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Education

Ph.D. in Journalism and Media, The University of Texas at Austin, USA, 2018–2022

- Committee: Iris Chyi (Chair), Min Kyung Lee, Natalie Stroud, Tom Johnson, Wenhong Chen
- Dissertation: Machine heuristic and systematic information processing: A dual processing model of news perceptions in the era of algorithms

M.A. in Journalism, Peking University, China, 2016–2018

- Thesis: The development of Chinese automated journalism

B.A. in Journalism, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China, 2012–2016

B.A. in English (Dual Degree), Wuhan University, China, 2012–2016

Research Interests

My research interests lie at the intersection of communication and human-computer interaction. My work has examined (a) the influence of algorithm-driven technologies such as automated journalism and misinformation detection algorithms on people's attitudes and news consumption behaviors; (b) the political bias in news coverage through NLP techniques; (c) whether automated systems promote or jeopardize democracy.

Professional Experience

(Forthcoming) Assistant Professor, Northeastern University, 2023 Fall

- Assistant Professor in the School of Journalism in the College of Arts, Media, and Design with a joint appointment in the Khoury College of Computer Sciences at Northeastern University.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, 2022–2023

- The Program on Democracy and the Internet (PDI), jointly based at the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society (Stanford PACS) and the Cyber Policy Center (CPC) at Stanford University.

Research Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020–2022

- Human–AI Interaction Lab, School of Information at The University of Texas at Austin.

Publications

My work generally appears in mass communication journals and top-tier AI and HCI venues. Impact factors or acceptance rates are indicated in the publication list.

Peer Reviewed Journal and Conference Publications

1. **Jia, C.**, Boltz, A., Zhang, A., Chen, A., & Lee, M. K. (2022). Understanding effects of algorithmic vs. community label on perceived accuracy of hyper-partisan misinformation. *Proceedings of the ACM: Human Computer Interaction Journal (CSCW 2022)*.
2. Liu, R., **Jia, C.**, Zhang, G., Zhuang, Z., Liu, T., Vosoughi, S. (2022). Second thoughts are best: Learning to re-align with human values from text edits. *Thirty-sixth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2022)*.
3. Liu, R., Gao, C., **Jia, C.**, Xu, G., & Vosoughi, S. (2022). Non-parallel text style transfer with self-parallel supervision. *Proceedings of the Tenth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2022)*.
4. Liu, R., **Jia, C.**, Wei, J., Xu, G., & Vosoughi, S. (2022). Quantifying and alleviating political bias in language models. *The Journal of Artificial Intelligence (AIJ)* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.artint.2021.103654>
5. Fleischmann, K. R., Zhou, L., Xie, B., Lee, M. K., Rich, K., Shiroma, K., **Jia, C.**, & Zimmerman, T. (2022). Trust in COVID-19 public health information. *Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 1–17. <http://doi.org/10.1002/asi.24712>
6. **Jia, C.**, & Liu, R. (2021). Algorithmic or human source? Examining relative hostile media effect with a transformer-based framework. *Media and Communication*. 9(4), 170 – 181. <https://doi.org/10.17645/mac.v9i4.4164>

7. **Jia, C.**, & Johnson, T. (2021). Source credibility matters: Does automated journalism inspire selective exposure? *International Journal of Communication*. 15(2021), 3760 – 3781.
8. Liu, R., Wei, J., **Jia, C.**, & Vosoughi, S. (2021). Modulating language models with emotions. *Proceedings of the Joint Conference of the 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics and the 11th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (ACL-IJCNLP 2021)*.
9. Liu, R., **Jia, C.**, Wei, J., Xu, G., Wang, L., & Vosoughi, S. (2021). Mitigating political bias in language models through reinforced calibration. *Proceedings of the Thirty-Fifth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2021)*. ***Best Paper Award* (3 out of 9071 submissions) (Special Track on AI for Social Impact)**
10. Liu, R., **Jia, C.**, & Vosoughi, S. (2021). A transformer-based framework for flipping political polarity of news articles. *Proceedings of the ACM: Human Computer Interaction Journal (CSCW 2021)*, Vol 5. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3449139>
11. Liu, R., Wang, L., **Jia, C.**, & Vosoughi, S. (2021). Political depolarization of news articles using attribute-aware word embeddings. *Proceedings of the 15th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM 2021)*.
12. **Jia, C.** (2020). Chinese automated news: A comparison between expectations and perceived quality. *International Journal of Communication*. 14(2020), 2611–2632.
13. **Jia, C.**, & Gwizdka, J. (2020). An eye-tracking study of differences in reading between automated news and human-written news. *Information Systems and Neuroscience*. vol 43, 100–110. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-60073-0_12
14. Liu, R., Xu, G., **Jia, C.**, Ma, W., Wang, L., & Vosoughi, S. (2020). Data Boost: Text data augmentation through reinforcement learning guided conditional generation. *Proceedings of 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2020)*. 9031–9041. <http://dx.doi.org/10.18653/v1/2020.emnlp-main.726>

Workshop Papers

15. **Jia, C.**, Zhang, A., Boltz, A., Chen, A., & Lee, M. K. (2022). Algorithmic vs. Community Label Interventions on Perceived Accuracy of Hyper-partisan Misinformation. *Workshop Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM 2022): Mediate 2022 ICWSM workshop*.

Conference Papers

Peer Reviewed Conference Papers

1. Lee, T., Johnson, T., **Jia, C.**, & Lacasa, I. (2022). How social media users become misinformed: The roles of news-finds-me perception, misinformation exposure, and news self-efficacy in covid-19 misperception. Political Communication Division. The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC 2022). August 3-6, 2022, Detroit, MI, USA.
2. Lu, S., & **Jia, C.** (2022). Mitigating psychological reactance in online content moderation: A communication visibility perspective. The 72nd Annual International Communication Association Conference (ICA 2022). May 26-30, 2022, Paris, France.
3. Koo, H. G., Johnson, T., Lee, T., & **Jia, C.** (2021). Politically contested beliefs: Why do conservatives tend to have more inaccurate beliefs about COVID-19? Mass Communication & Society Division. The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC 2021) Summer's Annual Conference, August 4-7, 2021, Virtual Conference.
4. Chen, W., Straubhaar, J., Skouras, M., Santillana, M., Choi, J., & **Jia, C.** (2021). Gloom or Bloom in the Media Wilderness? Media and Entrepreneurship in Rural and Small Town Texas, International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR 2021), July 11 – 15, 2021, Virtual Conference.
5. **Jia, C.**, Johnson, T., Wallace, R., & Lee, T. (2021). News algorithm appreciation or aversion? Examining media trust and algorithm attitudes. The 71st Annual International Communication Association Conference (ICA 2021), Human-Machine Communication Interest Group, May 27–31, 2021, Virtual Conference.
6. **Jia, C.**, & Liu, R. (2021). Examine relative hostile media effect with a transformer-based framework: A computational method to flip the polarity of news headline and body text. The 71st Annual International Communication Association Conference (ICA 2021), Communication & Technology Division, May 27–31, 2021, Virtual Conference.
7. **Jia, C.**, & Johnson, T. (2020). Source credibility matters: Does automated journalism inspire selective exposure? The 70th Annual International Communication Association Conference (ICA 2020), Communication & Technology Division, May 21–25, 2020, Gold Coast, Australia.

8. **Jia, C.,** & Woolley, S. (2020). Social scaffolding or computational propaganda? A comparative analysis of automated journalism in China and the United States. The 70th Annual International Communication Association Conference (ICA 2020), Political Communication Division. May 21–25, 2020, Gold Coast, Australia.
9. Fleischman, K., Bo, Xie., Lee, M., Verma, N., Shiroma, K., Rich, K., Sagna, A., Davis, N., **Jia, C.,** Zhang, A., Zimmerman, T. (2020). Trust in health information about COVID–19: Age, eHealth literacy, and human values. Lightning Talk. The University of Texas COVID–19 Conference, November 10–11, 2020.
10. Verma, N., Fleischmann, K. R., Zhou, L., Xie, B., Lee, M. K., Rich, K., Shiroma, K., **Jia, C.,** & Zimmerman, T. (2021). Aging, human values, and trust in information about covid-19: A cross-sectional survey study. *Aging and Health Informatics Conference*.
11. Shiroma, K., Zimmerman, T., Xie. B., Fleischman, K., Rich, K., Lee, M. K. Verma, N., **Jia, C.,** (2021). Older adults’ trust and distrust in COVID-19 public health information. *Aging and Health Informatics Conference*.
12. **Jia, C.** (2019). Chinese automated news: A comparison between prior expectations and actual perceptions. The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC 2019) Summer’s Annual Conference, The Communication Technology Division, August 7–10, Toronto, Canada.
13. **Jia, C.** (2019). Chinese automated news: Readability, expertise and credibility. The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Mid–winter Conference, The Communication Technology Division, March 1–2, the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, the United States.
14. **Jia, C.,** Yuan, Y., & Wang, Z. (2017). Readability analysis of Chinese and English automated news. International Communication Association (ICA) International New Media Forum, Panel 2: News Production in the Digital Age, November 11, Shanghai, China. (**Top Paper Award.**)
15. **Jia, C.** (2017). The development pattern of WeChat accounts of printed media in Zhejiang province: based on empirical research on *Urban Express*, *Qianjiang Evening News*, and *Hangzhou Daily*. International Symposium on Chinese Newspapers, Panel 2A, June 1 –2, Hong Kong, China.

Grants

1. UT Austin Good Systems Graduate Student Misinformation Grant

“Designing algorithmic nudge to reduce inadvertent COVID–19 misinformation sharing on social media”, \$7,000. Students: Anubrata Das, **Chenyan Jia**, and Shivam Garg (*alphabetical order); Supervisor: Professor Min Kyung Lee, School of Information.

2. UT Austin Misinformation & AI Good Systems Research Initiative

Awards and Honors

Harrington Dissertation Fellowship for 2021-2022, The University of Texas at Austin, 2021.

AAAI-21 Outstanding Paper Award: Special Track on AI for Social Impact, The Thirty–Fifth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2021), 2021.

University Graduate Continuing Fellowship for 2021-2022, The University of Texas at Austin, 2021.

The *Dallas Morning News* Graduate Fellowship for Journalism Innovation, School of Journalism, Moody College of Communication, The University of Texas at Austin, 2018.

The Maxwell McCombs Graduate Student Award for Research Publishing, Jesse H. Jones Centennial Chair in Communication Emeritus, Moody College of Communication, The University of Texas at Austin, 2022, 2020, 2022.

Will H. Mayes Scholarship, School of Journalism Graduate Scholarship Committee, Moody College of Communication, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020.

Professional Development Awards, The Graduate Student School, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020.

Thomas Thompson Award in Journalism, School of Journalism Graduate Scholarship Committee, Moody College of Communication, The University of Texas at Austin, 2019.

Top Paper Award, The International Communication Association (ICA) International New Media Forum, 2017.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

Advanced Studies in Behavior and Social Media, Stanford University, Fall 2022.

- Teaching team member.

Digital Storytelling Basics, Teaching Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, and Spring 2019

- Lab instructor and guest lecturer: teaches video and audio shooting and editing techniques on Adobe Premiere Pro CC and Adobe Audition CC.

The U.S.–China Tango: Technology, Media, and Future, The University of Texas at Austin, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2020

- A university signature course that covers policies and practices of Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, and Cloud Computing in the U.S. and China.

Social Media Journalism, Teaching Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2019

- A web–based course which introduces the top social media platforms. Students learn how to engage audiences, drive traffic and market themselves and their organizations.

Data, Privacy, and You, Teaching Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2018

- Lab instructor and guest lecturer: taught the emergence of data science and big data.

Guest Lectures

- *How AI is used in visual storytelling*, for course Visual Storytelling, Northeastern University, April 6, 2022.
- *Use CloudResearch/MTurk to conduct online experiments*, for course Quantitative Research Methods in Communication, North Dakota State University, February 16, 2022.
- *How to use CloudResearch/MTurk to conduct online experiments*, for course Introduction to Research Methods, The University of Texas at Austin, September 30, 2021.
- *How artificial intelligence and automation are impacting journalism*, for course Digital Storytelling Basics, The University of Texas at Austin, April 2, 2019, October 29, 2019, April 7, 2020, October 27, 2020, and April 1, 2021.
- *A new conversation: How artificial intelligence are impacting our life*, for course The U.S.–China Tango: Technology, Media, and Future, The University of Texas at Austin, October 21, 2020.
- *How automated journalism inspires selective exposure*, for course Media Effects and Politics, The University of Texas at Austin, April 28, 2020.

- *The Snowden leaks: A complex relationship with privacy*, for course Data, Privacy, and You, The University of Texas at Austin, November 20, 2018.

Invited Talks

- *Examine algorithmic bias with human-centered approaches*, College of Arts, Media and Design, Northeastern University, April 6, 2022.
- *Algorithmic decisions and algorithmic bias in the era of Artificial Intelligence*, School of Journalism and Communication, Peking University, April 8, 2022.
- *Algorithmic bias: Does automated journalism reduce bias?* The Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University, Feb 8, 2021.

Service

- Reviewer for *Internet Research*, 2022.
- Reviewer for *New Media and Society*, 2022, 2021, 2020.
- Reviewer for *Media and Communication*, 2020.
- Reviewer for *Communication Research and Practice*, 2020.
- Reviewer for *the 69th Annual International Communication Association Conference (ICA 2019)*.
- Student leader, Digital Media Research Program (DMRP), Moody College of Communication, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020–2021.