Yu (Zoey) Zhao

Position Research Assistant in Economics of Education Aug 2023 – Present

With Xiaoyang Ye, East China Normal University Economics of Education Lab

Research interests Education Economics, Behavioral Economics, Education Equity, Policy Evalu-

ation, Causal Inference, Data Science

Education Renmin University of China (RUC) Beijing, China

M.S. in Rural Development Sept. 2020 – June. 2023

Concentration: Rural Education

Advisor: Professor Chuanbo Chen GPA: 3.83/4

University of Turku (UTU) Turku, Finland Exchange Program in Social Policy Jan. 2022 – June. 2022

Exchange Program in Social Policy Advisor: Professor Satu Helske

Shandong Agricultural University (SDAU) Taian, Shandong

B.S. in Accounting Sept. 2016 – June 2020

Rank: 1/370, GPA: 4.49/5

Working paper Information for Vision: Experimental Evidence on Nudging Low-

income Students to Wear Eyeglasses

Jiusheng Zhu, Xinjie Zhang, Yu Zhao, Xiaoyang Ye.

Status: Under Review.

The Human Capital Investment's Effect of China's New Labour Con-

tract Law on Migrant Workers' Families [PDF]

Yu Zhao, Hui Du, Rui Li, Guangsu Zhou.

Status: Under Review.

Work in progress Demystifying College Costs Through Behavioral Nudges: Experimen-

tal Evidence from China

Yu Zhao, Xiaoyang Ye, Qiuxiang Wu, Stephen DesJardins.

Presented at: International Symposium on Human Capital, December 2023.

AEFP, March 2024 (scheduled). AERA, April 2024 (scheduled).

RCT ID: AEARCTR-0012304

Publications

The Long-term Influence of Education Resources Allocation on the Migration: Evidence from the China's Rural School Consolidation Policy [PDF]

Yu Zhao, Hui Du, Rui Li, Guangsu Zhou.

Journal of Asian Economics, 2024.

The Influence of Farmers' Financial Literacy on Household's Poverty Vulnerability [PDF (Chinese)]

Yu Zhao, Jianjun Zhu.

Xinjiang State Farms Economy, 2021.

Research on the Impact of Farmland Rights Confirmation upon Rural Labor to Migrant to Work [PDF (Chinese)]

Yu Zhao, Jianjun Zhu.

Rural Economy and Technology, 2019.

Projects

Let ChatGPT dive deep nationwide college applicants' experiences. [Link]
Translation: Methods for Measuring School Effectiveness (By Angrist, J., Hull, P. and Walters, C. R.). [Link]
How to use 'readhtmltable' and 'maptile' commands. [Link]

Research experience

National Social Science Fund of China, Beijing

Mentor: Professor Guangsu Zhou (RUC) Sept. 2021 – Dec. 2022 Completion of a report on digital platform employment and measurement. Research on issues related to education expenditure of migrant workers' families.

Humanities and Social Sciences Program of the Ministry of Education

Mentor: Professor Jianjun Zhu (SDAU) Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2018 Research on farmland rights confirmation, farmers' perception of property rights and intergenerational differences in labor transfer

Talks and presentations 2024 Annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association (Philadelphia, US)

Apr. 2024

The Association for Education Finance and Policy 49th Annual Conference (Baltimore, US)

Mar. 2024

The 15th International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets (Beijing, China)

Dec. 2023

Peking University Institute for Educational Finance Research Summer School (Beijing, China)

Sept. 2022

Honors and scholarships

Education Finance and Policy Outstanding Young Scholar (PKU) 2023
President's International Exchange Scholarship (¥40,000, RUC) 2022
First Class University Fellowship (¥12,000, RUC) 2020
National Undergraduate Scholarship (¥8,000, Ministry of Education) 2017

Industry experience

Meituan, Division of Public Relationship

Beijing, China

Policy Research Intern

Summer 2021

Conducted self-research project on county economic development, and facilitated data collaboration with Beijing Municipal Bureau of Statistics.

ByteDance, Division of Human Resource

Beijing, China

HRBP Intern

Winter 2019

Managed HR internship recruitment and assisted in onboarding.

Skills

Programming

Stata, Python, Jupyter, LaTeX.

Languages

English (fluent), Chinese (native)

Service and outreach

SDAU Daocaoren Volunteer Teaching Team

May. 2017 - May. 2018

Teaching and educational support for mountain areas in Dejiang County, Guizhou Province. Awarded "Excellent Practitioner" by the local education

bureau.

Relevant Courses

Graduate (PhD) level

Undergraduate level

Advanced Econometrics (A)

Advanced Mathematics (100)
Probability theory and

Advanced Macroeconomics (A-) Advanced Microeconomics (A-)

Mathematical Statistics (100)

Advanced International Economics (A-)

Linear Algebra (100) Econometrics (95)

Development Economics (A)

Statistics (97)

Regional Economics (A) Econometric Analysis (A)

Microeconomics (90)

Mathematical Economics (A) Applied Statistical Analysis (A) Macroeconomics (94)

Data Analysis and Modeling

Public Finance (90)

with Python (A-)

Financial Accounting (94)