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EDUCATION

School of Social Science

Master of Arts in Psychology (by Research)

- Supervisor: Dr. Wei Xing Toh

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Aug 2025 - Jun 2027 (anticipated)

Faculty of Social Science, Department of Psychology

Bachelor of Social Science

- GPA: 3.90 / 4.00 (Rank: 1/77)

University of Macau, Macau S.A.R.

August 2021- May 2025

Morrissey College of Arts & Science

Exchange student

- GPA: 3.80 / 4.00
- Awarded Level 1 Exchange Scholarship (full tuition exemption)

Boston College, Boston, U.S.

Jan 2024- May 2024

HONORS & AWARDS

Graduate College, Nanyang Technological University

- NTU Research Scholarship (RSS)
 - Tuition Grant + Monthly Stipend

Aug 2025 - Now

Honours College, University of Macau

- Student Representative of Honours College Class of 2025

May 2025

Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, University of Macau

- Nam Kwong Education Scholarship (10000 MOP)
- Macau Foundation Scholarship (10000 MOP)
- Henry Fok Foundation Scholarship (10000 MOP)

Nov 2022

Nov 2023

Nov 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Independent Project

Sep 2024 – in progress

Supervisor: Prof. Tieyuan Guo, University of Macau

Project: Do you trust others' gut? Social perception of Intuitive Thinkers and Deliberate Thinkers

- **Proposed** a "social perception → social attitude" model towards cognitive thinking styles.
- **Designed** a bilingual questionnaire; **recruited** 175 English-speaking participants from "Prolific" and 94 Chinese-speaking participants from "SONA" platform to complete an online study.
- **Analyzed** data in SPSS 26.0 and Process 4.2; **conducted** repeated-measure ANOVA, mediation analysis, moderated mediation analysis and hierarchical regression.
- Manuscript in preparation.

Student Research Assistant

April 2023 – Jan 2024

Principle Investigator: Dr. Haiyan Wu, Centre for Cognitive and Brain Sciences (CCBS), University of Macau

- **Managed** lab's website and media platform, **wrote** 9 articles on neuroscience related topics (5000+ views), and **shared** the lab's research progress and findings.

- Actively **assisted** in lab's ongoing projects:

- **Project1:** The Circuits of Human Escape Decision

Jun 2023 – Sep 2024

- **Screened** and **organized** medical cases of 21 epilepsy patients, including:

- History of present illness, clinical diagnoses, seizure symptoms, medication, family history...

- Cognitive tests: Montreal cognitive assessment (MoCA), Rivermead Behavioral Memory Test (RBMT), Auditory Verbal Learning Test (AVLT), etc...
- **Project2: The Role of Emotion in Unethical Amnesia** *Sep 2023 – Jan 2024*
 - **Cooperated** with Beijing Normal University (Zhuhai), **recruited** 100+ college student participants.
 - **Ran** the experiments and **delivered** the Memory Acquisition Task, Memory Retrieval Tasks, and Information Delivery Task (for around 200 times).
 - **Performed** electroshock punishments on subjects (safe and with consent) during the experiments.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, GEC Academy, Hongkong

Jul 2024 – Aug 2024

Lead Instructor: Dr. Edward. C. Chang, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Summer Research Program: Exploring Mental Health Around World: Incorporating a Positive Psychology Lens

- **Taught** 7 lectures (1.5 hours each) to international high school students on:
 - DSM-5 assessment of mental health disorders (e.g., mood disorder, anxiety disorder, PTSD, etc...).
 - Research method in psychology (e.g. experimental design and case study).
 - Statistics (e.g. mediation/moderation effect) and data analysis (SPSS).
 - Scientific writing (APA style).
- **Provided** feedback to students on their final projects.
 - **Assisted** the students to **identify** their interests, **elaborate** their topics and **build** structural writing frameworks (e.g. draw diagrams, organize headings/subheadings).

SKILLS and CERTIFICATES

Language skills:

- Mandarin (native), English (fluent)
- **IELTS**: 7.0
- **GRE**: 331 (Verbal: 161, Quantitative: 170)

Research Skills:

- SPSS (Proficient), R (Proficient), Jamovi (Competent)

CITI Certification:

- Social and Behaviors Research