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EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis

Sept 2021 - June 2026 (Expected)

Ph.D. in Finance

Research Interest: Financial Economics, Empirical Asset Pricing, Machine Learning, Deep Learning and Textual Analysis in Finance, Asset Management, Investment Strategies, High Frequency Finance

The University of Chicago

Sept 2019 - June 2021

Master of Computational Social Science, Concentrating on Financial Economics

Selected PhD Coursework: Price Theory I, II(A), III(A), Theory of Income I(A), Portfolio Choice and Asset Pricing(A-), Statistical Inference(A), Applied Econometrics(A), Asset Pricing I, II(A-)

GPA: 3.86/4.00

Central University of Finance and Economics

Sept 2015 - June 2019

Bachelor of Science in Economics, Experimental Class of Financial Science

President of the Class 2019

GPA: 92.92/100.00

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

ETFs, Anomalies and Market Efficiency

Feb 2022 - Now

Working Paper

with Ilias Filippou and Guofu Zhou

- Investigate the effect of ETF ownership on stock market anomalies and market efficiency
- https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4056260

Money on the Table: Testing Asset Pricing Models from Profitability of Pricing Error Information

Dec 2021 - Now

Working Paper

with Ai He, Dashan Huang and Guofu Zhou

- Devise tests that can be applied to a large number of assets

Company Announcement and Stock Returns

Jan 2021 - May 2021

Master Thesis

Advisor: Dacheng Xiu

- Textual analysis of Chinese company announcements to predict stock returns
- <https://knowledge.uchicago.edu/record/2849?ln=en>

Inference on Risk Premia in Continuous Time Models

Dec 2019 - Aug 2020

Research Assistant, Chicago Booth

Advisor: Dacheng Xiu

- High-frequency Fama-MacBeth regression allowing for jumps and general factor dynamics
- https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3692604
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1h9sMNag1GA&ab_channel=SocietyforFinancialEconometrics

Combination vs Selection: Optimal Portfolio Choice with Big-data

Mar 2020 - Jun 2020

Research Proposal, Grade A, Portfolio Choice and Asset Pricing

Advisor: Stefan Nagel

- Parametric Portfolio Model with Multitudes of Firm Characteristics

ACADEMIC COMPETENCE

Math Classes Audited

Mar 2017 - June 2019

Peking University, Mathematics Department(Ranking 1st in China)

- Mathematical Analysis I(Honor), II(Honor) and III(Honor), Linear Algebra I(Honor), Real Analysis, Functional Analysis, Measure Theory, Introduction to Stochastic Processes, Applied Stochastic Analysis, Stochastic Processes, Advanced Probability Theory, Bayesian Statistics and Algorithms

High Frequency Financial Econometrics Lecture

Spet 2018 - Nov 2018

*People's Bank of China School of Finance, 2nd year PhD Elective**Prof George Tauchen*

- Topics: jump diffusions, semi-martingales, jump-robust volatility estimation, realized beta, jump regressions, local volatility estimation, diffusive beta, and measurement error (noise).

Additional Advanced Asset Pricing & Econometrics Courses

- The Econometrics of Mixed Frequency (Big) Data by professor Eric Ghysels (July 2020): 2020 summer school of the Society for Financial Econometrics (SoFiE)
- Machine Learning in Asset Pricing by professor Dacheng Xiu (October 2020): Advanced PhD lecture in Swiss Finance Institute

HONORS & AWARDS

Computational Social Science Fellowship (2/3 tuition), the University of Chicago	Sept 2020
Maroon Scholar Research Award (1/2 tuition), the University of Chicago	Sept 2019
Alumni Ambassador for Outstanding Graduates, CUFE	June 2019
Second Prize, Outstanding Academic Talent Program, CUFE	May 2018
Meritorious Winner, Mathematics Contest in Modeling	Apr 2018
Outstanding Award for Student Leaders in CUFE	Apr 2018
Zhongli International Scholarship	Nov 2017
Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Performance	Sept 2017
Chengwang Scholarship for Comprehensive Development	Nov 2016
First Prize in High School Mathematical Competition in Jiangsu Province	Nov 2014
First Prize in High School Physics Competition in Jiangsu Province	Sept 2014

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Computer Languages	Python(Proficient), SAS(Proficient), Matlab(Proficient), R, Stata
Computing Resources	High Performance Computation, AWS
Finance & Accounting	ACCA Affiliate, CFA level III Candidate
Language Ability	Chinese(Native) & English(Fluent), Consecutive Interpretation
Sports	Tennis