

Michelle Jiang

Education

Sep. 2018 - **Columbia University, Ph.D. in Economics.**

Present Degrees awarded: **M.A. in Economics (May 2020)**

GPA: 3.710/4.000

Have completed all coursework, qualifying exams, and field exams. Fields are: (1) Applied Microeconomics and Labor, and (2) Behavioral and Experimental Economics.

Sep. 2012 - **University of Chicago, B.A. Economics with Honors.**

Jun. 2016 GPA: 3.747/4.000

Honors thesis: Affirmative Action, Percent Plans, & Segregation's Impact on Minority Enrollment (recipient of the David S. Hu Award for senior thesis excellence)

Working Papers

Cumulative Voting in the Lab: Vote Aggregation and its Effect on Voter Participation, with Alessandra Casella and Jeffrey Guo, Working Paper.

Measuring the Returns to Diversity: State Variations in Affirmative Action, Working Paper.

Postsecondary Supply and Unemployment Dynamics, with Raji Chakrabarti and Michael Lovenheim, Working Paper.

GDP is Unbiased in the Developing World, with Nicole Gorton, Maxim Pinkovskiy, and Xavier Sala-i-Martin, Working Paper.

Awards and Honors

2021 **Columbia Program for Economic Research**, *PER Field/Experimental Research Grant*.

2020 **National Science Foundation**, *Honorable Mention - Graduate Research Fellowship*.

2018-19 **Columbia University**, *Provost's Diversity Fellowship*.

2016-2017 **Federal Reserve Bank of NY**, *Bank Vault Award of Excellence (x3)*.

- For work on "Education and Family Background and Earnings Disparities," nighttime lights data to forecast the Chinese economy, and "Higher Education Market Dynamics, Student Loans and Defaults"

2016 **University of Chicago**, *David S. Hu Award in Economics*.

- For senior thesis excellence

2012-2016 **University of Chicago**, *Dean's List*.

Blog Publications

Jul. 10, 2019 **Did the Value of a College Degree Decline during the Great Recession?**, with Raji Chakrabarti and Will Nober, Liberty Street Economics.

<https://libertystreeteconomics.newyorkfed.org/2018/09/educations-role-in-earnings-employment-and-economic-mobility.html>

Sep. 5, 2018 **Education's Role in Earnings, Employment, and Economic Mobility**, with Raji Chakrabarti, Liberty Street Economics.

<https://libertystreeteconomics.newyorkfed.org/2018/09/educations-role-in-earnings-employment-and-economic-mobility.html>

- Nov. 22, 2017 **Are Student Loans Cyclical? It Depends**, with Raji Chakrabarti, Nicole Gorton, and Wilbert van der Klaauw, Liberty Street Economics.
<http://libertystreeteconomics.newyorkfed.org/2017/11/are-student-loan-defaults-cyclical-it-depends.html>
- Nov. 20, 2017 **Who is More Likely to Default on Student Loans?**, with Raji Chakrabarti, Nicole Gorton, and Wilbert van der Klaauw, Liberty Street Economics.
<http://libertystreeteconomics.newyorkfed.org/2017/11/who-is-more-likely-to-default-on-student-loans.html>

Conferences/Presentations

- Aug. 4, 2017 **NYU Courant Institute GSTEM Summer Program**, Federal Reserve Bank of NY Ambassador Program, Women in STEM, with Dr. Raji Chakrabarti.
- Jun. 26, 2017 **Mechanism Design for Social Good Workshop**, 18th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (MIT 2017), Poster Presentation.
- Apr. 1, 2016 **Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting**, Speaking Presentation: Affirmative Action, Percent Plans, and the Impact on Minority Enrollment.

Teaching

- Fall 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Columbia University, Political Economy.
- Summer 2020 **Instructor of record**, Columbia University, Labor Economics.
- Spring 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Columbia University, Introduction to Econometrics.
- Fall 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Columbia University, Principles of Economics.
- 2013-2014 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Chicago, Mathematics Department: Calculus 120.
- Summer 2013 **Forensics Debate Instructor**, Stanford National Forensics Institute.
- Summer 2012 **Forensics Debate Instructor**, National Symposium for Debate.

Volunteering, Social Impact, and Other Activities

- 2020 - 2021 **Association of Graduate Economics Students**, Columbia University, Co-President.
 Acts as a liaison between faculty and graduate students. Helped organize the ongoing Diversity Initiative.
- 2012 - 2015 **Moneythink**, UChicago Chapter, Co-President (2014-2015).
 Coordinated the UChicago (flagship) chapter of the national Moneythink movement (<https://moneythink.org/>) to teach afterschool financial and college literacy programs for students in low-income high schools.
- 2015 - 2016 **National Expansion Committee: Chair**, American Parliamentary Debate Association.
 Helped equip new schools with the infrastructure to join the national American debate league.
- 2016 **National Gender Empowerment Initiative: Committee Member**, APDA.
 Addressed issues and led initiatives on gender inclusion in the national American debate league.
- 2014-2015 **Vice President of Finance**, Chicago Debate Society.
 Negotiated a \$10,000 funding increase to establish a new financial aid program and increase debate access.

Additional Research Experience

- 2021 - pres. **Research Assistant**, Columbia University, Dr. Sandra Black.
- 2016 - 2018 **Sr. Research Analyst**, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Research Group: Microeconomics.
 Assisted with research and policy analysis on microeconomic topics such as student loans and social mobility, the validity of different measures of household income, and current trends in housing prices.
- 2014 - 2016 **Research Assistant**, University of Chicago Economics Department, Dr. Glen Weyl.
- Summer 2015 **Summer Research Analyst**, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Dr. Raji Chakrabarti.

Skills and Qualifications

- **Programming Languages:** Proficient in Stata, Python, ArcGIS, z-Tree, MATLAB, R, and LaTeX.
- **Languages:** Advanced Proficiency in Mandarin Chinese. Basic proficiency in French and Spanish.