

Hongtao Hao

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Education

Indiana University Bloomington (IU)

M.A. in Media Arts & Sciences (GPA: 4.00/4.00)

Bloomington, IN, USA

Aug. 2018 - May 2020

Committee: Nicole Martins (Chair), Danielle Kilgo, Bryant Paul

Renmin University of China

M.A. in Journalism (GPA: 3.92/4.00)

Beijing, China

Sept. 2016 - June 2018

Hebei Normal University

B.A. in English (Translation) (GPA: 3.92/4.00)

Shijiazhuang, China

Sept. 2012 - June 2016

Appointment

Research Assistant

YY Lab, Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering, IU

Bloomington, IN

Aug. 2020 - present

Updating and improving COVID-19 data visualization project:

- Updated data daily & redesigned the data workflow;
- Added delay parameter, play speed parameter, and date range slider;
- Redesigned the website.

Honors & Fellowships

2015 **National Champion**, First “FLTRP Cup” English Reading Contest

Beijing, China

Rnaked 1st among 200,000 undergraduate and graduate participants nationwide

2017 **Wings of Excellence Award**, 47th St.Gallen Symposium

St.Gallen, Switzerland

One of the only two Leaders of Tomorrow (LoT) of that year selected from Mainland China

2019 **Second Top Student Paper Award**, International Communication Association

Washington, D.C.

2019 **Annette & Lars Willnat Travel Fellowship**, The Media School, IU

2019 **College or Arts and Sciences Travel Grant**, College or Arts and Sciences, IU

2017 **First Prize Academic Scholarship**, Renmin University of China

Beijing, China

2015 **National Endeavor Fellowship**, Hebei Normal University

Shijiazhuang, China

Working Experience

Student journalist

49th St.Gallen Symposium Magazine

St.Gallen, Switzerland

May, 2019

Worked with 13 team members from seven countries and four continents, supervised by Andrew Curry, with the group output of a 56-page magazine; Representative work of mine:

- “It’s not just about spending more money”, Interviewing Heng Swee Keat, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore;
- *Freeman Shen’s electric dream*, Interviewing Freeman Shen, CEO of WM Motor — a leading Chinese electric car maker;
- *What role should governments play?*, Interviewing young politicians from India, Argentina, and Sri Lanka

Teaching Experience

Indiana University Bloomington

Associate Instructor

Bloomington, IN

Jan. 2020 - May 2020

Led group discussions for 40 students enrolled in *MSCH-C101 Introduction to Media*

Graduate Assistant

Aug. 2018 - Dec. 2019

Assistant for Matt Pierce in *MSCH C207 Introduction to Media Industry and Management*, 125 students

Assistant for Nathan Mishler in *MSCH C200 Videogame Industry: System and Management*, 60 students

New Oriental Education and Technology Inc.

Beijing, China

Worked intensively for two months with over 200 hours of practice after three-month training in pedagogy
Students included junior high, senior high, and college undergrad

Projects

- [P1] **MSCH-C101 with Hongtao**  
Class website for my students enrolled in MSCH-C100 at IU
Highlights: Students feedback, Slides, Lecture videos
- [P2] **D3book Companion**  
A simple tutorial to help people learn D3.js
- [P3] **International Journalism Class at RUC**  
Class website for *International Journalism* taught at Renmin University of China by Michael J. Jordan
- [P4] **BAS @ IU**  
Website for Buddhist Study Association at IU

Writing

Digital divide and its implications for rural-urban educational equity in China  

Blog posts

Documenting my experiences and learning on my personal blog:

- *Master's programs in Journalism & Mass Communication with full TA/RA scholarships in the United States* (in Chinese)
- *Build a website using Hugo without programming skills*
- *How to use legacy Jupyterbook*
- *Plotting a network's degree distribution using igraph in R*
- *How to understand D3.js continuous scales*
- *The most memorable three days: Attending St.Gallen Symposium in 2017* (in Chinese)

Computer Skills

Programming R, Python
Front-end HTML5/CSS, D3.js/JavaScript
Tools Sketch, Final Cut Pro, LaTeX

Selective Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

Hao, H. (Nov., 2019). *Are Chinese selfies gender-stereotypical: A content analysis of selfies on Weibo*. Paper presented at the 105th Annual Conference of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.

Hao, H. (Nov., 2019). *Digital divide: Theoretical review and future research suggestions*. Paper presented at the 105th Annual Conference of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.

Hao, H. (May, 2019). *Global expansion of China's media for soft power promotion*. Paper presented at the 69th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Washington, D.C.

 *Second Top Student Paper*