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EDUCATION

Nanjing University

M.A. in Computational Communication; Advisor: Dr. Cheng-Jun Wang; GPA: 4.60 / 5

Nanjing, China

2023–present

Lanzhou University

B.A. in Broadcasting and Television Studies (graduated with honors); GPA: 3.98 / 5

Lanzhou, China

2019–2023

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- [1] **Zhou, Z.**, & Wang, C.J.* (2025). The Unintended Consequences of Emancipation: The Abolition of Slavery and the Rise of Racist Narratives in Southern U.S. Newspapers (1800-1920). (*SSRN Scholarly Paper No. 5244337*). Social Science Research Network. <https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5244337>.
- [2] Liu, Y., **Zhou, Z.**, & Wang, C.J.* (2025). Unpacking the Black Box of Hostility: Threat Perception, Moral Judgement, and Aggressive Rhetoric in China's Diplomatic Press Conferences.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [3] **Zhou, Z.**, & Ma, Z.* (2025). Evaluating the Brief Resilience Scale in 21 Countries: Psychometric Properties and Measurement Invariance Across Sex, Age, and Countries. *Assessment*. Accepted in August 2025.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [1] **Zhou, Z.**, & Wang, C.J.* (2025). The Unintended Consequences of Emancipation: The Abolition of Slavery and the Rise of Racist Narratives in Southern U.S. Newspapers (1800-1920). Paper presented at *the 111rd Annual National Communication Association Conference (NCA)*, Denver, America.
- [2] Liu, Y., **Zhou, Z.**, & Wang, C.J.* (2025). Unpacking the Black Box of Hostility: Threat Perception, Moral Judgement, and Aggressive Rhetoric in China's Diplomatic Press Conferences. Paper presented at *the 75rd Annual International Communication Association Conference (ICA)*, Denver, America.
- [4] Sun, Y., **Zhou, Z.**, & Wang, C.J.* Building Identity Through Narratives: Who Voices Dissent Within the Party?. Paper presented at *the 107th Annual Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Conference (AEJMC)*, Philadelphia, PA.

UNDER REVIEW

- [2] Liu, Y., **Zhou, Z.**, & Wang, C.J.* (2025). Unpacking the Black Box of Hostility: Threat Perception, Moral Judgement, and Aggressive Rhetoric in China's Diplomatic Press Conferences.

HONORS and AWARDS

- National Encouragement Scholarship for Undergraduate Student Oct 2020
- National Encouragement Scholarship for Undergraduate Student Oct 2021
- Internet+ College Students Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition (Bronze Medalist) May 2022
- International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition (Gold Medalist) Oct 2022
- Graduate Academic First-Class Award (¥12,000) Nov 2024
- the 10th China National Conference on Big Data Social Computing (Second-Class Award ¥5000) Aug 2025

PROJECT

External

- National Social Science Foundation of China (22BXW032), ¥200,000, *Research Fellow* 2022–2025
Project title: *Computational Narrative Research on Chinese Stories and Chinese Voices in the Digital Media Era* (PI: Cheng-Jun Wang)

Internal

- Classification and Prediction of China-Related Sentiment in Twitter Texts, *Collaborator* 2025–present
Primary Responsibilities: *Manually annotated texts on the X platform to validate the reliability of large language model annotations, and used BERT-based deep learning for text sentiment prediction.*
- Distinguished Postgraduate Talent Cultivation Program (2024GYB13), ¥6000, *Collaborator* 2024–2026
Primary Responsibilities: *Analyzed texts of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokespersons using machine learning and text analysis methods.*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Computational Communication Collaboratory, Nanjing University
Student Member

Nanjing, China
Sep 2023–present

SKILLS

- **Statistical Programming / Markup Languages:** Python, R, Stata, SPSS
- **Languages:** Mandarin (Native), English
- **Applications:** Qualtrics, Amazon Mechanical Turk, Photoshop, Premier Pro, Audition
- **sports:** Badminton and Cycling