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APPOINTMENTS **Northeastern University, MA, US**

AFFILIATIONS    Postdoctoral Research Associate, Network Science Institute        Aug. 2023 –  
                         Affiliated Researcher, Internet Democracy Initiative        Jan. 2024 –  
                         Affiliated Researcher, NULab for Text, Maps, and Networks    Sep. 2023 –

EDUCATION      **Ph.D.**, Informatics, Indiana University, IN, US (Dissertation [O2])        Jun. 2023  
                         **M.S.**, Theoretical Physics, Lanzhou University, China        Jun. 2017  
                         **B.S.**, Theoretical Physics, Lanzhou University, China        Jun. 2014

RESEARCH       **Current Focuses**

INTERESTS        • **Generative AI in social contexts**: creating fake accounts [J2], enhancing social bots [J1];  
                         combating misinformation [C1, R2, R3];  
                         • **Social media bot**: detection (**Botometer**<sup>®</sup>) [J7, C4, C5, J22]; characterization [J9, W7];  
                         human perception [J5, J17];  
                         • **Misinformation**: prevalence [J4, J13, W5]; dissemination [J25]; real-world impact [J11];

**Past Projects**

- **U.S. opioid epidemic**: intervention policy evaluation [J15]; high-risk patients [J6, J10, J23]; impact of COVID-19 [J14];
- **Network science**: embedding [J18–J20]; spreading phenomenon [R4, J24, J26];

PUBLICATIONS    ‡: as corresponding author; †: mentored student

GOOGLE SCHOLAR

**Journal Articles**

- J1. **Yang, K.-C.**<sup>‡</sup> & Menczer, F. Anatomy of an AI-powered malicious social botnet. *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media* **4** (2024).
- J2. **Yang, K.-C.**<sup>‡</sup>, Singh, D.<sup>†</sup> & Menczer, F. Characteristics and prevalence of fake social media profiles with AI-generated faces. *Accepted by Journal of Online Trust and Safety; preprint arXiv:2401.02627* (2024).
- J3. Duan, Z., Shao, A., Hu, Y., Lee, H., Liao, X., Suh, Y. J., Kim, J., **Yang, K.-C.**, Chen, K. & Yang, S. Constructing Vec-tionaries to Extract Latent Message Features from Texts: A Case Study of Moral Appeals. *Conditionally accepted by Political Analysis; preprint arXiv:2312.05990* (2023).
- J4. Pierri, F., DeVerna, M. R., **Yang, K.-C.**, Axelrod, D., Bryden, J. & Menczer, F. One Year of COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation on Twitter: Longitudinal Study. *Journal of Medical Internet Research* **25**, e42227 (2023).
- J5. Yan, H., **Yang, K.-C.**, Shanahan, J. & Menczer, F. Exposure to social bots amplifies perceptual biases and regulation propensity. *Scientific Reports* **13**, 20707 (2023).

- J6. **Yang, K.-C.**, Aronson, B., Odabas, M., Ahn, Y.-Y. & Perry, B. L. Comparing measures of centrality in bipartite patient-prescriber networks: A study of drug seeking for opioid analgesics. *PLoS ONE* **17**, e0273569 (2022).
- J7. **Yang, K.-C.**<sup>‡</sup>, Ferrara, E. & Menczer, F. Botometer 101: Social bot practicum for computational social scientists. *Journal of Computational Social Science* **5**, 1511–1528 (2022).
- J8. **Yang, K.-C.**<sup>‡</sup>, Hui, P.-M. & Menczer, F. How Twitter data sampling biases U.S. voter behavior characterizations. *PeerJ Computer Science* **8**, e1025 (2022).
- J9. Duan, Z., Li, J., Lukito, J., **Yang, K.-C.**, Chen, F., Shah, D. V. & Yang, S. Algorithmic Agents in the Hybrid Media System: Social Bots, Selective Amplification, and Partisan News about COVID-19. *Human Communication Research* **48**, 516–542 (2022).
- J10. Perry, B. L., Odabas, M., **Yang, K.-C.**, Lee, B., Kaminski, P., Aronson, B., Ahn, Y.-Y., Oser, C. B., Freeman, P. R. & Talbert, J. C. New means, new measures: Assessing prescription drug seeking indicators over ten years of the opioid epidemic. *Addiction* **117**, 195–204 (2022).
- J11. Pierri, F., Perry, B. L., DeVerna, M., **Yang, K.-C.**, Flammini, A., Menczer, F. & Bryden, J. Online misinformation is linked to early COVID-19 vaccination hesitancy and refusal. *Scientific Reports* **12**, 5966 (2022).
- J12. **Yang, K.-C.**, Lee, B., Ahn, Y.-Y. & Perry, B. L. Use of and Comorbidities Associated With Diagnostic Codes for COVID-19 in US Health Insurance Claims. *JAMA Network Open* **4**, e2124643 (2021).
- J13. **Yang, K.-C.**<sup>‡</sup>, Pierri, F., Hui, P.-M., Axelrod, D., Torres-Lugo, C., Bryden, J. & Menczer, F. The COVID-19 Infodemic: Twitter versus Facebook. *Big Data & Society* **8**, 20539517211013861 (2021).
- J14. Lee, B., **Yang, K.-C.**, Kaminski, P., Ahn, Y.-Y., Peng, S., Odabas, M., Gupta, S., Green, H. & Perry, B. L. Substitution of Nonpharmacologic Therapy With Opioid Prescribing for Pain During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *JAMA Network Open* **4**, e2138453 (2021).
- J15. Lee, B., Zhao, W., **Yang, K.-C.**, Ahn, Y.-Y. & Perry, B. L. Systematic Evaluation of State Policy Interventions Targeting the US Opioid Epidemic, 2007-2018. *JAMA Network Open* **4**, e2036687 (2021).
- J16. Wen, C., Pacheco, D., **Yang, K.-C.** & Menczer, F. Neutral bots probe political bias on social media. *Nature Communications* **12**, 5580 (2021).
- J17. Yan, H., **Yang, K.-C.**, Menczer, F. & Shanahan, J. Asymmetrical Perceptions of Partisan Political Bots. *New Media & Society* **23**, 3016–3037 (2021).
- J18. Yoon, J., **Yang, K.-C.**, Jung, W.-S. & Ahn, Y.-Y. Persona2vec: A Flexible Multi-role Representations Learning Framework for Graphs. *PeerJ Computer Science* **7**, e174 (2021).
- J19. Zhang, Y.-J., **Yang, K.-C.** & Radicchi, F. Model-free hidden geometry of complex networks. *Physical Reviews E* **103**, 012305 (2021).
- J20. Zhang, Y.-J., **Yang, K.-C.** & Radicchi, F. Systematic comparison of graph embedding methods in practical tasks. *Physical Reviews E* **104**, 044315 (2021).
- J21. Pasquetto, I. V., Swire-Thompson, B., Amazeen, M. A., Benevenuto, F., Brashier, N., Bond, R. M., Bozarth, L. C., Budak, C., Ecker, U. K., ... & **Yang, K.-C.** Tackling misinformation: What researchers could do with social media data. *The Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review* **1** (2020).
- J22. **Yang, K.-C.**, Varol, O., Davis, C. A., Ferrara, E., Flammini, A. & Menczer, F. Arming the public with artificial intelligence to counter social bots. *Human Behavior and Emerging Technologies*, e115 (2019).

- J23. Perry, B. L., **Yang, K.-C.**, Kaminski, P., Odabas, M., Park, J., Martel, M., Oser, C. B., Freeman, P. R., Ahn, Y.-Y. & Talbert, J. Co-prescription network reveals social dynamics of opioid doctor shopping. *PLoS ONE* **14**, e0223849 (2019).
- J24. Zhang, Y.-J., Wu, Z.-X., Holme, P. & **Yang, K.-C.** Advantage of Being Multicomponent and Spatial: Multipartite Viruses Colonize Structured Populations with Lower Thresholds. *Physical Reviews Letters* **123**. (Editors' Suggestion), 138101 (2019).
- J25. Shao, C., Ciampaglia, G. L., Varol, O., **Yang, K.-C.**, Flammini, A. & Menczer, F. The spread of low-credibility content by social bots. *Nature Communications* **9**, 4787 (2018).
- J26. **Yang, K.-C.**, Wu, Z.-X., Holme, P. & Nonaka, E. Expansion of cooperatively growing populations: Optimal migration rates and habitat network structures. *Physical Reviews E* **95**, 012306 (2017).

#### Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings

- C1. Alexander, J. H.<sup>†</sup>, Nanda, P. H., **Yang, K.-C.** & Sarvghad, A. Can GPT-4V Detect Misleading Visualizations? *Accepted by IEEE Visualization and Visual Analytics (VIS) 2024* (2024).
- C2. Scarano, S., Vasudevan, V., Samory, M., **Yang, K.-C.**, Yang, J. & Grabowicz, P. A. Election Polls on Social Media: Prevalence, Biases, and Voter Fraud Beliefs. *Accepted by the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM); preprint arXiv:2405.11146* (2024).
- C3. Torres-Lugo, C., **Yang, K.-C.** & Menczer, F. *The Manufacture of Partisan Echo Chambers by Follow Train Abuse on Twitter in Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)* **16** (Atlanta, GA, USA, 2022), 1017–1028.
- C4. **Yang, K.-C.**<sup>‡</sup>, Varol, O., Hui, P.-M. & Menczer, F. *Scalable and Generalizable Social Bot Detection through Data Selection in Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)* **34** (New York, NY, USA, 2020), 1096–1103.
- C5. Sayyadiharikandeh, M., Varol, O., **Yang, K.-C.**, Flammini, A. & Menczer, F. *Detection of Novel Social Bots by Ensembles of Specialized Classifiers in Proceedings of the 29th ACM International Conference on Information & Knowledge Management (CIKM) (Virtual, 2020)*, 2725–2732.

#### Peer-reviewed Workshop/Demo/Dataset/Software Papers

- W1. Feal, A., Gleason, J., Goel, P., Radford, J., **Yang, K.-C.**, Basl, J., Meyer, M., Choffnes, D., Wilson, C. & Lazer, D. *Introduction to National Internet Observatory in Proceedings of ICWSM Data Challenge Workshop* (Buffalo, NY, USA, 2024).
- W2. Aiyappa, R., DeVerna, M. R., Pote, M., Tran Truong, B., Zhao, W., Axelrod, D., Pessianzadeh, A., Kachwala, Z., Kim, M., Can Seckin, O., Kim, M., Gandhi, S.<sup>†</sup>, Manikonda, A.<sup>†</sup>, Pierri, F., Menczer, F. & **Yang, K.-C.**<sup>‡</sup>. *A Multi-Platform Collection of Social Media Posts about the 2022 U.S. Midterm Elections in Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)* **17** (Limassol, Cyprus, 2023), 981–989.
- W3. DeVerna, M. R., Pierri, F., Truong, B. T., Bollenbacher, J., Axelrod, D., Loynes, N., Torres-Lugo, C., **Yang, K.-C.**, Menczer, F. & Bryden, J. *CoVaxxy: A Collection of English-Language Twitter Posts About COVID-19 Vaccines in Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)* **15** (Virtual, 2021), 992–999.
- W4. **Yang, K.-C.**, Aronson, B. & Ahn, Y.-Y. BiRank: Fast and Flexible Ranking on Bipartite Networks with R and Python. *Journal of Open Source Software* **5**, 2315 (2020).

- W5. **Yang, K.-C.<sup>‡</sup>**, Torres-Lugo, C. & Menczer, F. *Prevalence of Low-Credibility Information on Twitter During the COVID-19 Outbreak in Proceedings of the ICWSM International Workshop on Cyber Social Threats (CySoc)* (Virtual, 2020).
- W6. Hui, P.-M., **Yang, K.-C.**, Torres-Lugo, C. & Menczer, F. *BotSlayer: DIY Real-Time Influence Campaign Detection in Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM) 14* (Virtual, 2020), 980–982.
- W7. **Yang, K.-C.<sup>‡</sup>**, Hui, P.-M. & Menczer, F. *Bot Electioneering Volume: Visualizing Social Bot Activity During Elections in Companion Proceedings of The 2019 World Wide Web Conference (WWW)* (San Francisco, CA, USA, 2019), 214–217.
- W8. Hui, P.-M., **Yang, K.-C.**, Torres-Lugo, C., Monroe, Z., McCarty, M., Serrette, B., Pentchev, V. & Menczer, F. BotSlayer: real-time detection of bot amplification on Twitter. *Journal of Open Source Software* **4**, 1706 (2019).

#### Under Review (with manuscript to share)

- R1. Cresci, S., **Yang, K.-C.**, Spognardi, A., Di Pietro, R., Menczer, F. & Petrocchi, M. Demystifying misconceptions in social bots research. *Preprint arXiv:2303.17251* (2024).
- R2. **Yang, K.-C.<sup>‡</sup>** & Menczer, F. Large language models can rate news outlet credibility. *Preprint arXiv:2304.00228* (2023).
- R3. DeVerna, M. R., Yan, H., **Yang, K.-C.** & Menczer, F. Fact-checking information generated by a large language model can decrease news discernment. *Preprint arXiv:2308.10800* (2023).
- R4. Xue, L.<sup>†</sup>, **Yang, K.-C.**, Cui, P.-B. & Di, Z. Network localization strength regulates innovation diffusion with macro-level social influence. *Preprint arXiv: 2301.00151* (2023).

#### Book Chapters

- B1. **Yang, K.-C.<sup>†</sup>**, Varol, O., Nwala, A. C., Sayyadiharikandeh, M., Ferrara, E., Flammini, A. & Menczer, F. *Forthcoming in Handbook of Computational Social Science* (ed Yasseri, T.) chap. Social Bots: Detection and Challenges (Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd, 2024).
- B2. Yan, H. & **Yang, K.-C.<sup>†</sup>**. *Handbook of Critical Studies of Artificial Intelligence* (ed Lindgren, S.) chap. The landscape of social bot research: a critical appraisal. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781803928562.00073> (Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd, 2023).

#### Other Works

- O1. Brown, M., Lukito, J. & **Yang, K.-C.** *What Does CrowdTangle's Demise Signal for Data Access Under the DSA?* Tech Policy Press (<https://www.techpolicy.press/what-does-crowdtangles-demise-signal-for-data-access-under-the-dsa>). 2024.
- O2. **Yang, K.-C.** *Social Media Bots: Detection, Characterization, and Human Perception* PhD thesis (Indiana University, 2023).
- O3. **Yang, K.-C.** & Menczer, F. *How many bots are on Twitter? The question is difficult to answer and misses the point* The Conversation (<https://theconversation.com/how-many-bots-are-on-twitter-the-question-is-difficult-to-answer-and-misses-the-point-183425>). 2022.

#### TOOLS

##### Observatory on Social Media (OSoMe)

- **Botometer<sup>®</sup>** [J7, C4, C5, J22]: bot detection tools handling ~ 250,000 daily requests from researchers, journalists, and social media users; used by Elon Musk's team in his dispute with Twitter (via **CNN**, **BBC**, and **Yahoo! Finance**)

- **BotAmp** [J7]: bot amplification level comparison
- **Midterm 2022 dashboard** [W2]: US 2022 midterm elections Twitter discussion
- **Hoaxy**<sup>®</sup>: visualization of information spreading online with tens of thousands of users
- **CoVaxxy** [W3]: dashboard for COVID-19 vaccine Twitter discussion

#### Network Science

- **Persona2vec** (GitHub) [J18]: multi-role representations embedding for networks
- **BiRank** (GitHub, PyPI, CRAN) [W4]: bipartite network PageRank

#### Others

- **vMFD** (GitHub, PyPI) [J3]: inferring moral appeals from text
- **Scicolor** (GitHub, Online color picker): color schemes for scientific visualization

GRANTS	OpenAI Researcher Access Program (\$1,000 worth API credits). Role: PI.	2024
	Northeastern University Staff development funds from Deans office. (\$1,000). Role: PI.	2024
	Northeastern University Internet Democracy Initiative Seed Grant (\$5,000). Role: PI.	2024
	Northeastern University Lab for Text, Maps & Networks seed grant (\$500). Role: PI.	2024
	<b>Civic Health Project</b> LLM Applications for Civic Health Grant, phase I (\$5,000). Role: Co-PI.	2024

HONORS AWARDS	IU Distinguished Ph.D. Dissertation Award runner-up	2024
	Selected for <b>Rising Scholars 2023</b> , MIT	2023
	IU Informatics Luddy Graduate Research Award (\$500)	2023
	IU Luddy Dean's Office Conference Travel Award (\$1,000)	2023
	IU GISA Conference Travel Award (\$300)	2022
	Best Reviewer Award at AAAI ICWSM 2022	2022
	Selected for <b>Future Leaders Summit 2022</b> , University of Michigan	2022
	IU Luddy Outstanding Research Award (\$500)	2021
	IU School of Public Health Big Idea Challenge (\$250)	2020
	IU Informatics Ph.D. Student Conference Travel Award (\$1,000)	2020
	IU GISA Conference Travel Award (\$700)	2019
	IU Informatics Ph.D. Student Conference Travel Award (\$1,000)	2019
	<b>NSF Research Trainee scholarship</b> in Complex Networks and Systems (\$5,000)	2018

#### PRESENTATIONS **Tutorials and Demos**

- Exploring emerging social media: acquiring, processing, and visualizing data with Python and OSoMe web tools  
*IC<sup>2</sup>S<sup>2</sup> 2024 (Philadelphia, US)* Jul. 2024
- Identifying social media manipulation with OSoMe tools  
*Computation + Journalism Conference – C+J 2022 (Virtual)* Jun. 2022  
*IC<sup>2</sup>S<sup>2</sup> 2020 (Virtual)* Jul. 2020
- Introduction to **Botometer**<sup>®</sup>  
*Visit by former Dominican Republic president Leonel Fernández (Bloomington, US)* Apr. 2022  
*Invited demo at the Learning Informatics Lab, University of Minnesota (Virtual)* Mar. 2022  
*Knight Research Network Tool Demonstration Day (Virtual)* Oct. 2021
- Fast and flexible ranking on bipartite networks with Python and R  
*Indiana University Network Institute workshop series (Bloomington, US)* Nov. 2021

#### Talks

- Anatomy of AI-powered malicious social bots [J1]  
*IC<sup>2</sup>S<sup>2</sup> 2024 (Philadelphia, US)* Jul. 2024  
*ICWSM 2024 (Buffalo, US)* Jun. 2024  
*Communication Horizons Conference at UC Davis (Davis, US)* May 2024
- Fantastic bots and how to find them [J5, J7, J16, J17, W5, C4, C5, J22]  
*Invited talk at Manning College of Information & Computer Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst (Amherst, US)* Nov. 2023  
*Invited talk at Yangtze Delta Region Institute (Huzhou), University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (Huzhou, China)* Aug. 2023  
*Invited talk at International Academic Center of Complex Systems, Beijing Normal University – Zhuhai (Zhuhai, China)* Jul. 2023  
*Invited talk at Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science 2023 – Beijing (Beijing, China)* Jul. 2023  
*Invited talk at New Media Research Center, Beijing Normal University (Beijing, China)* Jul. 2023  
*Invited talk at Social Computing Group, University of Zurich (Virtual)* Feb. 2023  
*Invited talk at Computational Methods Research Group, UW-Madison (Virtual)* Feb. 2023
- Large language models can rate news outlet credibility [R2]  
*IC<sup>2</sup>S<sup>2</sup> 2024 (Philadelphia, US)* Jul. 2024  
*Trust and Safety Research Conference (Palo Alto, US)* Aug. 2023
- Revealing localness of news domains through sharing patterns on social media  
*Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, US)* Apr. 2024
- LLMs and cyber social threats: Good, bad, and ugly [J1, R2, R3]  
*Rising Scholars Conference at MIT (Cambridge, US)* Oct. 2023  
*Invited talk at Workshop on Applications of LLMs in Media (Beijing, China)* Jul. 2023  
*Invited talk at School of Journalism, Fudan University (Shanghai, China)* Jun. 2023
- Wrestling with the changing API of social media platforms: The case of Botometer  
*Post-API Conference (Philadelphia, US)* Oct. 2023
- Artificial intelligence is ineffective and potentially harmful for fact checking [R3]  
*Politics and Computational Social Science Conference (Los Angeles, US)* Aug. 2023
- The COVID-19 Infodemic: prevalence, adverse actors, and real-world impact [J11, J13, W5]  
*2022 INFORMS Annual Meeting (Indianapolis, US)* Oct. 2022  
*Invited talk at Computational Social Science Lab at Penn (Virtual)* Jun. 2022  
*Future Leaders Summit 2022 (Ann Arbor, US)* Apr. 2022
- The COVID-19 Infodemic: Twitter versus Facebook [J13]  
*Social Media Lab Guest Speaker Series (Virtual)* Oct. 2021  
*IC<sup>2</sup>S<sup>2</sup> 2021 (Virtual)* Jul. 2021  
*NetSci 2021 (Virtual)* Jul. 2021  
*Computation + Journalism Symposium – C+J 2021 (Virtual)* Feb. 2021  
*The 3rd North American Social Networks Conference – NASN 2021 (Virtual)* Jan. 2021
- Bipartite network centrality comparison: A study of opioid doctor shopping [J6]  
*IC<sup>2</sup>S<sup>2</sup> 2020 (Virtual)* Jul. 2020
- Prevalence of low-credibility information on Twitter during the COVID-19 outbreak [W5]  
*CySoc 2020 (Virtual)* Jun. 2020
- BotometerLite [C4]  
*IC<sup>2</sup>S<sup>2</sup> 2020 (Virtual)* Jul. 2020  
*AAAI 2020 (New York, US)* Feb. 2020
- Bot Electioneering Volume [W7]  
*CyberSafety 2019 (San Francisco, US)* May 2019



WORK EXPERIENCE	U.S. Senate Aging Committee, remote	
	Individual consultant on the use of AI for scamming	Aug., Nov. 2023
	Analysis Group, MA, US	
	Consultant for the trial of Elon Musk vs. Twitter	Aug. 2022 – Oct. 2022
	TikTok Inc. (ByteDance), CA, US	
	Security engineering intern	May 2021 – Aug. 2021
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Indiana University, IN, US	
	Guest lecturer, INFO-T100 Social Media Manipulation 101	Fall 2022
	Associate instructor, INFO-I590 Applied Data Science	Fall 2017, Spring 2018
SERVICE	<b>Research Community Advocate for Open Access to Social Media Data:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafting open letters regarding <b>Twitter</b> and <b>Reddit</b>'s decisions to restrict data access</li> <li>• Conducting <b>survey</b> to gauge the impact of data loss (<b>cited by court ruling</b> that dismissed Twitter/X's lawsuit against CCDH) and coordinating <b>mutual aids</b></li> <li>• Outreaching to news media to express concerns: <b>Reuters</b>, <b>The Verge</b>, <b>TechCrunch</b>, <b>CNN</b>, <b>Tech Policy Press</b></li> <li>• Conducting <b>DSA Data Access Audit</b></li> </ul> <b>Guest Editor:</b> <b>EPJ Data Science: Special Issue on Computational Approaches for Cyber Social Threats;</b> <b>Conference Organizer:</b> Publicity chair @ <b>18th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM24);</b> <b>Workshop Organizer:</b> <b>International Workshop on Cyber Social Threats 2024 (CySoc) @ ICWSM24; International Workshop on Cyber Social Threats 2023 (CySoc) @ WebConf23; International Workshop on Cyber Social Threats 2022 (CySoc) @ ICWSM22;</b> <b>Journal Reviewer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interdisciplinary:</b> PNAS (23); PNAS Nexus (23); Scientific Reports (22, 23); PLoS ONE (21-23); Royal Society Open Science (22); Journal of the Royal Society Interface (22);</li> <li>• <b>Computer/information sciences:</b> Nature Machine Intelligence (23); ACM Computing Surveys (23); ACM Digital Threats: Research and Practice (21); ACM Transactions on Information Systems (23); AI and Ethics (24); Applied Network Science (24); Behaviour &amp; Information Technology (23); Big Data &amp; Society (21); Computers &amp; Security (21); Computer networks (24); Decision Support Systems (22); EPJ Data Science (23); IEEE Internet Computing (21); IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (21); IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering (23); Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing (24); Information Processing &amp; Management (21, 24); International Journal of Data Science and Analytics (21); International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction (22, 24); International Journal of Information Technology &amp; Decision Making (21); Journal of Big Data (23, 24); Journal of Computational Social Science (22-24); Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media (24); Online Social Networks and Media (21, 22, 24); PeerJ Computer Science (20, 22, 24); Progress in Artificial Intelligence (23); Social Network Analysis and Mining (21-24); Social Science Computer Review (24);</li> <li>• <b>Social sciences:</b> New Media &amp; Society (23); HKS Misinformation Review (23, 24); Humanities &amp; Social Sciences Communications (21-24); Technology in Society (24); Telematics and Informatics (23); Information, Communication and Society (21, 24); International Communication Gazette (21); Journal of Health Communication (23); Political Research</li> </ul>	

Exchange (21); Public Understanding of Science (23); Socius (22);

- **Health:** Journal of Medical Internet Research (22, 23); BMC Digital Health (23); Drug and Alcohol Dependence (23); Frontiers in Public Health (22); JMIR Infodemiology (22, 23); JMIR Public Health and Surveillance (22);

**Conference Reviewer:** Complex Networks (23); CSCW (22, 23); CIKM (21-24); ICWSM (20-24); IC2S2 (24); WebSci (22-24); WebConf (22-24);

## IN THE PRESS

### Selected Quotations and Interviews

- **AI and information integrity:** *Time* (Feb. 2024);
- **Social media in general:** *Reuters* (Nov. 2023); *Reuters* (Jul. 2023); *The Verge* (May 2023); *TechCrunch* (Feb. 2023); *CNN* (Feb. 2023); *Tech Policy Press* (Feb. 2023);
- **Social bots and other inauthentic actors on social media:** *Tortoise* (Feb. 2024); *Business Insider* (Aug. 2023); *WIRED* (Sep. 2022); *WIRED* (Sep. 2022); *BBC* (Aug. 2022); *Ars Technica* (Aug. 2022); *Yahoo! Finance* (Aug. 2022); *CNN* (Aug. 2022); *Yahoo! Finance* (Aug. 2022); *CNN* (Jun. 2022); *The Wall Street Journal* (Jun. 2022); *The Washington Post* (May 2022); *Politico* (May 2022); *Business Insider* (May 2022); *Yahoo! News* (May 2022); *Spectrum News* (Apr. 2022);
- **Online misinformation:** *WISH-TV* (Sep. 2022); *IEEE Spectrum* (Jul. 2020);

### Selected Media Coverage of My Works

- **AI-powered inauthentic social media accounts [J1, J2]:** *MIT Technology Review* (Mar. 2024); *IEEE Spectrum* (Feb. 2024); *PolitiFact* (Dec. 2023); *Publico* (Dec. 2023); *Wired* (Oct. 2023); *Business Insider* (Aug. 2023); *Breitbart* (Aug. 2023); *New York Post* (Aug. 2023); *Wired* (Aug. 2023); *Mashable* (Aug. 2023); *Business Insider* (Aug. 2023); *MIT Technology Review* (Aug. 2023); *Tech Policy Press* (Aug. 2023);
- **Using AI to combat misinformation [R2]:** *RStreet* (Aug. 2023);
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