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EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

2025-	University of Chicago Ph.D. student, Booth School of Business (advisor: <i>Joshua Conrad Jackson</i>)
2023-2025	University of Chicago Research Professional, Booth School of Business (PI: <i>Joshua Conrad Jackson</i>)
2020-2023	Peking University M. A. in Social Psychology, School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences
2016-2020	Beijing Normal University B. Sc. in Psychology, Faculty of Psychology

RESEARCH KEYWORDS

Cultural psychology: cultural evolution, cultural attachment, cultural appropriation, globalization.

Political psychology: neoliberalism, deliberative democracy, polarization.

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

2025	Ph.D. Stipend for Year 2025-2026 (\$13,738).
2022	National Scholarship (Highest Honor), Ministry of Education of China (¥20,000).
2022	Pacemaker to Merit Student, Peking University.
2021	Excellent Scientific Practice and Innovation Scholarship, Peking University (¥10,000).
2021	Merit Student, Peking University.
2020	Excellent Undergrad Thesis, Beijing Municipal Education Commission.
2019	Rising Star in Academia, School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences, Peking University.
2019	Excellent Undergraduate Student Research Program, Beijing Normal University.
2018	Undergraduate Student Research Grant, Beijing Normal University (¥10,000).

PUBLICATIONS (*equal contribution)

1. Jackson, J. *, **Liu, Y. ***, Wang, Z., & Brady, W. (2025). Large AI models have a prioritization problem: Policy implications and solutions. *Policy Insights from the Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
2. **Liu, Y.**, Hou, Y., & Hong, Y-y. (2025). The profiles, predictors, and intergroup outcomes of cultural attachment. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. [[OSF](#)] [[Link](#)]
3. **Liu, Y. ***, Wu, Z. *, Wang, Y., Dong, Z., Sun, Z., & Gan, Y. (2024). Neoliberalism and governmental and individual responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic: A cross-national analysis. *Political Psychology*, 45 (2), 363-382. [[OSF](#)] [[Link](#)]
4. Cao, Y. *, **Liu, Y. ***, Hou, Y., & Ji, L-j. (2024). Essentializing humor and implications for pursuing happiness. *Journal of Happiness Studies*. [[Link](#)]
5. Cao, Y., **Liu, Y.**, Hou, Y., & Ji, L-j. (2023). The effects of benevolent vs. corrective humor on interpersonal liking and behavioral compliance. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 200, 111907. [[Link](#)]

6. **Liu, Y. ***, Wang, K. *, & Hou, Y. (R&R). Redefining (a good) democracy amid the crisis of affective polarization: Lay beliefs of deliberative democracy can mitigate opponent derogation. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. [[OSF](#)]
7. Jackson, J. C., **Liu, Y.**, & Kteily, N. S. (R&R). Historical polarization in legislative support for civil rights in the United States. *Nature Communications*.
8. **Liu, Y.**, Charlesworth, T., Koch, A., & Jackson, J. (R&R). The Content, structure, and history of English trait words. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.
9. Dillion, D., **Liu, Y.**, Chen Y., Watts, J., Zhao, C., Baral, S., Buckner, W., Atari, M., Kteily, N., & Jackson, J. (under review). Prejudice tied to state centralization in historical societies. *Science Advances*.
10. Jackson, J. C., Abrams, S.,* Watts, J., Purzycki, B., Lightner, A., **Liu, Y.**,* Beckman, E., Wilbanks, D.,* Kaur, N., Gray, K. (under review). History and geography explain the emergence of Abrahamic features in traditional religions.
11. **Liu, Y.**, Sun, Z., Hu, Z., Wang, Y., Wang, Q., Hou, Y., & Hong, Y-y. (submitted). Cultural “legacy”? Cultural essentialism increases perceptions of cultural appropriation. [[OSF](#)]

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (*equal contribution)

12. Medvedev, D., **Liu, Y.**, Talhelm, T., & Jackson, J. (writing). Cultural variation in values is greatest among higher income groups.
13. Zhang, H., Bai, R., **Liu, Y.**, & Jackson, J. (writing). Scaling cross-national measurement of political values in parliamentary speeches using large language models.
14. Jackson, J., Abrams, S., Watts, J., Purzycki, B., Lightner, A., **Liu, Y.**, Beckman, E., Dillion, D., Kaur, N., Ember, C., & Kurt, G. (analyzing). Structure and cultural variation in supernatural agents across 109 religions.
15. **Liu, Y.**, Hu, X., Jackson, J., & Chen, Y. (data collecting). Depolarization in human–AI hybrid networks through complex contagion.
16. **Liu, Y.**, Hu, X., Jackson, J., & Chen, Y. (data collecting). AI brokerage promotes human connection in hybrid social networks.
17. Hu, X., **Liu, Y.**, Li, Y., Li, X., & Chen, Y. (preparing). SocAIty: A platform for studying social and cultural evolution in human–AI hybrid networks.
18. **Liu, Y.**, Chen, Y., Koch, A., & Jackson, J. (analyzing). The evolution of trait semantics in the biographical records of imperial China across two millennia.
19. **Liu, Y.**, Koch, A., & Jackson, J. (analyzing). Error management shapes the asymmetric valence distribution of trait lexicon.
20. Medvedev, D., **Liu, Y.**, Talhelm, T., & Jackson, J. (data analyzing). Perceiving geopolitical threat leads to polarization on culturally stereotypical values.

21. Medvedev, D., **Liu, Y.**, Jackson, J., & Charlesworth, T. (data analyzing). Stereotypes of the rich and the poor in 100 countries.
22. Sarkar, A., **Liu, Y.**, Pennebaker, J., Jackson, J., & Cohen, S. (data analyzing). Mapping the semantic organization of autistic and typical language.
23. Chen, Y., **Liu, Y.**, Mohammad, S., Henry, T., Nejadgholi, I., Lindquist, K., & Jackson, J. (manuscript writing). Competitive exclusion shapes the evolution of language.
24. **Liu, Y. ***, Wu, Z. *, & Jackson, J. (data analyzing). Hierarchical collective identity management amid the volatile globalization.
25. Cha, Y., Jackson, J. C., **Liu, Y.**, Amera. R., Coles, N., McCullough, M., & Oishi, S. (writing). Cross-linguistic semantics of gratitude and indebtedness: Universal distinction and cultural variations.
26. **Liu, Y.** & Hou, Y. (data collecting). Unpacking the belief components of diversity ideologies: The measurement of cultural basic beliefs.
27. **Liu, Y.** (research proposal). United by music: Psychological and neural bases of the effects of participating in intergroup music collaboration on improving intergroup relations. [[PDF](#)]

CODES

Liu, Y. (2019). PsychAxis: A numerical axis paradigm to measure psychological distance based on MATLAB psychtoolbox-3. [[link](#)]

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Neoliberalism and governmental and individual responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Second Regional Cultural Differences Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 2025

When Do Reminders of International Aid Change People's Values?

The 2024 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, U.S., 2024

Lay beliefs of deliberative democracy mitigate affective polarization.

The 2022 Annual Conference of Chinese Association of Social Psychology, Changsha, China, 2022

The measurement of Cultural Basic Beliefs (CBB) Scale.

The 2021 Annual Conference of Chinese Association of Social Psychology, Suzhou, China, 2021

The 2021 Annual Conference of Cultural Psychology Committee of Chinese Psychological Society, Wenzhou, China, 2021 (Best Oral)

The effect of cultural essentialism on perceived cultural appropriation.

The 2021 Annual Conference of Cultural Psychology Committee of Chinese Psychological Society, Wenzhou, China, 2021 (Best Oral)

The influence of polyculturalism on bi-cultural identity integration of native Cantonese speakers in China.

The 2021 International Joint Forum of Psychology and Cognitive Science & Doctoral Forum, School of Psychology and Cognitive Science, Peking University, China, 2021 (Best Oral)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

09/2020 - 01/2021 Peking University
Social Psychology (B) (Undergraduate level) - Teaching Assistant

AD-HOC REVIEWER

Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science (co-reviewer).
Social Psychological and Personality Science (co-reviewer).
Religion, Brain, and Behavior (co-reviewer).

LANGUAGE & ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: Chinese (Mandarin, Hunanese, Cantonese, & Taiwanese), English.
Software: R, Python, Qualtrics, JavaScript, SPSS, *Mplus*, MATLAB psychtoolbox.

REFERENCES

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