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Education

2025 (Expected)	Ph.D. Program in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles <i>Committee: Jennie Brand (co-chair), Olav Sorenson (co-chair), David Brady, Kevan Harris, Edward Walker</i>
2020	M.A., Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
2015	M.A., Institute of Sociology, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
2012	B.A., Department of Sociology, National Taipei University, Taiwan

Research Interests

Organizations, Stratification and Inequality, Economic Sociology, Quantitative Methods

Job Market Paper

[“In the Red: How Bank Concentration Fuels Debt Burdens for Households, 1995–2019.”](#)

(under review)

- Ronald Burt Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Economic Sociology, 2024
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), American Sociological Association (ASA), 2023–2024
- Student Travel Award, International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), 2023
- Early Career Workshop Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), 2023

Publications

Hu, Bowei and Olav Sorenson, "Resource Partitioning." (forthcoming in the *Elgar Encyclopedia of Organizational Sociology*)

Lin, Thung-Hong and **Bowei Hu**. 2019. "[Subcontractors' Dilemma: The Expansion of Taiwanese Firms 2002–2015.](#)" *International Journal of Taiwan Studies* 2(2):199–229.

- Open Access Award, *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*, 2023

Lin, Kuan-Hui, Thung-Hong Lin, **Bowei Hu**, Yi-Chung Chang, Chin-Hsun Yeh, Gee-Yu Liu, and Chuang-Han Chan. 2017. "[Earthquake, Housing Damage, and Fatality: A Causal-effect Analysis of Seismic Risk in Chi-Chi Earthquake.](#)" *City and Planning* 44(1):83–112.

Lin, Thung-Hong and **Bowei Hu**. 2017. "Size Matters: The Causes and Consequences of the Expansion of Taiwanese Business Groups." Pp. 231–268, edited by Zong-Rong Lee and Thung-Hong Lin, *Unfinished Miracle: Taiwan's Economic and Social Transition*, Taipei: Academia Sinica.

Working Projects

Hu, Bowei. "[Banking without Banks: How Bank Account Ownership Influences Racial Disparities in Alternative Financial Services.](#)" (prepare for submission)

- Consumers and Consumption Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Sociology of Consumers and Consumption, 2024

Hu, Bowei and Olav Sorenson. "Bank Concentration and Venture Capital." (data analysis)

Hu, Bowei. "The Polarization in Local Banking Systems and Household Debt." (data analysis)

Conference Presentations

Hu, Bowei. “Banking Without Banks: How Bank Account Ownership Influences Racial Disparities in Alternative Financial Services.”

- Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting (2024)
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Meeting (2024)
- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (2024)

Hu, Bowei. “Households in the Red: How Bank Concentration Grows Debt Burdens for Them, 1995–2019.”

- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (2023)
- International Sociological Association (ISA) RC28 Summer Meeting (2023)
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Meeting (2023)
- Nagymaros Conference (2024)

Hu, Bowei and Thung-Hong Lin. “The Politics of Financialization and Income Inequality.”

- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (2020)
- International Sociological Association (ISA) RC28 Summer Meeting (2019)

Hu, Bowei. “Educational Expansion and Urban-Rural Discrepancy in Education Attainment in Taiwan.”

- International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology (2014)

Honors, Fellowships, and Grants

2024	Nomination for the Student Representative Election on the Economic Sociology Section Council, ASA
2024	Nomination for the Student Representative Election on the Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section Council, ASA
2023–2024	Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, ASA
2023–2024	Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA
2023–2024	Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grant, National Science Council, Taiwan
2023–2024	J. Yang Scholarship, UCLA
2022–2023	Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Fellowship, UCLA
2021–2022	J. Yang Scholarship, UCLA

- 2020–2021 J. Yang and Family Centennial Scholarship, UCLA
- 2019–2022 Summer Funding, UCLA Sociology
- 2018–2022 Departmental Fellowship, UCLA Sociology
- 2018–2022 Government Fellowship for Studying Abroad, Ministry of Education, Taiwan
- 2014–2015 Fellowship, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
- 2011–2012 College Student Research Grant, National Science Council, Taiwan
- 2011–2012 Fellowship, Shen Lin Memorial Foundation, Taiwan
- 2009–2012 Fellowship, National Taipei University, Taiwan

Professional Experiences

- 2020 Visiting Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
- 2015–2018 Research Assistant, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

Teaching Experiences

- 2022 Instructor, University of California, Los Angeles
- Introduction to Sociological Research Methods (Evaluation: 8.6 out of 9)
- 2020–2023 Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles
- Teaching Award: 2020–2021
 - Introduction to Sociological Research Methods (with Megan Sweeney*3; Weihsin Yu; Michael Gaddis)
 - Economy and Society (with Gabriel Rossman)
 - Social Network (with Ka-yuet Liu)
 - Introductory Sociology (with Andrés Villareal)
 - Sociology of Education (with Richard Andalon)
- 2019–2020 Voluntary Mentor, Honors Thesis Program, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2014–2015 Teaching Assistant, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
- Application of Econometrics in Social Science (Graduate-level)
 - Sociological Methodology

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association

- Economic Sociology
- Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility (Mentor: Nathan Wilmers, MIT Sloan)
- Organizations, Occupations, and Work
- Sociology of Consumers and Consumption

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

International Sociological Association

- Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility

Population Association of America

Professional Services

External

- 2023 Roundtable Presider, ASA Annual Meeting (Economic Sociology Section)
- 2023 Roundtable Presider, ASA Annual Meeting (Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section)
- 2020 Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*

Internal

- 2024 Student Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, UCLA Sociology
- 2023–2024 Student Organizer, Organization and Market Working Group, UCLA Sociology
- 2022 Student Representative, Undergraduate General Education Evaluation, UCLA
- 2019–2020 Student Organizer, Stratification, Inequality, and Mobility Working Group, UCLA Sociology
- 2019 Student Representative, Faculty Recruitment, UCLA Sociology

References

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