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Current Position

Princeton University, Center on Contemporary China

September 2020-Present

Post-doctoral Research Associate (Advisor: Yu Xie)

Education

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D, Sociology

Dissertation Title: “The Denied, the Deterred, and the Disenchanted: Why a Variety of Potential Migrants Never Immigrate” (Chair: Min Zhou, Committee Members: Victor Agadjanian, Jennie Brand (Sociology), Margaret Peters (Political Science))

University of Chicago

M.A., Social Sciences

University of California, Berkeley

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major in Globalization (coursework in Anthropology, Economics, Political Science), Highest Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major, Distinction in General Scholarship

Research Interests

International Mobility, Migration and Travel

Social Stratification, Mobility and Inequality

Law and Society

Comparative Migration Law and Policy

Global/Transnational Sociology

China and U.S.-China Relations

Multi-method Research

Publications

Published

Thomas, Jacob and Min Zhou, “Ethnic Entrepreneurship and Its Transnational Linkages,” in Brenda Yeo and Francis Collins’ *Handbook On Transnationalism*. Forthcoming 2021

Thomas, Jacob. 2020. “From Local Control to Remote Control: An Excavation of International Mobility Constraints,” *Theory and Society*

Thomas, Jacob. 2020. “Reflecting Upon Changes In Different Foreign Nationalities To the United States After the 2016 Election and the Travel Ban: How Might Traveler Behavior and Motivations Differentially Explain Shifts In Flows of Foreign Businesspeople, Tourists, Students and Relatives?” *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*, Volume 29 Symposium Issue on Travel Ban

Thomas, Jacob. 2020. "How COVID-19 Can Inspire to Change Society of the Better in the Long Run (If We Take It Seriously)", Op-Ed in Special issue of *Contexts* on covid-19 and the future of society

Thomas, Jacob. 2020. "When Political Freedom Does Not Offer Travel Freedom: How Income, Inequality, and Civil Liberties Interact to Stratify International Visa-Free Travel Opportunities." *International Migration*.

Thomas, Jacob and Kjerstin Gruys, 2014, Entry on "Class." Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Consumer Studies.

Solo-authored Manuscripts Revised and Resubmitted for Second Review

Chinese Contemporary Art and Artists' Narrative As An Anthropological Resource For A More Humanistic Understanding of Migrants' Trans-Experiences (under review at *Anthropology and Humanism*)

Solo-authored Manuscripts Under Review

"Whom Do U.S. Consular Officers Perceive As "Immigrants"? How Mobility-Stability Capital Stratifies Legal Mobility From China to the United States," (under review at *American Journal of Sociology*)

"Institutional Foundation of Diverse Immigration to Australia and Canada" (under review at *European Journal of Sociology*)

Manuscripts Under Preparation

Huang, Peng and Jacob Thomas, "Strengths and Challenges of Cross-Cultural Field Research," in preparation for *International Qualitative Methods*

Song, Xi and Jacob Thomas, *Misperceived: Public Attitudes Toward Inequality in China's Gilded Age*, book manuscript in preparation

Awards and Honors

Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award, Honorable Mention, 2020, American Sociological Association, International Migration Section

Graduate Student Fellowship (\$6000), 2020, UCLA Department of Fellowship

Institute for American Cultures Research Grant (\$1000), 2020, UCLA Institute for American Cultures Executive Committee

Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Fellowship (\$5000), 2020, UCLA Asia Pacific Center

UCLA 5th Year Fellowship (\$24000), 2018-2019, UCLA Graduate Division

Institute for Humane Studies Ph.D Fellowships (\$4000 each, four), 2016-2019, Institute for Humane Studies

China Confucius Studies Ph.D Research Fellowship (\$8000), Fall 2018, China Scholarship Council

Ethnic Studies Grant for Asian American Studies (\$500), 2015, UCLA Institute for American Cultures

California Immigration Research Initiative (\$8000), 2017, UCSD Center for Comparative Immigration Studies

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships to Study Chinese in China and U.S. (\$8,000-15,000 each, four), 2017-2018 and 2014-2015 Academic Years and Summer 2015 and 2017, UCLA Asia Pacific Center, U.S. Department of Education

Boren National Security Fellowship (\$23900) for Mandarin study at Peking University & Beijing Cultural and Language University, 2015-2016, Institute for International Education

UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship (\$6000 each, two), 2014 and 2015, Graduate Division

University Un-endowed Scholarship for M.A. Program in Social Sciences (\$15000), 2011-2012 Masters of Arts Program in Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Highest Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major and Distinction in General Scholarship, 2002 Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major Program, UC Berkeley's College of Letters and Sciences

Courses Taught

Instructor at UCLA

Law and Society (online), UCLA Department of Sociology, Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Students at UCLA

Contemporary Sociological Theory (online), Jeff Guhin, UCLA Department of Sociology, Spring 2020

Comparative Acculturation and Assimilation for Cecilia Menjivar, UCLA Department of Sociology, Fall 2019

Contemporary American Politics, Society and Stratification for Cesar Ayala (Sociology), Robert Chao Romero (History/Chicano Studies), Nina Ponce (Public Health), Asia Pacific Institute and Zhejiang University, Summer 2019

Self and Society for Jack Katz, UCLA Department of Sociology, Spring 2017

Social Norms for Patrick Riley, UCLA Department of Sociology, Winter 2017

Introduction to Sociology for Terri Anderson, Department of UCLA Sociology, Fall 2016

Sociology of Mass Communications for Gabriel Rossman, Department of UCLA Sociology, Fall 2014

Instructor for Graduate Students at Beijing Foreign Studies University

Academic and Professional Writing

The Immigrant Cultures of the United States

European Cultures and Societies

Presentations

Invited

'Whom Do U.S. Consular Officers Perceive As "Non-Immigrants"? How Cultural Habitus Stratifies Legal Mobility From China,' at International Symposium on "International Migration: Theory, Policy and Empirical Research," 9/2019, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

"Immigration and Ethnic Los Angeles," Guest Speaker for UCLA Asia Pacific Center-Zhejiang University's Social Science Summer Institute course on "Contemporary American Society, Politics and Social Stratification," 8/2019, UCLA

“The Relationship Between Internal Migration Within China and International Migration Beyond China,” Chunni Zhang’s Sociology of *Migration in China* Graduate Seminar, 4/2016, Peking University Sociology Department, Beijing, China

Conference Presentations

“Ethnic Entrepreneurship and Its Transnational Linkages,” Global Chinese Entrepreneurship Conference, 11/2020, UCLA Asia Pacific Institute

“Why Does China Sometimes Allow Some of Its Citizens to Leave Its Territory But Not Others,” International Chinese Sociological Association, 11/2020, New York University-Shanghai (Online).

“How Have Xenophobic Politics and Policies Made the United States Less Attractive? How Unintended Chilling Impacts of Targeted Anti-Mobility Policies Extend Far Beyond Their Targets,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Citizenship and Migration Section: Election Cycles and Immigration, 9/2020, San Francisco

“Strengths and Challenges of Cross-Cultural Field Research”, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Methodology Section: Investigating Qualitative Methods, 8/2020, San Francisco

“How Have Xenophobic Politics and Policies Made the United States Less Attractive? How Unintended Chilling Impacts of Targeted Anti-Mobility Policies Extend Far Beyond Their Targets,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Applied Research and Evaluation Section on Where Research Meets Key Practice and Policy Decisions at the State and National Levels, 8/2020, San Francisco

‘From “Illegal” to “Undocumented”—The Impact of a Lexical Shift In a Social Movement Against Dehumanization,’ Population Association of America 2020, Oral Section on Immigration and Public Opinion, Online (Asynchronous)

“Reflecting Upon Changes In Different Foreign Nationalities To the United States After the 2016 Election and the Travel Ban” University of California’s Symposium on the Travel Ban, 5/2020, Annual Meeting

“From ‘Illegal’ to ‘Undocumented’—The Impact of a Lexical Shift In a Social Movement Against Dehumanization,’ American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, What is Journalism For? Inequality, Social Justice, and the Role of Media 8/2019, New York City

‘Whom Do U.S. Consular Officers Perceive As “Non-Immigrants”? How Cultural Habitus Stratifies Legal Mobility From China,’ American Sociological Association Annual Meeting’s Paper Session on Theorizing Migration Flows, 8/2019, New York City

“Familial Ties As a Gendered Deterrent Force of International Migration and Travel From China,” International Chinese Sociological Association (ICSA) Annual Meeting, 8/2019, New York City

“Which Nationalities Have Been Coming to the United States Less Since the 2016 Election and the 2017 Travel Ban?” Law and Society Annual Meeting, Measuring the Trump Effect on Immigration Policy and Law, 5/2019, Washington D.C.

“Relationship Between Stratified Non-Immigrant Visa Admission and Legal Immigration Opportunities: How the ‘Dual Intent Doctrine’ Undermines the Immigrant Versus Non-Immigrant Binary,” Russell Sage Foundation, 4/2019, New York City

“Which Nationalities Have Been Coming to the United States Less Since the 2016 Election and 2017 Travel Ban?” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Session on Immigration Policy, 4/2019, Austin, Texas

"Why Does the Chinese Government Allow Some Of Its Citizens To Leave or Return But Not Others?: The Extra-legal Logic of Exceptions to Chinese Laws of Exit and Entry," American Sociology Association Paper Session on Crime, Law, and Deviance, 8/2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"How Economic and Political Factors Interact in Stratifying International Visa-Free Travel and Migratory Opportunities ," XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, International Mobility and Social Stratification Research Committee (R28), 7/2018, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

‘Whom Do U.S. Consular Officers Perceive As “Non-Immigrants”?’ How Cultural Habitus Stratifies Legal Mobility From China” (Winner of Award in Migration and Urbanization Poster Section) and “How Economic and Political Factors Interact in Stratifying International Visa-Free Travel and Migratory Opportunities”, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Social Stratification and Migration and Urbanization Poster Sections, 4/2018, Denver, Colorado

“Mathematically Modeling How Bureaucrat-Civilian Interactions Affect International Travel and Migration Flows,” American Sociological Association, Section on Mathematical Sociology, 8/2017, Montreal, Canada

“The Denied, the Deterred, and the Disenchanted: The Variety of Prospective Immigrants Excluded by U.S. Immigration Law,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, 6/2017, Mexico City

“The Institutional Foundation of Diverse Immigration to Canada and Australia”, Social Science History Association’s Paper Session on “Policing Borders: Bodies and Nations,” 11/2016, Chicago, Illinois

Technical Skills:

Statistical Programming in Stata, R, SPSS, SAS, MPlus and Python: Regression Modeling, Maximum Likelihood, Moderation, Mediation, Conditional Processing, Social Network Analysis, Multilevel Modeling, Bayesian Statistics, Computational, Text Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, Formal Demographic Modeling of Population Dynamics, Survey Design, Experimental Designs, Longitudinal Analysis, and Machine Learning Methods.

Languages

Mandarin: Proficient in speaking and reading, basic at writing

Spanish: Proficient in speaking, reading and writing

Portuguese: Basic in speaking, proficient reading and writing

French: Proficient in speaking, basic at reading and writing

Russian: Basic at speaking, reading and writing

References: Min Zhou, Victor Agadjanian, Jennie Brand, Margaret Peters (UCLA), Guillermina Jasso (NYU)