

YIANG LI

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EDUCATION

University of Chicago

MA Computational Social Science

Maroon Scholar (\$40k scholarship)

September 2022 - Present

Cumulative GPA:

University College London

BSc Social Sciences with Data Science

Best Graduate Student - Academic Contribution

September 2019 - June 2022

Cumulative GPA: First (Hons) 4.0/4.0

DATA ANALYTICS SKILLS

Programming Languages

Python, R, SQL

Python Packages

Pandas, Matplotlib, Numpy, Scipy, F2py, Psycog2,
BeautifulSoup, Selenium, Spacepy, Davitpy, Jupyter

Software & Tools

L^AT_EX, Excel, Final Cut Pro

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Yale University

Research Assistant

New Haven, United States

March 2021 - May 2022

- Studied the relationship between inter-generational social mobility and health using R and Excel under Dr Emma X. Zang

Social Research Institute, University College London

Research Assistant

London, United Kingdom

March 2021 - May 2022

- Collected and re-coded 5 years' teacher pay reform policies from 152 local authorities in England and performed multilevel regression, data analysis, quantitative text analysis, spatial mapping, and visualization using R and Excel
- Examined the causal impacts of policy changes on the teacher retention (composition, wage) and student attainment

2021 National Undergraduate Big Data Challenge

Researcher & Co-First Author

Remote

May 2021 — Oct 2021

- Predicted the COVID-19 vaccine uptake rate in the US using R and Python through both statistical and machine learning algorithms on web search queries, and concluded the stacked regression of ARIMA (1,0,8) for clinical data and boost with Support Vector Machine for web data gives the most accurate prediction.
- Manuscript published on Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics, abstract published on STEM Fellowship Journal

Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications

Research Assistant

Nanjing, China

May 2021 — Oct 2021

- Collaborated with senior scholars to draft and distribute questionnaires and prepare interview guidelines to study healthcare product consumption in China
- Carried out Quantitative Text Analysis on healthcare regulations in R

Nanjing University

Researcher & Co-First Author

Nanjing, China

May 2021 — Oct 2021

- Conducted in-depth and wide review of academic articles on inter-generational education for older people in China
- Published findings alongside policy recommendations as co-author (manuscript under review at Ageing and Society)

University College London

Research Mentorship Researcher

Nanjing, China

May 2021 — Oct 2021

- Analysed the social mobility of first-generation college students by systematically reviewing existing sources in database
- Wrote literature review articles on social capital and tertiary education supplementing the paper for publication

Johns Hopkins University

Researcher, Summer Research Programme

Remote

Feb 2020 — Apr 2020

- Compiled data of over 200 respondents using R to use regression to the impacts of COVID-19 stigmatisation
- Composed an essay with a detailed analysis of stigmatization at all social levels of the Chinese population by using the socio-ecological model under the supervision of Prof Johannes Urpelainen (essay awarded with distinction)

PUBLICATIONS

1. Zhou, X., & Li, Y. (2022). Forecasting the COVID-19 vaccine uptake rate: an infodemiological study in the US. *Human Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics*, 18(1).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/21645515.2021.2017216>
2. Guo, W., Chen, L., & Li, Y. (2022). The Influence of Grandparenting on the Well-Being of Older Chinese Adults. *Working Paper*

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Ipsos Group

Intern Quantitative Researcher

Beijing, China

Apr 2021 — Jul 2021

- Designed large-scale survey of over 10,000 respondents and conducted quality assurance (QA)
- Performed data analyses and data visualisation using SQL and Excel to draft quantitative reports
- Communicated data-driven recommendations for business decision makings and product refinements

Xinhua News Agency

Intern Policy Journalist

Nanjing, China

Jun 2020 — Sep 2020

- Produced investigative reports on the teenagers' mental wellbeing during COVID-19
- Independently produced national policy analysis reports cited in 45 media outlets and viewed more than 20 million times through qualitative interviews
- Won Xinhua News of the Month reward for filming, video editing, and writing on flooding report series

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Principal Officer and Treasurer, Connect.ed Society, UCL

Undergraduate Mentor, Social Research Institute, UCL

Sept 2019 — Jun 2022

Sept 2020 — Apr 2022