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EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Developmental Science 2021-2025 (expected)
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Advisor: Dr. Tara Mandalaywala
Qualify Paper: The development of children's social mobility belief: A review of the cognitive foundations.

M. A. in Human Development 2020
Cornell University
Committee: Dr. Qi Wang (*chair*), Dr. Lin Bian
Master Thesis: Remembering success makes people happier? the moderating role of culture for the relation of success and failure memory on well-being

B. A. in English Translation 2019
North China Electric Power University
Graduated with the highest honor

HONORS AND AWARDS

Department fund for Master-level Research Project (\$500) 2022
Department fund for Dissertation related Research Project (\$750) 2023
Grant for Bayes workshop at UMass ISSR (\$315) 2022
Grant for the 9th Annual Online Career Conference for PhDs 2022
University Graduate Fellowship (\$11,100) 2021
Yale Sneak Peek Diversity Scholarship 2020
Excellent Graduate of Beijing (top 0.2%) 2019
China National Scholarship (top 0.2%) 2017
First Prize in Chinese College Students Innovation & Entrepreneur Competition 2017
Academic Excellence Scholarship (top 3%) 2016-2018
Academic Excellence Undergrad Awards (top 3%) 2016-2019

PUBLICATIONS

Jiang, X., & Tian, Y. (2016). Cultural confidence of Chinese people: Reflection on “The Spirit of the Chinese People”. *Higher Education of Social Sciences*, 11(4), 8-13.

Legaspi, J. K., Pareto, H. G., Korroch, S. L., **Tian, Y.**, & Mandalaywala, T. M. (2023). Do American children automatically encode cues to wealth? *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 234, 105706. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jecp.2023.105706>

Tian, Y., & Bian, L. (2023). Should leaders conform? Developmental evidence from the United States and China. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 152(11), 3153–3166. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xge0001451>

WORKING PAPERS

Shachnai, R., Leshin, R., Wang, M., **Tian Y.**, Bian, L., & Cimpian., A. (Revise and Resubmit) A Cross-Cultural Investigation of Young Girls' and Boys' Political Ambition. *Psychological Science*

Tian, Y., Gonzalez, G., & Mandalaywala, T. (Revise and Resubmit) Beliefs About Social Mobility in Young American Children. *Developmental Science*.

Wang, Q., Mert, N., & **Tian, Y.**. (under review) Remembering the Good and Bad and the Self and Others in a Culturally Modulated Self-Memory System.

Tian, Y., & Mandalaywala, T. (in prep) The development of children's social mobility belief: A review of the cognitive foundations.

Tian, Y., & Bian, L. (in prep) Do children expect boy leaders to conform less than girl leaders? Developmental evidence from the U.S. and China.

Tian, Y., Ukairo, O., Yu, X., & Mandalaywala, T. (in prep) Children's beliefs in group-based disparities of upward social mobility.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Tian, Y., & Mandalaywala, T., (February 2024) Children's Beliefs in Group-based Disparities of Social Mobility. Poster to be presented at the 2024 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.

Tian, Y., & Mandalaywala, T., (May 2023) Children's causal attribution of upward social mobility. Talk presented at the Child Seminar for the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Amherst, MA.

Tian, Y., & Mandalaywala, T., (March 2023) *Children's preferential attention to and memory for stereotypical information*. Paper presented to the Biennial Conference 2023 of Society of Research in Child Development, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Tian, Y., & Mandalaywala, T., (March 2022) *Children's inferences about and explanations for occupation-based wealth*. Paper presented to the Biennial Conference 2022 of Child Development Society, Madison, WI.

Tian, Y., & Mandalaywala, T., (April 2022) *Children's inferences about and explanations for occupation-based wealth*. Talk presented at the Developmental Science seminar for the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Amherst, MA.

Shachnai, R., Leshin, R., **Tian Y.**, Wang, M., Bian, L., & Cimpian., A., (March 2022) *The development of gendered concepts of political leaders: Evidence from the US and China*. Paper presented to the 47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

Tian, Y., Bian, L., (April 2021) *More power, more freedom: 4- to 8-year-old children approve of powerful group members' non-conformity*. Paper presented to the 2021 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Tian, Y., Wang, Q., (February 2021) *Remembering the good and the bad: Culture, memory, and well-being*. Poster presented at the 2021 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention.

Tian, Y., Bian, L., (November 2020) *More power, more freedom: The power to be different*. Talk presented at the Ithaca Youth Research Café, Ithaca, NY.

Tian, Y., Bian, L., (November 2020) *Young children from two cultures approve of powerful group members' non-conformity*. Talk presented at the Cornell Human Development Brown Bag Series, Ithaca, NY.

Tian, Y., Wang, Q., (February 2020). *The moderating role of culture for the relation of success and failure memories to well-being*. Talk presented at the Cornell Human Development Prospective Graduate Students Interview Weekend, Ithaca, NY.

OUTREACH

Bian, L., Xu, Y., Qian, Y., & **Tian, Y.** (2020). "Life as a junior faculty and PhD student in social sciences in the U.S." Online webinar for Chinese audience.

- Hosted the session and interviewed 3 Chinese junior faculties about their experiences as a social science PhD student in the U.S. (Media link: <https://www.xiaoyuzhoufm.com/episode/60850a527d4c8e8727e2b8f8?s=eyJ1IjogIjYwZTg0ZDEzZTBmNWU3MjNiYjRjYjllYSJ9>).

McElwain, A., Su, S., & **Tian, Y.** (2018). "Lifetime of Lasting Love." Psychoeducational video content for Chinese university students.

- Translated the slides content on health relationship education from English to Mandarin and presented in the video.

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Guest Lecturer

Introduction to Neuroscience

"The culture impacts on brain development" (May 2023, course rating as 4.8/5.0 by 330 students)

Teaching Assistant

Adolescent Psychology (2022 Fall)

Introduction to Neuroscience (Spring 2023)

Lab Instructor

Methods of Inquiry in Psychology (Fall 2023)

Mentor

Honor thesis student:

Saliha Bayrak (05/2022-05/2023)

Oluchi Ukairo (08/2023-05/2024)

Undergrad RAs:

Lydia Flagg, UMass Amherst (05/2023-present)

Lada Filippov, UMass Amherst (02/2023-present)

Carine Mansour, UMass Amherst (02/2023-present)

Rishabh Nair, UMass Amherst (02/2023-present)

Delaney Sherman, UMass Amherst (02/2023-present)

Kailin Huang, UMass Amherst (02/2023-present)

Elizabeth Cho, UMass Amherst (09/2021-02/2023)

Laya Bharath, UMass Amherst (09/2021-05/2022)

Kaitlyn Rybicki, UMass Amherst (09/2021-05/2022)

Alex Dhima, UMass Amherst (09/2021-12/2021)

Honggu (Nora) Zhou, Smith College (05/2023-08/2023)

Xiaoping (Eric) Yu, Macalester College (05/2023-present)

Chen Zou, Mount Holyoke College (02/2023-present)

Jingyi Yuan, Mount Holyoke College (05/2022- 01/2023)

Pre-college RAs in UMass:

Benjamin Heim (07/2021-08/2021)

Xingchen (Stella) Liu (07/2022-08/2022)

Madeline Zhang (07/2022-08/2022)

Ayesha Bahl (07/2023-08/2023)

Saavarna Das (07/2023-08/2023)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Search Committee for Associate Chair of Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness 10/2023-now

- Prepared the job description and rubric for evaluating applications.
- Reached out broadly to get information about the position in the hands of as many qualified applicants as possible.
- Reviewed all applications to determine which applicants are minimally qualified.
- Participate in zoom interviews and recommended a shortlist.
- Hosted campus visits and interviews.

NextGen Psych Scholars Program 07/2023-now

- Advised mentees to select programs, work on personal statements and all other application materials for their psychology graduate school.

Student Advisor at Palm Drive (China) 02/2023-now

- Delivered 8 lectures to help high school students on writing for psychology.
- Advised 2 high school students to help them prepare for “Scholar for Tomorrow” Psychology essays competition.
- Advised 3 mentees for their psychology graduate school applications.

- Pre-Grad Student Mentor at the SHORT Project** 03/2023-now
- Advise 3 mentees from under-represented background with their psychology PhD applications.
 - Planned and hosted the podcast series “SHORT Talks: The Official Project SHORT Podcast”.

- Coordinator for the “Research at UMass” Series** 06/2022-08/2022
- Invited 5 graduate students from 5 programs in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at UMass to give talks about their research, pathway to grad school, and life as a graduate student.
 - Booked the meeting rooms, coordinated speakers’ schedules, and advertised the events to pre-college RAs to gather questions.
 - Coordinated 5 talks of the series and hosted the Q&A sessions

- Student organizer for the “Anderson-Myers colloquium”** 09/2021-03/2022
- Invited Dr. Fei Xu from UC Berkely to give a research talk at UMass Amherst.
 - Teamed up with the other 3 student organizers to contact the speaker, work on financial budget, book flights and hotels, advertise the event, host the event.

- Alumni newsletter writer** 2016-2017
- Interviewed 5 alumni of North China Electric Power University
 - Wrote up articles and published on social media (media coverage in Mandarin: https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/EEQD6wATM8oYRa8hhtfE_Q)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Co-reviewer, Acta Psychologica

Co-reviewer, Journal of Early Adolescence

Member, Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2020-present

Member, Society for Research on Child Development (SRCD) 2020 – present

Member, Cognitive Development Society (CDS) 2021 – present

OTHER EXPERIENCES

- Skills: R, SQL, Python, MS Office, Qualtrics
- Training: Research Mentorship Training (01/2013)
- Translated the book “The French Lieutenant's Woman”
- Worked as the interpreter for five international conferences (topics: Big Data, medical services, business)
- Worked as Public Relations Intern (11/2017-03/2018, company: Weber Shandwick)
- Worked as Dean’s assistant at NCEPU (09/2018-06/2019)
- Worked as the tour guide for the “Central Axis of Beijing” trip (10/2017).