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## Research Interests

Computational Social Science, Political Communication, Comparative Media Studies

## Education

### Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin (Expected Spring 2024)

Program: Journalism & Media Studies

Committee: Stephen Reese (Chair), Josephine Lukito, Gina Masullo, Iris Chyi, Nan Zheng

Dissertation: Crossing Borders and Bytes: Chinese Gamers' Transnational, Transplatform Anti-racism Protest.

### M. S., University of Texas at Austin, 2023

Program: Statistics and Data Science

Advisor: Bindu Viswanathan

### M.A., Tsinghua University, 2019

Program: Communication Studies

Advisor: Jia Dai

Thesis topic: Political Apathy and Online Public Expression among Chinese Youth.

### B.A., Sun Yat-sen University, 2016

Majors: Journalism & Communication Studies

## Publications

### Published

**Chen, B.**, Lukito, J., & Koo, G. (2022). Mobilizing the “Stop the Steal” Movement: Comparing Discourse on Facebook, Parler, and Twitter. *Social Media + Society*. [In Press] [\[code\]](#)

Reese, S. D. & **Chen, B.** (2022) Journalistic innovation for the hybrid institution: Open-source investigation of the January 6 U.S. Capitol Riot. *Journal of Communication*. Advance Online Article.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/joc/jqac030> [\[code\]](#). (Ellen A. Wartella Distinguished Research Award, Moody College of Communication)

**Chen, B.**, & Koo, G. (2022). Journalistic Roles and News Framing: A Comparative Framing Analysis of COVID-19 Pandemic Across China, South Korea, and the United States. *International Journal of Communication*, 16, 21. Retrieved from <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/19479/3879> [\[code\]](#)

### Under Review

**Chen, B.**, Borah, P., Dahlke, R., Lukito, J. (Under Review). The Battle for your Email Inbox: Comparing Email Fundraising Strategies of Donald Trump and Joe Biden in the 2020 Presidential Election.

**Chen, B.**, & Lu, S. (Under Review). Debunking COVID-19 Misinformation: Patterns and Effectiveness of Fact-Checking Messages on Social Media in China.

Koo, G. H., **Chen, B.**, Jeon, G. (Under Review). It's Not Just “8 Dead”: News and Twitter's social construction of the Atlanta spa shootings.

Dahlke, R., Lukito, J., **Chen, B.**, Borah, P. (Under Review). “But his emails”: The mobilizing effects of Donald Trump emails on political donations.

Lukito, J., Dahlke, R., Greenfield, J., **Chen, B.**, Yang Y. (Under Review). Replicating and Validating Audio-As-Data Tools.

Dahlke, R., Lukito, J., Greenfield, J., Brown, M., **Chen, B.**, Yang Y., Lewis, B. (Under Review). The Alex Jones Show Dataset: A Multi-Modal, 18,000-hour Archive of Infowars Political Talk Radio, 2008 to 2023.

**Chen, B., & Borah, P.** (Under Review). CDC's vaccine communication: The narrative strategies and audience engagement.

## Conference Presentation

- Chen, B., Borah, P., Dahlke, R., Lukito, J.** (2023, May). *The Battle for your Email Inbox: Comparing Email Fundraising Strategies of Donald Trump and Joe Biden in the 2020 Presidential Election*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual (ICA) Conference Preconference, May 25 - 29, Toronto, Canada.
- Koo, G. H., **Chen, B.**, Jeon, G. (2023, May). *It's Not Just "8 Dead": News and Twitter's social construction of the Atlanta spa shootings*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference Preconference, May 25 - 29, Toronto, Canada.
- Dahlke, R., Yang, Y., Greenfield, J., Lukito, J., **Chen, B.**, Brown, M., Lewis, R., Borah, P., Foley, J. (2023, May). *The secret sauce of the US right-wing media economy: A multimodal case study of Alex Jones and Infowars*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference Preconference, May 25 - 29, Toronto, Canada.
- Reese, S. D. & **Chen, B.** (2022, May). *Journalistic innovation for the hybrid institution: Open-source investigation of the January 6 U.S. Capitol Riot*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference Preconference, May 25, Metz, France.
- Lukito, J., **Chen, B.**, Huang, Q.E., & Koo, G. H. (2022, May). *Mobilizing the "Stop the Steal" Movement: A Comparison Discourse in Four Social Media Platforms*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, May 26-30, Paris, France.
- Dahlke, R., Lukito, J., Huang, Q.E., Nie, J., **Chen, B.**, & Borah, P. (2022, May). *"But his emails": The mobilizing effects of Donald Trump emails on political donations*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, May 26-30, Paris, France.
- Chen, B.** & Koo, G. H. (2021, May). *Framing COVID-19 pandemic: A comparative study on news frames in China, Korea, and the U.S.* Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, May 27-31, Virtual Conference.
- Chen, B.** (2020, May). *I'm Core, You're Support: Game exposure, in-game positions, social dominance orientation and sexism beliefs in eSports video games*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, May 21-25, Virtual Conference. (Top Student Paper award, Gaming Studies Division)
- Chen, B.** & Dai, J. (2019, July) *National identity conflict in world risk society: coverage of the North Korean nuclear test by US, Chinese, and South Korean news agencies*. Paper presented at the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) Annual Conference, July 7-11, Madrid, Spain.
- Dai, J. & **Chen, B.** (2019, May) *The conflicting discourse: How traditional and social media differ in discussing the "Noxious Apple" controversy*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, May 24-28, Washington, DC.
- Chen, B.**, & Hu, A. (2018, Aug). *Stop Watching Me: Examining a Moderated Mediation Model of Privacy Concern and Information Control*. Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Annual Conference, Aug 6-9, Washington, DC. (Top Student Paper award & Kappa Tau Alpha Master Paper Award, Graduate Student Interest Group).
- Chen, B.**, & Dai, J. (2018, May). *Explaining Political Apathy of Youth: Influence on Political Expression in Social Media*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, May 24-28, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Chen, B.**, & Dai, J. (2018, May). *Network Heterogeneity and Social Loafing: Mediators Between Social Media Use and Political Expression*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, May 24-28, Prague, Czech Republic.

## Media Appearance & Research Report

- Lukito, J., Brown, M., Dahlke, R., Suk J., Yang, Y., Zhang, Y., **Chen, B.**, Kim, S. J., Soorholtz, K. (2023). The State of Digital Media Data Research. MDDC. [[PDF](#)]
- Lukito, J., Murthy, D, **Chen, B.**, Kazanas, K., Kolluri, A., Venkatesh, P. (November 11, 2022). Op-Ed: Social Media Platforms' Struggles with Misinformation and Racism: Challenges and Paths Forward. [Bridging Barriers](#) [[link](#)]

Lukito, J., Kazanas, K., **Chen, B.** (October 26, 2022). Policy Brief: Designing Responsible AI Technologies to Curb Disinformation Project. [[PDF](#)]

## Invited Talks

**Chen, B.**, *Journalistic innovation for the hybrid institution: Open-source investigation of the January 6 U.S. Capitol Riot*, North Dakota State University, October 2022.

## Research & Project Assistantships

**Lukito, Josephine [RA], Spring 2022 – Present**

Responsible for data management and processing (collection, tokenization, annotation, and computational analysis) for Center of Media Engagement (CME), Media & Democracy Data Cooperative (MDDC), and Data & Democracy (D&D) Research Group.

**Student lead** of the Data & Democracy D&D research group since Fall 2022. Responsible for organizing monthly meetings, communicating group updates and follow up ongoing projects.

**Funded projects: NetGain Partnership, Media Democracy Foundation, Social Science Research Council, Good System (UT Austin)**

**Borah, Porismita [PA], Fall 2022.**

Data collection and analysis on CDC's vaccine promotion posts on social media platforms.

**Murthy, Dhiraj [PA], Spring 2022.**

Analyzing hate speech on the far-right online community Parler. Mentoring undergraduate research assistants and research paper writing.

## Affiliations

### Ongoing Research Group Affiliations

**Data & Democracy Research Group**, UT Austin.

Student Lead, 2022-current

**Center of Media Engagement**, UT Austin. [AI & synthetic data]

Graduate Research Fellow, 2022-Present

**Media & Democracy Data Cooperative**, [Multi-platforms & Poli Comm]

Graduate Research Fellow, 2022- Present

### Organized Events

**Panel Chair, 2022** - *The 2022 Digital Data Conference*, UT Austin, April 14-15, 2022

**Host, 2022** - Workshop Series on "R for Data Science", UT Austin

Introduction to Tidyverse Workshop (Host) Sept 30, 2022.

Introduction to R Workshop (Host), Sept 23, 2022.

**Co-Host, 2022** – "Digital Data Collection" Workshop, UT Austin

Digital Data Collection Workshop (Co-host with Josephine Lukito), Global Disinformation Lab, May 6, 2022.

Digital Data Collection Workshop (Co-host with Josephine Lukito), Propaganda Lab, Feb 28, 2022

## Teaching Experience

**Teaching Assistant**, Fall 2019, Fall 2021

**Course:** (UGS 303) News Literacy

**Professor:** Stephen Reese

**Teaching Assistant**, Spring 2020

**Course:** (J 308D) Data, Privacy, and You

**Professor:** Dhiraj, Murthy

**Teaching Assistant**, Summer 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021

**Course:** Social Media Journalism

**Professor:** Robert Quigley, Gina Masullo

**Teaching Assistant**, Fall 2020

**Course:** (UGS 303) Popular Culture and Media

**Professor:** Renita Coleman

## Awards

Ellen A. Wartella Distinguished Research Award, *Moody College of Communication*. (2023)

Oxford Media Policy Institute Fellow, *Oxford University*. (2022)

William H. Mayes Scholarship, *UT Austin*. (2022)

Ada Francis Miller Endowed Graduate Scholarship, *UT Austin*. (2021)

Top Student Paper Award, Gaming Studies Division, *ICA*. (2020)

William H. Mayes Scholarship in Journalism, *UT Austin*. (2020)

Top Student Paper Award, Kappa Tau Alpha Master Paper Award, *AEJMC*. (2018)

Outstanding Thesis Award, *Tsinghua University*. (2019)

National Graduate Scholarship, *Ministry of Education, China*. (2018)

“Star of Tomorrow” Outstanding Intern, *Microsoft Research*. (2016)

National Undergraduate Scholarship, *Ministry of Education, China*. (2013, 2014, 2015)

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