Katherine "Kit" Zhou

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Academic positions

Assistant professor – College of the Holy Cross	Fall 2025 –
Assistant professor – Southeastern Louisiana University	Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Education

Ph.D, Economics, Michigan State University	Summer 2024
M.A., Economics, Michigan State University	Spring 2020
B.A., Economics and Mathematics, Vassar College (General Honors)	Spring 2015

Fields of Interest

Applied Microeconomic Theory, Two-Sided Matching, Game Theory, Labor Economics

Publications

Zhou, Kit. "Choosing Sides in a Two-Sided Matching Market." The BE Journal of Theoretical Economics, 23.2 (2023): 781-807. [Link]

Working Papers

Zhou, Kit. "Performance Funding and the Equity of Access to Public Universities".
Zhou, Kit. "Crowding out Community Colleges? The Enrollment Effects of Affiliated Campuses".
Zhou, Kit. "The Supply-Side Determinants of Foster Care."

Conferences and Presentations

2026: Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Annual Conference
2025: MEA Annual Conference, Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting
2024: MEA Annual Conference, SEA Annual Meeting
2023: MEA Annual Conference
2022: MEA Conference, Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory, Women in Economic Theory Student Conference
2021: Michigan State University Red Cedar Conference, Midwest Theory and Trade Conference, Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Conference

Awards and Fellowships

Enhancement Grant – SELU Center for Faculty Excellence – 2024
Graduate Student Excellence-in-Teaching Award – MSU Department of Economics – 2022
Goodman Fellowship – MSU Department of Economics – Summer 2022
Litman Fellowship – MSU Department of Economics – Summer 2021
Red Cedar Award for best third year paper – MSU Department of Economics – Spring 2021

Service

Refereeing: Humanities & Social Sciences Communications
Peer mentoring: Women in Economics Initiative (2024-2025), MSU Dept. of Economics (2019-2021)

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

College of the Holy Cross
ECON 255: Microeconomics (Spring 2026)
ECON 110: Principles of Economics (Fall 2025)

Southeastern Louisiana University
ECON 2020: Principles of Microeconomics (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
ECON 3010: Introduction to Labor Economics (Spring 2025)

Michigan State University
EC 201: Introduction to Microeconomics (Fall 2021)

Teaching Assistant

Michigan State University (Undergraduate level)
EC 201: Introduction to Microeconomics (Fall 2019)
EC 241H: Microeconomics & Public Policy, Honors (Fall 2020)
EC 301: Intermediate Microeconomics (Fall 2018, Spring 2020)
EC 302: Intermediate Macroeconomics (Spring 2019)
EC 404: Behavioral Economics (Fall 2020)
EC 480: Analysis of Labor Markets (Fall 2019, Fall 2022)
EC 498: Economics of Health Care (Fall 2020)

Michigan State University (Graduate level)
EC 812b: Microeconomics II (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)
Responsibilities included designing and teaching recitations.
Tutor: Microeconomics qualifying exam (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
Hired by the MSU Dept. of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics (AFRE) to prepare AFRE and economics PhD students.

Other Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant – Michigan State University
Overseeing professors: Hanzhe Zhang (Summer 2020, Summer 2021), Scott Imberman (Fall 2023-Spring 2024).

Undergraduate Research Assistant – Vassar College
Overseeing professors: Patricia Jones, Ph.D (Fall 2013-Spring 2014) and David Kennett, Ph.D (Fall 2014-Spring 2015).

Professional Experience

PNC Financial Services

Model Analyst & **Officer** – Summer 2016-Summer 2018
Risk Associate – Summer 2015-Summer 2016
Member of the Portfolio Management Model Development team. Worked on stress testing (CCAR/DFAST) and credit loss models for small business portfolios. Developed, tested, documented, and implemented statistical models along with ad hoc data analytic support.

Personal Information

Citizenship: United States of America
Preferred name: Kit (she/her)

Software/Coding Proficiency

SAS, SQL, R, STATA, Mathematica