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EDUCATION

Nanjing University
M.A. in Communication

Nanjing, China
2022—present

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

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., Lu, G., Chen, Z.*, & Wang, C.J.* (Under Review). Let Us Not Wallow in the Valley of Despair: The Role of Emotion, Panic, and Sympathy Discourses in Promoting Productive Actions.
- [1] 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.

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., Zhou, Z., & Wang, C.J.* Building Identity Through Narratives: Who Voices Dissent Within the Party?.
- [1] Zhou, Z., Sun, Y., & Wang, C.J.* When the Blacks Take Up Arms: Enlistment of African Americans and Racial Prejudice During the American Civil War.

HONORS and AWARDS

• National Scholarship for Graduate Student	Oct 2024
• Top Paper Award Political Communication Division, National Communication Association	Jul 2024
• Top Student Paper Award Human Communication and Technology Division, National Communication Association	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), \(\frac{2}{2}\)200,000, Research Fellow 2022 - 2025Project 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 Popularizating Information in Public Health Emergencies and Its Impact on Social Mobilization
- Chongqing College Students' Innovation Training Program (S202010650015), \(\frac{\pma}{2}\)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), \(\frac{2}{3}10,000\), PI 2023-2025 Project title: Research on Advertising Strategies for Imported Commodities during the Republic of China from the Perspective of Cultural Imperialism

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