

EDUCATION

Michigan State University Ph.D. in Communication Advisor: Dr. David M. Markowitz	East Lansing, MI 2025–
Nanjing University M.A. in Communication (with Distinguished Honor Graduate Award) Advisor: Prof. Cheng-Jun Wang; GPA: 4.00/4.00	Nanjing, China 2022–2025
Sichuan International Studies University B.A. in Internet and New Media (with Distinguished Honor Graduate Award) Advisor: Prof. Hao Liu; GPA: 3.96/4.00	Chongqing, China 2018–2022

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [4] Zhang, Y., **Sun, Y.**, Lu, G., Chen, Z.*, & Wang, C.J.* (2025). Let Us Not Wallow in the Valley of Despair: The Role of Emotion, Panic, and Sympathy Discourses in Promoting Productive Actions. *International Journal of Business Communication*. Online First in May 2025.
- [3] Zhang, Y.[†], **Sun, Y.[†]**, & Wang, C.J.* (2025). Unraveling the Shape of Social Media Narratives: Analyzing the Effects of Online Interaction and Narrative Structure on Attention to Digital Asset Transactions. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*. Online First in March 2025. [**co-first author[†]**]
- [2] Chen, Z., Yu, W., **Sun, Y.**, Wang, C.J.*, & Liu, X.F.* (2025). The Dark Side of the Internet: Fueling Misinformation in the COVID-19 Pandemic and the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election. *Communication and the Public*. Online First in March 2025.
- [1] **Sun, Y.**, Yan, X.F., Zhang, Y., Chen, J., Chen, Z.*, & Wang, C.J.* (2024). Globalization in International Tensions: The Impact of Military Conflicts on the Cultural Orientations of Multinational Corporations' Advertising in Modern China (1932–1937). *Chinese Journal of Communication*, 17(4), 452–470.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [6] **Sun, Y.**, & Ma, Z. (2024). Authoritarians in Response to Societal Crises: Reciprocal Dynamics of Right-Wing Authoritarianism, COVID-19 Fear and Prevention Belief. Paper presented at *National Communication Association (NCA) 110th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA. [**Top Paper Award**]
- [5] **Sun, Y.**, Fei, Y., & Yu, C. (2024). Resource Exchange, Perceived Social Support, Companionship and Intimacy: Characterizing the Social Relationship Between Users and ChatGPT. Paper presented at *National Communication Association (NCA) 110th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA. [**Top Student Paper Award**]
- [4] **Sun, Y.** (2024). Building Identity Through Narratives: Who Voices Dissent Within the Party?. Paper in Progress presented at *National Communication Association (NCA) 110th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA.

- [3] Zhang, Y., **Sun, Y.**, Chen, Z., & Wang, C.J. (2024). How Emotion and Narrative Foster Resilience in Adversity: The Case of Large-Scale Online Donations during COVID-19. Paper presented at *National Communication Association (NCA) 110th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA.
- [2] **Sun, Y.**, Yan, X.F., Zhang, Y., Chen, Z., & Wang, C.J. (2023). From Imperialism to Cultural Imperialism: Localized Versus Globalized Advertisements of Imported Commodities in China (1932–1937). Paper presented at *the 73rd Annual International Communication Association (ICA) Conference*, Toronto, Canada.
- [1] Zhang, Y., Lu, G., **Sun, Y.**, Chen, Z., & Wang, C.J. (2023). Traversing the Valley of Despair in Affective Mobilization: Issue Engagement, Emotion, and Online Donation on Sina Weibo During the Outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Paper presented at *the 73rd Annual International Communication Association (ICA) Conference*, Toronto, Canada.

UNDER REVIEW

- [2] **Sun, Y.**, & Ma, Z.* (Under Review). Bipolarity of Positive and Negative Affects: Contemporaneous Network Relations of Nuanced Affect States.
- [1] **Sun, Y.**, & Ma, Z.* (Under Review). Authoritarians in Response to Social Crisis: Reciprocal Dynamics of Right-Wing Authoritarianism, COVID-19 Fear and Prevention Belief.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- [8] **Sun, Y.**, Ma, Z., & Ma, Z.* Dynamic Changes in Moral Foundations and Absolutist Tendencies Among Truth Social Users Before and After the Trump Assassination Attempt: A Study Using Distributed Dictionary Representations and Growth Curve Modeling.
- [7] **Sun, Y.**, Zhang, Y.*, & Wang, C.J.* Too Deep in the Role: Unveiling the Connection Between U.S. Politicians' Social Media Narrative Identity and Their Dissent Voting Behavior.
- [6] **Sun, Y.**, & Ma, Z.* Measuring Agency Through Text and Language Data: Validating Two Distinct NLP Approaches, Riveter and LIWC, Across Diverse Scenarios.
- [5] **Sun, Y.**, & Ma, Z.* Agency and Meaning in Life as Conscious Experiences in Shaping Emotions.
- [4] Markowitz, D.M.*, & **Sun, Y.** Language and Persuasion: A State-of-the-Field Review.
- [3] Zhang, Y., **Sun, Y.***, & Wang, C.J.* Telling the Road to Fame: The Effects of Interactivity and Narrative Structure on the Global Prominence of 2,018 U.S. Senators.
- [2] Zhang, Y., **Sun, Y.**, Yan, X.F.*, & Chen, B.* Expanding the Policy Feedback Model: A Cross-Lagged Analysis of Public Attitudes Toward Autonomous Vehicle Promotion on Weibo.
- [1] Li, W., **Sun, Y.**, & Yue, Y. Artificial Intelligence vs. Medical Experts: A Comparative Analysis of Semantic Quality and Readability in Health Advice from Large Language Models and Human Institutions.

SELECTED HONORS and AWARDS

Research and Academic Excellence

- Top Paper Award
Political Communication Division, National Communication Association (NCA)

Jul 2024

- Top Student Paper Award
Human Communication and Technology Division, National Communication Association (NCA) Jul 2024
- Chongqing Excellent Graduation Thesis Award Jan 2023

Competitive External Scholarships and Fellowships

- National Scholarship for Graduate Student Oct 2024
- HUANG Jianliang Scholarship Oct 2023
- National Scholarship for Undergraduate Student Dec 2021

Competition Awards

- National Second Place, *Dissemination Data Mining Competition* Sep 2023
- First Place in West China, *ESG National College Innovation Competition* Dec 2021
- Provincial Second Prize, *Challenge Cup National Academic Works Competition* Aug 2021
- Provincial Third Prize, *National Advertising Art Competition* Jul 2021
- National Third Prize, *National English Competition for College Students* Nov 2020

Graduation Honors

- Chongqing Distinguished Honor Graduate Award Jun 2022

GRANTS

External

- National Social Science Foundation of China (22BXW032), ¥200,000, *Research Fellow* 2022–2025
Project title: *Computational Narrative Research on Chinese Stories and Chinese Voices in the Digital Media Era* (PI: Cheng-Jun Wang)
- CAST Science Popularization Program (KXYJS2022063), ¥30,000, *co-PI* 2022–2024
Project title: *The Dissemination of Science Popularizing Information in Public Health Emergencies and Its Impact on Social Mobilization*
- Chongqing College Students' Innovation Training Program (S202010650015), ¥2,500, *PI* 2020–2021
Project title: *Research on the Visualization of Public Opinions along the Belt and Road from the Perspective of Geopolitics: Twitter as an Example*

Internal

- Distinguished Postgraduate Talent Cultivation Program (2023GYB08), ¥10,000, *PI* 2023–2025
Project title: *Research on Advertising Strategies for Imported Commodities during the Republic of China from the Perspective of Cultural Imperialism*

Travel Grants

- National Communication Association (NCA) Student Caucus Travel Grant, \$200 2024

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

Applications of Large Language Models in Digital Humanities , Nanjing University Undergraduate lecture; Instructor: Dr. Zhihao Ma	Spring 2025
Text Data Analysis , Nanjing University Graduate lecture; Instructor: Dr. Zhicong Chen	Spring 2024
Planning and Creative Strategy , Nanjing University Graduate seminar; Instructor: Dr. Zhihao Ma	Spring 2024
Advertising Strategy and Creation , Nanjing University Undergraduate lecture; Instructor: Dr. Zhihao Ma	Fall 2023, 2024

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Services for Academic Associations

National Communication Association (NCA)

Information Officer, Human Communication and Technology Division	2025, 2026
— Responsible for managing and distributing division communications, maintaining the official NCA website, and overseeing social media engagement.	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Computational Communication Collaboratory, Nanjing University Student Member	Nanjing, China Sep 2021–present
Chongqing Overseas Publicity Research Center Global Public Opinion Research Intern	Chongqing, China May 2020–May 2022

SKILLS

- **Statistical Programming / Markup Languages:** Python, R, Stata, LaTeX, HTML, SQL, CSS, SPSS
- **Languages:** Mandarin (Native), English (Proficient)
- **Applications:** Tableau, Gephi, Brackets, Photoshop, Premier Pro, Animate, Audition
- **Music:** Piano (Level 8 Certificate), Singing