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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Toulouse School of Economics, 2017. Advisor: Jean-Pierre Florens. Dissertation committee: Timothy Christensen, Jean-Pierre Florens, Eric Gautier, and Ingrid Van Keilegom.

MPhil European Diploma for Advanced Quantitative Economics, 2014.

M.Sc. Economic Theory and Econometrics, Toulouse School of Economics, 2013.

## Professional Experience

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Assistant Professor, 2017-present.

## Awards and Honors

2020 SoFiE Summer School Lectures, University of Chicago.

2020 SoFiE Summer School Lectures, NYU Shanghai.

2020 Research Award, Economics Department – UNC Chapel Hill.

2018 Jae-Yeong Song and Chunuk Park Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching.

2012 Jean-Jacques Laffont Foundation's Scholarship.

2012 Google Summer of Code scholarship.

## Publications

1. "High-dimensional mixed frequency IV regression", **Journal of Business & Economic Statistics** (2021), forthcoming.
2. "Isotonic regression discontinuity designs", with Rohit Kumar, **Journal of Econometrics** (2021), forthcoming.
3. "Machine learning time series regressions with an application to nowcasting", with Eric Ghysels and Jonas Striaukas, **Journal of Business & Economic Statistics** (2021), forthcoming.

4. "Honest confidence sets in nonparametric IV regression and other ill-posed models", **Econometric Theory** (2020), 36(4), 658–706.
5. "ET interview: Jean-Pierre Florens", joint with Eric Ghysels, **Econometric Theory** (2020), 36(3), 369–385.
6. "Commercial and residential mortgage defaults: spatial dependence with frailty", with Xi Chen and Eric Ghysels, **Journal of Econometrics** (2019), 212(1), 47–77.

## Working Papers

1. "Binary choice with asymmetric loss in a data-rich environment: theory and an application to racial justice", with Xi Chen, Eric Ghysels, and Rohit Kumar, 2021, **R&R**.
2. "Machine learning panel data regressions with heavy-tailed dependent data: theory and application", with Ryan T. Ball, Eric Ghysels and Jonas Striaukas, 2021, **R&R**.
3. "Is completeness necessary? Estimation in nonidentified linear models", with Jean-Pierre Florens, 2020, **R&R**.
4. "High-dimensional Granger causality tests with an application to VIX and news", with Eric Ghysels and Jonas Striaukas, 2021, **R&R**.
5. "Are unobservables separable?", with Jean-Pierre Florens, 2021, **R&R**.

## Work in Progress

1. "Forecasting demand for air travel", with Alex Marsh, Garrett Scott, and Jonathan Williams, 2021.
2. "Convolution models on networks", with Jean-Pierre Florens, 2020.
3. "Economic sources of time-varying correlations between financial assets", with Eric Ghysels and Peter Hansen, 2019.

## Seminars and Conferences

**2022:** AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (scheduled), UC Riverside (scheduled).

**2021:** AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting, Yale University, Humboldt University of Berlin, University of Connecticut, University of Amsterdam (Data Science and Machine Learning workshop), NC State University (Embedding AI in Society Symposium), University of Bristol (Econometrics Study Group), European Commission (Big Data and Economic Forecasting), New York Camp Econometrics XV, 26th International Panel Data Conference, IAAE Annual Conference, SoFiE Machine Learning Virtual Conference, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, China Meeting of the Econometric Society, Australasia Meeting of the Econometric Society, 41st International Symposium on Forecasting, EEA-ESEM 2021, CFE-CMStatistics 2021 (scheduled).

**2020:** International Association for Applied Econometrics Webinar, World Congress of Econometric Society, Computational and Methodological Statistics.

**2019:** Vanderbilt University, Duke University, University of Chicago (Big Data and Machine Learning in Econometrics, Finance, and Statistics), Toulouse School of Economics (Financial Econometrics Conference), Triangle Econometrics Conference (Durham, NC), AI Innovations Forum (UNC Kenan Institute/SAS), Midwest Econometrics Conference (Columbus, OH), 72nd European Meeting of the Econometric Society (Manchester, UK), Econometric Study Group Annual Conference (Bristol, UK), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Seattle, WA).

**2018:** UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School, Bristol University (Econometric Study Group Annual Conference), Toulouse School of Economics, 4th ISNPS Conference (Salerno, Italy), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Davis, CA), 71st European Meetings of Econometric Society (Cologne, Germany), Midwest Econometrics Conference (Madison, WI), Triangle Econometrics Conference (Durham, NC).

**2017:** Duke University, Université de Montréal, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Toulouse School of Economics, Triangle Econometrics Conference (Durham, NC).

**2016:** 27th (EC)<sup>2</sup> Conference on Big Data (Toulouse, France), European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (Edinburgh, UK), 69th Econometric Society European Meetings (Genève, Switzerland), Recent Advances in Econometrics (Toulouse, France), 3rd conference of the International Society for Non-Parametric Statistics (Avignon, France), 48èmes Journées de Statistique de la SFdS (Montpellier, France).

**2015:** Northwestern University (Conference on Inverse Problems in Econometrics), Tilburg University (ENTER seminar).

**2014:** Harvard University (SoFiE Financial Econometrics Summer School), Oxford University (SoFiE Financial Econometrics Summer School), 5th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on Economic Sciences.

## Teaching Activities

Econ 573: Big Data and Machine Learning in Econometrics (x5, undergraduate), UNC, 2020-2022.

Econ 570: Applied Econometric Analysis (x2, undergraduate), UNC, 2018-2019.

Econ 771: Introduction to Econometric Theory (x5, graduate), UNC, 2018-2022.

Econ 970: Econometrics workshop (x1, graduate), UNC, 2018-2019.

TA for Intermediate Econometrics (undergraduate), Econometrics I (2x, graduate), and Econometrics (II), Toulouse School of Economics, 2014-2016.

## Dissertation Committees

### *Dissertation Committees*

Junsu Park (in progress), Jonas Striaukas (in progress), Tianqi Li (in progress), Yanru Lee (in progress), Haque Sharjil (in progress), Adam Haas (in progress), Steve Raymond (2020), Anessa Custovic (2020), Jay Dennis (2019), Jose Alfonso Campillo Garcia (2018).

### *Honors Adviser*

Arya Kode (2022), Larry Li (2021), Katerina Wu (2020).

## Professional Service

### *Internal*

Social Sciences Committee on Undergraduate Data Science, 2021-2022.

Ph.D. Written Examination Committee in Econometrics, 2018-2022.

Econometrics seminar organizer, 2019-2022.

Econometrics student workshop organizer (econometric clinics), 2018-2019.

Placement committee, 2017-2018.

### *External*

**Referring:** Econometrica, Journal of Econometrics, Quantitative Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, Econometric Theory, Management Science, Journal of Financial Econometrics, International Journal of Forecasting, Electronic Journal of Statistics, Journal of Nonparametric Statistics, ERC Grants.

**Program committees:** Econometric Society World Congress 2020, AI Innovations Forum, joint with Kenan Institute and SAS.

## Other Experience

RA to Prof. Eric Gautier, Summer-Fall 2015.

R project for statistical computing, Student Developer, 2012.

Unilever Ukraine, Trainee, Kyiv, Ukraine, 2009.

Institute of Society Transformation, Intern, Kyiv Ukraine, 2008.