

YIXIAO SUN

EDUCATION

Nanjing University

M.A. in Communication

Advisor: Dr. Cheng-Jun Wang; GPA: 93.39

Nanjing, China

2022–present

Sichuan International Studies University

B.A. in Internet and New Media (graduated with honors)

Advisor: Prof. Hao Liu; GPA: 92.49

Chongqing, China

2018–2022

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [2] Chen, Z., Yu, W., **Sun, Y.**, Wang, C.J.*, & Liu, X.F.* (2024). The Dark Side of the Internet: Fueling Misinformation in the COVID-19 Pandemic and the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election. *Communication and the Public*. Accepted in September 2024.
- [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*. Online First in May 2024.

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 to be presented at *the 110th Annual National Communication Association (NCA) Conference*, 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 to be presented at *the 110th Annual National Communication Association (NCA) Conference*, New Orleans, LA. [Top Student Paper Award]
- [4] **Sun, Y.**, & Zhou, Z. (2024). Building Identity Through Narratives: Who Voices Dissent Within the Party?. Paper to be presented at *the 110th Annual National Communication Association (NCA) Conference*, 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 to be presented at *the 110th Annual National Communication Association (NCA) Conference*, 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

- [4] **Sun, Y.**, & Ma, Z.* (Under Review). Bipolarity of Positive and Negative Affects: Investigating the Contemporaneous Relations of Nuanced Affect States During the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- [3] **Sun, Y.**, & Ma, Z.* (Under Review). Authoritarians in Response to Social Crisis: Reciprocal Dynamics of Right-Wing Authoritarianism, COVID-19 Fear and Prevention Belief.
- [2] Zhang, Y., **Sun, Y.**, & Wang, C.J.* (Under Review). Unraveling the Narrative Labyrinth: Analyzing the Effects of Narrative Structure, Confidence, and Emotion on Twitter Users' Attention to NFT Transactions.
- [1] Zhang, Y., **Sun, Y.**, Lu, G., Chen, Z.*, & Wang, C.J.* (Revise and Resubmit). 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*.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- [4] **Sun, Y.**, & Ma, Z.* Measuring Agency Through Text and Language Data: Validating Two Distinct NLP Approaches, Riveter and LIWC, Across Diverse Scenarios.
- [3] **Sun, Y.**, & Ma, Z.* Agency and Meaning in Life as Conscious Experiences Shape Individual Emotions.
- [2] **Sun, Y.**, & Wang, C.J.* Building Identity Through Narratives: Who Voices Dissent Within the Party?.
- [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.

HONORS and AWARDS

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| • National Scholarship for Graduate Student | Oct 2024 |
| • Top Paper Award
<i>Political Communication Division, National Communication Association</i> | Jul 2024 |
| • Top Student Paper Award
<i>Human Communication and Technology Division, National Communication Association</i> | Jul 2024 |
| • HUANG Jianliang Scholarship | Oct 2023 |
| • Dissemination Data Mining Competition, National Second Place | Sep 2023 |
| • Chongqing Excellent Graduation Thesis Award | Jan 2023 |
| • Chongqing Distinguished Graduate Award | Jun 2022 |
| • National Scholarship for Undergraduate Student | Dec 2021 |
| • ESG National College Innovation Competition, First Place in West China | Dec 2021 |
| • Challenge Cup National Academic Works Competition, Provincial Second Prize | Aug 2021 |
| • National Advertising Art Competition, Provincial Third Prize | Jul 2021 |
| • National English Competition for College Students, National Third Prize | Nov 2020 |

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 2024

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

- Text Data Analysis**, Nanjing University Spring 2024
Graduate lecture; Instructor: Dr. Zhicong Chen
- Planning and Creative Strategy**, Nanjing University Spring 2024
Graduate seminar; Instructor: Dr. Zhihao Ma
- Advertising Strategy and Creation**, Nanjing University Fall 2023–2024
Undergraduate lecture; Instructor: Dr. Zhihao Ma

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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

SKILLS

- **Statistical Programming / Markup Languages:** Python, R, Stata, LaTeX, HTML, SQL, CSS, SPSS
- **Languages:** Mandarin (Native), English (Proficient)

- **Applications:** Tableau, CiteSpace, Brackets, Photoshop, Premier Pro, Animate, Audition
- **Music:** Piano (Level 8 Certificate), Singing