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: Monetary economics, causal inference, panel data analysis, time series analysis, vector autoregressive model, New-Keynesian 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 Intervention (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.
- Demonstrate how such profit concerns can benefit the economy using a modern dynamic model.

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 across the years on research projects related to machine learning, antitrust laws, international trade, time series analysis, and econometrics.
- Apply machine learning tools to analyze healthcare, traffic, and criminal data.
- 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.

Lecturer, Pennsylvania State University

- Intermediate Macroeconomics: 4.85/5 in overall teaching effectiveness, 4.77/5 in creating a welcoming and inclusive environment.

 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 8 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

• One-vear 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