

# Yixin “Daisy” Chen

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

## Professional Experience

10/2024 – 06/2025	<b>Google</b> UX Researcher <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design and conduct user research, including interviews, surveys, and co-design workshops, to evaluate and optimize Google Pixel Camera features for foldable devices.</li></ul>
06/2021 – 09/2021	<b>China Unicom</b> UX Research Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul>
12/2020 – 02/2021	<b>China Telecom</b> Software Engineer Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Responsible for implementation and evaluation of several functions (e.g., automatic reply, transaction history) in the embedded program in WeChat.</li></ul>

## 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)*  
*To Appear*
- [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)*  
*To Appear*
- [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)*, to appear
- [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)