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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Topics: Collaborative governance, environmental management, local government

Methods: Causal inference with experimental and observational data, geospatial modeling

EDUCATION

Florida State University

Ph.D. Askew School of Public Administration 2017-2022

Rutgers University

M.P.P. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy 2014-2016

EMPLOYMENT

Northern Arizona University

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics & International Affairs 2024-

Syracuse University

Post-doctoral Scholar, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs 2022-2024

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

* = Co-first author, alphabetical author order

8. Wenhui Li, Heewon Lee, **Yixin Liu**, Tian Tang, Guimin Zheng (2024) Reward exploitation or exploration? The effects of local government sustainability strategies and performance information on citizen evaluation. *Public Management Review*.
7. **Yixin Liu** (2024) Partisan collaboration in policy adoption: An experimental study with local government officials. *Policy Studies Journal*, 00(0): 1–13.
 - China-America Association for Public Affairs *Best Student Paper Award for 2022*
6. Heewon Lee and **Yixin Liu*** (2024) All hands on deck: The role of collaborative platforms and lead organizations in achieving environmental goals. *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory*, 34(3), 331-348.
 - “Honorable mention” of the APSA *Herbert Kaufman Best Paper Award for 2024*
 - Selected as the “JPART editor’s choice” article
5. **Yixin Liu** (2024) Public trust and collaborative governance: An instrumental variable approach. *Public Management Review*, 26(2), 421-442.

4. **Yixin Liu** and Chao Tan (2023) The effectiveness of network administrative organizations in governing inter-jurisdictional natural resources. *Public Administration*, 101(3), 932-952.
3. **Yixin Liu**, Heewon Lee, Frances Berry (2023) How and when democratic values matter: Challenging the effectiveness-centric framework in program evaluation. *Public Performance & Management Review*, 1-26.
– Florida State University *de Guzman Best Graduate Paper Award for 2021*
2. **Yixin Liu**^{*} and Chengxin Xu (2022) De-stereotyping public performance evaluation. *International Public Management Journal*, 26(1), 107-125.
1. Chengxin Xu and **Yixin Liu** (2021) Does mislabeling COVID-19 elicit the perception of threat and reduce blame? *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*, 4(2).

SELECTED WORKING PROJECTS

Under Review

Yixin Liu, Jiho Kim, Tina Nabatchi. The “watershed” of collaboration: The impact of legislation and collaborative actions on environmental outcomes. Revised and resubmit.

Jiho Kim and **Yixin Liu**. Outcomes of outcomes: Adaptations of collaborative actions in watershed management.

Work in Progress

Yixin Liu. Watching big brothers: Can nonprofit oversight mitigate environmental injustice?
–Funded by the *APSA Paul Volcker Junior Scholar Research Award for 2024*

Ivan Lee, **Yixin Liu**, Sebastian Jilke. Reassessing anti-public sector bias.

Yixin Liu. Mediating collaborations: The role of participant diversity in watershed governance.

Yixin Liu. River rendezvous: A national evaluation of source water collaboratives on policy compliance.

Joanne Kim, Catherine Gerard, **Yixin Liu**, Rosemary O’Leary. What does leadership mean in collaboration? A survey of local government leaders in United States.

Heewon Lee and **Yixin Liu**. Collaborative justice: Does the Clean Cities program enhance renewable energy access in underserved communities?

Yixin Liu, Heewon Lee, Tian Tang, Guimin Zheng, Wenhui Li. Trust and two-way coproduction: Paired experiments on citizens and policymakers.

Tian Tang, **Yixin Liu**, Heewon Lee, Wenhui Li, Guimin Zheng. What public values does practitioner-scholar research collaboration seek to create? Evidence from a field experiment.

Danyao Li, Chengxin Xu, **Yixin Liu**. Transparency by other means: Elected officials’ responsiveness to public information request on police misconduct settlement.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

APSA Paul Volcker Junior Scholar Research Grant (1 st Place Winner), (\$3,000)	2024
FSU Collaborative Collision Program on Resilience, (\$25,000)	2023
–Supporting the “Annual Sustainability Survey for Local Policymakers”	
Best Student Paper Award, China-America Association for Public Affairs	2022
DeGuzman Best Paper Award, Florida State University	2021
UROP Materials Grant, Principal Investigator, Florida State University, (\$500)	2021
Reubin Askew Eminent Research Fund, Florida State University, (\$850)	2020
Reubin Askew Educational Endowment Fund, Florida State University, (\$1500)	2020
Jerry Collins Eminent Research Fund, Florida State University, (\$650)	2019
ICPSR Travel Grant, Florida State University, (\$5000)	2019
Travel Grant, National Social-Environmental Synthesis Center, (\$500)	2019
Dean’s Scholarship, Florida State University	2017

INVITED TALKS

“Experimental Methods in Social Science”	2024
Summer Methods Camp at Huazhong University of Science and Technology	
“Governing Inter-jurisdictional Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Analysis”	2023
Guangdong Research Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower	
“Public Trust and Collaborative Governance”	2023
Public Management Community	
“Research in Public Administration: A Seminar of Contributions from Chinese Scholars.”	2022
<i>Public Administration Journal</i>	
“De-Stereotyping Public Performance Evaluation.” (Presented by co-author Chengxin Xu)	2021
Evans School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Washington	
“Governing Inter-jurisdictional Rivers”	2021
Online Seminar on Environmental Politics and Governance	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association	2023, 2024
Public Management Research Conference	2019, 2021, 2022, 2024
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024
American Society for Public Administration	2022
Southern Political Science Association	2020
European Group for Public Administration	2020
Sino-US International Conference of Public Administration	2018, 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Lecturer

NAU POS 359 Environmental Policy (in-person)	Fall 2024
NAU POS 544 Government Budgeting (online)	Fall 2024
FSU PAD 3003 Public Administration in American Society (in-person & online)	2021-2022

Guest Lecturer

“Design Based Causal Inference in Collaborative Governance Research” FSU PAD 6025 Theoretical Perspectives in Public Policy	2022, 2023
“Open Science in Public Administration” FSU PAD 6707 Logics of Inquiry	2021
“Conjoint Analysis in Social Science” FSU PAD 6025 Theoretical Perspectives in Public Policy	2020
“Behavioral Science and Sustainability” FSU PAD 5935 Governing Sustainable Communities	2019
“Experimental Methods and Causal Inference” FSU PAD 5701 Research Methods	2018

JOURNAL REFEREE

Chinese Public Administration Review; Environmental Management; Environmental Politics; International Journal of Public Administration; Journal of Behavioral Public Administration; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory; Policy & Politics; Public Administration; Public Administration Review; Public Management Review; Public Performance & Management Review; Regulation & Governance; Review of Public Personnel Administration; Urban Governance

SERVICE

NAU Department of Politics & International Affairs, Graduate Program Committee
NAU Department of Politics & International Affairs, MPA Program Committee
Chinese Policy Scholar Group: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Committee