

YINGZHEN CAO

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EDUCATION

- ✧ University of Maryland, College Park September 2023 - May 2025 (Expected)
MS in Human-Computer Interaction
GPA: 4.0/4.0
Core Modules: User Research Methods, Digital Ethnography, Interactive Design, Data Visualization
- ✧ The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen September 2019 - June 2023
BSc in Applied Psychology
Core Modules: Psychological Testing, Psychology of Aging, Biological Psychology, Lifespan Development, Cognitive Psychology, Analytical Writing

WORK EXPERIENCE

- ✧ Human Computer Interaction Lab, UMD February 2024 - Present
Graduate Research Assistant
 - Conduct literature reviews about project-related Large language models(LLMs) researches
 - Examine and verify LLM generated results with original content and manual results
 - Assist teammates to construct and adjust indexing rules of the LLMs tool
 - Design a problem analogy retriever tool supported by the LLM
- ✧ Human-Crypto Society Laboratory, CUHK(SZ) November 2022 - July 2023
Undergraduate Research Assistant
 - Provide research support by conducting literature searches and reporting compiled results
 - Discuss with the team on project timelines and identify key objectives
 - Conduct user research on the target group (Chinese elders) focusing on user behaviors
 - Collaborate with lab team to create game prototypes and collect user testing data
- ✧ DailyLive, Shenzhen, China June 2022 - September 2022
User Experience (UX) Intern
 - Performed literature reviews for insights on E-commerce virtual live streamers
 - Conducted UX research through competitive analyses and user interviews
 - Collaborated with developers to generate and optimize the user flow
 - Created wireframes with Axure and prototypes with Figma for the web application
- ✧ Versee, CUHK(SZ) August 2022 - September 2022
User researcher, VR murder mystery game "The Fall"
 - Executed literature reviews on problems and solutions of VR game experiences
 - Organized eight user testing sessions on a game demo with forty players in total
 - Held focus group interviews with players after user testing
 - Reported player feedback both qualitatively and quantitatively to internal stakeholders
- ✧ BuBu Station, CUHK(SZ) October 2019 - December 2021
Student Entrepreneur
 - Optimized the enterprise structures by partnering with marketing, publicity, service, and finance departments

- Met monthly with collaborating driving schools to report consumer feedback
- Conversed with marketing department regularly about strategies and advertising events based on seasonal market needs
- Delegated work between different departments to ensure the work process was in line with the schedule

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- ✧ Qualitative Study: Ethnography, Survey, Semantic Analysis, Interview, Focus Group,
- ✧ Quantitative Study: SPSS, Qualtrics, Airtable, Microsoft 365 Suite
- ✧ Design Skills: Figma, Axure, Procreate
- ✧ Interests: Tennis, Football, Cooking, Craft, Ping-pong