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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 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 (1st 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

10. Guimin Zheng, Tian Tang, Heewon Lee, **Yixin Liu**, Wenhui Li (Accepted) Navigating the algorithmic state: Public values and citizens' preferences of AI-driven public service delivery. *Public Administration*.
9. **Yixin Liu**, Jiho Kim, Tina Nabatchi (2025) 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*** (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. [*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*** and Chengxin Xu (2022) De-stereotyping public performance evaluation. *International Public Management Journal*, 26(1), 107-125. [*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*.

Ivan Lee, **Yixin Liu**, Sebastian Jilke. Reassessing anti-public sector bias: Evidence from a comprehensive experiment and meta analysis. *Under Review*.

Danyao Li, Chengxin Xu, **Yixin Liu**, Guimin Zheng. Public pressure expands Policy access for black constituents but limits substantive engagement. *Under Review*.

Yixin Liu and Tian Tang. Watching big brothers: Can nonprofit oversight mitigate environmental injustice?

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

Joanne Kim, **Yixin Liu**, Catherine Gerard, Rosemary O'Leary. Local government collaboration in the U.S.: What's changed over a decade?

Yixin Liu and Xue Gao. Adaptive strategies for collaborative watershed management.

INVITED TALKS

“How to Prepare for Job Interviews”	2025
CAAPA, CPSG, ESCN, SCPA Joint Job Workshop Series	
“Making a Plan for Your PhD”	2025
Doctoral Colloquium at Florida State University	
“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, 2024-2026
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management	2018-2021, 2023-2025
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

Baruch College, The City University of New York

PAF 9120 Public and Nonprofit Management

Fall 2025, Spring 2026

PAF 1250 Citizenship and Public Affairs

Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Northern Arizona University

POS 535 Regulatory Process

Spring 2025

POS 544 Government Budgeting

Fall 2024, Spring 2025

POS 359 Environmental Policy

Fall 2024, Summer 2025

Florida State University

PAD 3003 Public Administration in American Society

Fall 2021, Spring 2022

JOURNAL REFEREE

Chinese Public Administration Review; Environmental Management; Environmental Policy and Governance; Environmental Politics; International Journal of Public Administration; Journal of Behavioral Public Administration; Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning; 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