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EDUCATION

- **Master of Economics (Research-based, Financial Engineering)**

Nankai University, 2023 - 2026 (expected)

Selected Coursework: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Corporate Finance, Game Theory

- **Bachelor of Science in Chemistry**

Nankai University, 2017 - 2021

Selected Coursework: Calculus, Linear Algebra, Probability Theory, Mathematical Statistics, Data Structures and Algorithms

WORKING PAPER

Judicial Specialization and Investment Friction: Evidence from Wealth Management Market

(co-authored with Yunqi Zhang)

Exploits the staggered rollout of specialized financial tribunals to study how judicial specialization affects banks' issuance and pricing of wealth-management products.

- Built a nationwide court-level panel on the rollout of 3,000+ financial tribunals using LLM-assisted web scraping and manual verification
- Extracted and processed 30M+ court judgments using SQL and LLM-based parsing to construct city-month and case-level datasets
- Implemented large-scale data cleaning, variable construction, and panel regressions in Stata

Conference Presentations: 5th Workshop on Banking and Financial Intermediation (Nov 2025); YES × Chengdu Conference (May 2025); China Investment Annual Conference (May 2025*); 2nd Conference on Contemporary Topics in Financial Markets (Jul 2025*)
(*presented by co-author)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH ASSISTANT (Full-time)

Principal Investigator: Yiwen Shen, Assistant Professor

Feb 2026 – Present

Department of Information Systems, Business Statistics and Operations Management, HKUST

RESEARCH ASSISTANT (Part-time)

Principal Investigator: Yunqi Zhang, Associate Professor

Sep 2023 – Ongoing

School of Finance, Nankai University

- Conducted literature reviews on FinTech, supply-chain finance, and credit markets
- Collected, cleaned, and merged large-scale datasets using Python and Stata; constructed panel data and regression variables

SKILLS

Codeing: Stata, Python, LaTeX (proficient);

SQL, R, MATLAB, C++ (working knowledge)

Code sample: <https://github.com/Antongnidas/code-sample>

Language: English (TOEFL iBT 101), Mandarin (native), German (beginner)

GRE: Quantitative 170, Verbal 150

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Introduction to Game Theory, Spring 2025
- Basic Physics, Fall 2018 & Fall 2019

HONORS & AWARDS

- Scholarship for Academic Improvement, 2018
- Gongneng (Public Spiritedness and Ability) Scholarships 2023, 2024, and 2025