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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Topics: Collaborative governance, environmental policy, local government

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Baruch College, City University of New York

Assistant Professor, Marxe School of Public & International Affairs Starting from Aug. 2025

Northern Arizona University

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics & International Affairs 2024-2025

Syracuse University

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

EDUCATION

Florida State University

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

Rutgers University-New Brunswick

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

Hong Kong Baptist University

B.A. in Advertising 2009-2013

GRANTS AND AWARDS

APSA Paul Volcker Junior Scholar Research Grant (1 st Place Winner), (\$3,000)	2024
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

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*
 - Media coverage by *Art of Science*
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. A “Watershed” moment for collaboration: The impacts of legislation and network governance 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 and Tian Tang. 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.

Troy Chen and **Yixin Liu**. David meets Goliath: How grassroots collaborative networks influence government action in drinking water regulation.

Joanne Kim, Catherine Gerard, **Yixin Liu**, Rosemary O’Leary. How U.S. local government collaboration transformed between 2012 and 2024.

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**, Guimin Zheng. How public requests drive innovation in local governments: Evidence from a field experiment.

INVITED TALKS

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association	2023, 2024
Public Management Research Conference	2019, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025
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

NAU POS 535 Regulatory Process (online)	Spring 2025
NAU POS 544 Government Budgeting (online)	Fall 2024, Spring 2025
NAU POS 359 Environmental Policy (in-person & online)	Fall 2024, Summer 2025
FSU PAD 3003 Public Administration in American Society (in-person & online)	2021-2022

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; *Nature*: Humanities and Social Sciences Communications; *Nature*: Scientific Reports; Policy & Politics; Public Administration; Public Administration Review; Public Choice; 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