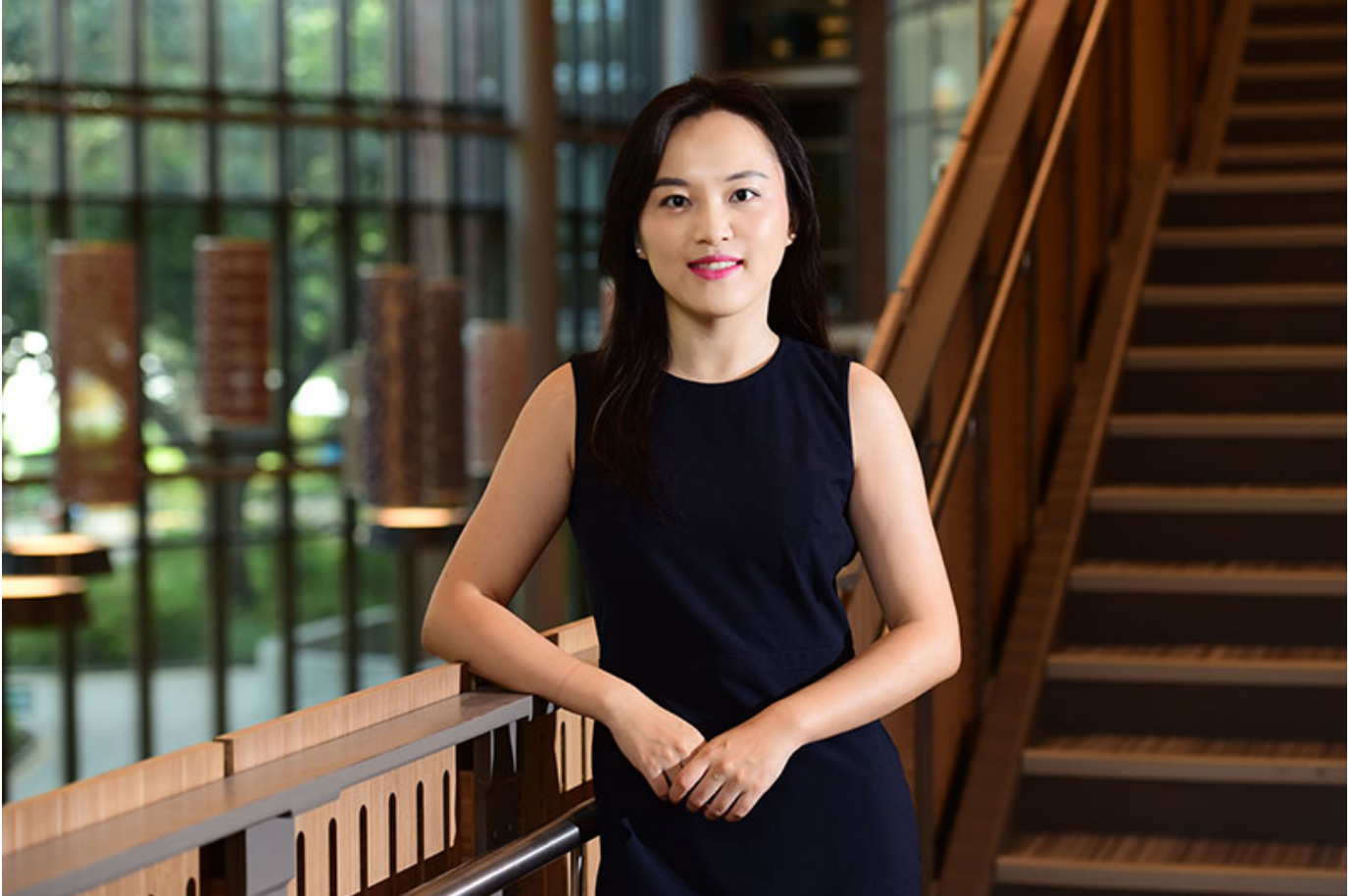


# [The Wall Street Journal: Want to Ruin a Destination's Appeal for Others? Take a Selfie and Post It](#)

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[Zoe Lu](#), assistant professor of marketing, was interviewed by [The Wall Street Journal](#) for a story about her research on the impact of human presence in photos of identity-relevant experiences, such as a wedding, vacation or special event.

“We want to stand out by being a little different,” says Zoe Y. Lu, an assistant professor of marketing at Tulane University and the lead author of the paper. “If my cousin saw a picture of my husband proposing to me at a particular national park, for example, my cousin would worry that

choosing that same spot to propose to his loved one would be perceived as him being a boring person, lacking a sense of self.”

To read the story in its entirety, visit [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com):

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