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EDUCATION

Hong Kong Baptist University

Hong Kong SAR, China

B.S.S.C. (Hons.) in Sociology, Minor in Computer Science

2022-2026 (*Anticipated*)

- Research Interest: Computational Social Science, Large Language Model Agent, Social Simulation, Social Stratification, Social Networks
- GPA: cGPA: 3.62/4.0, Major GPA: 3.69/4.0, Minor GPA: 3.72/4.0

(First Class Hons.: cGPA 3.4 or above)

• Relevant Coursework: Intro to AI and ML (A-) | NLP and LLM (In Progress) | Social Stat. (A) | Intro to Python and its Applications (A-) | Problem Solving Using Object Oriented Approach (A) | Calc., Prob., and Stat. for CS (A-) | Fundamental of Data Analysis and Management (A-) | Sociological Classical Theory (A) | Sociological Theory II Contemporary Approaches (A-) | Social Networks (A-)

PUBLICATION

- 1. Zeng, Q., Zhao, R., Mao, J., Li, H., Xu, F., & Li, Y. (2025). CrimeMind: Simulating urban crime with multi-modal LLM agents. arXiv preprint arXiv:2506.05981.
 - Collaborated with FIB-LAB@THU, under review by a top-tier AI conference
 - We proposed **CrimeMind**, a novel LLM-driven Agent-based modeling (ABM) framework for simulating urban crime within a multi-modal urban context
 - By applying theories from sociology and criminology into the agentic workflow of CrimeMind, the crime hotspot prediction and spatial distribution accuracy achieving up to a 24% improvement over the strongest baseline of both traditional ABMs and deep learning baselines
- 2. Li, H. & Jia, X. & Zhao, Z. (2025). The Emergence of Altruism in Large-Language-Model Agents Society. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2509.22537*.
 - First author, work supervised by Prof. Zhanzhan Zhao, expected to submit to a leading journal
 - Designed and implemented a large-scale social simulation framework (>200 agents) using a Schelling-variant model, creating a social dilemma between individual and collective utility to investigate altruism in LLM agents
 - First to empirically identify an intrinsic heterogeneity in LLMs' social tendencies via a mixed-methods analysis, discovering two distinct archetypes of LLMs.
 - Demonstrated that a social interaction mechanism significantly catalyzes pro-social behavior in LLMs, proposing that LLM selection for social simulation constitutes a choice of its underlying theoretical foundation

Research Experiences

Research Intern | Future Intelligence Lab, Tsinghua University 2025.03 – 2025.08

- Supervised by **Prof. Fengli Xu**, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronic Engineering, Tsinghua University
- Interdisciplinary LLM Agents Research: Co-designed LLM Agents incorporating sociological theories to simulate and analyze human mobility, social segregation, and crime patterns, exploring underlying social behavior mechanisms
- *In-depth Exploration of LLM Agents*: Investigated advanced technologies of and design thinking of LLM Agents, contributing to experimental work and co-authorship of a resulting research paper

Research Assistant | School of Artificial Intelligence, CUHKSZ 2025.07 – Present

- Supervised by **Prof. Zhanzhan Zhao**, Joint Assistant Professor, School of Artificial Intelligence & Division of Computational Social Science, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen
- *Interdisciplinary LLM Agents Research*: Developed LLM-driven agent-based modeling frameworks focusing on human-like economic behaviors (e.g., cooperation, altruism) in LLMs' interactions. Led the design of agentic workflows, experimental implementation, and manuscript writing under the supervision

Research Experiences

Research Intern | Dept. of Systems and Information Engineering, University of Virginia 2025.07 – Present

- Supervised by Prof. Hongru Du, Assistant Professor, Department of Systems and Information Engineering, University of Virginia
- Interdisciplinary LLM Agents Research: Explored integrating social science theorydriven LLM Agents into multimodal urban environments for social simulation, targeting applications in population mobility and public health
- Spearheaded efforts in developing physics formula-based and sociological theoriesguided prompt engineering and the design of LLM Agentic workflows, executing experiments, and drafting research manuscripts

Research Assistant | Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University

2024.03 - 2024.06

- Supervised by **Prof. Jin Jiang**, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University
- *Project*: Staying in the Nest? A Study of Young Adults' Co-residence with Parents in the United Kingdom, Mainland China and Hong Kong
- Quantitative Research: Conducted quantitative analysis of survey on youth living arrangements, identifying key variables through literature synthesis and data organization
- Investigated socioeconomic drivers (economic resources, cultural values, life-course factors, etc.) shaping residential decision-making in young adults

Selected Project

Term Paper on How Unequal in Social Capital Fuels Higher Education Opportunity Inequality in China

Course: SOCI 4035, Instructor: Prof. Jin Jiang, Term: 25 Spring

2025.3

2023.04

- Quantitatively investigated stratifying effects of cultural capital (paternal education, leadership capital) on higher education access inequality, leveraging nationally representative CFPS 2020 data through ordinal logistic regression modeling
- Proposed evidence-based policy interventions targeting institutional barriers perpetuating educational disparities

Awards and Honors

• President's Honor Roll, Hong Kong Baptist University

Semester 1, 2022–2023; Semester 1&2, 2023–2024;

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- Dean's List, Hong Kong Baptist University
- Semester 2, 2022–2023
- HKSAR Government Talent Development Scholarship, HK\$10,000

Skills And Interests

- Languages: Chinese Mandarin (Native), Chinese Cantonese (Listening), English (Working Language), Language)
- Programming & Software: Python, Java, C, SQLite, MATLAB, Stata, SPSS, Microsoft Office
- Interests:
 - Chinese Writing: won the First Prize of the 24th National New Concept Writing Contest
 - Hiking: I am deeply impressed by the MacLehose Trail of Hong Kong