Spencer Yuan-Han Wang

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EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University, Ph.D. in Economics

(Expected) May 2025

National Taiwan University, M.A. in Economics

June 2017

1-year exchange student at UC Berkeley

National Taiwan University, B.A. in Business Administration

June 2015

1-year exchange student at Tulane University

SKILLS

Technical Skills: Panel data analysis, monetary policy analysis, time series analysis, causal inference, New-Keynesian model, vector autoregressive model, DSGE modeling, statistical learning.

Fluent in: R (preferred, 10 years of experience), MATLAB, Python, Office Excel, Chinese, English.

RESEARCH

Central Banks Avoid Reporting Losses Through Foreign Exchange Interventions (Job Market Paper)

2024

- First research to show that central bank profit concerns affect monetary policies. Establish the causal relationship using complex financial statements across 116 central banks over 25 years.
- Use a modern dynamic model to demonstrate that central bank profit concerns are generally bad for the economy. However, they can benefit the economy during financial crises.

What's the Bottom Line? Central Banks' Profits and Monetary Policy (Joint work with Prof. Jiro Yoshida)

2024

Measuring the Return and the Volatility Connectedness of Taiwan's Equity Market (Master's Thesis)

2017

Experience

Research Assistant, Pennsylvania State University

2019-2024

- Work with five Professors on research projects related to antitrust laws, machine learning, international trade, time series analysis, and econometrics.
- Organize economic and factual information in court documents and verdicts on monopoly cases.
- Construct panel datasets of 14K consumption goods categories with 1.8M US import data entries.
- Apply machine learning tools to analyze healthcare, traffic, and criminal data.

Lecturer, Pennsylvania State University

• Intermediate Macroeconomics: 4.85/5 in overall teaching effectiveness.

Summer 2024

• Introductory Economics: 5.67/7 in overall teaching effectiveness.

Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant, Pennsylvania State University

2019-2024

• Serve as Teaching Assistant for 10 courses covering all major fields of economics. Responsibility includes holding office hours, grading, and teaching a portion of the course.

Other Experience and Service

• Visiting student at Yale School of Management.

April 2024

o One-year mandatory military service in Taiwan

2017-2018

Miscellaneous

Citizenship: Taiwan, US Permanent Resident.

Reference: David Argente (PhD advisor, Professor of Economics at Yale), david.argente@yale.edu Jiro Yoshida (co-author, Professor of Business at Penn State), jiro@psu.edu