

# Hongtao Hao

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## Education

### Indiana University Bloomington (IU)

M.A. in Media Arts & Sciences (GPA: 4.00/4.00)

Committee: Nicole Martins (Chair), Danielle Kilgo, Bryant Paul

*Bloomington, IN, USA*

*Aug. 2018 - May 2020*

### Renmin University of China

M.A. in Journalism (GPA: 3.92/4.00)

*Beijing, China*

*Sept. 2016 - June 2018*

### Hebei Normal University

B.A. in English (Translation) (GPA: 3.92/4.00)

*Shijiazhuang, China*

*Sept. 2012 - June 2016*

## Appointment

### Research Assistant

YY Lab, Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering, IU

Updating and improving COVID-19 data visualization project:

- Updated data daily & redesigned the data workflow;
- Added delay parameter, play speed parameter, and date range slider;
- Redesigned the website.

*Bloomington, IN*

*Aug. 2020 - present*

## Honors & Fellowships

2015 **National Champion**, First "FLTRP Cup" English Reading Contest

*Beijing, China*

Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> among 200,000 undergraduate and graduate participants nationwide

2017 **Wings of Excellence Award**, 47<sup>th</sup> St.Gallen Symposium

*St.Gallen, Switzerland*

One of the only two Leaders of Tomorrow (LoT) of that year selected from Mainland China

2019 **Second Top Student Paper Award**, International Communication Association

*Washington, D.C.*

2019 **Annette & Lars Willnat Travel Fellowship**, The Media School, IU

2019 **College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant**, College of Arts and Sciences, IU

2017 **First Prize Academic Scholarship**, Renmin University of China

*Beijing, China*

2015 **National Endeavor Fellowship**, Hebei Normal University

*Shijiazhuang, China*

## Working Experience

### Student journalist

*St.Gallen, Switzerland*

49<sup>th</sup> St.Gallen Symposium Magazine

*May, 2019*

Worked with 13 team members from seven countries and four continents, supervised by Andrew Curry, with the group output of a 56-page magazine; Representative work of mine:

- "It's not just about spending more money", Interviewing Heng Swee Keat, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore;
- Freeman Shen's electric dream, Interviewing Freeman Shen, CEO of WM Motor — a leading Chinese electric car maker;
- What role should governments play?, Interviewing young politicians from India, Argentina, and Sri Lanka

## Teaching Experience

### Indiana University Bloomington

*Bloomington, IN*

Associate Instructor

*Jan. 2020 - May 2020*

Led group discussions for 40 students enrolled in MSCH-C101 Introduction to Media

Graduate Assistant

*Aug. 2018 - Dec. 2019*

Assistant for Matt Pierce in MSCH C207 Introduction to Media Industry and Management, 125 students

Assistant for Nathan Mishler in MSCH C200 Videogame Industry: System and Management, 60 students









### New Oriental Education and Technology Inc.

*Beijing, China*

Worked intensively for two months with over 200 hours of practice after three-month training in pedagogy  
Students included junior high, senior high, and college undergrad

## Projects

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- [P1] **MSCH-C101 with Hongtao**    
Class website for my students enrolled in MSCH-C100 at IU  
**Highlights:** Students feedback, Slides, Lecture videos
- [P2] **D3book Companion**    
A simple tutorial to help people learn D3.js
- [P3] **International Journalism Class at RUC**    
Class website for *International Journalism* taught at Renmin University of China by Michael J. Jordan
- [P4] **BAS @ IU**    
Website for Buddhist Study Association at IU

## Writing

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**Digital divide and its implications for rural-urban educational equity in China**  

### Blog posts

Documenting my experiences and learning on my personal blog:

- *Master's programs in Journalism & Mass Communication with full TA/RA scholarships in the United States* (in Chinese)
- *Build a website using Hugo without programming skills*
- *How to use legacy Jupyterbook*
- *Plotting a network's degree distribution using igraph in R*
- *How to understand D3.js continuous scales*
- *The most memorable three days: Attending St.Gallen Symposium in 2017* (in Chinese)

## Computer Skills

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**Programming** R, Python  
**Front-end** HTML5/CSS, D3.js/JavaScript  
**Tools** Sketch, Final Cut Pro, LaTeX

## Selective Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

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**Hao, H.** (Nov., 2019). *Are Chinese selfies gender-stereotypical: A content analysis of selfies on Weibo*. Paper presented at the 105th Annual Conference of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.

**Hao, H.** (Nov., 2019). *Digital divide: Theoretical review and future research suggestions*. Paper presented at the 105th Annual Conference of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.

**Hao, H.** (May, 2019). *Global expansion of China's media for soft power promotion*. Paper presented at the 69th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Washington, D.C.

 *Second Top Student Paper*