

# YIXIN LIU

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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 <sup>st</sup> 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

9. **Yixin Liu**, Jiho Kim, Tina Nabatchi (Conditionally accepted) A “Watershed” moment for collaboration: The impacts of legislation and network governance on environmental outcomes. *Public Administration Review*.
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**<sup>\*</sup> (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. [<sup>\*</sup>co-first author]
  - “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**<sup>\*</sup> and Chengxin Xu (2022) De-stereotyping public performance evaluation. *International Public Management Journal*, 26(1), 107-125. [<sup>\*</sup>co-first author]
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

**Yixin Liu**, Heewon Lee, Tian Tang, Wenhui Li, Guimin Zheng. Government trustworthiness and two-way coproduction: Paired experiments on citizens and policymakers. *Under Review*.

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

**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?

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”	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</i> Journal	
“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, 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