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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2016 - 2023 Ph.D. in Evolutionary Anthropology, Arizona State University
2014 - 2016 B.S., Biological Sciences, Cornell University
2012 - 2014 B.S., Biological Science, China Agricultural University

AFFILIATIONS

Since Sept. 2023 **Research Fellow**, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse,
Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France
Since July 2022 **Guest Researcher**, Department of Human Behavior, Ecology and
Culture, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig,
Germany

PUBLICATIONS

Mar. 2023 **Yan, M.**, Mathew, S., & Boyd, R. "Doing what others do" does not
stabilize continuous norms. *PNAS nexus*, 2(3).
Jan. 2021 Tiokhin, L., **Yan, M.**, & Morgan, T. J. Competition for priority harms
the reliability of science, but reforms can help. *Nature human
behaviour*, 1-11.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Submitted to *Current Biology* Reeve, H., **Yan, M.**, & Fetcho, J. Testing a mate's brain: Courtship
signals may reveal nervous system timing regularity.
To be submitted by Mar. 2024 **Yan, M.**, Boyd, R., & Mathew, M. Normative decision-making about
harvest division among Derung co-farmers is driven by tradition, not
payoff expectations. (Manuscript in editing for *PNAS*)

HONORS, GRANTS, AWARDS

- 2022 **Dissertation Completion Fellowship** (\$19,200), Arizona State University
- 2021 **Graduate Research Support Program** (\$1,990), Arizona State University
- 2021 **Donald H. Morris Award** for Outstanding Doctoral Student in Evolutionary Anthropology (\$300)
- 2020 **Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant** (\$14,806), National Science Foundation
 Role: Co-PI
 Contribution: Selected the topic, established the field site, designed the study, wrote the proposal and the response to reviewer comments, managed the field assistant team, collected the data, analyzed the data
- 2020 **RAPID Research Grant** (\$66,882), National Science Foundation
 Role: Co-PI
 Contribution: Created the basic study design, wrote the first draft of the proposal, recruited the subjects, managed the data collection
- 2020 **Student Research Grant** (\$2,500), School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University
- 2018-2021 **Field Research Grant** (\$28,000 in total), Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany
- 2019 **Field Research Award** (\$5,441), Arizona State University
- 2018 **Student Research Grant** (\$3,358), School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- 2023 “Doing what others do” does not stabilize continuous norms. *Human Behavior & Evolution Society Conference*. Palm Springs, CA, USA.
- 2023 “Doing what others do” does not stabilize continuous norms. *California Workshop on Evolutionary Social Sciences*. Merced, CA, USA.
- 2023 “Doing what others do” does not stabilize continuous norms. *Social Ontology Conference*. Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2021 How are norms maintained and how do they change: a case study of cooperative farming division rules in Derung villages (Yunnan, China). *Human Behavior & Evolution Society Conference*.
- 2021 Coordination payoffs do not stabilize continuous norms, but moral beliefs, cognitive biases and mental categorization do. *Cultural Evolution Society Conference*. Sapporo, Japan.
- 2018 Coordination payoffs do not stabilize continuous norms. *Cultural Transmission and Social Norms 3*. Cambridge, MA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, *Food and Culture*
Fall 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, *Human Origins*
Spring 2022 **Teaching Assistant**, *Human Sexuality*
Spring 2022 **Teaching Assistant**, *Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries*

SERVICE, MEDIA

- 2023 **Peer Reviewer**, *Evolutionary Human Sciences*.
2021 **Peer Reviewer**, *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*.
2021 *Modeling for Metascientists: Some First Steps*. **Invited Blog Post**.
<https://leonidtiokhin.medium.com/modeling-for-metascientists-some-first-steps-51673aa14236>

SKILLS

MATHEMATICAL MODELING

- Game Theory
- Population Genetics
- Agent-based Models
- Stochastic Processes
- Linear, Non-linear and Chaotic Dynamic System Analysis

DATA ANALYSIS

- Bayesian Statistics
- Casual Inference
- Econometrics
- Linear Models

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

- *Matlab*
- *Mathematica*
- *R*
- *Python*

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English (level: proficiency)
- Mandarin (level: proficiency)
- Derung (level: beginner)

ACADEMIC SOCIETY AFFILIATIONS

- 2018-Present Member, Human Behavior and Evolution Society
2021-Present Member, Cultural Evolution Society