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EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Professor, University of California Irvine, 2013 – present.
Associate Professor, University of California Irvine, 2016 – 2023.
Assistant Professor, University of California Irvine, 2012 – 2016.
Visiting Assistant Professor, MIT, fall 2013.
Assistant Professor, California State University Fullerton, 2009 – 2011.
Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), 2012 – present.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor, *Econometrics Reviews*, 2024 – present.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston College, May 2009.
MA, Economics, Boston College, May 2005.
MA, Economics, Xi'an Jiaotong University, July 2003.
BS, Economics, Xi'an Jiaotong University, July 2000.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Causal Inference, Treatment Effects and Policy Evaluation, Education, Labor and Health

REFEREED PUBLISHED PAPERS

J19: Kelly Chen, Yingying Dong, and Xuan Jiang (2026), “Retaking to Succeed: Causal Evidence on Optional Course Retaking in College, *Accepted, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.
J18: Yingying Dong (2026), “Quantile Treatment Effects in Difference-in-Discontinuities Designs,” *The Econometrics Journal*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ectj/utag028>.
J17: Kelly Chen, Yingying Dong, and Samia Islam (2026), “Right to work Laws, Union decline, and the Opioid Crisis, *Journal of Population Economics*, 39(25).
J16: Yingying Dong and Michal Kolesár (2023), “When Can We Ignore Measurement Error in the Running Variable?” *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 38 (5) 735-750.

- J15: Yingying Dong, Ying-Ying Lee, and Michael Gou (2023), “Regression Discontinuity Designs with a Continuous Treatment,” *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 118 (541) 208-221.
- J14 Yingying Dong (2019), “Regression Discontinuity Designs with Sample Selection,” *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, 37 (1), 171-186.
- J13: Yingying Dong (2018), “Alternative Assumptions to Identify LATE in Fuzzy Regression Discontinuity Designs,” *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 80 (5), 1020-1027.
- J12: Yingying Dong and Shu Shen (2018), “Testing for Rank Invariance or Similarity in Program Evaluation,” *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 100 (1), 78-85.
- J11: Yingying Dong and Dennis Yang (2017), “Mandatory Retirement and the Consumption Puzzle: Disentangling Price and Quantity Declines” *Economic Inquiry*, 55 (4), 1738-58.
- J10: Giovanni Cerulli, Yingying Dong, Arthur Lewbel, and Alexander Poulsen (2017), “Testing Stability of Regression Discontinuity Models,” *Advances in Econometrics* 38, in Matias D. Cattaneo , Juan Carlos Escanciano (ed.) *Regression Discontinuity Designs*, 317-339.
- J9: Yingying Dong (2015), “Regression Discontinuity Applications with Rounding Errors in the Running Variable,” *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 30 (3), 422-446.
- J8: Yingying Dong and Arthur Lewbel (2015), “Identifying the Effect of Changing the Policy Threshold in Regression Discontinuity Models,” *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 97 (5), 1081-1092.
- J7: Yingying Dong and Arthur Lewbel (2015), “Simple Estimators for Binary Choice Models With Endogenous Regressors,” *Econometric Reviews*, 34 (1-2), 82-105.
- J6: Yingying Dong (2013), “How Health Insurance Affects Health Care Demand – A Structural Analysis of Behavioral Moral Hazard and Adverse Selection,” *Economic Inquiry*, 51 (2), 1324-1344.
- J5: Arthur Lewbel, Yingying Dong and Thomas Tao Yang (2012), “Comparing Features of Convenient Estimators for Binary Choice Models With Endogenous Regressors,” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 45 (3), 809-829.
- J4: Yingying Dong (2011), “Semiparametric Binary Random Effects Models: Estimating Two Types of Drinking Behavior,” *Economics Letters*, 112 (1), 79-81.
- J3: Yingying Dong and Arthur Lewbel (2011), “Nonparametric Identification of a Binary Random Factor in Cross Section Data,” *Journal of Econometrics*, 163 (2), 163-171.
- J2: Yingying Dong (2010), “Endogenous Regressor Binary Choice Models without Instruments, with an Application to Migration,” *Economics Letters*, 107 (1), 33-35.
- J1: Yingying Dong (2010), “Kept Back to Get Ahead? Kindergarten Retention and Academic Performance,” *European Economic Review*, 54 (2), 219-236.

WORKING PAPERS

Yingying Dong, Xiaojun Song, and Haojiao Zhao (2026), “Fuzzy Difference-in-Discontinuities Design When Treatment Effects are Heterogeneous.”

Yingying Dong and Phillip Heiler (2026), “Sharp Bounds for Non-parametric Sample Selection Models with Treatment Endogeneity.” (submitted)

Yingying Dong and Yingying Lee (2025), “Identification and Estimation of Causal Effects with a Continuous Treatment Using Discrete Instruments.” (submitted)

Yingying Dong (2018), “Jump or Kink? Regression Probability Jump and Kink Design for Treatment Effect Evaluation.”

WORK IN PROGRESS

Yingying Dong, Yuya Sasaki and Xiaojun Song, “Jobs First and Individual Labor Supply Responses: A Powerful Test of Conditional Rank Preservation and Conditional Rank Similarity.”

Yingying Dong, “Two-Sample Regression Discontinuity Identification, Inference, and Sensitivity Analysis.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026: Annual Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE), June 2026 (cancelled).

The ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting (invited discussion), January 2026.

2025: The World Congress of the Econometric Society (ESWC), August 2025 (cancelled due to US permanent residency expiration).

Annual Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE), June 2025 (cancelled due to US permanent residency expiration).

2023: Meeting of the Midwest Econometrics Group, October 2023.

California Econometrics Conference, September 2023.

The 6th International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta), August 2023 (virtual).

The Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society - China (virtual), July 2023.

The ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting (virtual), January 2023.

2022: The Australasia Meeting of the Econometric Society, July 2022 (virtual).

The Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, June 2022 (virtual).

2020: The Econometric Society World Congress, August 2020 (virtual).

The North American Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society (AEA/ASSA), San Diego, January 2020.

2017: The California Econometrics Conference, Stanford University, October 2017.

The International Symposium on Econometric Theory and Applications (SETA), Peking University, June 2017.

The Shanghai Econometrics Workshop, SUFE, June 2017.

The China Meeting of the Econometric Society, Wuhan University, June 2017.

2016: The Midwest Econometrics Group meeting, UIUC, October 2016.

The California Econometrics Conference, BYU, October 2016.

The International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE) Conference, Milan, Italy, June 2016.

The North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Philadelphia, June 2016.

The North American Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society (ASSA), San Francisco, January 2016.

2015: The Midwest Econometrics Group (MEG) meeting, October 2015.

The California Econometrics Conference, USC, September 2015.

The Econometric Society World Congress (ESWC), Montreal, Canada August 2015.

The 11th International Symposium on Econometric Theory and Applications (SETA), Tokyo, Japan, May 2015.

2014: The California Econometrics Conference, Stanford, September 2014.

The Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (AMES), Taiwan, June 2014.

The China Meeting of the Econometric Society (CMES), Xiamen, China, June 2014.

The Canadian Economic Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, May 2014.

2013: The Asia Meetings of the Econometric Society (AMES), Singapore, August 2013.

The Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Seattle, June 2013.

The Canadian Economic Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, June 2013.

The Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) meetings, Boston, May 2013.

2012: The Asia Meetings of the Econometric Society (AMES), Delhi, India, December 2012.

The California Econometrics Conference, UC Davis, September 2012.

The Canadian Economic Association Annual Conference, Calgary, Canada, June 2012.

The Chinese Economist Society Annual Conference, Kaifeng, China, June 2012.

The Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, San Francisco, June 2012.

2011: The Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, San Diego, June 2011.

The Canadian Economic Association Annual Conference, Ottawa, Canada, June 2011.

The Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) meetings, Vancouver, Canada, April 2011.

2010: The Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Portland, June 2010.

The Canadian Economic Association Annual Conference, Quebec, Canada, May 2010.

2009 and earlier: The Royal Economic Society Conference 2009, Surrey, England, April 2009.

The Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, November 2008.

The All China Economics (ACE) International Conference, City University of Hong Kong, China, December 2007.

The 6th World Congress on Health Economics, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2007.

INVITED SEMINARS/PRESENTATIONS

2026: Cal Poly, December 2026 (scheduled).

USC-UCLA Mini Workshop in Econometrics (invited), May 2026.

2025: 6th Edition of the Aarhus Workshop in Econometrics, October 2025 (invited; cancelled due to US permanent residency expiration).

SoCal Workshop on Causal Reasoning (invited), February 2025.

2024: University of Macau, May 2024.

Hongkong University, May 2024.

University of Texas Austin, April 2024.

Peking University, March 2024.

2023: University of Calgary, November 2023.

Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFU), April 2023 (virtual).

2022: Brown University, December 2022 (virtual).

2021: University of Toronto (virtual), October 2021.

University of California San Diego (virtual), April 2021.

University of Washington PHEOM (virtual), January 2021.

2020: Rochester University (virtual), December 2020.

Yale University (virtual), October 2020.

2019: Princeton University, Quantitative Social Science Colloquium (QSSC), September 2019.

Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), Japan, May 2019.

2018: University of Michigan, October 2018.

California Polytechnic State University, April 2018.

Vanderbilt University, March 2018.

2017: Duke University, October 2017.

Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFU), June 2017.

Boise State University, March 2017.

University of California, Santa Barbara, March 2017.

2016: University of California, Los Angeles, November 2016.

Ohio State University, October 2016.

McGill University, May 2016.

2015: University of California, Irvine, December 2015.

University of California, San Diego, November 2015.

University of California, Riverside, November 2015.

Hong Kong University, Hong Kong, September 2015.

LingNan University, Hong Kong, September 2015.

University of Southern California, May 2015.

2014: National Taiwan University, December 2014.

University of California - Irvine, December 2014.

University of California - Riverside, October 2014.

Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, China, July 2014.

University of California - Irvine (Applied micro lunch), June 2014.

University of California - Davis, May 2014.
2013: MIT (Econometrics lunch), November 2013.
MIT (Labor lunch), September 2013.
Boston College, October 2013.
Bank of Canada, June 2013.
2012: California State University, Fullerton, November 2012.
Chinese University of Hong Kong, March 2012.
2011: University of California - Irvine, May 2011.
California State University - Long Beach, February 2011.
2009: California State University - Fullerton, March 2009.
University of California, Riverside, March 2009.
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, February 2009.
Urban Institute, February 2009.
Hunter College, CUNY, January 2009.
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, January 2009.
2008: SUNY at Albany, Department of Public Administration and Policy, March 2008.
Workers Compensation Research Institute, March 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate:

UC Irvine: Statistics and Econometrics I, Causal Inference, Graduate Labor II/III
CSU Fullerton: Econometrics (Masters Course)

Undergraduate:

UC Irvine: Applied Econometrics I/II
MIT: Econometrics
CSU Fullerton: Principle of Microeconomics

HONORS AND AWARDS

UC Irvine School of Social Sciences R&T Funds, 2012 - 2018, 2022, 2023, 2024.
Outstanding Teaching Award Winner (122A), UC Irvine, Winter 2020.
DTEI Thank a Teacher Program Recipient (3 times), UC Irvine, 2020.
AMES Travel Funding for Young Scholars, 2014.
Research Award, Center for Asian Studies, UC Irvine, 2013.
Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Grant, 2013.
Gregory Chow Best Paper Award (Honorary Mention), the CES Conference, 2012.
University Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award, California State University Fullerton, 2011.
Faculty Scholar Award, Steven G. Mihaylo College of Business and Economics, California State University Fullerton, 2010 - 2011.

Dean's Research Grant, Steven G. Mihaylo College of Business and Economics, California State University Fullerton, 2011.

International Travel Grant, California State University Fullerton, 2011.

University Research Grant Award, California State University Fullerton, 2010.

Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Academic Achievement Award, Boston College, 2008.

Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Boston College, Fall 2007.

Research Grant, Graduate Student Association, Boston College, Summer 2007.

Summer Research Award, Department of Economics, Boston College, Summer 2005.

Graduate Fellowship, Boston College, 2003 – 2007.

JOURNALS REFEREED

Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Review: Insights, The Review of Economic Studies, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Quantitative Economics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, The Econometrics Journal, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Econometric Reviews, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Advances in Econometrics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, American Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Health Economics, Economics of Education Review, Economics Bulletin, Economics of Governance, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Economic Surveys, Oxford Economic Papers, Econometric Theory, Journal of Econometric Method, Statistical Papers, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Empirical Economics, Journal of Econometric Methods, Science Advances.

DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Economics, UC Irvine, 2014, 2019 – Present.

Econometrics Seminar Co-organizer, Department of Economics, UC Irvine 2015 – Present.

Committee on Faculty Diversity, Inclusion and Development (CFDID), School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine, 2023 – 2025.

DECADE Mentor for the Department of Economics, UC Irvine, 2023 – 2025.

Hellman Advisory Panel for Vice Provost for Academic Personnel, UC Irvine, 2024.

Council on Faculty Welfare and Diversity (CFW), UC Irvine, 2021 – 2024.

Academic Personnel Review Committee, Department of Economics, UC Irvine, 2013, 2017, 2020, 2024.

School of Social Sciences Executive Committee, UC Irvine, 2021 – 2023.

Academic Personnel Review Committee (School of Social Sciences), UC Irvine, 2021.

Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, UC Irvine, 2019.

Applied Microeconomics Seminar Organizer, Department of Economics, UC Irvine, Fall 2012, Spring 2013.

Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, UC Irvine, 2015.

Department Seminar Organizer, CSU Fullerton, Fall, Spring 2009, Fall, Spring 2010.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

External Reviewer for Tenure at peer institutions, 2020, 2024(x2), 2025(x2).

Mentor, Midwest Econometrics Group Mentoring Workshop for Junior Women Economists, 2021, 2023.

Mentor, Australasia Meeting of the Econometric Society mentoring Session for PhD students, 2022.

Discussant, Chamberlain Seminar, May 2021.

Organizing Committee, All-Cal Labor Conference, 2021.

UC Irvine Inclusive Excellence Certificate Program, 2021.

Guest Speaker, UCI Women Economists Group Meeting, July 2020.

Mentor, Women in Economics and Business (WiE) at UC Irvine Spring Workshop, 2019.

Organizing Committee, All California Econometric Conference, October 2018.

Reviewer, US National Science Foundation, 2017, 2018, 2020.

Scientific committee, the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (LAMES), 2018.

Reviewer, Ministry of Science and Technology Outstanding Research Award, Taiwan, 2017.

Reviewer, Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, 2015, 2017.

Scientific Committee, International Health Economics Association (IHEA) 8th World Congress, Toronto, 2011.