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Academic Appointments

2024 – now **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Communication, University of Missouri
Preparing Future Faculty 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 (mis)information sharing”
Committee: Dr. Robert M. Bond (co-chair), Dr. R. Kelly Garrett (co-chair),
Dr. Jason Coronel

2017 – 2019 **M.A.**, Communication, Washington State University

2013 – 2017 **B.A.** Journalism, Fudan University
Specialization: Information Science and Technology

Research Interests

political communication: political misinformation, critical disinformation, extremism, online political discourse, social networks, social media

computational methods: digital trace data (social media data, web + app tracking data), network analysis, human-AI agent experiments, topic modeling, machine learning models

Publication

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>

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>
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>
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>

Book Chapters, Forum Articles

2. **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*.
1. **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*.

Grant Experience

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| 2025 | <p>“Toward a Theoretical and Empirical Understanding of Epistemic Risks of and Epistemic Trust in AI in Communication Science.” (\$240,000; Unfunded)</p> <p>Funder: The Sloan Foundation</p> <p>Role: Principal Investigator</p> |
| 2025 | <p>“Assessing News and Misinformation Engagement on Social Media Platforms: A Cross-platform Analysis on Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram, TikTok, Reddit, and YouTube.” (\$3,000; Unfunded)</p> <p>Funder: Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)</p> <p>News Engagement Day</p> <p>Role: Principal Investigator</p> |
| 2025 | <p>“Misinformation in Political Networks: How Political Homophily and Trust Lead to Incorrect Factual Beliefs and Misinformation Sharing.” (\$1,500; Unfunded)</p> <p>Funder: Graduate School of University of Missouri</p> |

- 2024 Role: Principal Investigator
 “Structured approach to monitoring online discourse about race.”
 PI/co-PIs: Tien, J., Bond, R. M., & Yadon, N.
 Role: Research assistant
 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
- 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

Awards

- 2024 School of Communication Peer Award, The Ohio State University
- 2019 Graduate School Fellowship, 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

Conference Presentations

11. **Li, Q.** (Submitted). “Candidates as a source of mis- and disinformation during the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election,” submitted to *National Communication Association 110th Annual Convention*, Denver, CO.

10. **Li, Q.** (accepted). "Advancing Manipulation of Trust in Social Network Contexts with Behavioral Economic Trust Games," accepted at *Political Networks and Politics and Computational Social Science*.
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, September). "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, August). "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, Plague, 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

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

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching

Political Communication (PhD level), University of Missouri	Fall 2025
Instructor of record	

Undergraduate Teaching

Introduction to Communication Technology, The Ohio State University	Summer 2024
Instructor of record (online)	
Industry Research Methods, The Ohio State University	Fall 2022, Fall 2023
Instructor of record	
Multimedia Content Creation, 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	

Specialized Teaching Training

2024	CIRTL @ Ohio State Associate Endorsement, Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning, The Ohio State University
Sept 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) - 8

Computational Methods Division (2024) - 1

Communication Technology Division (2024) - 2

Department Service

2025 Summer	Faculty Mentor of Undergraduate Students, Summer Research Exposure Program (SREP), Department of Communication, University of Missouri
2024 – now	Faculty Member, 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 Research Associate, Media & Diversity Center (MDC), 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
2021, 2023	Peer Mentor, School of Communication, The Ohio State University
2018 – 2019	Secretary, Graduate Student Association, Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University

Specialized Training

Jun 2023 Implicit Bias Certificate, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity, The Ohio State University

Professional Affiliations

International Communication Association

National Communication Association

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

Research groups

2024 – now Faculty Co-organizer, Political Communication Institute (PCI), Department of Communication, University of Missouri

2024 – now Faculty Research Associate, Media & Diversity Center (MDC), Department of Communication, University of Missouri

2023 – now Member, Violence, Ideology, and Extremism Working Group (VIEW), Mershon Center, The Ohio State University

2022 – 2024 Alumnus, Computational and Statistical Models (COSMOS) Group, Department of Communication, The Ohio State University

Specialized Academic Training

Aug 2018 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan

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

R, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, OTree, NetLogo, SPSS (advanced)

Python, SAS, Stata, Mapbox, Tableau, Adobe design software (intermediate)

References

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