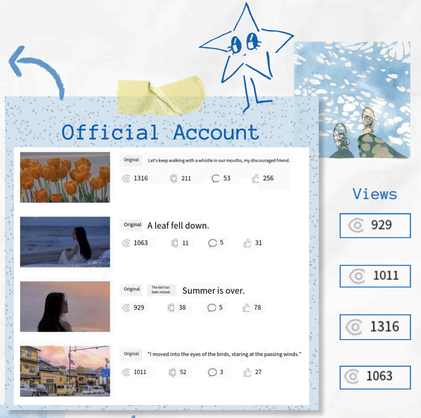
Research Practice

2020–2022

Between 2020 and 2022, I twice participated in China Thinks Big (CTB), a national research and innovation competition co-founded by Harvard College and Tsinghua University. As the team leader, I conducted interdisciplinary research on death education and the meaning of life, integrating perspectives from sociology, psychology, anthropology, and art.

The research outcomes received the National First Prize, the Outstanding Research Design, and the National Third Prize, respectively. It marked the beginning of my exploration into how education and social attitudes shape the way people perceive life and death.

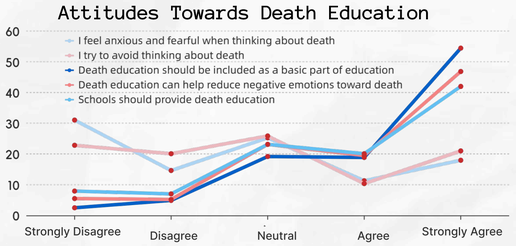


I regularly shared reflections and research insights on death education through my personal public account, where each post received over 1,280 views on average.

Positive Correlation

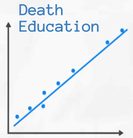
2023

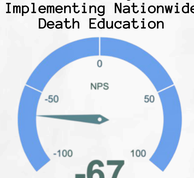
The line chart visualizes the subjective data, with the standard deviation of 1.285 across five sets of responses, confirming the presence of a positive correlation between death education and public awareness of mortality.



My paper was published in ICSPHS 2023.

> "Promoting death education can deepen public understanding of life and mortality, thereby reducing fear and anxiety associated with death."





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Participants rated from 1 to 10, with 1 indicating "completely impossible" and 10 "completely possible."

Although most participants showed high conceptual understanding for death education, the findings indicate that the perceived feasibility of actual implementation remains low. This shows the gap between public recognition and practical realization.

Oxford-China Academic Forum

- China Thinks Big (CTB): https://www.chinathinksbig.com/en
- Harvard Association for U.S. Cross-Cultural Relations (HAUSCR): https://www.hauscr.org/ctb

2024–2025

In 2024–2025, I served as the session chair of the Death Education and the Meaning of Life sub-forum at the 11th Oxford–China Forum. We invited leading scholars and professionals as guest speakers to share insights from diverse fields and to exchange perspectives on the future of death education in China, appropriate attitudes toward mortality, and ways of finding personal meaning in contemporary society. The discussion spanned multiple disciplines, including academic research, medicine, hospice care, education, and the arts.

Huo, Chai

- Writer
- Influential Public Media Creator
- Member of the Medical Media Professional

Yifang, Wang

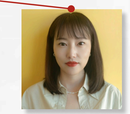
- Peking University Professor
- Medical Humanities Scholar
- Member of the Medical Humanities and Ethics Committee

Ci'En,Ji

- Writer
- Evidence-Based Medicine Researcher
- Orphanage Rehabilitation Therapist

Guijun,Lu

- Chief Physician in Beijing Tsinghua Changgung Hospital
- Pain Management Director
- Palliative Care Leader



Bo, Wang

- Secretary-General of the Beijing Living Will Promotion Association
- NPO Leader

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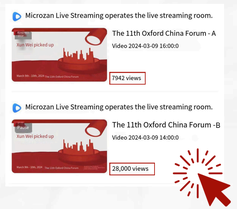
The forum was held at the University of Oxford and live-streamed across major online platforms, the Death Education and the Meaning of Life sub-forum attracted over 30,000 viewers, while the overall forum reached more than 200,000 views in total.