

Rong Rong

Department of Resource Economics
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Stockbridge Hall
80 Campus Center Way
Amherst, MA, 01003

Phone: 413-545-5783
Email: rrong@umass.edu

EMPLOYMENT

2016-Present Assistant professor of resource economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2013-2016 Assistant professor of economics, Weber State University
2007-2013 Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant at Interdisciplinary Center for
Economics Science (ICES), George Mason University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, George Mason University, 2013

Dissertation Title: *Endogenous Network Formation: Experiments and Methods*

Committee: Daniel Houser (Chair), Tyler Cowen, Carlos Ramirez, Robert Axtell

Research Fields: Experimental methodology, Behavioral Economics, Social Network Theory, Environmental Economics

MA in Economics, George Mason University, 2010

B.S. in Economics, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2007

RESEARCH

Publications:

Convex Time Budgets and Individual Discount Rates in the Long Run, with Therese Grijalva, Jayson Lusk and Douglass Shaw, *Environmental and Resource Economics*, forthcoming
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2514056

Money or Friends: Social Identity and Deception in Networks, with Daniel Houser and Yifan Dai, *European Economic Review*, 2016
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S001429211630068X>

Growing Stars: A Laboratory Analysis of Network Formation, with Daniel Houser, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2016
<http://econpapers.repec.org/paper/gmswpaper/1035.htm>

Deception in Networks: A Laboratory Study, with Daniel Houser, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 2016

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2514037

Exploring Network Behavior Using Cluster Analysis, with Daniel Houser, *New Perspectives on Internationalization and Competitiveness*, edited by Eskil Ullberg, Springer, 2015

[http://www.springer.com/new+%26+forthcoming+titles+\(default\)/book/978-3-319-11978-6](http://www.springer.com/new+%26+forthcoming+titles+(default)/book/978-3-319-11978-6)

China Bashing: Does Trade Drive the 'Bad' News about China in the U.S.?, with Carlos Ramirez, *Review of International Economics*, Vol. 20, Issue 2, pp. 350-363, 2012

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-9396.2012.01026.x/abstract>

Completed Papers:

Interpersonal Time Discounting, with Therese Grijalva, Douglass Shaw and Jayson Lusk, Under Review,

I'll Be There: A Natural Field Experiment on Keeping and Breaking Promises, with Jared Barton, Under Review

Intra-household time preference: An Artefactual Field Experiment, with Therese Grijalva and Matthew Gnagey, Under Review

Working Papers:

Promoting the "Right" Stars: Network Formation with Heterogeneous Agents and Imperfect Information, with Daniel Houser

Shouts and Whispers: A Laboratory Analysis of Public Versus Private Communication in Networked Groups, with Yifan Dai

Research in Progress:

Time preference on public goods, With Therese Grijalva and Matthew Gnagey

Learning through experience, with Ming Ge

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016-Present Instructor, University of Massachusetts Amherst
• Principle Microeconomics (1 session)

2013-2016 Instructor, Weber State University
• Principle Microeconomics (10 sessions)
• Mathematical Economics (1 session)

- Introduction to Research Methods (2 sessions)
- Undergraduate Thesis (1 session, 11 student projects)

2011 Instructor, George Mason University

- Principles of Microeconomics (1 session)

GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS

Grants

2016 Umass Flex Grant for Teaching/Faculty Development (\$500)
 2015 Research, Scholarship and Professional Growth (RSPG) grant (\$5070)
 2013 Academic Resources and Computing Committee (ARCC) grant (\$15104)
 2013 National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$7,227)
 2010 Student investigator in Mason research grant to Dr. Castillo and Dr. Petrie (\$10,000)

Honors

2012 Economics Department Outstanding Student Presentation Award
 2011 ICES Outstanding Doctoral Candidate Summer Fellowship
 2010 APEE 2010 Young Scholar Award
 2009-2011 Pre-doc Fellowship, International Foundation for Research in Experimental
 Economics
 2004-2006 Academic Excellency Scholarship of Shanghai Jiaotong University
 2006 Leadership Award from Red Cross Shanghai (top 10 at the municipal level)

Scholarships

2007-2013 ICES Doctoral Student Fellowship, George Mason University

CONFERENCE ATTENDENCE AND INVITED TALKS

“I’ll Be There: Promises in the Field”:

Economic Science Association (ESA) 2014 North American Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Oct, 2014
 Goddard School Research Brown Bag series, Weber State University, Oct, 2014

“Shouts and Whispers: An laboratory Analysis of Public Versus Private Communication in Networked Groups”

Economic Science Association (ESA) 2014 International Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, June, 2014

“Growing the Right Star: Growing the Right Stars: A Laboratory Study on Network Formation with Heterogeneous Agents”:

Economic Science Association (ESA) 2013 North American Conference, Santa Cruz, Oct, 2013

“Star Network Formation with Homogeneous Agents”:

Weber State University, Job Talk, Jan, 2013

Stanford Institute of Theory Economics (SITE) 2012 Workshop, San Francisco, CA, Sep, 2012

Economic Science Association (ESA) 2012 International Conference, New York, NY, June, 2012

ICES End-of-Semester Conference, Arlington, VA, May, 2012

Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE) conference, Las Vegas, NV, Mar, 2012

“Money or Friends: Social Identity and Deception in Networks”:

Chapman University, Research Brown Bag Series, Orange County, CA, Oct, 2013

Utah Valley University, Finance and Economics Department Seminar Series, Orem, Oct, 2013

Weber State University, Research Brown Bag Series, Ogden, UT, Sep, 2013

Economic Science Association (ESA) 2012 North American Conference, Tucson, AZ, Nov, 2012

Conference participant:

10th Annual Economics Teaching Conference, San Diego, CA, Nov, 2014

The Scholarship of Teaching and Engagement (SoTE) Conference, Orem, UT Mar, 2014

Innovative Teaching Conference, Weber State University, Park City, UT, 2013

Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington D.C. Nov, 2011

Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai, China, Aug, 2010

Economic Science Association Conference, Arlington, VA, July, 2009

SUMMER SCHOOLS

2012 “The Science of Complexity: Understanding the Global Financial Crisis 2012”, held by Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study and the Santa Fe Institute

2011 “Bounded Rationality”, held by Max Planck Institute

2009 “Social Change”, held by Institute of Humane Studies

REFEREE ACTIVITIES

Economic Letters
European Economic Review
Games and Economic Behavior
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
Journal of Neuroscience, Psychology, and Economics
Quarterly Journal of Political Science
Social Science Quarterly

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Z-tree, STATA, Matlab, R, UCINET

PERSONAL INTERESTS

farming, paddle-boarding, hiking

REFERENCES

Daniel Houser (Chair)
Department of Economics
George Mason University
4400 University Dr, MS 1B2
Fairfax, VA, 22030
703-993-4856
dhouser@gmu.edu

Therese Grijalva
Department of Economic
Weber State University
3807 University Circle,
Ogden, Utah, 84408
801-626-7567
tgrijalva@weber.edu

Tyler Cowen
Department of Economics
George Mason University
4400 University Dr, MS 1D3
Fairfax, VA, 22030
703-993-2312
tcowen@gmu.edu