager, Bank of Communications *Jiangsu, China, Aug 2018 - Sep 2019*

Served as vice organizer for the Suzhou Gusu branch in "Best Service Bank Branch" national competition, achieving "Four-Star" award from the China Banking Association.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Coordinator, [UH Econ Student Brown Bag Seminar](#), University of Houston *2023 - 2024*

Referee *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Environmental and Resource Economics, Economic Modelling*

Discussant Asian Economic Development Conference 2024; ADBI Conference on Increasing Resilience of Education Systems in Asia and the Pacific

## PRESENTATIONS

*\* coauthor presentation*

2025 ADB Economists Forum (Philippines); [Applied Demography Conference](#) (US); [PAA](#) (US)

2024 [CIES\\*](#); [PAA](#) (US); [AMES](#) (China); [Asian Economic Development Conference](#) (Korea); [STATA Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference](#) (US); [SEA](#) (US); [AASLE](#) (Thailand)

2023 [PDRI-DevLab Workshop](#) (virtual); [ADBI Conference on Increasing Resilience of Education Systems in Asia and the Pacific](#) (Japan); [Penn-Houston Climate, Environment, and Child Development Workshop](#) (US); [SWUFE SoE Workshop](#) (China)

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Cullen Graduate Fellowship Travel Grant, University of Houston

*Apr 2024*

Graduate Fellowship, University of Houston

*Sep 2020 - present*

Teaching Assistantship, Hanyang University

*Mar 2017 - Jul 2018*

TOPIK Scholarship, Hanyang University

*Dec 2017, Mar 2018*

## SKILLS

Languages Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent), Korean (TOPIK-5)

Computer Python, Stata,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , R, Matlab

## REFERENCES

**Elaine M. Liu** (Co-Chair), Professor of Economics, University of Houston & NBER  
[emliu@uh.edu](mailto:emliu@uh.edu)

**Fan Wang** (Co-Chair), Associate Professor of Economics, University of Houston  
[fwang26@uh.edu](mailto:fwang26@uh.edu)

**Aimee Chin**, Professor of Economics, University of Houston & NBER  
[achin@uh.edu](mailto:achin@uh.edu)

**Emily Hannum**, Stanley I. Sheerr Term Professor in the Social Sciences, Associate Dean for Social Sciences, Professor of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania  
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**Natalia Zhivan** (Teaching Reference), Undergraduate Program Director, Instructional Associate Professor of Economics, University of Houston  
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