

Michelle Jiang

Education

- Sep. 2018 - **Columbia University, Ph.D. in Economics, Expected May 2024**
Present Degrees awarded: **M.Phil in Economics (May 2021), M.A. in Economics (May 2020)**
GPA: 3.734/4.000
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, June 2016**
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

- Information Asymmetry in Labor Search**, with Kai Zen, Working Paper
- Cumulative Voting in the Lab: Vote Aggregation and its Effect on Voter Participation**, with Alessandra Casella and Jeffrey Guo, Revise and Resubmit, Games & Economic Behavior.
- Labor and Networks**, Working Paper.
- Measuring the Returns to Diversity: State Variations in Affirmative Action**, Working Paper.
- Postsecondary Supply and Unemployment Dynamics**, with Rajashri Chakrabarti, Michael Lovenheim, and William Nober, Working Paper.

Awards, Grants, and Honors

- 2022-2023 **Columbia University, Caswell L. Johnson Fellowship**
- 2022 **American Economic Association, AEA Summer Fellowship**, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- 2022 **Columbia Program for Economic Research, PER Summer Research Grant**, Labor and Networks
- 2021 **National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant**, Doctoral Dissertation in Economics: Information Asymmetry in Job Search, 2117566
https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=2117566
- 2021 **Columbia Program for Economic Research, PER Field/Experimental Research Grant**, Doctoral Dissertation in Economics: Information Asymmetry in Job Search
- 2020 **National Science Foundation, Honorable Mention - Graduate Research Fellowship**
- 2020 **Columbia Program for Economic Research, PER Summer Research Grant**, Cumulative Voting in the Lab: Vote Aggregation and its Effect on Voter Participation
- 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

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/2019/07/did-the-value-of-a-college-degree-decline-during-the-great-recession/>
- 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

- May 5-7, 2022 **Behavioral Public Economics Bootcamp**, National Bureau of Economic Research, Participant
- Mar. 5, 2021 **Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science**, NYU, Graduate Student Poster Presentation, with Jeffrey Guo
- 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

- Summer 2022 **Instructor of record**, Columbia University, Labor Economics
- Spring 2022 **Teaching Assistant**, Columbia University, Introduction to Econometrics
- Fall 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, Columbia University, Political Economy
- 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
Acted as a liaison between faculty and graduate students. Organized the ongoing Diversity Initiative.

- 2020 - 2022 **Association of Graduate Economics Students, Columbia University**, Diversity Initiative
Created and ran the undergraduate mentoring program, promoted activities to demystify the hidden curriculum, advocated for inclusive curricula and diversity in invited speakers.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- Spr/Sum 2021 **Research Assistant, Columbia University**, Dr. Sandra Black
- 2016 - 2018 **Sr. Research Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of New York**, Research Group: Microeconomics
- 2014 - 2016 **Research Assistant, University of Chicago Economics Department**, Dr. E. Glen Weyl
- Summer 2015 **Summer Research Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of New York**, Dr. Rajashri 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.