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Research Interest

My current research interests lie at the intersection of human-centered AI and digital well-being. Specifically, I’m interested in studying how technology could/should be designed to edify our relationships and promote well-being in proactive ways. I use various relevant methods but most often draw from social computing techniques.

Education

09/2025 – Present	**University of Washington**	Seattle, US
	Ph.D. Information Science (Advisor: Alexis Hiniker)	
09/2023 – 06/2025	**University of Washington**	
	M.Sc. Information Management	
	Aberdeen | SCNU Dual Degree Program	
09/2021 - 06/2023	University of Aberdeen	Aberdeen, UK
	B.Sc. Computing Science (honors)	
09/2019 - 06/2021	South China Normal University	Guangzhou, CN
	B.Eng. Software Engineering	

Professional Experience

10/2024 – 06/2025 **Google** UX Researcher

• Design and conduct user research, including interviews, surveys, and co-design workshops, to evaluate and optimize Google Pixel Camera features for foldable devices.

06/2021 – 09/2021 **China Unicom** UX Research Intern

• Conducted a survey and focus group to evaluate the user experience of a customer service chatbot, resulting in practical suggestions (e.g., shorter dialogue durations, quicker re-direction to human support), and collaborated with the development team to implement these improvements.

12/2020 – 02/2021 **China Telecom** Software Engineer Intern

• Responsible for implementation and evaluation of several functions (e.g., automatic reply, transaction history) in the embedded program in WeChat.

Publications

Conference Papers

[c1] **The Engagement-Prolonging Designs Teens Encounter on Very Large Online Platforms**
Yixin Chen, Yue Fu, Zeya Chen, Jenny Radesky, Alexis Hiniker.
Proceedings of the 2026 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems ***(CHI 2026)***

[c2] **Decoupling of Usefulness and Novelty: Evaluating the Impact of Generative AI on Design Outputs and Novice Designers' Creative Thinking**
Yue Fu, Han Bin, Tony Zhou, Marx Wang, **Yixin Chen**, Zelia Gomes Da Costa Lai, Jacob O. Wobbrock, Alexis Hiniker.
Proceedings of the 2026 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems ***(CHI 2026)***

[c3] **Should ChatGPT Write Your Breakup Text? Exploring the Role of AI in Relationship Dissolution**
Yue Fu, **Yixin Chen**, Zelia Gomes Da Costa Lai, Alexis Hiniker.
Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction ***(CSCW 2025)***

[c4] **"Being Eroded, Piece by Piece": Enhancing Engagement and Storytelling in Cultural Heritage Dissemination by Exhibiting GenAI Co-Creation Artifacts.**
Kexue Fu, Ruishan Wu, Yuying Tang, **Yixin Chen**, Bowen Liu, Ray LC.
Proceedings of the 2024 ACM Designing Interactive Systems Conference ***(DIS 2024)***

[c5] **"I Am a Mirror Dweller": Probing the Unique Strategies Users Take to Communicate in the Context of Mirror in Social Virtual Reality.**
Kexue Fu*, **Yixin Chen*(co-first author)**, Jiaxun Cao, Xin Tong, Ray LC.
Proceedings of the 2023 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems ***(CHI 2023)***

Academic Services

Full Paper Reviewer: CHI 2025, CHI 2024, DIS 2024, CUI 2024, IDC 2024
Session Chair: CHI 2026 (Teenagers & Technology), CHI 2024 (Digital Healthcare and Communication)

Skills

Research Methods: Interview, Diary Study, Experiment Design, Participatory Design, Grounded Theory, Ethnography, Usability Testing, Survey
Programming Languages and Tools: Front-End Development (HTML, CSS, JavaScript), Back-End Development (Java, Python), Markup Language (LaTeX), 3D Modeling (Blender), Game Engine (Unity), Statistical Analysis (R, Matlab, SQL, SPSS)