Ruoxiao Su

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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, TX, U.S.

May 2027 Ph.D., Organizational Communication & Technology

(expected) Advisor: Dr. Keri K. Stephens

M.S., Statistics (pursuing)

University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), Hefei, China

June 2023 Master, Journalism & Communication

Advisor: Dr. Mengxiao Zhu

June 2020 B.E., Polymer Materials & Engineering; B.A., Communication

EXPERTISE

Research Skills

Interdisciplinary and international collaboration, Project management, Study design, Literature reviews, Critical thinking, Data collection, Quantitative analysis, Computational analysis, Qualitative analysis, Research writing and presentation

Data Analysis

- Human-Centered Data Collection: Survey, Experimental, Eye tracking, Social media data
- Qualitative Analysis: Interview, Focus group, Coding, Content analysis
- Quantitative Analysis: Regression, ANOVA, Structural equation model
- Computational Analysis: Natural language processing, Machine learning, BERT, Deep learning, Large language model, Transformer, Classifier, Social network analysis, Agent-based modeling
- Data Visualization
- Phonetics Analysis

Programming

R, Python (pandas, numpy, etc.), C/C++, MATLAB, NetLogo

Technology

MS Office, SPSS, Adobe Audition, Premiere, Photoshop, Gephi, Praat, Canvas

Language Chinese, English, Japanese

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- **Su, R.**, Stephens, K. K., McGlone, M. S., Jia, M. (2024). One HPV vaccination message does not fit all: Differences between young adults deciding to be vaccinated and parents deciding for their children. *Health Communication*. https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2024.2417115
- Zhu, M., Su, R., Liu, L., Contractor, N. (2024). Communicate or not: Exploring the different effects of instrumental and expressive networks on thriving at work. *Journal of Management & Organization*. https://doi.org/10.1017/jmo.2024.5
- Zhu, M., Liu, L., **Su, R.**, Contractor, N. (2023). Revisiting the effects of social networks on enterprise collaboration technology use: A fuzzy-set qualitative comparative analysis approach. *Decision Support System*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dss.2023.114017

- Su, R., Stephens, K. K., McGlone, M. S., Jia, M. (2025, June). When agentic pneumonia meets older adults: Will it persuade older adults to vaccinate or backfire?. *International Communication Association (ICA) Conference*, Denver, CO, U.S.
- Jung, S., **Su**, **R**. (2025, June). 'Thank you all for following my journey': Exploring the self-narratives and user engagement of disability community on TikTok. *International Communication Association (ICA) Conference*, Denver, CO, U.S.
- Su, R., Stephens, K. K., McGlone, M. S., Jia, M. (2024, November). One HPV Vaccination Message Does Not Fit All: Differences Between Young Adults Deciding to be Vaccinated and Parents Deciding for Their Children. *National Communication Association (NCA)* Conference, New Orleans, LA, U.S.
- **Su, R.** (2024, November). Females are More Socially Embedded: Understanding Knowledge Hiding from a Social Network Approach. *National Communication Association (NCA) Conference*, New Orleans, LA, U.S.
- **Su, R.**, Liu, L., Zhu, M., Su, C., Xu, Q. (2023, May). A daily study on the relationship between work-family conflict and knowledge hiding: Moderating roles of social networks. 73rd

 Annual International Communication Association Conference (ICA). Toronto, Canada.
- Liu, L., Zhu, M., **Su, R.**, Wang, X., Xu, Q. (2023, May). Investigating the role of advice relations on employee creativity: A social network perspective. *73rd Annual International Communication Association Conference*. Toronto, Canada.
- **Su, R.**, Zhu, M., Liu, L., DeChurch, L., Contractor, N. (2022, May). Explaining thriving at work and job satisfaction: Exploring the different roles of the instrumental and the expressive networks. 72nd Annual International Communication Association Conference. Paris, France.
- Liu, L., Zhu, M., **Su, R.**, DeChurch, L., Contractor, N. (2022, May). Understanding the dynamic role of social networks in technology-based collaboration in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. 72nd Annual International Communication Association Conference. Paris, France.
- Chen, X., Yao, Y., **Su**, **R.** (2021, July). Digital self-disclosure and social support—Online health community use for families with autism. *China Sociology Association Annual Conference*. Chongqing, China. (presenter)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024 - present

Research Assistant, UT Austin, Moody College of Communication Identifying How to Communicate Uncertainty and Risk Through Visualization of

Flood Data. Research conducted with Dr. Keri Stephens (PI).

- Conducted literature reviews and drafted practical recommendations for visualizing flood risk information for laypeople and technical persons
- Developed assessment criteria for flood data dashboards and evaluated major tools
- Designed an experiment to test the most effective visualization of flood risks

2023 – present

Research Assistant, UT Austin, Moody College of Communication

Messaging Strategies for Increasing HPV Vaccination Intentions. Research conducted with Dr. Keri Stephens (PI) and Dr. Matthew McGlone.

- Conducted experimental data analysis (ANOVA, regression, and factorial design)
- Composed the manuscript and submitted to peer-review journal (under minor revision)

2022 – 2023 Research Assistant & Project Coordinator, USTC

Multimodal Communication of HPV Vaccine on Social Media. Research conducted with Dr. Mengxiao Zhu and Dr. Cuihua Shen.

- Scheduled project meetings
- Managed 100GB+ multimodal big data set on the online server
- Involved in theoretical development
- Analyzed multimodal media with computational methods (Whisper and BERTopic) and phonetics analysis methods
- Wrote the manuscript (in progress)

2022 Research Assistant & Project Coordinator, USTC

Misinformation Spreading on Social Media. Research conducted with Dr. Yongdong Zhang (PI) and Dr. Mengxiao Zhu (Co-PI).

- Analyzed large-scale social media user behavioral data
- Simulated misinformation spreading models with agent-based modeling (NetLogo)
- Composed research reports of over 30,000 words

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, UT Austin SP 2025 Course: Digital Communication FA 2024 Course: Working Virtually SP 2024 Course: Interpersonal Communication Theory FA 2023 Course: Nonverbal Communication

Teaching Assistant, USTC

SP 2022, FA

Course: Social Network Analysis

2022

- Collaborated with the international teaching team
- Organized weekly teaching meetings
- Held lab sessions, and tutored student class projects

FA 2019, SP

Course: Safety in the Chemical Lab

2020, FA 2020,

• Designed virtual experiment platform

SP 2021, FA

Managed class materials on the MOOC platform

2021

• Analyzed student online engagement data

• Hosted remote lectures for students from 5+ universities

TEACHING EVALUATION

FA 2024, Working Virtually

- "During our lectures, she was always very approachable and helpful in any way we needed related to the course content."
- "She was very knowledgeable about the subject"
- "I loved when she presented to the class."

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Lab Manager OPTIC Lab, Moody College of Communication, UT Austin, June

2024 – present

Outreach Assistant College of Natural Sciences, UT Austin, Summer 2024

Volunteer National Communication Association Conference, November 2023

Mentor Assistant for Undergraduate Students School of Chemistry & Materials Science, USTC, September 2020 –

June 2023

Session Host and

International Communication Association (ICA) Regional Hub in

Volunteer

Hefei, China, May 2022

Volunteer ICA Regional Hub in Hefei, China, May 2021

Vice Chief of Secretary Graduates' Union of School of Humanities & Social Sciences,

USTC, September 2020 – August 2021

Volunteer Committee of International Student Admissions, International

College, USTC, November 2020 – April 2021