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UCLA Sociology Profile Page

EDUCATION

PH.D. SOCIOLOGY

University of California, Los Angeles

2020 - Present

• *Field Exams*: International Migration, Social Stratification and Mobility

M.S. STATISTICS AND DATA SCIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles

2023 - Present

M.A. SOCIOLOGY

University of California, Los Angeles

2020 - 2022

LL.B. SOCIOLOGY (DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE)

Fudan University, Shanghai, China

2016 - 2020

CERTIFICATE, BERKELEY INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAM

University of California, Berkeley

2019

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Demography
- Labor Market Inequalities
- Social Stratification
- Marriage and Fertility
- Immigrants in the US
- Race and Ethnicity

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATION

Liao, Kristin Tianqi, and Andrés Villarreal. 2022. "Unequal Effects of the COVID-19 Epidemic on Employment: Differences by Immigrant Status and Race/Ethnicity." *PLOS ONE* 17(11):e027705. [Link](#)

WORKING PAPER

Liao, Kristin. "Megacity Exodus? Trends and Factors of Population Transition in Chinese Megacities"

Liao, Kristin. "Assimilating or Diverging? Generational Differences in Time Use of Asian American and Hispanic Immigrant Youth"

CURRENT PROJECTS

"Heterogeneous Returns to Education among Immigrant Workers in the US Labor Market"

"Gender, Nighttime, and Time Use" (collaboration)

"Mobility Homogamy in the US: The Role of Intergenerational Mobility Trajectory in Assortative Mating" (collaboration)

"Better Off Elsewhere? A Counterfactual Analysis of the Effect of Immigration on Mexican-Origin Workers' Occupational Outcome" (collaboration)

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

NICHD Trainee, California Center for Population Research	2023 - 2024
Student Affiliate, Social Inequality Data Science Lab	2020 - Present
Student Affiliate, California Center for Population Research	2020 - Present
Rater, Test of Oral Proficiency, UCLA Center for the Advancement of Teaching	2022 - 2024
Teaching Associate, UCLA Sociology	2022 - 2023
Teaching Assistant, UCLA Sociology	2021 - 2022
Graduate Student Researcher, UCLA Asian Pacific Center	2021

FELLOWSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS

CCPR NICHD Predoctoral Trainee Fellowship (USD 32,500)	2023-2024
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (USD 6,000)	2023
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (USD 6,000)	2022
Pearl Wang Fellowship (USD 10,000)	2021
UCLA Sociology Summer Fellowship (USD 4,000)	2021
UCLA Doctoral Student Travel Grant	2021 - 2023
UCLA Grad Division Fellowship (USD 24,000)	2020 - 2021
Scholarship for Distinguished Graduate, Fudan University (RMB 1,200)	2020
Library Scholarship, Fudan University (RMB 5,000)	2019
National Scholarship of China (RMB 8,000)	2018
Distinguished Student Scholarship, Fudan University (RMB 1,500)	2017

HONORS AND AWARDS

Excellence in Teaching Award, UCLA Department of Sociology	2023
Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship	2023
Silton Undergraduate Research Mentor Award	2022
Service Award, UCLA Department of Sociology	2022
Distinguished Graduate, Shanghai Municipal Education Commission	2020
Grand Prize, "Challenge Cup" Competition of Science Achievement in China	2019
Second Prize, Yangtze Delta College Students Research Seminar	2018
Third Prize, Shanghai Social Science Seminar for Undergraduates	2018
Distinguished Student, Fudan University	2017, 2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Better Off Elsewhere? A Counterfactual Analysis of the Effect of Immigration on Mexican-Origin Workers' Occupational Outcome"

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, August 2024
- RC28 Summer 2024 Meeting, Providence, August 2024

"Mobility Homogamy in the US: The Role of Intergenerational Mobility Trajectory in Assortative Mating"

- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Columbus, April 2024 (Poster)
- All-UC Demography Conference, Los Angeles, May 2024 (Poster)

"Assimilating or Diverging? Generational Differences in Time Use of Asian American and Hispanic Immi-

grant Youth”

- California Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual, November 2022
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 2023
- University of Maryland Time Use Conference, College Park, June 2023

”Unequal Effects of the COVID-19 Epidemic on Employment: Differences by Race/Ethnicity and Immigrant Status”

- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, April 2022

”The Frustrated Achievers: Imbalanced Development of Rural Students at Urban Elite University”

- Shanghai Sociology Association Annual Conference, Shanghai, November 2019
- Yangtze Delta Seminar of Social Survey, Shanghai, November 2018

TEACHING AT UCLA

TEACHING ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE

- Introductory Sociology 2021, 2022, 2023
- Sociology of Family 2023
- Social Psychology: Sociological Approaches 2022
- Sociology of Global China 2022

READER

- Comparative Immigration 2021

SERVICE

- Organizer, Summer Institute in Computational Social Science at UCLA 2024
- Student Organizer, Social Inequality Data Science Lab 2023 - Present
- Stratification Working Group Coordinator, UCLA Sociology 2021 - 2023
- Grad to Grad Mentor (UCLA Grad Division) 2022-2023
- College Application Mentor, Heart of Los Angeles 2022
- Honor Thesis Mentor, UCLA Sociology 2021-2022

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, UCLA 2023
- The 10th Annual Workshop on Formal Demography, UC Berkeley 2024

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, California Sociological Association

OTHER SKILLS

- Programming** R, Stata, \LaTeX
- Languages** Cantonese (native), Mandarin (native), English (full professional)
- Music** Singer-songwriter ”Kris Liao” on Spotify