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## EMPLOYMENT

- **Assistant Professor Faculty Fellow of Data Science** Sep 2019 - Now  
New York University Shanghai, China
- **Assistant Professor/Courant Instructor** Sep 2017 - Aug 2019  
Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences  
Center for Data Science  
New York University, NY, USA

## EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics** Sep 2012 - Jun 2017  
**Advisor:** Prof. Thomas Strohmer  
University of California Davis, CA, USA
- **M.S. in Mathematics** Sep 2012 - Jun 2016  
University of California Davis, CA, USA
- **M.S. in Statistics** Sep 2015 - Jun 2016  
University of California Davis, CA, USA
- **B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics** Sep 2008 - Jun 2012  
Fudan University, Shanghai, China

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Mathematics of signal processing
- Machine learning, especially unsupervised learning and data clustering
- Iterative algorithms, convex and non-convex optimization, optimization landscape
- Compressive sensing, low-rank matrix recovery, blind deconvolution
- Inverse problems in image processing and signal processing
- Computational harmonic analysis, random matrix theory, spectral graph theory

**PUBLICATIONS** My [google scholar](#) page can be found here.

### Journal Publications:

1. **Shuyang Ling\*** and Thomas Strohmer. Certifying global optimality of graph cuts via semidefinite relaxation: A performance guarantee for spectral clustering, *arXiv:1806.11429, 2018*, Accepted by *Foundations of Computational Mathematics*.
2. Xiaodong Li, Yang Li\*, **Shuyang Ling**, Thomas Strohmer, and Ke Wei. When do birds of a feather flock together?  $k$ -means, proximity, and conic programming, *arXiv:1710.06008, 2017*. Accepted by *Mathematical Programming, Series A*.
3. Xiaodong Li, **Shuyang Ling**, Thomas Strohmer\*, and Ke Wei. Rapid, robust, and reliable blind deconvolution via nonconvex optimization. *Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis*, Vol 47, Issue 3, pp.893-934, Nov 2019.
4. **Shuyang Ling\***, Ruitu Xu, Afonso S. Bandeira. On the landscape of synchronization networks: a perspective from nonconvex optimization, *SIAM Journal on Optimization*, Vol.29, No.3, pp.1879-1907, 2019.

5. **Shuyang Ling\*** and Thomas Strohmer. Regularized gradient descent: a non-convex recipe for fast joint blind deconvolution and demixing. *Information and Inference: A Journal of the IMA*, Volume 8, Issue 1, 2019, Pages 1-49.
6. **Shuyang Ling\*** and Thomas Strohmer. Self-calibration and bilinear inverse problems via linear least squares. *SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences* 11-1 (2018), pp.252-292.
7. **Shuyang Ling\*** and Thomas Strohmer. Blind deconvolution meets blind demixing: algorithms and performance bounds. *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, Vol.63, No.7, pp.4497 - 4520, Jul 2017.
8. **Shuyang Ling** and Thomas Strohmer\*. Self-calibration and biconvex compressive sensing. *Inverse Problems*, Vol. 31(11): 115002, 2015. **(SIAM Student Paper Prize 2017)**
9. Xinghua Shi, Yimin Wei\* and **Shuyang Ling**. Backward error and perturbation bounds for high order Sylvester tensor equation. *Linear and Multilinear Algebra* 61 (10), 1436-1446, 2013. (Undergraduate research)

#### Conference Proceedings:

10. **Shuyang Ling** and Thomas Strohmer. Fast blind deconvolution and blind demixing via nonconvex optimization. *International Conference on Sampling Theory and Applications (SampTA)* 2017, pp.114-118.
11. **Shuyang Ling** and Thomas Strohmer. You can have it all – Fast algorithms for blind deconvolution, self-calibration, and demixing. *Mathematics in Imaging*, 2017, MW1C.1.
12. **Shuyang Ling** and Thomas Strohmer. Simultaneous blind deconvolution and blind demixing via convex programming. *50th Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems and Computers* 2016, pp.1223-1227.

#### GRANTS

- AMS-Simons Travel Grant May 2018

#### HONORS

1. SIAM NSF Early Career Travel Award - ICIAM19 Jul 2019
2. New World Mathematics Awards, Honorable Mention, Tsinghua University, Beijing Jun 2019
3. SIAM NSF Early Career Travel Award - DS19 May 2019
4. Travel Awards, ICCHA 7, Vanderbilt University, TN May 2018
5. U.S. Junior Oberwolfach Fellow Mar 2018
6. SIAM Student Paper Prize - AN17 Jul 2017
7. SIAM Student Travel Award - OP17 Jan 2017
8. NSF/ORAU Travel Award for the 4th Heidelberg Laureate Forum, Heidelberg, Germany Sep 2016
9. MPS Dean's Graduate Student Prize, UC Davis College award for a high scholarly achievement Jun 2016
10. Alice Leung Scholarship in Mathematics, UC Davis Department award for exceptional promise in mathematics Jun 2016
11. Departmental Fellowship, UC Davis Apr 2016
12. Travel Awards, Hausdorff Research Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany Jan 2016
13. Oberwolfach Leibniz Graduate Student, Germany Aug 2015

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| 14. Graduate Student Travel Award from Graduate Studies, UC Davis                           | May 2015   |
| 15. Travel Awards, AMS Sectional Meetings, Lansing, MI                                      | Mar 2015   |
| 16. Travel Awards, ICCHA 5, Vanderbilt University, TN                                       | May 2014   |
| 17. Block Grant Fellowship in Mathematics, UC Davis, CA                                     | 2012-2014  |
| 18. National Scholarship (Awarded to top 1% students),<br>Fudan University, Shanghai, China | 2010, 2011 |

**PRESENTATIONS Conference Talks:**

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| 1. The 9th ICIAM, Valencia, Spain   | July 2019 |
| 2. International Conference of Chinese Mathematicians, Beijing  | June 2019 |
| 3. SIAM Conference on Dynamical Systems, Snowbird, Utah   | May 2019  |
| 4. Conference on Big Data and Information Analytics, Houston, TX  | Dec 2018  |
| 5. Canadian Mathematical Society Winter Meeting, Vancouver, Canada  | Dec 2018  |
| 6. ICCHA 7, Nashville, TN   | May 2018  |
| 7. SIAM-SEA Conference, Chapel Hill, NC   | Mar 2018  |
| 8. Special Session on Nonconvex Optimization, Asilomar, CA  | Nov 2017  |
| 9. The International Linear Algebra Society (ILAS 2017), Ames, IA   | Jul 2017  |
| 10. Foundation of Computational Mathematics (FOCM), Barcelona, Spain  | Jul 2017  |
| 11. SIAM Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA   | Jul 2017  |
| 12. SampTA 2017, Tallin, Estonia  | Jul 2017  |
| 13. SIAM Conference on Optimization, Vancouver, Canada  | May 2017  |
| 14. Special Session on “Bilinear Inverse Problems”, Asilomar, CA  | Nov 2016  |
| 15. Applied Harmonic Analysis, Massive Data Sets, Machine Learning,<br>and Signal Processing, BIRS-Affiliated Mathematics<br>Research Centre, Casa Mathematica Oaxaca (CMO), Mexico | Oct 2016  |
| 16. SIAM Minisymposium at Joint Mathematical Meeting, Seattle, WA   | Jan 2016  |
| 17. The 8th ICIAM, Beijing, China   | Aug 2015  |
| 18. SPARS 15, Cambridge, UK   | Jul 2015  |
| 19. IEEE Communication Theory Workshop 2015, Orange County, CA  | May 2015  |
| 20. American Mathematical Society Sectional Meetings, Lansing, MI   | Mar 2015  |
| 21. Bay Area Scientific Computing Day, Stanford University, CA  | Dec 2014  |

**Seminar Talks:**

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| 22. Seminar on Mathematics of Data and Decisions, UC Davis           | May 2019 |
| 23. Seminar on Applied Mathematics, University of Chicago            | Apr 2019 |
| 24. Seminar on Applied Mathematics, Georgia Tech                     | Apr 2019 |
| 25. Seminar on Applied Mathematics, SUNY Albany                      | Apr 2019 |
| 26. Seminar on Applied Mathematics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | Mar 2019 |
| 27. Data Science Seminar, NYU Shanghai                               | Feb 2019 |
| 28. Mathematics Colloquium, Purdue University                        | Feb 2019 |
| 29. Applied Mathematics Colloquium, UC Los Angeles                   | Jan 2019 |
| 30. Seminar on Applied Mathematics, Hong Kong University             | Jan 2019 |
| 31. Seminar at Fudan University, Shanghai, China                     | Jan 2019 |

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| 32. Seminar on Math and Data, New York University                    | Dec 2018 |
| 33. Seminar on Applied Mathematics, Yale University, CT              | Oct 2018 |
| 34. Seminar on Data Sciences, HKUST, Hong Kong                       | Aug 2018 |
| 35. Seminar at the Norbert Wiener Center, University of Maryland, MD | Apr 2018 |
| 36. Seminar at CIMS, New York University                             | Nov 2017 |
| 37. Seminar on Applied Mathematics, UC Davis                         | May 2017 |
| 38. Seminar at Fudan University, Shanghai, China                     | Sep 2016 |
| 39. Seminar at Technical University of Munich, Germany,              | Sep 2016 |
| 40. Seminar on Applied Mathematics, HKUST, Hong Kong                 | Sep 2015 |

**Poster Presentations:**

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| 41. ITA 2017 Graduation Day, San Diego, CA   | Feb 2017 |
| 42. The 4th Heidelberg Laureate Forum, Heidelberg, Germany   | Sep 2016 |
| 43. Workshop on Algorithms for Modern Massive<br>Data Sets (MMDS), Berkeley, CA, USA                             | Jun 2016 |
| 44. Advances in Mathematics of Signal Processing,<br>Hausdorff Research Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany | Jan 2016 |

**ACADEMIC  
SUPERVISION**

1. Jason B. Weitze (Undergraduate at NYU)
2. Ruitu Xu (M.S. student at Courant Institute, NYU)
3. Jiahao Ren (Undergraduate at NYU)

**SERVICES**

**Referee for the following journals:**

1. Acta Applicandae Mathematicae
2. Advances in Computational Mathematics
3. Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis
4. Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics
5. IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing
6. IEEE Signal Processing Letters
7. IEEE Transactions on Computational Imaging
8. IEEE Transactions on Information Theory
9. IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence
10. IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing
11. IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology
12. IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications
13. IEEE Wireless Communications Letters
14. Information and Inference: A Journal of the IMA
15. Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision
16. Mathematics of Computation
17. SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences
18. SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science
19. SIAM Journal on Optimization

**Referee for the following conference proceedings:**

20. ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA 2019)
21. International Conference on Latent Variable Analysis and Signal Separation (LVA/ICA 2018)
22. International Conference on Learning Theory (COLT 2018)
23. Sampling Theory and Applications (SampTA 2015, 2017, 2019)
24. Signal Processing with Adaptive Sparse Structured Representations (SPARS 2017, 2019)

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor:**

1. MATH-SHU 234: The Mathematics of Statistics and Data Science, Part 1  
(UA, NYU Shanghai, 19 Students) Fall 2019
2. DS-GA 1002: Probability and Statistics for Data Science  
(GA, Master Program in Data Science, 130 students) Fall 2018
3. MATH-UA 0211: Math for Economics (UA, NYU, 125 students) Fall 2018
4. MATH-GA 2840: Graphs and Networks (GA, NYU)  
(Co-instruct with Prof. Afonso S. Bandeira, 25 students) Spring 2018
5. MATH-UA 0211: Math for Economics (UA, NYU, 102 students) Fall 2017
6. MAT 180: Mathematical Algorithms for AI and Big Data Analysis  
Guest speaker on spectral clustering (UA, UC Davis, 60 students) Spring 2017
7. MAT 21C: Calculus for Science and Engineering  
(UA, UC Davis, 58 students) Summer 2013

**Teaching Assistant:**

1. MAT 280: Mathematical Foundations for Big Data (Graduate Level) Spring 2016
2. MAT 207B: Applied Mathematics (Graduate Level) Winter 2014
3. MAT 207A: Applied Mathematics (Graduate Level) Fall 2013
4. MAT 180: Mathematical Algorithms for AI and Big Data Analysis Spring 2017
5. MAT 185A: Complex Analysis Winter 2017
6. MAT 17C: Calculus for Bio-science Spring 2013
7. MAT 22A: Linear Algebra Winter 2013
8. MAT 22B: Ordinary Differential Equation Fall 2012