











Education

- 2024 – 2025  **MSc. in Speech and Language Processing (Expected)**, University of Edinburgh.
The Centre for Speech Technology Research, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- 2017 – 2019  **M.S. in Applied Statistics**, Columbia University.
New York City, United States
- 2014 – 2017  **B.A. in Interdisciplinary Math & Econ**, Fordham University.
New York City, United States
- 2012 – 2014  **Coursework in Software Engineering**, Fudan University (Transferred).
Shanghai, China

Employment History and Research Experience









- 2023 – 2024  **Research Assistant**, Peking University - Huawei Co-Laboratory, mentored by Sujian Li.
- 2022 – 2024  **Research Assistant**, Huawei IT Innovation and Research Center, mentored by Ke Wang.
- 2020 – 2022  **Assistant Engineer**, Huawei Shanghai Regional Office.

Academic Service

- 2024 –  **Reviewer**, *ACL Rolling Review*, *EMNLP*.
-  **Committee Member**, *Linguistic Circle*, a flagship seminar series organized by the Linguistics and English Language department of the University of Edinburgh.
-  **Tutor**, *Informatics Tutoring Scheme*, a project that supports high school students on Computer Science and Maths, with a priority for schools in disadvantaged areas of Scotland.
- 2024  **Student Volunteer**, *EMNLP 2024*.
-  **Program Committee**, *The 11th Workshop on Argument Mining @ ACL 2024*.

Research Publications

Conference Proceedings

-  **X. Zhao**, K. Wang, and W. Peng, “An electoral approach to diversify LLM-based multi-agent collective decision-making,” in *Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, Y. Al-Onaizan, M. Bansal, and Y.-N. Chen, Eds., Miami, Florida, USA: Association for Computational Linguistics, Nov. 2024, pp. 2712–2727.  URL: <https://aclanthology.org/2024.emnlp-main.158>.
-  W. Xiong, Y. Song, **X. Zhao**, *et al.*, “Watch every step! LLM agent learning via iterative step-level process refinement,” in *Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, Y. Al-Onaizan, M. Bansal, and Y.-N. Chen, Eds., Miami, Florida, USA: Association for Computational Linguistics, Nov. 2024, pp. 1556–1572.  URL: <https://aclanthology.org/2024.emnlp-main.93>.
-  Y. Song, W. Xiong, **X. Zhao**, *et al.*, “AgentBank: Towards generalized LLM agents via fine-tuning on 50000+ interaction trajectories,” in *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: EMNLP 2024*, Y. Al-Onaizan, M. Bansal, and Y.-N. Chen, Eds., Miami, Florida, USA: Association for Computational Linguistics, Nov. 2024, pp. 2124–2141.  URL: <https://aclanthology.org/2024.findings-emnlp.116>.
-  **X. Zhao**, K. Wang, and W. Peng, “Measuring the inconsistency of large language models in preferential ranking,” in *Proceedings of the 1st Workshop on Towards Knowledgeable Language Models (KnowLLM 2024) @ ACL 2024*, S. Li, M. Li, M. J. Zhang, *et al.*, Eds., (Oral Presentation), Bangkok, Thailand: Association for Computational Linguistics, Aug. 2024, pp. 171–176.  URL: <https://aclanthology.org/2024.knowllm-1.14>.

- 5 K. Wang, **X. Zhao**, and W. Peng, "Learning from failure: Improving meeting summarization without good samples," in *Proceedings of the 38th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, vol. 38, Mar. 2024, pp. 19 153–19 161. [DOI: 10.1609/aaai.v38i17.29883](https://doi.org/10.1609/aaai.v38i17.29883).
- 6 **X. Zhao**, K. Wang, and W. Peng, "ORCHID: A Chinese debate corpus for target-independent stance detection and argumentative dialogue summarization," in *Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, H. Bouamor, J. Pino, and K. Bali, Eds., Singapore: Association for Computational Linguistics, Dec. 2023, pp. 9358–9375. [URL: https://aclanthology.org/2023.emnlp-main.582](https://aclanthology.org/2023.emnlp-main.582).
- 7 K. Wang, **X. Zhao**, Y. Li, and W. Peng, "M³Seg: A maximum-minimum mutual information paradigm for unsupervised topic segmentation in ASR transcripts," in *Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, H. Bouamor, J. Pino, and K. Bali, Eds., Singapore: Association for Computational Linguistics, Dec. 2023, pp. 7928–7934. [URL: https://aclanthology.org/2023.emnlp-main.492](https://aclanthology.org/2023.emnlp-main.492).
- 8 K. Wang, **X. Zhao**, Y. Li, and W. Peng, "PROSE: A pronoun omission solution for Chinese-English spoken language translation," in *Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, H. Bouamor, J. Pino, and K. Bali, Eds., Singapore: Association for Computational Linguistics, Dec. 2023, pp. 2297–2311. [URL: https://aclanthology.org/2023.emnlp-main.141](https://aclanthology.org/2023.emnlp-main.141).

Preprints

- 1 H. Liu, W. Xue, Y. Chen, *et al.*, *A survey on hallucination in large vision-language models*, 2024. arXiv: 2402.00253 [cs.CV]. [URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.00253](https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.00253).

Skills

Languages	Strong reading, writing and speaking competencies for English and Mandarin Chinese, elementary in Japanese and Cantonese.
Coding	Python, \LaTeX , SQL, R, HTML, CSS, gradio, ...
Misc.	Photo-taking, Adobe softwares, swimming, stargazing, antiquity history,...

Miscellaneous Experience

Awards and Achievements

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| 2023 | Enterprise AI Forum Organizing Committee Recognition , Huawei Technologies. |
| | GENIE - Summarization XSUM Leaderboard First Place , Allen Institute for AI. |
| 2020 | New Employee Excellence Recognition , Huawei Technologies. |
| 2018 | Psi Chi , Columbia University, awarded by the International Honor Society in Psychology. |

Certification

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| 2023 | Natural Language Processing Specialization . Awarded by DeepLearning.AI. |
| 2022 | Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate . Awarded by Google. |
| 2018 | 4th Annual Institute in Statistics for Big Data . Organized by the University of Washington. |

Activities & Internships

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| 2019 | Assistant Engineer , JD.com AI Platform and Research Department. |
| 2017 | Ambassador Assistant , Permanent Mission of Macedonia to the United Nations. |
| 2016 – 2017 | International Ambassador , Fordham University Rose Hill Society. |
| 2016 | Investment Analyst , Lenovo Strategic Investment Department. |
| 2015 | Harvard University Study Aboard Program , Kyoto, Japan. |
| 2012 – 2014 | Vice-President , Fudan University Film Association. |