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EDUCATION

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HKSAR	Ph.D., Social Work	2021
The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.	MSW, Social Work	2015
China University of Labor Relations, Beijing, China	B.A., Law	2013

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

ICT and wellbeing in the digital world

Virtual wellbeing

Child psychosocial development

Parent-child relational qualities

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Virtual world experiences and child psychosocial development: Casual pathways and feedback mechanisms in China, Principal investigator, 2023

Parent-child relational qualities and child psychosocial development in China, Principal investigator, 2022

Artificial intelligence (AI) based personal therapist using multipurpose neuroheadset for improving mental health, Co-investigator, 2020

Parent-child connectedness, the use of mobile phones in parent-child interactions, and psychosocial development among children studying in boarding schools in Sichuan, China, Sole Investigator, 2019

Long-term psychological outcomes of young adolescent survivors of the Sichuan earthquake experienced in childhood, eight years later, Co-investigator, 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2023 – Present **Nanjing University, Nanjing, China**
Research Assistant Professor in the School of Social Sciences
Research Fellow in the Institute of Population and Development
- 2021 – 2023 **Chongqing Technology and Business University, Chongqing, China**
Lecturer A/P

Taught Mental Health, Social Work Practice for Special Groups, and Social Work Research to undergraduate students and Advanced Social Work Practice to graduate students.
- 2015 – 2021 **The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HKSA**

Leading instructor for PhD students and research staff in Statistics, Tutor for International Residence Hall, Teaching Assistant for graduate students in Mental Health course, Teaching Assistant for graduate students in Human Development course.
- 2014 – 2015 School Social Worker
Whitehall Yearling High School, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.
- 2013 – 2014 Research Assistant and Community Social Worker
Impact Community Action, Franklin County, Ohio, U.S.
- 2012 – 2013 Co-founder
Labor Law Clinic of China Institute of Industrial Relations, Beijing
- 2008 – Present Educator and counselor
Volunteered in Wenchuan Earthquake Rescue, Sichuan, China

PUBLICATIONS

Zhang, Y., & Hu, P. (2024). How virtual capital mediates the relationship between virtual self-presentation and psychosocial development among adolescents in China. *Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development*. (In Publish)

Zhang, Y., & To, S. M. (2022). Perceived Mutual Parent–Child Trust, Mobile Phone Conversations, and Development Outcomes of Boarding School Students in China. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 1-13.

Zhang, Y. (2016 June). The Integration of Art Therapy and Solution-Focused Brief Therapy (SFBT) for Treating Depression Among Children and Adolescents. *Conference on Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education, and Social Development*. Seoul, South Korea. (Conference)

Wen, Q., Yu, Y., Xu, C., **Zhang, Y.** & Gao, Q. (2012). One Protection of the Legitimate Rights of University Students during Internships. *Legal System and the Economy*, ISSN1005-0183. (In Chinese)

Zhang, Y. (2011). On the Improvement of Employment Security System for Disabled Persons. *Readers Journal*, CN51-0045. (In Chinese)

Reviewer, *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 2022 to present.
Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development, 2023 to present

CERTIFICATES

Counselor and Social Worker (Mental Health)
Gestalt Therapist
Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavior Therapist
Certified Yoga Teacher
Certified Pranayama and Meditation instructor

GRANT AWARDS

Madam Tan Jen Chiu Fund Grant, 2019
South China Program Research Grant, 2016