

# Lijin Zhang

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Psychometrics, Quantitative Psychology, Bayesian Analysis

## EDUCATION

### Stanford University

- Ph.D. Candidate in Developmental and Psychological Sciences 2022 - present
- Ph.D. Scholar in Data Science ([fellowship program](#)) 2024 - present
- M.S. in Statistics 2022 - 2025

### Sun Yat-sen University

- M.S. in Psychology 2019 - 2022
- B.S. in Psychology 2015 - 2019

## AWARDS, HONORS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- Vector Travel Award, International Meeting of Psychometric Society 2025
- Travel Grant, National Council on Measurement in Education 2025
- Data Science Fellowship (~\$100,000, 15 recipients across the campus), Stanford University** 2024 - 2026
- Collaborative Learning Fund Award, Stanford Graduate School of Education 2024 - 2025
- Travel Fellowship, Stanford Graduate School of Education 2023 - 2024
- EDGE Fellowship (\$12,800), Stanford University** 2022 - 2027
- Outstanding Graduates, Sun Yat-sen University** 2022
- National Scholarship, Minister of Education of China** 2020
- Outstanding Paper Award, Chinese Psychological Society** 2019
- Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis, Sun Yat-sen University 2019
- Outstanding Presenter, Undergraduate Psychology Forum at Peking University 2018
- First Prize Scholarship of Outstanding Students, Sun Yat-sen University 2017 - 2021

## PUBLICATIONS

**Highlights:** 9 first-authored journal articles, including research papers in *Psychological Methods*, *Psychometrika*, *Behavior Research Methods*, *Multivariate Behavioral Research*, *Structural Equation Modeling*, and *R Journal*. Google Scholar citations: 275; h-index: 10; i10-index: 10 (as of Sep 2025)

**Journal Articles** († indicates alphabetical order or reverse, \* indicates correspondent author, IF represents the Impact Factor for the publication year or the year before.)

1. **Zhang, L.**, Domingue, B.W., Vogelsmeier, L.V.D.E., & Ulitzsch, E. (2025). A Beta Mixture Model for Careless Respondent Detection in Visual Analogue Scale Data. *Psychometrika*. Advance Online Publication. [[doi](#)] [IF: 2.9; Q1]
2. Domingue, B.W., Braginsky, M., Caffrey-Maffei, L., Gilbert, J.B., Kanopka, K., Kapoor, R., Lee, H., Liu, Y., Nadela, S., Pan, G., **Zhang, L.**, Zhang, S., & Frank, M. (2025). An introduction to the Item Response Warehouse (IRW): A resource for enhancing data usage in psychometrics. *Behavior Research Methods*. Advance Online Publication. [[doi](#)] [IF: 7.2; Q1]
3. **Zhang, L.**, Ulitzsch, E., & Domingue, B.W. (2025). Bayesian Factor Mixture Modeling with Response Time for Detecting Careless Respondents. *Behavior Research Methods*. Advance Online Publication. [[doi](#)] [IF: 7.2; Q1]

4. Shen, H., Stafford, C., Meijsen, J., **Zhang, L.**, Reiter, J., Lawn, R.B., Smith, A.K., Vermuri, M., & Duncan, L.E. (2025). Associations between testosterone and future PTSD symptoms among middle age and older UK residents. *Translational Psychiatry*, 15: 268. [doi] [IF: 5.8; Q1]
5. Domingue, B.W., Kanopka, K.<sup>†</sup>, Ulitzsch, E.<sup>†</sup>, & **Zhang, L.**<sup>†</sup> (2025). Implied probabilities of polytomous response functions for model-based prediction and comparison. *Behaviormetrika*. Advance Online Publication. [doi] [IF: 1.6; Q2]
6. **Zhang, L.**, Qu, W., & Zhang, Z. (2025). Bayesian Growth Curve Modeling with Measurement Error in Time. *Multivariate Behavioral Research*. Advance Online Publication. [doi] [IF: 5.3; Q1]
7. Gilbert, J.B., **Zhang, L.**, Ulitzsch, E., Domingue, B.W. (2025). Polytomous Explanatory Item Response Models for Item Discrimination: Assessing Negative-Framing Effects in Social-Emotional Learning Surveys. *Behavior Research Methods*. Advance Online Publication. [doi] [IF: 7.2; Q1]
8. Chen, Q., Su, K., Feng, Y., **Zhang, L.**, Ding, R., & Pan, J. (2024). A Tutorial on Bayesian Structural Equation Modeling: Principles and Applications. *International Journal of Psychology*, 59(6), 1326-1346. [doi] [IF: 3.3; Q1]
9. **Zhang, L.**, & Liang, X. (2024). Bayesian Regularization in Multiple-Indicators Multiple-Causes Models. *Psychological Methods*, 29(4), 679–703. [doi] [IF: 11.5; Q1]
10. Wang, E., Kennedy, K.M., **Zhang, L.**, Zuniga-Hernandez, M., Titzler, J., Li, B. S-K., Arshad, F., Khoury, M., & Caruso, T.J. (2024). A Technology Acceptance Model to Predict Anesthesiologists' Clinical Adoption of Virtual Reality. *Journal of Clinical Anesthesia*, 98, 111595. [doi] [IF: 5.0; Q1]
11. Wang, E., Qian, D., **Zhang, L.**, Li, B. S-K, Ko, B., Khoury, M., Renavikar, M., Ganesan, A., & Caruso, T.J. (2024). Acceptance of Virtual Reality in Trainees Using a Technology Acceptance Model. *JMIR Medical Education*, 10, e60767. [doi] [IF: 3.2; Q1]
12. He, E., Arshad, F., Li, B.S., Brinda, R., Ganesan, A., **Zhang, L.**, Fehr, S., Renavikar, M., Rodriguez, S.T., Wang, E., Rosales, O., & Caruso, T.J. (2024). Awe Inducing Elements in Virtual Reality Applications: A Prospective Study of Hospitalized Children and Caregivers. *Games for Health Journal*, 14(2): 159-166. [doi] [IF: 2.2; Q1]
13. Ahmed, I., Bertling, M., **Zhang, L.**, Ho, A., Loyalka, P., Xue, H., Rozelle, S., & Domingue, B.W. (2024). Heterogeneity of item-treatment interactions masks complexity and generalizability in randomized controlled trials. *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*, 37(3): 240-257. [doi] [IF: 2.4; Q2]
14. **Zhang, L.**, Li, X., & Zhang, Z. (2023). Variety and Mainstays of the R Developer Community. *R Journal*, 15(3), 5-25. [doi] [IF: 5.2; Q1]
15. Gu, X., Zhu, X., **Zhang, L.**, & Pan, J.\* (2023). Testing Informative Hypotheses in Factor Analysis Models using Bayes Factors. *Psychological Methods*. Advance Online Publication. [doi] [IF: 11.5; Q1]
16. Wang, E. Y., Kennedy, K. M., **Zhang, L.**, Qian, D., Forbes, T., Zuniga-Hernandez, M., Li, B. S-K., Domingue, B.W., & Caruso, T.J. (2023). Predicting pediatric healthcare provider use of virtual reality using a technology acceptance model. *JAMIA Open*, 6(3), ooad076. [doi] [IF: 2.5; Q2]
17. Zheng, S., **Zhang, L.**, Jiang, Z., & Pan, J. (2023). The Influence of Using Inaccurate Priors on Bayesian Multilevel Estimation. *Structural Equation Modeling*, 30 (3), 429-448. [doi] [IF: 6.0; Q1]
18. Wei, X.<sup>†</sup>, Huang, J.<sup>†</sup>, **Zhang, L.**, Pan, D., & Pan, J. (2022). Evaluation and Comparison among SEM, ESEM and BSEM in Estimating Structural Models with Potentially Unknown Cross-loadings. *Structural Equation Modeling*, 29 (3), 327-338. [doi] [IF: 6.0; Q1]

19. **Zhang, L.**, Pan, J., & Ip, E.H. (2021). Criteria for Parameter Identification in Bayesian Lasso Methods for Covariance Analysis: Comparing Rules for Thresholding,  $p$ -value, and Credible Interval. *Structural Equation Modeling*, 28 (6), 941-950. [[doi](#)] [IF: 6.181; Q1]
20. Zeng, G., **Zhang, L.**, Fung, S., Li, J., Liu, Y-M., Xiong, K-Z., Jiang, Z-Q., Zhu, F-F., Chen, Z-T., Luo, S-D., Yu, P., & Huang, Q. (2021). Problematic Internet Usage and Self-Esteem in Chinese Undergraduate Students: The Mediation Effects of Individual Affect and Relationship Satisfaction. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18 (13), 6949. [[doi](#)] [IF: 4.6; Q1]
21. Chen, J.\*, Guo, Z., **Zhang, L.**, & Pan, J.\* (2021). A Partially Confirmatory Approach to Scale Development with the Bayesian Lasso. *Psychological Methods*, 26 (2), 210-235. [[doi](#)] [IF: 10.9; Q1]
22. **Zhang, L.**, Pan, J., Dubé, L., & Ip, E.H. (2021). blcfa: An R Package for Bayesian Model Modification in Confirmatory Factor Analysis. *Structural Equation Modeling*, 28 (4), 649-658. [[doi](#)] [IF: 6.181; Q1]
23. Zheng, S., **Zhang, L.**, Qiao, X., & Pan, J.\* (2021). Intensive Longitudinal Data Analysis: Models and Application. *Advances in Psychological Science*, 29 (11), 1948-1969. [[doi](#)] [IF: 1.62]
24. Zhang, X., **Zhang, L.**, Ding, Y., Qu, Z.\* (2021). Behavioral Oscillations in Attention. *Advances in Psychological Science*, 29 (3): 461-471. [[doi](#)] [IF: 1.62]
25. **Zhang, L.**, Wei, X., Lu, J., & Pan, J.\* (2020). Lasso Regression: From Explanation to Prediction. *Advances in Psychological Science*, 28 (10), 1777-1788. [[doi](#)] [IF: 1.62]
26. Feng, Q.<sup>†</sup>, Song, Q.<sup>†</sup>, **Zhang, L.**<sup>†</sup>, Zheng, S., & Pan, J.\* (2020). Integration of Moderation and Mediation in a Latent Variable Framework: A Comparison of Estimation Approaches for the Second-stage Moderated Mediation Model. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11, 2167. [[doi](#)] [IF: 2.4; Q2]
27. Liu, S., Huang, Z., **Zhang, L.**, Pan, J., Lei, Q., Meng, Y., & Li, Z.\* (2020). Plasma Neurofilament Light Chain may be a Biomarker for the Inverse Association between Cancers and Neurodegenerative Diseases. *Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience*, 12 (10), 1-8. [[doi](#)] [IF: 5.8; Q2]
28. **Zhang, L.**, Lu, J., Wei, X., & Pan, J.\* (2019). Bayesian Structural Equation Modeling and Its Current Research. *Advances in Psychological Science*, 27 (11), 1812-1825. [[doi](#)] [IF: 1.62]

## **Manuscripts**

29. **Zhang, L.**, Rahal, C., Kanopka, K., Ulitzsch, E., Zhang, Z., & Domingue, B.W. (R&R). Evaluating Model Predictive Performance in Confirmatory Factor Analysis with Binary Outcomes Using the InterModel Vigorish. [[preprint](#)]
30. **Zhang, L.**, Liu, Y., Molenaar, D., Gilbert, J.B., Kanopka, K., & Domingue, B.W. (drafted). Realistic Simulation of Item Difficulties. [[preprint](#)]
31. Wang, S., Deng, Y., **Zhang, L.**, Zheng, S., & Pan, J. (under review). Regularized Structural Equation Modeling: A Balance between Exploratory and Confirmatory Analysis.
32. Cao, C., Liang, X., **Zhang, L.**, & Lu, M. (under review). The Performance of Bayesian Fit Measures in Approximate Measurement Invariance Testing in Cross-Cultural Research.

## **Invited Talk**

33. **Zhang, L.**, Ulitzsch, E., & Domingue, B.W. (2024). *Mixture Modeling for Identifying Careless Responding*. The Norwegian Psychometrics Gathering, 19-20 Sep, Stavanger, Norway. [[slides](#)]

34. **Zhang, L.**, Qu, W., & Zhang, Z. (2023). *Bayesian Growth Curve Modeling with Measurement Error in Time*. University of Notre Dame, 31 Aug, South Bend, USA. [[slides](#)]
35. **Zhang, L.**, & Pan, J.\* (2022). *Latent Multiple Mediation Analysis with the Bayesian Lasso*. The 15th Chinese R Conference, 25 Nov, Virtual. [[slides](#)]
36. **Zhang, L.**, Pan, J., & Ip, E.H., (2022). *Bayesian Lasso Confirmatory Factor Analysis*. Utrecht University, 23 May, Virtual. [[slides](#)]
37. **Zhang, L.**, Lu, J., Wei, X., & Pan, J.\* (2019). *Bayesian Structural Equation Modeling and Its Current Research*. The 12th Chinese R Conference, 24-26 May, Beijing. [[slides](#)]

### **Contributed Conference Presentations** (underline: presenter)

38. **Zhang, L.**, Domingue, B.W., Vogelsmeier, L.V.D.E., & Ulitzsch, E. (2025). *A Beta Mixture Model for Careless Respondent Detection in Visual Analogue Scale Data*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 15-18 July, Minnesota, USA.
39. **Zhang, L.**, Liu, Y., & Domingue, B.W. (2025). *Realistic Simulation of Item Difficulties*. National Council on Measurement in Education Annual Meeting, 23-26 April, Denver, USA.
40. **Zhang, L.**, Ulitzsch, E., & Domingue, B.W. (2024). *Bayesian Factor Mixture Modeling with Response Time for Detecting Careless Respondents*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 16-19 July, Prague, Czech.
41. Domingue, B.W., Braginsky, M., Caffrey-Maffei, L., Gilbert, J.B., Kanopka, K., Kapoor, R., Liu, Y., Nadela, S., Pan, G., **Zhang, L.**, Zhang, S., & Frank, M. (2024). *The Item Response Warehouse*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 16-19 July, Prague, Czech.
42. Cao, C., Liang, X., **Zhang, L.**, & Lu, M. (2024). *The Performance of Bayesian Fit Measures in Approximate Measurement Invariance Testing in Cross-Cultural Research*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 16-19 July, Prague, Czech.
43. **Zhang, L.**, Qu, W., & Zhang, Z. (2024). *Bayesian Growth Curve Modeling with Measurement Error in Time*. Annual Meeting of the International Society for Data Science and Analytics, 21-24 July, Vienna, Austria.
44. **Zhang, L.**, Kanopka, K., Rahal, C., Ulitzsch, E., Zhang, Z., & Domingue, B.W. (2024). *The InterModel Vigorish for Model Comparison in Confirmatory Factor Analysis with Binary Outcomes*. Stanford Data Science Conference, 7 May, California, USA.
45. Domingue, B.W., Kanopka, K., Ulitzsch, E., & **Zhang, L.** (2024). *Implied Probabilities of Polytomous Response Functions for Model-Based Prediction and Comparison*. National Council on Measurement in Education Annual Meeting, 11-14 April, Philadelphia, USA.
46. **Zhang, L.**, & Domingue, B.W. (2023). *The InterModel Vigorish for Model Comparison in Confirmatory Factor Analysis with Binary Outcomes*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 25-28 July, Maryland, USA. [[slides](#)]
47. **Zhang, L.**, Liang, X., & Pan, J. (2023). *Comparison between Bayesian and Frequentist Regularization in Factor Analysis*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 25-28 July, Maryland, USA. [[slides](#)]
48. **Zhang, L.**, & Domingue, B.W. (2023). *The InterModel Vigorish for Model Comparison in Confirmatory Factor Analysis with Binary Outcomes*. Annual Meeting of the International Society for Data Science and Analytics, 4-6 July, Shanghai. [[slides](#)]
49. **Zhang, L.**, & Liang, X.\* (2023). *Bayesian Regularization in Multiple Indicators Multiple Causes Models*.

National Council on Measurement in Education Annual Meeting, 12-15 April, Chicago, USA.

50. Ip, E.H., Sandberg, J., **Zhang, L.**, & Pan, J. (2022). *Matched-pair Binary Item Response Analysis Using Bayesian Adaptive Lasso Factor Model*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 11-15 July, Bologna, Italy.
51. **Zhang, L.**, & Pan, J. (2021). *How to Select Prior Variance in Bayesian Approximate Measurement Invariance?* The 6th Eastern Chapter of International Society for Bayesian Analysis Conference, 17 November, Virtual.
52. **Zhang, L.**, & Liang, X. (2021). *Bayesian Regularization in Multiple Indicators Multiple Causes Models*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 19-23 July, Virtual. [slides]
53. **Zhang, L.**, Pan, J., & Ip, E.H. (2021). *Comparison between Different Parameter Identification Criteria using the Bayesian Lasso*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 19-23 July, Virtual. [slides]
54. Pan, J., **Zhang, L.**, & Ip, E.H.\* (2021). *Bayesian Covariance Adaptive Lasso Factor Analysis Models with Ordinal Data*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 19-23 July, Virtual.
55. **Zhang, L.**, Pan, J., & Ip, E.H. (2020). *blcfa: An R package for Bayesian Model Modification in Confirmatory Factor Analysis*. International Meeting of Psychometric Society, 14-17 July, Virtual. [slides]
56. **Zhang, L.**, Lu, J., Zhang, Y., & Pan, J. (2019). *The Influence of Social Support on Career Decision-Making Difficulty: Bayesian Modeling Based on Longitudinal Data*. The 22nd National Academic Conference of Psychology, 18-20 Oct, Hangzhou. [poster]
57. Pan, J., **Zhang, L.**, & Ip, E.H. (2018). *Bayesian Lasso Factor Analysis Models with Ordered Categorical Data*. The 13th Cross-Straits Conference on Educational and Psychological Testing, 22-25 Oct, Taiwan.
58. Pan, J., **Zhang, L.**, Ip, E.H. (2017). *Bayesian Lasso Factor Analysis Models with Ordered Categorical Data*. The 20th Chinese Academic Conference of Psychology, 3-5 November, Chongqing.

## **Book Chapter**

59. Pan, J., & **Zhang, L.** (2023). Bayesian Structural Equation Modeling. In *Handbook of Quantitative Methods in Psychological and Behavioral Research*. Wan Juan Methods Series. Beijing Normal University Press.

## **Software Development**

60. **Zhang, L.** (2025). *imv4sem: InterModel Vigorish for Model Comparison in SEM*. Retrievable from <https://github.com/zhanglj37/imv4sem>.
61. **Zhang, L.**, Pan, J., & Ip, E.H. (2020). *blcfa: An R Package for Bayesian Model Modification in Confirmatory Factor Analysis*. Retrievable from <https://github.com/zhanglj37/blcfa>. [7 stars].

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCES IN PSYCHOMETRICS**

Note. [x] refers to the papers in the publication list.

**Domingue Lab, Stanford University**

Advisor: Prof. Ben Domingue

Research Topics: Model Selection [29], Process Data Analysis [3]  
Item Response Models [5,7,13,5,2,30,1]

**Centre for Educational Measurement, University of Oslo**

Date  
PhD Student, 2022 - present

Visiting Student, Summer, 2024



Advisor: Prof. Esther Ulitzsch  
Research Topics: Mixture Modeling<sup>[3,1]</sup>

**Lab for Big Data Methodology, University of Notre Dame** *Visiting Student, Summer, 2021 & 2023*

Advisor: Prof. Zhiyong Johnny Zhang  
Research Topics: Text Mining & Network Analysis<sup>[14]</sup>, Longitudinal Data Analysis<sup>[6]</sup>

**Liang Lab, University of Arkansas** *Visiting Student (Remote), Summer, 2020*

Advisor: Prof. Xinya Liang  
Research Topics: Bayesian Regularization, Structural Equation Modeling<sup>[9,32]</sup>

**Psychological Statistics and Modeling Lab, Sun Yat-sen University** *Graduate Student, 2019 - 2022*

Advisor: Prof. Junhao Pan  
Research Topics: Bayesian Lasso Confirmatory Factor Analysis<sup>[15,19,22,21]</sup>  
Mediation and Moderation Analysis<sup>[26]</sup>, Longitudinal Data Analysis<sup>[23]</sup>

## RESEARCH COLLABORATION ON SUBSTANTIVE TOPICS

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<i>Data Analysis Collaborations with Research Labs in Psychology, Education, and Medicine</i>	<i>Date</i>
· <a href="#">LEVANTE Project</a> , <a href="#">Language &amp; Cognition Lab</a> , Stanford University	2024 - present
· <a href="#">Chariot Program</a> , Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Stanford University <sup>[10,11,12,16]</sup>	2022 - present
· <a href="#">ROAR Project</a> , <a href="#">Brain Development &amp; Education Lab</a> , Stanford University	2024
· PTSD Project, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University <sup>[4]</sup>	2024
· Ni Lab, Center for Social Work and Mental Health Research, Tsinghua University	2020
· Pang Lab, School of International Relations, Sun Yat-sen University	2019 - 2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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· TA, EDUC 400A: Introduction to Statistical Methods in Education, Stanford University	2024
· Instructor, Online Workshop on Bayesian Structural Equation Modeling	2023 - 2025
· Instructor, Online Workshop on Structural Equation Modeling with Mplus	2023 - 2025
· Instructor, Tutorial on PhD Application [ <a href="#">github repo</a> ; ~1,000 stars]	2023
· TA, Workshop on Experience Sampling Method	2022
· TA, Advanced Structural Equation Modeling, Sun Yat-sen University	2021
· TA, Structural Equation Modeling, Sun Yat-sen University	2020
· TA, Psychological Statistics, Sun Yat-sen University	2020

## MENTORSHIPS

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· Sreejith Mohan, Shuman Wang, Tianze Shao, Summer Wu; Graduate Student, Stanford <i>GSE Mentorship Program</i>	2024 - 2026
· Divya Vetticaden; Undergraduate, Stanford University <i>Mentored on DS 120 project: Predictors of Academic Turnarounds in Early Childhood</i>	2025
· Shufang Zheng; Graduate Student, Sun Yat-sen University <i>Mentored on Bayesian multilevel modeling project published in SEM Journal</i>	2022

## AD HOC REVIEWER

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- Structural Equation Modeling
- Journal of Behavioral Data Science
- Science Progress
- British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Psychology

- BMC Medical Research Methodology
- BMC Psychology
- AERA Conference
- R Journal
- Frontiers in Psychology
- Scientific Reports
- Stanford Data Science Conference
- Multivariate Behavioral Research
- Behavior Research Methods
- Computer Applications in Engineering Education

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- National Council on Measurement in Education
- [Graduate Student Committee](#), Psychometric Society. Assisted in organizing the IMPS Datathon.