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Academic Appointments

- 2024 – now **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Communication, University of Missouri
Preparing Future Faculty for Inclusive and Excellence Postdoctoral Program

Education

- 2019 – 2024 **Ph.D.**, Communication, The Ohio State University
Dissertation: “In people we trust: The effect of trust and network closure on factual beliefs and misinformation sharing” (**Lynda Lee Kaid Outstanding Dissertation Award**)
Advisors: Dr. R. Kelly Garrett, Dr. Robert M. Bond
- 2017 – 2019 **M.A.**, Communication, Washington State University
- 2013 – 2017 **B.A.** Journalism (with honors), Fudan University
Specialization: Information Science and Technology

Peer-reviewed Journals

denotes corresponding author.

* denotes graduate student co-author at the time of submission.

^denotes shared first-authorship where two authors contribute equally to a publication.

10. **Li, Q., #Bond, R. M., Dixon, G. N., Hovick, S. R., Na, K., Nisbet, C. E., Wegener, D. T., & Garrett, R. K.** (Under review). The limited effect of social media use on political and health misperceptions: Evidence from digital trace data and panel surveys.
9. #Bond, R. M., **Li, Q.**, Nisbet, E. C., & Garrett, R. K. (Under review). Rallying the Base, Corroding the Truth: Elite Communication, Misperceptions, and the Communication of Democratic Decline.
8. #**Li, Q.**, *Wippell, J., *Hunt, J., Yadon, N., Bond, R. M., & Tien, J. (Under review). How online social networks foster expression of alternative identities and narratives about race: A cross-platform analysis of right-Leaning online communities using BERT model and Structural Topic Modeling.
7. #**Li, Q.**, Warner, B., & Madrigal, G. (Under Review). Critical disinformation discourse about immigrants on social media during an election: Evidence from X/Twitter and survey data.

6. #Warner, B., **Li, Q.**, *Gillespie, B., *de Braganca Peixoto, J., Winfrey, & K. Madrigal, G. (Conditionally accepted). Race and gender politics in the podcast sphere and their consequences. *Journal of Radio and Media Research*. [Comm Journal; 5Y IF = 1.0]
5. **Li, Q.** (Forthcoming). Is it just about the facts? The case for a critical, pro-democracy approach to information integrity. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*. [Comm Journal; 5Y IF = 2.6]
4. #**Li, Q.**, Bond, R. M., & Garrett, R. K. (2023). Misperceptions in Sociopolitical Context: Belief Sensitivity's Relationship with Battleground State Status and Partisan Segregation. *Journal of Communication*. 73(5), 439-451, <https://doi.org/10.1093/joc/jqad017> [Flagship Comm Journal; 5Y IF = 5.5]
3. **Li, Q.**, Hassel, H. J., & #Bond, R. M. (2023). Journalists' networks: Homophily and peering over the shoulder of other journalists. *Plos One*. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0291544> [Multidisciplinary Sciences; 5Y IF = 3.2]
2. #Li, Y., Wang, Z., & **Li, Q.** (2023). Presidential communication during the pandemic: a longitudinal examination of its relationship with partisan perceptions and behaviors in the United States. *Human Communication Research*. 49(4), 433–447. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hcr/hqad025> [Flagship Comm Journal; 5Y IF = 3.3]
1. #Nisbet, E. C., Mortenson, C., & **Li, Q.** (2021). The presumed influence of election misinformation on others reduces our own satisfaction with democracy. *Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*. <https://doi.org/10.37016/mr-2020-59> [Interdisciplinary, Specialized Journal]

Book Chapters

1. **Li, Q.** (Forthcoming). Not all falsehoods are equal: A critical examination of mis- and disinformation during the 2024 U.S. presidential Election. In B. R. Warner, D. G. Bystrom, M. S. McKinney, & M. C. Banwart (Eds.), *Democracy on the line: The turbulent 2024 presidential election*.

Selected Work in Progress

5. **Li, Q.** (In prep). In people we trust: How dyadic trust impacts factual beliefs and (mis)information sharing in computer-mediated communication.
4. **Li, Q.** (In prep). Toward a behavioral measure and manipulation of dyadic trust in computer-mediated communication: An extension of economic trust games using bots.
3. #**Li, Q.**, *Dai, Y., & Koncilja, K. (Data analysis). (Dis)information as Illiberal Communication: A Computational, Longitudinal Analysis of Illiberal, Transgressive Disinformation and Democratic Erosion.
2. Li, Y., **Li, Q.**, & Huang, S. (Data analysis). The impact of news and interpersonal channels on factual beliefs in polarized health and science contexts: Leveraging Large Language Models (LLM) and panel data.
1. Warner, B., **Li, Q.**, Madrigal, L., & Winfrey, K. (In prep). Relational turbulence during the elec-

tion.

Selected Grant Experience

- 2025 "A New Measurement Science for the Evaluation of AI Systems"
 Funder: University of Missouri Big Ideas Grant (\$750,000; **Funded**)
 PI/co-PIs: Behm-Morawitz, E. (Communication), & Davis-Stober, C. (Psychology)
 Role: Collaborator (*Co-developing conceptualization and measurement of AI bias in human communication context*)
- 2025 "Toward a Theoretical and Empirical Understanding of Epistemic Risks of and Epistemic Trust in AI in Communication Science." (\$240,000; Unfunded)
 Funder: The Sloan Foundation
 Role: Principal Investigator
- 2024 "Structured network science approach to monitoring online discourse about race."
 PI/co-PIs: Tien, J., Bond, R. M., & Yadon, N.
 Role: Research assistant (*Data management, cleaning, and analysis*)
 Funder: Translational Data Analytics Institute, The Ohio State University
- 2020 - 2023 "RAPID: Quantifying the Downstream Effects of COVID-19 Online Health Information on Risk Perceptions, Decision Making, Policy Preferences, and Preventive Health Behaviors."
 PI/co-PIs: Nisbet, E. C., Bond, R. M., Dixon, G., Garret, R. K., Hovick, S., Na, K., & Wegener, D. T.
 Funder: National Science Foundation
 Role: Research assistant (*Data management, cleaning, and analysis*)
- 2020 - 2023 "Quantifying Harms of Misinformation during the U.S. Presidential Election."
 PI/co-PIs: Nisbet, E. C., Bond, R. M., & Garrett, R. K.
 Funder: Facebook
 Role: Research Assistant (*Data management, cleaning, and analysis*)

Awards and grants

- 2025 Lynda Lee Kaid Outstanding Dissertation Award, Political Communication Division, National Communication Association (NCA)
- 2025 MU Postdoctoral Association Travel Award, University of Missouri

2024	GitHub Student Developer Program Award, GitHub
2024	School of Communication Peer Award, The Ohio State University
2019-2024	School of Communication Research Grant (\$8,000), The Ohio State University
2019	Graduate School Fellowship (\$26,316), The Ohio State University
2018	Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Grant, Washington State University
2018	Murrow College Brelsford Scholarship, Washington State University
2018	Murrow College Travel Grant, Washington State University
2018	Student Travel Award, International Communication Association
2017, 2018	Academic Travel Grant, School of Journalism, Fudan University
2013	Excellent Undergraduate Student Scholarship, School of Journalism, Fudan University

Conference Presentations

11. Gaw, F.*, **Li, Q.**, Bond, R. M., Garrett, R. K., & Nisbet, E. "Social Media, Metaperceptions, and Political Violence in the 2024 Election," submitted to *American Political Science Association 2026 Annual Meeting*.
10. **Li, Q.** (2025). "Candidates as a source of mis- and disinformation during the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election," to be presented at *National Communication Association 110th Annual Convention*, Denver, CO.
9. **Li, Q.** (2025). "In People We Trust: How Dyadic Trust Impacts Factual Beliefs and (Mis)information Sharing," presented at *International Communication Associations 75th Annual Conference, Division of Political Communication*, Denver, CO.
8. **Li, Q.** (2023). "In people we trust: the effect of political homophily and network closure on factual beliefs," submitted to *National Communication Association 109th Annual Convention, Division of Political Communication*, National Harbor, MD.
7. Bond, R. M., **Li, Q.**, Nisbet, E. C., & Garrett, R. K. (2022). "The effect of campaign rallies on misperceptions," presented at *The 5th Annual Conference of Politics and Computational Social Science*, Boston, MA.
6. **Li, Q.**, Bond, R. M., & Garrett, R. K. (2022). "Misperceptions in the sociopolitical context: Effects of battleground state status and partisan segregation," presented at *International Communication Associations 72th Annual Conference, Division of Political Communication*.
5. Li, Y., Wang, Z., & **Li, Q.** (2021). "White House Communication and Its Impact on the Public during the Pandemic," presented at *International Communication Associations 71th Annual Conference*.
4. **Li, Q.** (2018). "Political Conservatism and Media Effect of Strategic Framing: Evidence from China," presented at *2018 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, Political Communication Pre-Conference, Boston, MA.
3. Daud, I., **Li, Q.**, Wang, M., Borah, P. & Himelboim, I. (2018). "Campaign strategies on Twitter in

- 2016 U.S. presidential election: Real-time event, negativity, and online engagement," presented at *2018 Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)*, Division of Political Communication, Washington, DC.
2. Wang, M., Borah, P., **Li, Q.**, & Himelboim, I. (2018). "Twitter strategies used during the 2016 U.S. presidential election: Donald Trump and Mike Pence vs. Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine," presented at *2018 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA)*, Division of Communication Technology, Prague, Czech Republic.
 1. Liu, X., **Li, Q.**, & Chang, C-W. (2017). "Discussion with weak ties and perceived political agreement among Chinese youth: A mediation approach," presented at *2017 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA)*, Digital Asia Pre-Conference, San Diego, CA.

Invited Talk

Research

Qin Li, Presenter. 2026. Misinformation in Political Networks. Department of Psychology, University of Missouri.

Qin Li, Presenter. 2025. Online Critical Disinformation Networks. Department of Communication, University of Missouri.

Qin Li, Presenter. 2023. The Limited Effect of Social Media Use on Political and Health Misperceptions: Evidence from Panel Surveys and Behavioral Data. Center for Social Media and Politics, New York University.

Qin Li, Presenter. 2023. Within and Beyond Social Media: The Information Environment and Factual Beliefs. College of Information, University of Maryland, College Park.

Qin Li, Presenter. 2023. Within and Beyond Social Media: The Information Environment and Factual Beliefs. Department of Communication, University of Missouri.

Qin Li, Presenter. 2023. Within and Beyond Social Media: The Information Environment and Factual Beliefs. Department of Communication, Department of Communication, Ohio State University.

Qin Li, Presenter. 2020. Introduction to Web Scraping Using Python and R. Computational Research Methods Group, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Professional Development

Qin Li, Panelist. 2025. Proseminar Panel on Campus Interviews. Department of Communication, University of Missouri.

Qin Li, Panelist. 2025. Proseminar Panel on Zoom Interviews. Department of Communication, University of Missouri.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching

Political Communication (PhD-level), University of Missouri Fall 2025
 Instructor of record (Average SEI: 4.85-5.0/5.0)

Undergraduate Teaching

Intro to Communication Technology (online, asynchronous), Ohio State University	Summer 2024
Instructor of record (Average SEI: 4.7/5.0)	
Industry Research Methods (in-person), Ohio State University	Fall 2022, Fall 2023
Instructor of record (Average SEI: 4.6-4.7/5.0)	
Multimedia Content Creation (in-person), Washington State University	Fall 2018, Spring 2019
Lab Instructor	
Media and Society, Washington State University	Fall 2016, Spring 2017
Teaching Assistant	
Communication and Global Contexts, Washington State University	Fall 2016, Spring 2017
Teaching Assistant	

Guest Lecture

Introduction to Communication Theory (PhD-level), University of Missouri Fall 2025
 Lecture on Theory Construction in Political Misinformation Research

Specialized Teaching Training

July 2024	CIRTL @ Ohio State Associate Endorsement, Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning, The Ohio State University
September 2023	Inclusive Teaching Endorsement, Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning, The Ohio State University

Service

Ad-hoc Journal Review

Human Communication Research (2025) - 1
 Political Behavior (2024) - 1
 International Journal of Communication (2024) - 1
 Mass Communication and Society (2024) - 1

Conference Review

International Communication Association Annual Conference

Political Communication Division (2021, 2024, 2025); Computational Methods Division (2024, 2025); Communication Technology Division (2024)

Student Mentorship

Jun 2025	Mentor of Graduate Student, Division of Political Communication, International Communication Association
2025 – now	Mentor of Undergraduate Students (Lucy Berger, Andrew Mueller, Natalie Schaefer), Department of Communication, University of Missouri
2021, 2023	Peer Mentor, School of Communication, The Ohio State University

Department Service

2024 – now	Research Committee, Department of Communication, University of Missouri
2024 – now	Faculty Co-organizer, Political Communication Institute (PCI), Department of Communication, University of Missouri
2024 – now	Faculty Member, International Teaching Assistant Support Group, Department of Communication, University of Missouri
2022 – 2024	Treasurer, School of Communication Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University
2023	Organizer, Graduate Student Summer Writing Group, School of Communication, The Ohio State University
2021 – 2022	Graduate Representative, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, School of Communication, The Ohio State University
2018 – 2019	Secretary, Graduate Student Association, Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University

Professional Affiliations

International Communication Association

National Communication Association

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

American Political Science Association

Research groups

- 2024 – now Political Communication Institute (PCI), Department of Communication, University of Missouri
- 2024 – now Media & Diversity Center (MDC), Department of Communication, University of Missouri
- 2023 – now Violence, Ideology, and Extremism Working Group (VIEW), Mershon Center, The Ohio State University
- 2022 – 2024 Computational and Statistical Models (COSMOS) Group, Department of Communication, The Ohio State University

Industrial Experience

- Aug-Dec 2016 Data journalist intern, China Business Network, Shanghai Media & Entertainment Group (Shanghai's major television network), Shanghai, China
- Summer 2015 Journalist intern, Jiefang Daily (Shanghai local newspaper), Shanghai United Media Group, Shanghai, China

Skills

Advanced: R, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, OTree, NetLogo, SPSS, WordPress

Intermediate: Python, Heroku, SAS, Stata, Mapbox, Tableau, Adobe design software (Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Illustrator, InDesign)