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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (2019), Educational Psychology

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, US

Dissertation: *Exploring Pathways of Western and East Asian Student's Persistence in Learning: The Roles of Learning Beliefs, Choice, and Internalization of Learning Motivation*

Master of Arts (2014), Education

University of Durham, Durham, UK

Thesis: *An Ethnographic Case Study on the Impact of Chinese University Students as Short-term Volunteer Teachers in Rural Areas*

Bachelor of Arts (2012), English (Minor: International Trade)

Dalian University of Foreign Languages, Dalian, China

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary Expertise:

- Motivation: self-determination theory, internalization, and basic needs
- Emotion: achievement and cognitive emotions
- Motivation Intervention
- Life-Span Development: childhood and adolescence development

Secondary Expertise:

- Learning persistence
- International large-scale assessment
- Structural equation modeling
- Experimental design

PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Assistant Professor (2019-present)

University of Alabama, Department of Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology, and Counseling

- Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in developmental, social, and educational Psychology
- Supervise Graduate Teaching Assistants affiliated with Educational Psychology
- Contribute to the recruitment, implementation, and management of the Master program in Educational Psychology, such as recruiting students and making program plan
- Assist in advising graduate students in Educational Psychology
- Conduct research on adolescents and young adults' learning motivation, achievement emotion, self-regulated learning, and emotional competence.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2015-2019)

University of Kansas, Department of East Asian Language and Culture and Department of Educational Psychology

- Taught discussion or drill sections per semester in Adolescent and Childhood Development
- Held office hours and worked one-on-one with students
- Created and administrated syllabi, assignments, and daily lesson plans

Associate Researcher (2015-2020)

East China Normal University

- Reviewed and evaluated large-scale testing, such as PISA and TIMSS
- Conducted content development and data analysis for program evaluating scales
- Wrote research articles such as education reforms in East Asia
- Designed graduate-level course: C&T 896 The internationalized Curriculum
- Wrote reports for academic seminars and forums

Overseas Project Manager & Editor (2017-2019)

ECNU Review of Education

- Held Global Education Deans' Forum
- Designed and Managed ECNU Review of Education Website: www.ecnuroe.org
- Coordinated journal events at American Educational Research Association

English Teacher (2009-2012)

Shenyang Jingye Junior High School-Shenyang, China

Shenyang No. 61 Middle School, China

- Taught middle school and high school English class
- Coordinated students' oral English sessions
- Graded 120+ students' homework
- Designed syllabus

RESEARCH

*Denotes article written with Graduate Students

Peer-reviewed Journal Publications

- ***Wang, Y.**, Zhang, J. & Lee, H. (in press). Would emotions support or stop me from learning? An academic persistence experiments. *Frontiers in Psychology*.

Wang, Y. (in press). Challenges in conducting experiment online during COVID-19 pandemic: students' emotions and learning persistence. *SAGE Research Methods*.

Man, K., Schumacker, R. Morell & **Wang, Y.** (2021). Effects of compounded non-normality of residuals in hierarchical linear modeling. *Educational and Psychological Measurement*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00131644211010234>

Wang, Y. & Zhang, J. (2021). The relationship between Cultural Intelligence and academic performance. *SCIREA Journal of Sociology*, 5(2), 25-52. <http://article.scirea.org/pdf/84488.pdf>

Wang, Y. & Wind, S. (2020). Comparing internalization of learning motivation between American and Chinese college students. *Journal of Psychological and Educational Research*, 28(2), 7-30.

Wang, Y. & Wind, S. A. (2020). Psychometric evaluation of a new internalization of learning motivation (ILM) scale. *Current Psychology*, 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-020-00909-8>

Emler, T. E., Zhao, Y., Deng, J., Yin, D., & **Wang, Y.** (2019). Side effects of large-scale assessments in education. *ECNU Review of Education*, 2(3), 279–296. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2096531119878964>

Book Chapters

Wang, Y. & Patterson, M. (2020). Internalization of motivation and persistence in college students. In Lee, S. (Ed.) *Exploring the Opportunities and Challenges of College Students*. New York: Nova Science Publishers, INC.

Wang, Y. (2018) The scholar with entrepreneurial spirit: Professor Yong Zhao's success through passion, strength, and value. In *Hartlep N. D., Kahlon, A. K., & Ball, D. (Eds.) Asian/American Scholars of Education* (p.113). New York: Peter Lang

Zhao, Y. & **Wang, Y.** (2017) Guarding the past or inventing the future: education reforms in East Asia. In Y. Zhao & B. Gearin (Eds.). *Imagining the Future of Global Education: Dreams and Nightmares* (p.143). New York: Routledge.

Media Publication

Wang, Y. & Emler, T. E. (2019, December 6). *Large-scale education tests often come with side effects* [The Conversation] <https://theconversation.com/large-scale-education-tests-often-come-with-side-effects-125200>

Manuscripts under Review

Wang, Y. & Xu, F. (revised and resubmitted). Beyond Self-regulated Learning: Exploring the Roles of Emotional Competence and Online Learning Readiness Pre- and Post-COVID-

19 in High School Students' Math Performance. (Educational Technology Research and Development)

Wang, Y., Xia, M., Guo, W., Xu, F. & Zhao, Y. (revised and resubmitted). Academic Performance under COVID-19: The Role of Online Learning Readiness and Emotional Competence (Current Psychology)

Wang, Y. (under review). The culturally Specific Ingredients for Learning Persistence: The Role of Learning Beliefs, Choice, and the Internationalization of Learning Motivation. (Social Psychology of Education)

Yu, G. & **Wang, Y.** (under review). Incompetent or Too Competent? Exploring the Relationship Cyberbullying Tendency between and Social-Emotional Competence. (Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking)

*Rajeb, M., **Wang, Y.** & Man, K. (under review). Critical components behind students' acceptance towards online learning platforms during COVID-19: A case of a Bangladesh. (Human Behavior and Emerging Technologies)

Micro-Facial Expression (MET) Lab

The Micro-Facial Expression Tracking (MET) Lab aims at understanding students' emotions when they are conducting challenging problem-solving tasks.

Grants

Co-PI. (Under Review). Personality and Hardships. *American Council on Consumer Interest (ACCI)*. \$ 2,400

Co-PI. (Under Review). Providing Diagnostic Feedback with Large-Scale Assessment Data: An Analysis of TIMSS 2019 Data. *Spencer Foundation Small Grant*. \$ 48,998

PI. (Funded 2018). Exploring Pathways of Western and East Asian Students' Persistence in Learning: The Role of Learning Beliefs, Choice, and Internationalization of Learning Motivation. *University of Kansas Doctoral Students Research Fund*. \$5,000

PI. (Not Funded). Exploring the Cognitive Mechanism of Lifelong Learning and the influence of Emotion. *Spencer Foundation Small Grant*. \$ 43,233.

PI. (Not Funded). Exploring the Cultural Differences in Persistence: Examining the Roles of Motivation, Choice and Learning Beliefs. *University of Alabama ORED Small Grant Program*. \$6,000.

Co-PI. (Not Funded). Computer Science through Self-Organized Learning. *Google Computer Science Education Research (Google CS-ER)*. \$ 53,957.

Conference Presentations and Posters

Wang, Y. & Lee, H. (2022, TBD). *Exploring the cultural difference of Western and East Asian students' persistence in learning: The role of learning beliefs, internationalization of learning motivation, and emotion*. Research accepted to present at the Tenth SELF International Conference

Wang, Y., Man, K. & Zhao, Y. (2022, January). *University students' motivation and regulation style during and after COVID-19 pandemic: A self-determination theory approach*. Oral Presentation at The IAFOR International Conference on Education in Hawaii (IICE2022).

- Wang, Y. & Hooper, A.** (2021, October). *Raising motivated learners: strategies for building students' motivation in the early childhood classroom*. Practical training presented online at the 2021 Alabama Early Childhood Education Conference.
- Xia, M. & Wang, Y.** (2020, July). *What is most important for well-being? The implication of psychological need satisfaction and strengths for life satisfaction and flourishing*. Pre-recorded presentation at the 7th International Positive Psychology Association World Congress 2021 (IPPA WC 2021) virtually.
- Zhang, J., Ackerman, T. & Wang, Y.** (2021, May). *2PL model: compare generalized linear mixed model with latent variable model based IRT framework*. Research presented online at the NCME 2021 Annual Meeting.
- Wang, Y.** (2021, January). *Exploring the cognitive mechanism of lifelong learning and the influence of emotion*. Research presented online at the IAFOR International Conference on Education – Hawaii (ICEHawaii2021).
- Wang, Y. & Zhang, J.** (2020, April) *Exploring the cultural differences of Western and East Asian Students' persistence, beliefs, choice, and internalization* [Poster Session]. AERA Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA <http://tinyurl.com/sfbahne> (Conference Canceled)
- Wang, Y. & Hansen, D.** (2019, May). *Psychometric evaluation of a new internalization of learning motivation (ILM) Scale*. Poster presented at the 31st Association of Psychology Science Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.
- Wang, Y. & Zhang, J.** (2019, April). *Association between factors of the cultural intelligence scale and academic achievement among international students*. Poster presented at the 2019 annual American Educational Research Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Wang, Y.** (2018, February). *Cultural intelligence as a predictor of international students' academic performance*. Paper presented at the 14th annual KU Professionals for Inclusion and Social Justice Graduate Student Research Conference, Lawrence, KS.
- Wang, Y.** (2018, February). *Factors associated with international students' academic performance*. Poster presented at the 14th annual KU Professionals for Inclusion and Social Justice Graduate Student Research Conference, Lawrence, KS.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

* Courses developed by me

University of Alabama

- *BEP 565 Personality and Social Development* (face-to-face), Fall 2020 and 2021
- *BEP 561 Social Cultural Basis of Behaviors* (online), Summer 2021
- *BEP 305 Introduction to Educational Psychology* (face-to-face; hybrid), Fall 2019, Spring 2020 and 2021
- *BEP 360 Social & Psychological Foundations of Education* (face-to-face; hybrid), Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, Spring 2020 and 2021
- *BEP 550 Life-Span Development* (online), Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, Spring 2020 and 2021
- *BEP 505 Motivation and Self-regulation** (online), Summer 2020
- *BEP 541 Foundations of Learning and Cognition** (online), Summer 2020

University of Kansas

- *PRE/EPsy 905 Multivariate Analysis* (face-to-face), Spring 2019
- *EPsy 305 Adolescent Development* (face-to-face), Fall 2017 and 2018

- *EPSY 306 Childhood Development* (face-to-face), Spring 2017, 2018, 2019
- *CHIN 204 Intermediate Chinese I* (face-to-face), Fall 2015 and 2016
- *CHIN 208 Intermediate Chinese II* (face-to-face), Spring 2016 and 2017

Students Advised

M.A. Committee Chair

- Kristoni Barnes: “*The Role of Social Identity in African American College Students’ Academic Experiences.*” Thesis defended in Spring 2021.
- Hillary Hardie: “*Capturing Recovery Capital Gains: A Comprehensive Learning Record Model for The University of Alabama’s Collegiate Recovery Program.*” Capstone project completed in Spring 2021. Employed by University of Alabama.
- Merve Nur Narci: “*The Relationship Between Problematic Internet Use and Academic Procrastination and Life Satisfaction of University Students.*” Thesis proposal defended in Fall 2021.
- Alexa Cruz: “*Female College Athletes and Body Image: Analyzing the Effect of Various Factors on Body Image Concerns.*” In progress of developing capstone project.
- Shiqing Xu: “*Social Support, Loneliness, and Learning Skills.*” In progress of developing thesis proposal.

M.A. Advising

- Leah Hanle
- Abdullah Sevinc

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- MA in Educational Psychology Program Coordinator and Academic Advisor 2019- Now
- Faculty advisor for Asian American Student Association 2021-Now
- Reviewer for *Psychological Reports, Metacognition and Learning, Educational Studies in Psychology Research Methodology, BMC Medical Research Methodology*
- Reviewer for American Educational Research Association Conference (AERA) 2021 & 2022 Conference *Division J (Postsecondary Education), Division C (Learning and Instruction), SIG-Motivation, SIG-Teaching Educational Psychology*
- Foreign Affairs Assistant for the third Annual Presidents ‘*Forum of the Alliance of Asian Liberal Arts Universities (AALAU)*, 2020
- Project Manager and Foreign Affairs Assistant for *Global Education Deans Forum (GEDF)*, 2018 - 2019
- Guest Editor for Issue 3, ECNU Review of Education Special Issue: Rethinking Large-Scale Assessments and the Purpose of Education, September 2019, pp. 253–365

AWARDS

- Research Scholarship, University of Kansas (2018)
- Scholarship of School of Education, University of Kansas (2016-2017)
- First-class Scholarship, Dalian University of Foreign Languages (2008-2012)
- Scholarship issued to future economic talent by Citibank (2011)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Association of Psychology Science (APS)
- Center for Interconnected Behavioral and Mental Health Systems (CIBMHS)