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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

- Assistant professor, University of Kansas August 2018 – Present

EDUCATION

- Ph.D in Business Administration, University of Cincinnati June 2018
(Areas of study: Statistics, Business Analytics, Machine Learning.)
- M.S. in Statistics, University of Cincinnati April 2013
- B.S. in Mathematics, Shandong University, China June 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Statistical Methodology

- High-dimensional robust statistics, nonparametric regression, ordinal data analysis.

Application

- Data privacy, Marketing, Finance.

AWARDS & HONOURS

- New Faculty General Research Fund, University of Kansas 2020
- Comer-Reynolds Memorial Award, ASA Cincinnati Chapter 2018
- Dean's List of Teaching Excellence, University of Cincinnati 2018, 2017
- Nominee for Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Cincinnati 2017
- JSM Student Travel Award, American Statistical Association 2017
- Lindner Outstanding Graduate Research Award, University of Cincinnati 2017
- Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, University of Cincinnati 2016
- Outstanding Masters Student Award, University of Cincinnati 2013
- Honorable Mention, International Mathematical Contest of Modeling 2010
- First Class Award, Shandong University Mathematical Contest of Modeling 2009

RESEARCH

Publications

- **Li, S.**, Schneider, M. J., Yu, Y., and Gupta, S. (2022). “Re-identification Risk in Panel Data: Protecting for k -Anonymization.” *Information Systems Research*, forthcoming.
- **Li, S.**, Tian, S., Yu, Y., Zhu, X., and Lian, H. (2022). “Corporate Default Probability: A Discrete Single-Index Hazard Model Approach.” *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, forthcoming.
- Sherwood, B. and **Li, S.** (2022). “Quantile regression feature selection and estimation with grouped variables using Huber approximation.” *Statistics and Computing*, 32(5), 1-16. [[paper](#)]
- **Li, S.**, Zhu, X., Chen, Y., and Liu, D. (2021). “PAsso: an R package for Assessing Partial Association between Ordinal Variables,” *The R Journal*, 13(2), 239-252. [[paper](#)]
- Liu, D., **Li, S.**, Yu, Y., and Moustaki, I. (2021). “Assessing Partial Association between Ordinal Variables: Quantification, Visualization, and Hypothesis Testing”, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 116(534), 955-968. [[paper](#)] [[R package](#)].
- Schneider, M. J., Jagpal, S., Gupta, S., **Li, S.**, and Yu, Y. (2018). “A Flexible Method for Protecting Marketing Data: An Application to Point-of-Sale Data”, *Marketing Science*, 37(1), 153-171. [[paper](#)].
- Schneider, M. J., Jagpal, S., Gupta, S., **Li, S.**, and Yu, Y. (2017). “Protecting Customer Data: Marketing with Second-Party Data”, *International Journal of Research in Marketing*, 34(3), 593-603. [[paper](#)]

Working Papers

- **Li, S.**, Fan, Z., Liu, D., Liu, I., and Morrison, P. “Assessing Partial Associations between Mixed Data: An Application to Student Wellbeing Analysis.”
- Qin, Y., **Li, S.**, Li, Y., and Yu, Y. “Penalized Maximum Tangent Likelihood Estimation and Robust Variable Selection.” [[arXiv](#)]
- **Li, S.**, Tian, S., and Yu, Y. “Predicting Corporate Bankruptcy: A Penalized Semiparametric Index Hazard Model.”

R Packages

- [hrqglas](#): Group variable selection for quantile and robust mean regression.
- [PAsso](#): Partial association for ordinal variables.
- [MTE](#): Maximum tangent-likelihood estimator for robust high-dimensional linear regression.

ACADEMIC TALKS

- **Invited**, SIAM Central States Section 2021 annual meeting. Online. Sep. 2021
- **Invited**, Baruch College, The City University of New York. Online. Sep. 2020
- **CBAR Seminar**, University of Kansas, School of Business, Lawrence, KS. Nov. 2019
- **Invited**, INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. Oct. 2019

- The Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Denver, CO. Aug. 2019
- **Invited**, ICSA 2019 Applied Statistics Symposium, Raleigh, NC. Jun. 2019
- **Seminar**, Shandong University, School of Mathematics and Statistics, Weihai, China. Jul. 2018
- **Invited**, The 2nd International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta 2018), City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. Jun. 2018
- **Seminar**, University of Kansas, School of Business, Lawrence, KS. Dec. 2017
- **Seminar**, University of Dayton, School of Business Administration, Dayton, OH. Dec. 2017
- **Seminar**, University of Washington, Foster School of Business, Seattle, WA. Nov. 2017
- **Seminar**, University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), School of Management, Hefei, China. Nov. 2017
- **Seminar**, University of Cincinnati, Lindner College of Business, Cincinnati, OH. Nov. 2017
- Annual Meeting of the Decision Science Institute (DSI), Washington D.C. Nov. 2017
- INFORMS Workshop on Data Science, Houston, TX. (peer reviewed) Oct. 2017
- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Houston, TX. Oct. 2017
- The Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Baltimore, MD. Aug. 2017
- The Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Chicago, IL. Aug. 2016
- **Seminar**, University of Cincinnati, Department of Mathematical Science. Sep. 2015
- The Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Seattle, WA. Aug. 2015
- INFORMS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. Nov. 2014
- The Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Boston, MA. Aug. 2014

TEACHING

University of Kansas

- BSAN 750 - Machine Learning I (Graduate)
- Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020
- BSAN 440 - Foundations in Business Analytics
- Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018
- BSAN 400 - Introduction to Machine Learning with R
- Fall 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

University of Cincinnati

- BANA 7046 - Data Mining I (Graduate)
- Spring 2018
- BANA 4080 - Data Mining and Analysis (Undergraduate)
- Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

- BANA 2082 - Business Analytics II (Undergraduate)
- Fall 2015, Fall 2014

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- Axxess Financial, Cincinnati, OH 10/2012 – 07/2013
– Statistical analyst, online marketing
- China Investment Corporation (CIC), Beijing, China Summer 2012
– Research assistant, risk management

SERVICES

- Referee for journal and conference papers
– Journals: *JASA*, *Statistica Sinica*, *Statistics and Computing*, *Managerial Finance*
– Conferences: ICIS, INFORMS Workshop on Data Science, INFORMS Data Mining Best Paper Competition.
- Referee for fellowship
– Marsden Fund (Royal Society of New Zealand)
- PhD student committee member
– Corban Allenbrand (on-going), University of Kansas
– Amin Abbasi-Pooya (on-going), University of Kansas
- Reader for Master Student Thesis/Capstone
– Adrian Valles Inarrea, MS in Business Analytics, University of Cincinnati, 2018
- [BearStats Student Statistics Club](#), ASA Student Chapter at University of Cincinnati
– President 04/2016 – 06/2018
– Treasure 08/2015 – 04/2016
- Graduate Student Association (College of Business), University of Cincinnati
– President 08/2015 – 08/2016
– Treasure 08/2014 – 08/2015

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- The American Statistical Association (ASA)
- The Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS)
- The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)