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Research Interests HCI, Privacy, Human-Centered AI Privacy, Responsible Technology

Education **Ph.D. student in Computer Science** Boston, US
Northeastern University (NEU) Sept 2024 - present
Supervisor: Dr. Tianshi Li

M.Sc. in Industrial Design (HCI Track) Eindhoven, Netherlands
Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e) Sept 2018 - Aug 2020
Supervisor: Dr. Emilia I. Barakova

B.Eng. in Industrial Design China & UK
Dual degree, First Class Honours, Top 1 Sept 2014 - Jul 2018
University of Liverpool (UoL), Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
Supervisor: Dr. Martijn ten Bhömer

Awards & Activities IF Design Award Winner 2024
 Reddot Award Winner 2023
 IF Talent Award Winner 2020
 Alibaba High-level Talents Scholarship 2020
 Dutch Design Week Exhibitor 2018
 China-U.S Young Maker Competition Final Excellence Award 2018
 Best Overall Academic Performance (Top 1) 2018
 Academic Achievement Award Scholarship (Top 5%) 2017
 Academic Excellence Award Scholarship (Top 10%) 2016
 COMAP's Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling - 2016
 Achievement Meritorious Winer (Top 5%)

Peer-reviewed
conference and
journal papers **[C.3] Secret Use of Large Language Model (LLM)**
Zhiping Zhang, Chenxinran Shen, Bingsheng Yao, Dakuo Wang, Tianshi Li.
In CSCW 2025

[C.2] **“It’s a Fair Game”, or Is It? Examining How Users Navigate Disclosure Risks and Benefits When Using LLM-Based Conversational Agents**

Zhiping Zhang, Michelle Jia, Hao-Ping (Hank) Lee, Bingsheng Yao, Sauvik Das, Ada Lerner, Dakuo Wang, Tianshi Li.

In Proceedings of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '24)

[C.1] **Robot role design for implementing social facilitation theory in musical instruments practicing**

Heqiu Song, *Zhiping Zhang*, Emilia I. Barakova, Jaap Ham, Panos Markopoulos

In Proceedings of the 2020 ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI '20).

SIG/Workshop

[S.1] **Human-Centered Privacy Research in the Age of Large Language Models**

Tianshi Li, Sauvik Das, Hao-Ping (Hank) Lee, Dakuo Wang, Bingsheng Yao, *Zhiping Zhang*

In Proceedings of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '24)

Research
Experience

CompLING Lab, University of Waterloo

June 2025 - present

Worked on personalization issues regarding LM agents.

PEACH Lab, NEU

June 2024 - present

Worked on human-centered research on language models and language model-based agents.

Human-Centered AI lab, NEU

May 2023 - May 2024

Leaded human-centered research on LLM-based conversational agents. First-authored paper published in CHI '24.

Social Robotics Lab, TU/e

Feb - June 2019

Worked on social robot for children instrument practicing. Robot role design and behavior programming based on social facilitation theory. Conducted field test with Wo-Z method. Co-authored paper published in HRI'20.

Commuity Service

External Reviewer

✿ Received “special recognitions” for outstanding reviews for CHI 2025
2025: CHI 2025 , IMWUT 2025, UIST 2025
2024: CSCW 2024, CUI 2024

Industry
Experience

- AI Product Manager, Fiture** Sept 2021 - Apr 2023
Exploration with cutting-edge technologies for AI-power home gym equipment.
To bridge the gap between algorithm development and real products.
NLP: define and design Voice Assistant with intuitive natural language interactions, system control, course search and recommendation system.
CV: AI coaching mode for fitness. Research and design multimodal interactive system with real-time motion capture technology and action recognition algorithm.
- User Experience Design & Research, Alibaba** Sept 2020 - Sept 2021
User research and UX design for multi-role collaborative enterprise system.
Intelligent Purchasing Conversational Agent: implement conversational interaction to aid purchasers in pinpointing needs and enhancing their work experience. User satisfaction increased by 22% after launch.
- User Experience Intern, Alibaba** Summer 2019
User research and design for enterprise intelligent system.
- Product Manager Intern, iDreamer 3D** Summer 2016
Developed STEM+Art education product (3D printing, smart electronic circuits) to cultivate problem solving capacity and design thinking of 6-12 years old children.