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Research interests

My research focuses on technological support for well-being, AI-mediated communication, human-AI collaboration, and the development of LLM powered conversational agents.

Education

2021 – Present
University of Washington – Seattle, WA
Ph.D. in Information Science (expected)
Advisor: Alexis Hiniker

2013 – 2015
University of California, Berkeley – Berkeley, CA
MA in Landscape Architecture
Advisor: Kristina Hill

2008 – 2013
Nanjing Agricultural University – Nanjing, China
BA in Landscape Architecture, Outstanding Graduate (Top 5%)
Advisor: Tao Wu

Academic Publications

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Self-Talk with Superhero Zip: Supporting Children's Socioemotional Learning with Conversational Agents
Yue Fu, Mingrui Zhang, Yifan Lin, Lynn K. Nguyen, Rebecca Michelson, Tala June Tayebi, Alexis Hiniker
Interaction Design and Children (IDC) 2023

"Laughing so I Don't Cry": How TikTok Users Employ Humor and Compassion to Connect Around Psychiatric Hospitalization
Anastasia Schaadhardt, **Yue Fu**, Cory Gennari Pratt, Wanda Pratt
CHI 2023

Social Emotional Learning with Conversational Agents: Reviewing Current Designs and Probing Parents' Ideas for Future Ones
Yue Fu, Rebecca Michelson, Yifan Lin, Lynn K. Nguyen, Tala June Tayebi, and Alexis Hiniker
IMWUT 2023

UNDER REVIEW MANUSCRIPTS

From Text to Self: Users' Perceptions of Potential of AI on Interpersonal Communication and Self
Yue Fu, Sami Foell, Xuhai Xu, Alexis Hiniker

MindShift: Leveraging Large Language Models for Mental-States-Based Problematic Smartphone Use Intervention
Ruolan Wu, Chun Yu, Xiaole Pan, Yujia Liu, Ningning Zhang, **Yue Fu**, Yuhan Wang, Zhi Zheng, Li Chen, Qiaolei Jiang, Xuhai Xu, Yuanchun Shi

Professional and Research experience

2021 – Present	**University of Washington, Seattle** Graduate Research Assistant The User Empowerment Lab, Advisor: Alexis Hiniker
2018 – 2021	**Cliff Lowe Associates** Project Manager Managing design projects and coordination between various consultants
2015 – 2021	**VITA Planning and Landscape Architecture** Project Designer / Manager Design and manage large scale international hotel, resort and urban planning projects
2014 – 2025	**PWP Associates** Design Intern Design and document large scale architecture projects including 911 Memorial, NYC, and Changi Airport, Singapore

Honors and scholarships

2021	UW Graduate School Top Scholar Fellow, University of Washington
2013	Professional Degree Tuition Award , University of California, Berkeley
2013	University Award, University of California, Berkeley

2021   Outstanding Graduates Award (5% of undergraduate class), Nanjing Agriculture University

Press Coverage

2023   **Prototype chatbot app promotes kids' positive self-talk**
Seattle's Child
link

2023   **Learning from superheroes and AI: UW researchers study how a chatbot can teach kids supportive self-talk**
UW News
link

2022   **Alexa, can you support kids' social-emotional learning?**
BOLD
link

Services

University of Washington
Digital Youth Lab Student Organizer, 2023
DUB (Design, Use, Build) Retreat Coordinator, 2021
Ground-up Journal (ASLA Award-winning Journal), Editor, 2013-2015