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EDUCATION

Columbia University

08/2018 – Present

Master of Arts in Economics anticipated in December 2019

New York, NY

University of California, Irvine

09/2017 – 06/2018

Master of Arts in Political Science, Philosophy and Economics

Irvine, CA

University of California, Irvine

09/2014 – 06/2017

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Irvine, CA

✧ Overall GPA: 3.845/4.0 | Magna Cum Laude with Major GPA of 3.905/4.0

✧ Economics Department Honor by UCI Economics Department

06/17/2017

✧ UROP Grant by UCI Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

10/2/2016

✧ SURP Grant by UCI Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

06/26/2017

University of Cambridge, UK

06/2016 – 08/2016

Summer School

Cambridge, UK

✧ Overall GPA: 3.9/4.0

✧ Relevant Courses: Behavioral Economics, Metaphysics & Philosophy and Foreign Policy Analysis

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Jia, Yufang., Study on the Risk of Oversea M&A Under the Background of Financial Crisis – in the case of China, 10/11/2009, *Market Modernization*.

Jia, Yufang., How Consumers with Different Levels of Income in the U.S. Responded to the 2008 Financial Crisis, 03/2017, Presented at UCI Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Jia, Yufang., It's a Wonderful Life? Bank Failures Impact on Bankers' Lives 1920 to 1940, 08/2017, Presented at symposium sponsored by the UCI Program on Corporate Welfare.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of California, Irvine

12/2017-07/2018

Asia Banking and Finance Forum Organizer

Irvine, CA

Supervisor: Prof. Gary Richardson

✧ Organize weekly presentations/discussions of current research on banking and finance in Asia

✧ Invite and coordinate with researchers in western U.S. to the discussions

✧ Analyze data from Rand McNally and ProQuest in Stata to estimate questions on US banking during crisis

University of California, Irvine

06/2017-12/2017

Research Analyst (team leader)

Irvine, CA

✧ Distributed tasks between team members, communicating with professors, and guiding high school interns

✧ Analyzed underlying reasons for the Great Depression and traced the movement of bank funds through monetary network

✧ Examined the lives and family situation of the bankers alive during the Great Depression through online ancestry software

✧ Cross-examined the Great Depression and bankers' family situation to determine the familial impact of the financial crisis

China International Economic Exchange Center

08/2016-09/2016 & 12/2016-01/2017

Research Assistant

Beijing, CN

✧ Participated in China's *Pension System Reform* report (State Economic Center & National Bank), endorsed by Vice President Ma Kai, to collect and analyze the pension system data of China, Germany, Singapore, US, and other countries

✧ Collected data, translated documents, and participated & summarized reports in meetings

✧ Participated in the translation of *Milton Friedman on Economics* at Renmin University

University of California, Irvine

01/2017-05/2017

Student Research Assistant

Irvine, CA

Project: Elite Identity & Political Accountability: A Tale of Ten Islands

- ✧ Examined historical parliamentary minutes and wrote & compiled short summaries of bills

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

Event Leader | **CLSP (Community Service & Leadership Program)** UCI **09/2014-10/2015**

- ✧ Delegated responsibility and work assignments for large events: UROP Symposium, OC Marathon, OC Gala Show
- ✧ Supervised booths, fundraising events, and professional workshops for resume & curriculum planning
- ✧ Received UCI Passport to Leadership Program Certificate & Impact Leadership Development Program Certificate

Mediator Internship | **Orange County Human Relations, Santa Ana** Santa Ana, CA **06/2015-08/2015**

- ✧ Updated Human Relations database by making phone calls and updating residents information
- ✧ Maintained case files and assisted with small court community disputes

SKILLS AND HOBBIES

- ✧ **Languages:** English, Mandarin, Japanese | **Hobbies:** playing Guitar
- ✧ **Programming Languages:** Python, Stata, R, Eviews