

Application

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Statement

I am a second year PhD in Economics at University of California-Berkeley. My main fields are labor and development economics. I have finished advanced microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics sequences. This year, I am taking labor economics (with David Card), political economics (with Gerard Roland), and development economics (with Jeremy Magruder and Elisabeth Sadoulet).

Internet has become an indispensable part of people's life. It not only generates many new interesting questions to us researcher to answer, but also provides us opportunities to tackle questions that were hard to answer before. One research topic I have been thinking lately is to do random control trial on internet social network to study interesting economics questions. Development economist have been interested in studying network effects for decades, but the main challenge they are facing is that the network theory requires full information about networks. Network information are not only costly to collect, but hard to define in real life. But on internet social networks like twitter, by simply looking at each user's followers, we are able to map a directed network. If we are able to run RCTs on the internet, it might give us some insights about offline networks as well.

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EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley, September 2014–Present <i>Second year PhD</i> in Economics
	University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2011–May 2014 <i>Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics and Economics, cum laude</i> GPA: 3.97/4.00
RELEVANT COURSEWORK	Graduate Labor Economics, Development Economics, Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics.
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<i>Research Assistant for Moises Yi</i> June 2015–Present <i>”Industry Mix, Local Labor Markets, and the Incidence of Negative Shocks”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cleaned and performed analysis on large administrative dataset with millions of observations. <i>Research Assistant for Noam Yuchtman</i> May 2015–Present <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked on a project tracking young generation’s political attitude change in Hong Kong. <i>Paper for Economic History Class</i> January 2015–May 2015 <i>”Metrication and Economic Development”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Used bilateral trade data between countries from 1870-2009 to explore whether adoption of metric system had any effect on a country’s economic development. <i>Undergraduate Research Assistant</i> February 2014–May 2014 Economics Department, UW-Madison <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gained familiarity with STATA while performing extensive data cleaning works and statistical analysis <i>Undergraduate Economic Independent Study</i> January–May 2013 <i>”An Analysis of Income Inequality between Han and Hui in Ningxia, China”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanded literature to the less researched topic of race discrimination in Chinese labor market.
EMPLOYMENT	<i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> September 2015–Present UC-Berkeley Berkeley, CA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate Game Theory (Econ 110) <i>Customer Service Representative</i> July 2013–August 2014 UW-Madison Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) Madison, WI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managed professional correspondence and addressed various concerns and questions from students and international scholars. <i>High School Math Tutor</i> December 2012–May 2013 PEOPLE Program, UW-Madison <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported high school students to excel in ACT mathematics subject.• Assisted students in developing passions towards mathematics and science.
ACTIVITIES	Co-founder for Chinese Reading Group at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA Campus Ambassador for Teach for China, Madison, WI
HONORS	Dean’s list at UW-Madison, Veldor Kopitzke Scholarship in Economics
COMPUTER SKILLS	Stata, MATLAB, Python, R, VBA for Microsoft Excel, L ^A T _E X
LANGUAGE SKILLS	English (Fluent), Chinese (Native), German (Basic Proficiency)