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Dr. Sihong Liu is a Social Science Research Scholar at Stanford Center on Early Childhood (SCEC) in the Graduate School of Education. Dr. Liu obtained her Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Science at the University of Georgia in 2020, and a B.S. in Statistics from Renmin University of China in 2015. Her research focuses on investigating the developmental processes of risk and resilience among children and adolescents exposed to early life stress, with the ultimate goal of directly developing intervention programs and influencing social policies

Dr. Liu adopts various research perspectives and methodologies in her research investigation. One particular research area of her work examines the underlying neurobiological mechanisms that connect early experiences to youth's behavioral outcomes, where she employs neuroimaging, electrocardiogram, and neuroendocrine stress response assessments to study the multi-level neurobiological processes. In line with the neurobiological focus, her recent work specifically examines how unpredictability in early experiences affect child socioemotional and cognitive development as well as the neural and stress response underpinnings of these effects.

Currently, Dr. Liu is also actively involved in the ongoing RAPID project, a large national survey platform that uses frequent, brief, online surveys to assess essential needs from families and child care providers and provide actionable data to key stakeholders to inform policy and program decisions. As the methodologist of the RAPID project, Dr. Liu works with partners from local communities, advocacy groups, and academic institutions and leverages both quantitative and qualitative analytical strategies to transform parents' and child care providers voices into actionable practices.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Social Science Research Scholar, GSE Centers and Programs

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- B.S., Renmin University of China , Statistics (2015)
- M.S., The University of Georgia , Human Development and Family Science (2017)
- Ph.D., The University of Georgia , Human Development and Family Science (2020)

Publications

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2021
- **Developmental pathways from child maltreatment to adolescent suicide-related behaviors: The internalizing and externalizing comorbidity hypothesis** *DEVELOPMENT AND PSYCHOPATHOLOGY*
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