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Education

2024-2025	Visiting Ph.D. student, Harvard Business School, US
2020-Present	Ph.D. student in Finance, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
2016-2020	B.A. in Economics (with distinction), Tianjin University, China

Research Interests

Behavioral Finance, Generative AI, Fintech, Empirical Asset Pricing

Grants, honors and awards

2026	AFA PhD Travel Grant
2024-2025	China Scholarship Council Grant
2024	National Scholarship for Doctoral Students
2023	Excellent Teaching Assistant
2020- Present	Ph.D. Student Scholarship, SAIF & SJTU
2016-2020	1st Class Honors, Tianjin University and Tianjin Municipal Government

Research paper

Zheng, X. (2025). Memory and Generative AI (Job Market Paper). Available at SSRN 5566078. (Scheduled) presentations at Harvard, SAIF, ABFER 2025 Poster, CICF2025, CFRC 2025, AEA 2026, AFA 2026 Poster, Fudan SOM

Ouyang, S., Yun, H., & Zheng, X. (2024). AI as decision maker: Risk preferences and ethics of LLMs. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2406.01168*.

(Scheduled) presentations at ABFER-JFDS 2024, OxNLP, GPI, Oxford Finance, SBS Board, SAIF*, PKU NSD, ZJU Econ, SFS Cavalcade 2024, CREDIT 2024, Adam Smith Junior 2024, and CBF 2024, 4th Hongkong AI Conference 2025*, NAWM Econometric Society 2026, Paris December meeting 2025, GSU AI conference 2025, ES World Congress 2025, Fudan SOE*

Li, F., & Zheng, X. (2023). Carbon emission and asset prices: new evidence from machine learning. *Available at SSRN 4400681*.

Presentations at CICF 2023, CFRI&CIRF 2023, SBSICF 2023, CMCSR 2023

Others (Publication in Chinese & Work in progress)

Fang, Y., Zheng, X., & Li, F. (2025). Clustered by images: Convolutional neural networks, investor heterogeneity, and Chinese stock market predictability (《图以类聚: 卷积神经网络, 投资者异质性与中国股市可预测性》 in Chinese).

Presentation at CFAC2024. Forthcoming at Journal of Management Sciences in China (《管理科学学报》)

Lu, X., Qian, J., Wei, S. & Zheng, X. (2025). Improving Investor Trading Habit via Digital Companion.

Chen, L., Lin, T.C., Wu, F., Zheng, X., & Zou, E. (2025). Cognitive attention and trading: an experimental study using human Brainwaves.

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Research experience

2024-2025	HBS for Prof. Lauren Cohen, Research assistant
2021-2024	CAFR for Prof. Feng Li, Research assistant
2021-2022	SAIFR for Prof. Fei Wu, Research assistant
2021	SAIF for Prof. Yiyao Wang, Research assistant
2020-2021	SAIF for Prof. Xiaomeng Lu, Research assistant
2020-2021	Luohan Academy, Research student

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CFintechRC 2024, CFRI&CIRF 2023, SBSICF 2023

Academic service

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2022-2025	Big data & Statistics (EMBA/DBA)
	TA for William Li
2021-2023	Principal of Accounting (MBA)
	TA for Prof. Feng Li
2021-2023	Venture capital and private equity (MBA)
	TA for Prof. Fei Wu
2020-2021	Asset management and Corporate Governance (MF/MBA)
	TA for Burik Paul

Technical Skills

Python, R, Stata

References

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