Yiqun Li

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Questrom School of Business ∘ Boston University

Current Position

Boston University *2024–Present*
Ph.D. Candidate in Finance (3rd Year), Questrom School of Business

Fields

International Finance, Macro-Finance, AI and Finance, Behavioral Finance

Education

Boston University *2024–Present*
Ph.D. in Finance, Questrom School of Business; GPA: 3.85/4.00
Additional doctoral coursework, Boston College (2025–Present): Advanced Asset Pricing; Advanced Corporate Finance.

Columbia University *2022–2024*
M.A. in Economics; GPA: 3.94/4.00; rank: top 10%

Macau University of Science and Technology *2018–2022*
Bachelor of Applied Economics; GPA: 3.98/4.00; rank: 1/742

University of Copenhagen *2019*
Exchange programme: Behavioral and Experimental Economics

Past Affiliation

2024-2026	Research Assistant to Andrea Vedolin, Boston University
2023–2024	Research Assistant to Shang-Jin Wei, Columbia Business School
2023–2024	Research Assistant to Tianhao Liu and Jerry Shi, Columbia University
2023	Research Assistant to Solomon M. Gofere, Columbia University
2020–2021	Research Assistant to Cody Yu-Ling Hsiao, Macau University of Science and Technology

Working Papers

1. "Managerial Beliefs on Exchange Rates," with Zhenkai Ran, Haonan Zhou. 2026.
   Draft will be available in late November.

2. "Measuring Firm-Level Currency Exposure," with Zhenkai Ran, Naoki Yago. 2026.

   Presentations: 12th Monash–Paris–Warwick–Zurich–CEPR Text-as-Data Workshop; 3rd AI in Finance Conference; KAIST/Korea University K Virtual Finance Seminar*; 2026 New Zealand Finance Meeting#; 2nd International Workshop on Macroeconomics and Finance (University of Macau)#; University of Cambridge*; Boston University. Scheduled: AFA Poster Session (2027); Central Bank of Ireland-University College Dublin-CEPR Conference on Macro-Finance and Financial Stability Policies (2026).

3. "Transmission of Tariff Shocks via Institutional Investors." 2026. Sole-authored; second-year paper.

Presentations: CES Annual Conference (2026); MRS International Risk Conference (2026)*; IBEFA–WEAI Summer Meeting (2026)*; Boston University.

(*: Presented by coauthor(s); #: Accepted but not presented)

Policy Writings and Other Publications

Published Book Chapters

1. "Bilateral Policy Contagion Effects of Chinese and Brazilian Companies," with Ni Sheng. In *Theory and Application of Energy Policy Contagion Models*, Chapter 5. Chinese Financial & Economic Publishing House, August 2023.

2. "Policy Contagion Effects of China on Belt and Road Initiative Countries." In *Theory and Application of Energy Policy Contagion Models*, Chapter 9. Chinese Financial & Economic Publishing House, August 2023.

Professional Activities

External Presentations and Seminars

2027	AFA Poster Session (scheduled).
2026	Central Bank of Ireland–UCD–CEPR Conference on Macro-Finance and Financial Stability Policies (scheduled); 12th Monash–Paris–Warwick–Zurich–CEPR Text-as-Data Workshop; 3rd AI in Finance Conference; CES Annual Conference.
Other seminars:	Boston University.

Discussion

2026	FMA Annual Meeting; SFA Annual Meeting (scheduled).

Session Chair

2026	CES Annual Conference; SFA Annual Meeting (scheduled).

Honors and Grants

Doctoral Fellowship, Questrom School of Business	2024–2029 (expected)
AFA Ph.D. Travel Grants	2027(expected)
Conference Grants, BU Questrom	2026
Outstanding Graduate, MUST	2022
Rector's Honor List, MUST	2022
Outstanding Prize, Macau Economic Paper Competition	2021
First Ranking Prize and Fellowship, MUST (rank: 1/742)	2020, 2021
Henry Fok Foundation Fellowship	2020, 2021
Dean's Honor List, MUST	2019–2022

Teaching

QST BA 221 Intro. to Data and Business Analytics *Jan 2027–May 2027 (Schedules)*
Instructor

QST FE 732 Corporate Finance(Graduate Level) *Sep–Dec 2025*
Teaching Assistant
Led review-session lectures and weekly office hours; developed problem sets; graded quizzes and exams; maintained the Blackboard course site. Student evaluation: 4.9/5.0.

ECON UN1105 Principles of Economics *Jun–Aug 2023*

Teaching Assistant

Led recitations and office hours; prepared lecture notes, slides, and problem sets in LaTeX; assisted with grading and Canvas maintenance. Student evaluation: 5.0/5.0.

Research Experience

Boston University, Questrom School of Business *Jan–Mar 2025*

Research Assistant to Andrea Vedolin

Project: Term Structure of Expectations and Expectations of Term Structure.

Downloaded, scraped, and cleaned data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Survey of Primary Dealers, conducted ahead of FOMC meetings, using Python.

Columbia Business School *Jul 2023–Aug 2024*

Research Assistant to Shang-Jin Wei

Project: The exorbitant privilege and duty of U.S. Treasury bonds.

Cleaned data, conducted baseline and robustness analyses, and contributed to writing the paper in international macroeconomics.

Columbia University *Jan 2023–Jan 2024*

Research Assistant to Tianhao Liu and Jerry Shi

Project: The impact of the dual-credit policy on China's electric-vehicle market.

Compiled policy information from the literature; collected and cleaned data; visualised summary statistics; applied a Berry–Levinsohn–Pakes demand model in Stata.

Columbia University *Jan–Aug 2023*

Research Assistant to Solomon M. Gofere

Project: Birth spacing and children's birth and long-term outcomes.

Collected NLSY data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics; cleaned and merged data in Stata; conducted descriptive analysis and wrote a literature review.

Macau University of Science and Technology *Dec 2020–Dec 2021*

Research Assistant to Cody Yu-Ling Hsiao

Project: Contagion from the COVID-19 epidemic to the global economy.

Conducted data analysis using Python, EViews, and MATLAB; contributed to the empirical results and literature review sections.

Professional Experience

ExxonMobil *Jun–Jul 2022*

Project Assistant, Business Department

Supported distributor relationships under the Global Project Distributor Framework and monitored contractual compliance and operating expenses. Assisted with project budgeting, procurement, and charter-flight logistics between Singapore and Guangzhou.

Skills and Certifications

Software: Codex, Claude Code, Python, Stata, MATLAB, EViews, LaTeX.

Certifications: Bloomberg Market Concepts (2020); First Aid, Faculty of Medicine, Macau University of Science and Technology (2019).

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