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Research Interests

Online sexual violence, deepfakes, non-consensual intimate media, Social Computing

Education

University of Michigan

PhD in Information Science

Advised by: Dr. Eric Gilbert, Dr. Sarita Schoenebeck

Ann Arbor, MI

August 2021 – Present

University of Texas at Austin

BSA in Computer Science

BBA in Honors Business

Austin, TX

August 2015 – May 2019

August 2015 – May 2019

Grants

Funded by *Sociotechnical Systems to Combat Non-Consensual Intimate Media*
National Science Foundation, 2023, \$1,132,000

Publications

Qiwei, L., Zhang, S., Pratt, S.P., Kasper, A.T., Gilbert, E., and Schoenebeck, S. 2024. A Law of One's Own: The Inefficacy of the DMCA for Non-Consensual Intimate Media. *Accepted to Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '25)*.

Qiwei, L., Zhang, S., Kasper, A., Ashkinaze, J., Eaton, A., Schoenebeck, S., and Gilbert, E. 2024. Reporting Non-Consensual Intimate Media: An Audit Study of Deepfakes. *Under review*.

Qiwei, L., Lameiro, F., Patel, S., Isaula-Reyes, C., Adar, E., Gilbert, E., and Schoenebeck, S. 2024. Feminist Interaction Techniques: Detering Non-Consensual Screenshots with Interaction Techniques. In *Proceedings of the 2024 ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '24)*.

Qiwei, L., McDonald, A., Haimson, O., Schoenebeck, S., and Gilbert, E. 2024. The Sociotechnical Stack: Opportunities for Social Computing Research in Non-Consensual Intimate Media. In *Proceedings of the 2024 ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW '24)*.

Shen, H. et. al. 2024. Towards Bidirectional Human-AI Alignment: A Systematic Review for Clarifications, Framework, and Future Directions. *Under review*.

Ashkinaze, J., Mendelsohn, J., **Qiwei, L.**, Budak, C., and Gilbert, E. 2024. How AI Ideas Affect the Creativity, Diversity, and Evolution of Human Ideas: Evidence from a Large-scale, Dynamic Experiment. *Under review*.

Goray, C., **Qiwei, L.**, Ashkinaze, J., Gilbert, E., and Schoenebeck, S. 2024. Just Don't: A Survey of What Makes Sharing Photos of Other People Online Inappropriate. *Under review*.

Qiwei, L., Pandurangan, P., Frluckaj, H., and Dabbish, L. 2021. Code of Conduct Conversations in OSS Projects on GitHub. In *Proceedings of the 2021 ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW '21)*.

Qiwei, L. 2019. Clickbait and Emotional Language in Fake News. Undergraduate thesis advised by Dr. Matthew Lease.

Research

Social Computing Research Lab, comp.social University of Michigan UMSI
Graduate Student Research Assistant August 2021 – Present

- Developed mobile interaction solutions to protect user privacy in non-consensual intimate media abuse and intimate partner violence
- Investigated topic-level inconsistencies and model hallucinations in foundational language models via prompt engineering

Social Computing Lab Carnegie Mellon University HCII
Research Experience for Undergrads Summer 2019

Mentored by: Dr. Niki Kittur

- Built browser extension for in-text citation tracing with SemanticScholar API

Information Retrieval and Crowdsourcing Lab UT Austin iSchool
Undergraduate Research Assistant Jan 2017 – May 2019

Mentored by: Dr. Matthew Lease

- Improved fake news prediction model with SVM clickbait detection feature

Industry

Microsoft Windows Redmond, WA
Software Engineer August 2019 – August 2021

- Built ML automation for incident tickets classification
- Developed VM capability testing via PowerShell and C

Microsoft Azure Redmond, WA
Software Engineering Intern Summer 2018

- Engineered Flask and Python web-app to track server availability in Azure

Microsoft Azure Redmond, WA
Explorer Intern Summer 2017

- Developed Azure Portal policy assignment features

Selected Media

TechPolicy.Press. New Research Highlights X's Failures in Removing Non-Consensual Intimate Media. October 11, 2024. <https://www.techpolicy.press/new-research-highlights-xs-failures-in-removing-nonconsensual-intimate-media/>

The Verge. Copyright is the only functional law of the internet, deepfake nudes edition. October 8, 2024. <https://www.theverge.com/2024/10/8/24265315/copyright-is-the-only-functional-law-of-the-internet-deepfake-nudes-edition/>

404 Media. Twitter Acts Fast on Nonconsensual Nudity If It Thinks It's a Copyright Violation. October 8, 2024. <https://www.404media.co/twitter-acts-fast-on-nonconsensual-nudity-if-it-thinks-its-a-copyright-violation/>

Mashable. Study: Reports of nonconsensual nude images are ignored on X. October 10, 2024. <https://mashable.com/article/x-doesnt-remove-nonconsensual-nudity-unless-reported-copyright/>

Arstechnica. X ignores revenge porn takedown requests unless DMCA is used, study says. October 8, 2024. <https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2024/10/study-fastest-way-to-get-revenge-porn-off-x-is-a-dmca-takedown/>

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| Teaching | University of Michigan Graduate Student Instructor • Introduction to R Programming: Led weekly discussions with a class of 50+ students on regression, sampling, statistical analysis • Applied Data Science: Graded exams and provided student feedback in master's-level data science course | Fall 2022, Fall 2024 |
| Service | Computer-Human Interaction Computer-Supported Cooperative Work & Social Computing Victims & Offenders Journal International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media Human-Computer Interaction Journal | Reviewer Reviewer Reviewer Reviewer Reviewer |
| Mentorship | Samuel Schneider, 2024, LSA Samantha Pratt, 2024, BSI Sally Mo, 2024, BSI Kavya Narayan, 2024, BS CS Shanshan Ye, 2024, BS CS Andrew Kasper, 2024, BA CS Sylvia Shihui Zhang, 2024, MSI Robert Collis, 2024, MSI Cristi Isaula-Reyes, 2023, BS CS Hong Chen, 2022, UMSI PhD Nasanbayar Ulzii-Orshikh, 2022, UMSI PhD | |