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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024 – present **Rutgers University**
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication
School of Communication and Information
- 2022 – 2024 **University of South Florida**
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication
- 2016 – 2022 **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
Knight Scholar/Graduate Project Assistant, Center for Communication and Civic Renewal
Graduate Research Assistant, School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Journalism and Mass Communication

EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
Mass Communications
- 2018 M.A. **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
Journalism and Mass Communication
- 2016 B.A. **Peking University**
Journalism and Sociology

RESEARCH IMPACT

Google Scholar Metrics (August 2025): Citations = 523, h-index = 9

JOURNAL ARTICLES

denotes corresponding author.

* denotes graduate student co-author at the time of submission.

^ denotes shared first-authorship where two authors contribute equally to a publication.

14. #Li, J., Kim, S. J., Muddiman, A. & Saffer, A. J. (In press). Why are people skeptical of social media: Emerging evidence on fostering skepticism to improve accuracy. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*.

13. Li, J. (2025). Not all skepticism is “healthy” skepticism: Theorizing accuracy- and identity-motivated skepticism towards social media misinformation. *New Media & Society*, 27(1), 522–544.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448231179941>

12. **Li, J.**, Borah, P., *Kang, J., *Kim, J., *Okada, T., *Shen, L., *Tao, R., & Yang, S. (2025). Does news literacy help combat misinformation? The interplay of news literacy, political ideology, and ideological media use on COVID-19 misperceptions. *Information, Communication & Society*, 28(9), 1541-1569. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2024.2341000>
11. *Dempsey, S., **Li, J.**, *Witkovsky, B., *Wang, Y., Friedland, L. A., Wagner, M. W., & Shah, D. V. (2025). Manufacturing January 6th: How Republican county parties mobilized anger to #StopTheSteal. *Politics & Society*, 53(1), 130–162. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00323292241279671>
10. #**Li, J.**, & Wagner, M. W. (2024). How do social media users and journalists express concerns about social media misinformation? A computational analysis. *Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*, 5(3). <https://doi.org/10.37016/mr-2020-147>
9. *^Tao, R., ^**Li, J.**, *Shen, L., & Yang, S. (2023). Hope over fear: The interplay between threat information and hope appeal corrections in debunking early COVID-19 misinformation. *Social Science & Medicine*, 333, 116132. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.116132>
8. *Duan, Z., **Li, J.**, Lukito, J., *Yang, K.-C., *Chen, F., Shah, D. V., & Yang, S. (2022). Algorithmic agents in the hybrid media system: Social bots, selective amplification, and partisan news about COVID-19. *Human Communication Research*, 48(3), 516–542. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hcr/hqac012>
7. **Li, J.**, Foley, J. M., *Dumdum, O., & Wagner, M. W. (2022). The power of a genre: Political news presented as fact-checking increases accurate belief updating and hostile media perceptions. *Mass Communication and Society*, 25(2), 282–307. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15205436.2021.1924382>
6. Lukito, J., Loya, L., Dávalos, C., **Li, J.**, Tong, C., & McLeod, D. M. (2021). Chiming in: A computer-assisted analysis of popular musicians’ political engagement on Twitter. *Social Media + Society*, 7(2), 20563051211019012. <https://doi.org/10.1177/20563051211019013>
5. **Li, J.**, & Wagner, M. W. (2020). The value of not knowing: Partisan cue-taking and belief updating of the uninformed, the ambiguous, and the misinformed. *Journal of Communication*, 70(5), 646–669. <https://doi.org/10.1093/joc/jqaa022>
4. **Li, J.** (2020). Toward a research agenda on political misinformation and corrective information. *Political Communication*, 37(1), 125–135. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2020.1716499>
3. **Li, J.**, & Su, M.-H. (2020). Real talk about fake news: Identity language and disconnected networks of the US public’s “fake news” discourse on Twitter. *Social Media + Society*, 6(2), 2056305120916841. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2056305120916841>
2. Tong, C., Gill, H., **Li, J.**, Valenzuela, S., & Rojas, H. (2020). “Fake news is anything they say!”—conceptualization and weaponization of fake news among the American public. *Mass Communication and Society*, 23(5), 755–778. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15205436.2020.1789661>

1. Li, J., Conathan, D., & Hughes, C. (2017). Rethinking emotional desensitization to violence: Methodological and theoretical insights from social media data. *Proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Social Media & Society*, 1–5. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3097286.3097333>

BOOK CHAPTERS

5. Dempsey, S., & Li, J. (2024). The local roots of January 6th: A mixed-methods, multi-level approach to political communication. In K. C. White, D. Kreiss, S. C. McGregor, & R. Tromble (Eds.), *Media and January 6th* (pp. 173-182). Oxford University Press.
4. Li, J., Friesen, A., & Wagner, M. W. (2023). Faith, source credibility, and trust in pandemic information. In P. A. Djupe & A. Friesen (Eds.), *An epidemic among my people: Religion, politics, and COVID-19 in the United States* (pp. 140-158). Temple University Press.
3. Friedland, L. A., Shah, D. V., Wagner, M. W., Wells, C., Cramer, K. J., Pevehouse, J., Lukito, J., Dempsey S., Suk, J., Li, J., Yang, E., Foley, J., Hughes, C., Busch, M. S., Sun, Z., Duan, Z., & Franklin, C. (2022). Studying the Wisconsin communication ecology. *Battleground: Asymmetric communication ecologies and the erosion of civil society in Wisconsin* (pp. 28-44). Cambridge University Press.
2. Friedland, L. A., Shah, D. V., Wagner, M. W., Wells, C., Cramer, K. J., Pevehouse, J., Suk, J., Lukito, J., Dempsey S., & Li, J. (2022). Immigration: Complex issues and conservative asymmetries. *Battleground: Asymmetric communication ecologies and the erosion of civil society in Wisconsin* (pp. 44-56). Cambridge University Press.
1. Thorson, E. A., & Li, J. (2021). The effect of corrections and corrected misinformation. In H. Tumber & S. Waisbord (Eds.), *The Routledge companion to media disinformation and populism* (pp. 558-568). Routledge.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. Li, J., Scacco, J. M., Muddiman, A., & Saffer, A. J. Affective evaluation networks: Charting the interdependence of affects toward identity groups in communication. Under Review at *Journal of Communication*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

3. Li, J., Scacco, J. M., Muddiman, A., & Saffer, A. J. Authenticate for the right reasons? Effects of audience authentication acts on misinformation beliefs are conditional on accuracy-motivated skepticism. Working Paper.
2. Li, J., Diab, A., & Scacco, J. M. Media (dis)trust in digital discourses around Black-Asian conflict and solidarity. Working Paper.

1. Suh, Y. J., **Li, J.**, Lukito, J., Yang, E., Suk, J., Shah, D. V., & Wagner, M. W. Framing Black Lives Matter: The persistence of language cues over identity, context, and media use. Working Paper.

RESEARCH AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 ***Thomas E. Patterson Best Dissertation Award***, American Political Science Association, Political Communication Division. Awarded to dissertation “False beliefs and ‘healthy’ skepticism: Understanding the multilevel and enduring challenges of misinformation.”
- 2023 ***Paper of the Year***, *Mass Communication & Society*. Award to first-authored paper “The power of a genre: Political news presented as fact-checking increases accurate belief updating and hostile media perceptions.”
- 2022 ***Top Student Paper***, International Communication Association, Political Communication Division. Awarded to first-authored paper “Framing Black Lives Matter: The persistence of language cues over identity, context, and media use.”
- 2021 ***Top Poster Paper***, International Communication Association, Political Communication Division. Awarded to first-authored paper “Partisanship in context: The asymmetric influence of local newspaper availability and selective exposure on political misperceptions in the U.S.”
- 2019 ***Top Student Paper***, 3rd place, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Political Communication Division. Awarded to co-authored paper “#Donatenow!: A computer-assisted analysis of musicians’ political engagement on Twitter.”

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

External Research Funding:

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| 2020 – 2021 | SSRC Social Data Dissertation Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, in support of data collection for “Theorizing Social Media Skepticism: Differential Influence of Accuracy and Directional Motivated Skepticism on Selective Exposure, Misinformation Discernment and Election Legitimacy.” PI (US \$15,000) |
| 2020 – 2021 | The International Fact-Checking Network, in support of “Identifying and Implementing Effective Visual Enhancements to Correct High-Priority COVID-19 Misinformation.” This project is among 6 projects selected from 114 initial submissions to join the International Fact-Checking Network’s CoronaVirusFacts Alliance. Co-Investigator (US \$9,658) |
| 2015 | China National Journalism Student Academic Paper Competition, 1 st Prize (¥ 4,000, equivalent to ~ US \$640 in 2015) |

Jianing Li

2014 – 2015 Beijing College Students' Scientific Research and Entrepreneurial Plan Fellowship (¥ 1,000, equivalent to ~ US \$160 in 2015)

Internal Research Funding:

2025 – 2027 Grants for Team-based Faculty Research (GTFR), School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University, in support of “Crisis Communication Over Encrypted Mobile Messaging Apps for Vulnerable Populations.” Co-PI (US \$24,500).

2021 – 2022 Helen Firstbrook Franklin Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Wisconsin-Madison (US \$22,909 + full tuition remission)

2021 Dissertation Research Funds, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Wisconsin-Madison (US \$1,000)

2017 – 2020 Graduate Student Research Funds, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Wisconsin-Madison (US \$3,000 in total, \$1,000 in each academic year)

2018 – 2019 Student Research Grants Competition Conference Presentation Funds, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison (US \$1,200)

Scholarships:

2015 – 2016 Hang Seng Bank Scholarship, Peking University (¥ 4,000, equivalent to ~ US \$600 in 2016)

2013 – 2014 Mr. Leo Scholarship, Peking University (¥ 10,000, equivalent to ~ US \$1,600 in 2014)

2012 – 2013 National Scholarship, Peking University (¥ 8,000, equivalent to ~ US \$1,280 in 2013)

INVITED RESEARCH TALKS

8. “Media, technology change, and democratic threats,” Invited talk at “Threats to democracies: A transatlantic workshop on media and the 2024 elections,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October 23-24, 2024.

7. “Text as data,” Invited talk at Summer Institute in Computational Social Science-Rutgers, June 19, 2024.

6. “Information quality in the digital age: Challenges & strategies for journalists,” Invited talk at Center for Sustainable Democracy, University of South Florida, January 30, 2024.
5. “Media literacy and information quality in the digital age,” Invited talk at College of Arts & Sciences Democracy and Citizenship Speaker Series, University of South Florida, April 18, 2023.
4. “How local GOP Facebook pages message about #StopTheSteal,” Invited talk at the Project for Sustainable Democracy, University of South Florida, April 4, 2023.
3. “Not all skepticism is ‘healthy’ skepticism: Theorizing skepticism towards social media misinformation,” Invited talk at the Applied Epistemology Project, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 9-10, 2022.
2. “Weaponization of ‘fake news’ and partisan discourses in the US,” Invited talk at the Tech for Democracy Conference, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Global Action, November 11, 2021.
1. “Multilevel dynamics and enduring challenges of misinformation,” Invited talk at Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California, April 14, 2021.

COMPETITIVELY SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

37. Muddiman, A., Scacco, J. M., Saffer, A. J., & Li, J. (2025, September 11-14). *Public support for news coverage of democratic processes* [Conference paper]. American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
36. Li, J., Scacco, J. M., Muddiman, A., Saffer, A. J., & Zhao, Y. (2025, June 12-16). *Affect and power in a divided political climate: The informational, communicative, and democratic consequences of social affective evaluation and partisan affective polarization* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, United States.
35. Saffer, A. J., Scacco, J. M., & Li, J. (2025, June 12-16). *Tool demo: Computational identity detection and attentive publics* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, United States.
34. Li, J., Diab, A., & Scacco, J. M. (2024, September 5-8). *Racialized misinformation, correction and Black-Asian solidarity on social media* [Conference paper]. American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.
33. Saffer, A. J., Li, J., & Scacco, J. M. (2024, September 4). *Developing computational means of identity detection in political communication* [Conference paper]. American Political Science Association Political Communication Pre-conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.
32. Saffer, A. J., Scacco, J. M., & Li, J. (2024, August 8-11). *Emergent identity publics and the dynamics of communicative domain crossing* [Conference paper]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

31. **Li, J.** (2023, November 15-19). *Anti-Black disinformation, corrections, and Black-Asian solidarity building in discussions of violence against Asians across social media platforms* [Conference paper]. National Communication Association Annual Conference, National Harbor, MD, United States.
30. Dempsey, S., **Li, J.**, Witkovsky, B., Wang, Y., Friedland, L. A., Wagner, M. W., & Shah, D. V. (2023, August 17-21). *The local roots of January 6th: Election fraud claims on local GOP Facebook pages in six swing states* [Conference paper]. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.
29. **Li, J.** (2023, August 31-September 3). *Theorizing accuracy and identity-motivated skepticism towards misinformation* [Conference paper]. American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Virtual.
28. **Li, J.** (2023, May 25-29). *Not all skepticism is “healthy” skepticism: Theorizing accuracy- and identity-motivated skepticism towards social media misinformation* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.
27. **Li, J.**, Lukito, J., Yang, E., Suk, J., Shah, D. V., & Wagner, M. W. (2022, May 26-30). *Framing Black Lives Matter: The persistence of language cues over identity, context, and media use* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Paris, France, and Virtual.
26. **Li, J.**, Borah, P., Kang, J., Kim, J., Okada, T., Shen, L., Tao, R., & Yang, S. (2022, May 26-30). *News literacy matters, but for whom?: Political asymmetry in the effects of news literacy on COVID-19 health and political misperceptions* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Paris, France, and Virtual.
25. Wagner, M. W., **Li, J.**, Dempsey, S., & Friedland, L. A. (2022, May 26-30). *The coverage gap: How the news agenda Americans want compared to the news agenda they perceive affects media trust in the U.S.* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Paris, France, and Virtual.
24. Yang, S., Shen, L., **Li, J.**, Tao, R., Okada, T., & Borah, P. (2022, May 26-30). *Applying the Hornik & Woolf approach to identify high-priority COVID-19 misinformation for vaccine promotion* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Paris, France, and Virtual.
23. Jiang, X., Wang, Y., **Li, J.**, Kim, J., Qin, A., Yang, E., Wagner, M. W., Shah, D. V., & Wells, C. (2022, May 26-30). *Perceptions of partisan news use and the dynamics of political conversation in the United States* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Paris, France, and Virtual.
22. **Li, J.**, & Wagner, M. W. (2021, May 27-31). *Partisanship in context: The asymmetric influence of local newspaper context and selective exposure on political misperceptions in the U.S.* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Virtual.

21. **Li, J.**, Tao, R., Shen, L., & Yang, S. (2021, May 27-31). *Hope over fear: The effectiveness of hope appeal enhancements to debunk COVID-19 misinformation amid heightened threat* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Virtual.
20. **Li, J.** (2021, May 27). *Theorizing social media skepticism: How two distinct types of skepticism impact information behaviors and election legitimacy* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Political Communication Division PhD Student Pre-conference, Virtual.
19. Duan, Z., **Li, J.**, Lukito, J., Chen, X., Shah, D., & Yang, S. (2021, May 27-31). *Bot as strategic communicator in the digital public space: Evidence for algorithmic agenda-setting during the COVID-19 pandemic* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Virtual.
18. **Li, J.**, & Wagner, M. W. (2021, September 30-October 3). *A multilevel approach to COVID-19 misperceptions* [Conference paper]. American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA and Virtual.
17. Shen, L., **Li, J.**, Tao, R., Minich, M., Okada, T., Borah, P., & Yang, S. (2021, October 24-27). *Diverging roles of COVID-19 misperceptions in predicting vaccination intentions: Implications for communication campaigns* [Conference paper]. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO and Virtual.
16. Friesen, A., Gruszczynski, M., **Li, J.**, & Wagner, M. W. (2021, April 14-18). *What we talk about when we talk about politics: The gendered content of political conversations* [Conference paper]. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Virtual.
15. **Li, J.**, Suk, J., Lukito, J., Hughes, C., Foley, J., Friedland, L., Wells, C., Shah, D., & Wagner, M. W. (2020, August 6-9). *When the desert matters: Contextual differences in local news environment and polarized perceptions of local economy* [Conference paper]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Virtual.
14. Duan, Z., **Li, J.**, Lukito, J., Chen, X., & Yang, S. (2020, July 12-17). *Bot or not? Algorithm-driven public opinion during the global coronavirus crisis* [Conference paper]. International Association for Media and Communication Research Annual Conference, Virtual.
13. **Li, J.**, & Su, M. (2019, August 29-September 1). *Identity language and disconnected networks of the US public's "fake news" discourse on Twitter* [Conference paper]. American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C., United States.
12. **Li, J.**, & Su, M. (2019, May 24-28). *"The true enemy of the people": Linguistic analysis of anti-media populism in the U.S. public's "fake news" Twitter discourse* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C., United States.
11. Tong, C., Gill, H., **Li, J.**, Valenzuela, S., & Rojas, H. (2019, May 24-28). *"Fake news is anything they say!" - articulation and weaponization of fake news among the American public* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C., United States.

10. Kim, S. J., Tao, R., **Li, J.**, & Rojas, H. (2019, May 24-28). *Does commenting on Facebook lead to civic deliberation? The effect of commenting on discussion diversity and discussion cessation* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C., United States.
9. Lukito, J., Loya, L., Davalos, C., **Li, J.**, & Tong, C. (2019, August 7-10). *#Donatenow!: A computer-assisted analysis of musicians' political engagement on Twitter* [Conference paper]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.
8. **Li, J.**, & Wagner, M. W. (2018, November 16-17). *Audiences are uninformed rather than misinformed of the facts verified by fact-checking* [Conference paper]. Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.
7. **Li, J.** (2018, August 6-9). *Correcting misinformation at the local level? Potential for local media's fact-checking on local issues* [Conference paper]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Washington D.C, United States.
6. **Li, J.**, Foley, J., Dumdum, O., & Wagner, M. W. (2018, August 6-9). *To label or not to label? Hostile perceptions of fact-checks and their sources in the United States* [Conference paper]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Washington D.C, United States.
5. **Li, J.** (2018, May 29-June 3). *The gaps in between: Why audiences don't believe fact checkers* [Conference paper]. International Summer School on Trust in Mediated Communication, Münster, Germany.
4. Chen, J., Tay, S. K., Su, M., Wu, J., Tao, R., Myung, E., **Li, J.**, Kim, S., Yu, M., Aguilar, M., & Riddle, K. (2018, May 24-28). *College students and mobile games: An exploratory look at factors predicting problematic gaming* [Conference paper]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Prague, Czech Republic.
3. **Li, J.**, Conathan, D., & Hughes, C. (2017, July 28-30). *Rethinking emotional desensitization to violence: Methodological and theoretical insights from social media data* [Conference paper]. International Conference on Social Media & Society, Toronto, Canada.
2. **Li, J.**, & Chen, J. (2017, February 24-25). *How weight management videos on YouTube affect self-efficacy: Gender difference as a moderator* [Conference paper]. Gender & Women's Studies Graduate Student Conference, Madison, WI, United States.
1. **Li, J.**, & Wang, Q. (2015, July 30-31). *Interaction mechanism between environmental NGOs and government in China* [Conference paper]. East Asian Social Policy Annual Conference, Singapore.

PUBLIC FACING ESSAYS

4. Dempsey, S., Witkovsky, B., **Li, J.**, & Wagner, M. W. (2024, October 11). Swing-state GOP leaders amplified election denial in 2020 -- and may do so again. *The Conversation*.

3. Li., J. (2022, February 3). Good skeptic, bad skeptic: How types of skepticism towards social media misinformation influence how people use social media and understand politics. *MediaWell*.
2. Li., J., Wagner, M. W., Friedland, L. A., & Shah, D. V. (2020, December 8). When do voters support Black Lives Matter or the Green New Deal? *The Washington Post*.
1. Li., J., & Wagner, M. W. (2020, May 27). When are readers likely to believe a fact-check? *Brookings TechStream*.

COURSES TAUGHT

Rutgers University:

16: 194: 670 Communication Theory and Misinformation Dynamics (Ph.D. seminar, in-person, cross-listed with the Master of Communication and Media program as 17: 194: 501), Instructor of Record, 2025 Fall

04: 192: 466 Audience and Market Analysis (Undergraduate communication major elective, hybrid), Instructor of Record, 2024 Fall, 2025 Spring, 2025 Fall

- Student evaluation (most recent): 4.7/5

University of South Florida:

SPC6934: Communication, Technology, and Society (Ph.D. seminar, in-person), Instructor of Record, 2024 Spring

- Student evaluation: 4.9/5

COM7325: Computational Communication (Ph.D. seminar, in-person), Instructor of Record, 2023 Spring

- Student evaluation: 5/5

SPC 3544: Persuasion and Media (Undergraduate communication major core course, hybrid), Instructor of Record, 2022 Fall, 2023 Fall

- Student evaluation (most recent): 4.9/5

University of Wisconsin-Madison:

J566: Communication and Public Opinion (Undergraduate journalism major elective, in-person), Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2019 Spring

- Student evaluation: 4.4/5

J201: Introduction to Mass Communication (Undergraduate journalism major core course, in-person), Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2016 Fall, 2017 Spring, 2018 Spring

- Student evaluation (most recent): 4.8/5

STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORING

Co-advisor:

- Mitchell Popovic (M.A., graduated 2023), University of South Florida
- Zakaria Khan (M.A., graduated 2025), University of South Florida

Dissertation committee member:

- Andrew J. Anderson (Ph.D. student, expected 2026), University of South Florida

Independent study:

- Danielle Johnson (Ph.D. student, 2024 Summer), University of South Florida
- Zakaria Khan (M.A. student, 2024 Summer), University of South Florida

Supervision of graduate student research assistant:

- Eunbin Ha (Ph.D. student, 2025 – present), Rutgers University
- Yi Zhao (Ph.D. student, 2024 – 2025), Rutgers University
- Aya Diab (Ph.D. student, 2023 – 2024), University of South Florida

GUEST LECTURES

16: 194: 623 Research Design, December 11, 2025, Rutgers University
Title: Computational Communication Research

16: 194: 623 Research Design, December 3, 2024, Rutgers University
Title: Human and Computer-Assisted Content Analysis

16: 194: 601 Communication, Information and Media Pro-Seminar, November 13, 2024, Rutgers University
Title: Research on Social Media Skepticism and Misinformation

OTHER PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Speaker, Teaching Incubator, School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University, 2025 Spring

Participant, PhD Faculty Workshop on Best Practices for Mentoring PhD Advisees, School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University, 2025 Spring

Participant, Virtual Teaching Reflections with Drs. Susan Keith and Sharon Stoerger, School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University, 2025 Spring

Participant, Teaching in the Present Moment Discussion, School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University, 2024 Fall

Certificate in Inclusive and Equitable Pedagogy, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, University of South Florida, 2023 Spring

Participant, Decolonizing Communication Pedagogy: Principles and Practices, ICA Blue Sky Workshop, 2023 Spring

Participant, Academic Ableism and its Alternatives Workshop, Department of Communication, University of South Florida, 2023 Spring

Participant, First Fridays Workshop - Building Community Using a Course Covenant, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, University of South Florida, 2022 Fall

Participant, IEP Workshop Series: Diversifying Content and Facilitating Conversations, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, University of South Florida, 2022 Fall

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Service to the Discipline:

Leadership:

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| 2025-2026 | Program Chair, Information Technology and Politics Section, American Political Science Association |
| 2025 | PhD Symposium Co-Chair, 17th ACM Web Science Conference |

Award reviewer:

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| 2025 | Member, Best Conference Paper Award Committee, Information Technology and Politics Section, American Political Science Association |
| 2025 | Member, Travel Grant Award Committee, 17th ACM Web Science Conference |
| 2024 | Chair, Thomas E. Patterson Best Dissertation Award Committee, Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association |
| 2023 | Member, Doris Graber Outstanding Book Award Committee, Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association |

Ad hoc reviewer for peer-reviewed journals:

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| 2019 – present | <i>Social Media + Society</i> (× 9) |
| 2019 – present | <i>New Media & Society</i> (× 5) |
| 2023 – present | <i>Communication Research</i> (× 4) |
| 2022 – present | <i>Human Communication Research</i> (× 3) |
| 2020 – present | <i>Information, Communication and Society</i> (× 3) |
| 2023 – present | <i>Journal of International & Intercultural Communication</i> (× 3) |
| 2022 – present | <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> (× 3) |
| 2021 – present | <i>Political Communication</i> (× 2) |
| 2020 – present | <i>Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review</i> (× 2) |
| 2025 | <i>Political Behavior</i> (× 1) |

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2024	<i>Journalism Studies</i> (× 1)
2023	<i>Journalism</i> (× 1)
2023	<i>Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics</i> (× 1)
2020	<i>American Political Science Review</i> (× 1)
2020	<i>Electoral Studies</i> (× 1)
2020	<i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> (× 1)

Conference paper reviewer:

2017 – present	Political Communication Division, International Communication Association
2018 – 2020	Political Communication Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication
2017 – 2020	Mass Communication Division, International Communication Association
2017 – 2020	Communication and Technology Division, International Communication Association

Professional development:

2025	Mentor, ICA Political Communication Division Mentorship Program
2023	Panelist, ICA 2023 Blue Sky SECAC Skills Workshop: Show Me the Money - Grant Writing 101 in an Era of Shrinking Academic Budgets
2023	Panelist, Job Market Workshop, University of Texas at Austin, School of Journalism and Media
2020	Co-organizer, Pol Comm ICA 2020 Grad Event: Social Media and Mis/Dis-information

Service to the Department, School, & University:

Department level (at Rutgers University):

2025	Member, Interview with PhD Applicants (× 7), Department of Communication
2024 – present	Member, AI Curriculum Development Ad Hoc Committee, Department of Communication
2024	Member, Interview with Candidates for Assistant Professor of Organizational Communication (Zoom Interview × 4, In-Person Meeting × 2), Department of Communication

School level (at Rutgers University):

2025	Faculty Mentor, PhD Winter Writing Workshop, School of Communication and Information
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University of South Florida:

2023 – 2024	Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Health Disparities, Department of Communication
2023 – 2024	Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Communication
2023 – 2024	Member, Research Committee, Department of Communication
2023	Member, Assistant Professor of Instruction Candidate Interview with Faculty, Department of Communication

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- 2023 Member, Faculty-Student Meeting with Prospective Graduate Students on Recruiting Visit, Department of Communication,
2022 Member, NCA Graduate Student Recruitment Open House, Department of Communication

University of Wisconsin-Madison:

- 2023 Panelist, Alumni Panel on Navigating the Academic Job Market, School of Journalism and Mass Communication
2020 Co-organizer, GradChat: Black Lives Matter, School of Journalism and Mass Communication
2020 Co-organizer, Fracturing Democracy: The Erosion of Civil Society in a Shifting Communication Ecology Conference, Center for Communication and Civic Renewal

Service to the Community:

- 2020 Content and research support, COVID-19 Wisconsin Connect.
Developed by Wisconsin Department of Health Services and UW-Madison's Center for Health Enhancement Systems Studies, COVID-19 Wisconsin Connect was a desktop and mobile app that provided social support and informational resources for Wisconsin residents. I provided content and research support for the app.
2020 Research consultations, Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism & Center for Journalism Ethics.
Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism and the Center for Journalism Ethics at the UW-Madison provide resources for local journalists in Wisconsin. I produced research memos and provided consultations in support for the development of reporters' toolkits.