

DESIRED RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Primary: Micro-Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics

Secondary: Behavioral Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics

DEGREES

Ph.D. University of California at Berkeley, Agricultural & Resource Economics, 2008.

M.A. Peking University, Economics, 2002.

B.A. Peking University, Economics, 2000.

DISSERTATION

Title: *Regression Discontinuity Design and Program Evaluation*.

Committee: Kenneth Chay (Cochair), Jeffrey Perloff (Cochair), Jeffrey LaFrance, Daniel McFadden.

Date of Completion: May, 2008.

WORKING PAPERS

Yang, M. 2007. "Regression Discontinuity Design: Identification and Estimation of Treatment Effects with Multiple Selection Biases" (Job-market Paper).

Yang, M. 2006. "Identification and Estimation of Social Interaction-Based Models: A Changes-in-Changes Approach with an Application to Adolescent Substance Use."

Yang, M. 2005. "'Rebel Without a Cause': A Social Interactions-Based Analysis of Youth's Truancy Behavior."

Beatty, T. K. M., J. T. LaFrance, and M. Yang. 2005. "A Simple Lagrange Multiplier F-Test for Multivariate Regression Models."

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Chancellor's Dissertation-Year Fellowship, University of California at Berkeley, 2007–08 (1 of the 13 recipients among Berkeley Ph.D.s in humanities and social sciences).

The Institute of Business and Economic Research (IBER) Mini-Grant, University of California at Berkeley, 2007.

Research Conference Travel Grant, University of California at Berkeley, 2004, 2007.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Brown University, Department of Economics: Visiting Researcher. Worked with Professor Kenneth Chay on regression discontinuity design, September, 2007.

University of California at Berkeley, Ag & Resource Economics: Research Assistant for Professor Ethan Ligon. Research on "Incentives and Nutrition for Rotten Kids: Intrahousehold Food Allocation in the Philippines" and "Measuring Competitiveness in Vegetable Markets," 2004–2006.

University of California at Berkeley, Ag & Resource Economics: Research Assistant for Professor David Roland-Holst. Assisted the Development Research Center of the State Council (DRC) of China in a World Bank supported assignment for "Regional Research on Poverty and Inequality: Construction of Provincial Social Accounting Matrices for China," Fall, 2004.

University of California at Berkeley, Ag & Resource Economics: Research Assistant for Professor Jeffrey LaFrance. Research on "Approximating LM F-test for Nonlinear Models," Spring, 2004.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California at Berkeley, Ag & Resource Economics: Teaching Assistant for a graduate-level course on applied econometrics with overall effectiveness rating 6.2 out of 7.0, Spring, 2007.

University of California at Berkeley, Ag & Resource Economics: Teaching Assistant for a graduate-level course on mathematical tools for economists with overall effectiveness rating 6.2 out of 7.0, Summer and Fall, 2003.

University of California at Berkeley, Economics: Teaching Assistant for an undergraduate-level course on principles of economics for two semesters both with median effectiveness rating 6.0 out of 7.0, Spring and Fall, 2006.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Brown University, Department of Economics: "Regression Discontinuity Design: Identification and Estimation of Treatment Effects with Multiple Selection Biases," Providence, Rhode Island, October, 2007.

American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting: "Identification and Estimation of Peer Effects in Adolescents' Illegal Drug Use," Portland, Oregon, July, 2007.

The 14th International Conference on Panel Data: "Identification and Estimation of Social Interaction-Based Models: A Changes-in-Changes Approach with an Application to Adolescent Substance Use," Xiamen, China, July, 2007.

The 19th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association: "On Decomposing the Ethnic Living Standard Differentials in Rural Nepal," Madrid, Spain, August, 2004.

OTHER INFORMATION

Affiliation: American Economic Association, American Agricultural Economics Association, Econometric Society, European Economic Association.

Citizenship: P. R. China.

Language: English (fluent), Chinese (native).

Computer skills: MATLAB, Stata, SAS, TSP, MySQL.

REFERENCES

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