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EDUCATION

In progress Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Committee: Omar Lizardo (chair); Natasha Quadlin; Stefan Timmermans; Yunxiang Yan;
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Field exam: Culture; Family

2023 M.A. Sociology
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

2020 M.A. Social Science (Specialization in Sociology)
University of Chicago

2018 B.A. Sociology (Honor in major); Educational Policy Studies (Certificate)
University of Wisconsin–Madison

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Marriage and Family; Culture; Social Stratification; Gender; Theory; Mixed Research Methods.

GRANT AND AWARDS

Department of Sociology Service Award, UCLA. 2024.

Department of Sociology Service Award, UCLA. 2023.

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, UCLA. 2022.

Graduate Dean’s Scholar Award, UCLA. 2021.

Maroon Scholar Research Award, University of Chicago. 2019.

Alfred Reschke Social Science Scholarship, UW Madison. 2018.

Bromley Research Conference Travel Grant, UW Madison. 2018.

Phi Beta Kappa. 2018.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE

Feng, Acton Jiashi. 2022. “Revisiting Horizontal Stratification in Higher Education: College Prestige Hierarchy and Educational Assortative Mating in China.” *Demography* 59(1):349–369.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Gender (Re)Socialization Between Parents and Their Gender-Liberal Children in China.” (with Shichao Du) *Invited to submit for special issue at Chinese Journal of Sociology*

“The Regional Coloring of Imagination: Regional Schema, Imagination, and Marital Selection in Urban China.” *In Progress*

“Imagination in Action: Rethinking the Culture-action Link” *In Progress*

“Who is Having the Second Baby? Educational Assortative Mating and Transition to the Second Child in China.” (with Iris Huimeng Zhao) *In Progress*

“50 Years of Continuity and Change in Mobility Homogamy in the United States: The Role of Intergenerational Mobility Trajectory in Assortative Mating.” (with Kristin Liao and Shichao Du) *In Progress*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

“Gender (re)socialization between parents and their gender-liberal children? Differential pathway by gender and space in China” (with Shichao Du)

- Poster Session, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 2025.
- Poster Session, All-UC Demography and Population Studies Conference. May 2024.

“50 Years of Continuity and Change in Mobility Homogamy in the US: The Role of Intergenerational Mobility Trajectory in Assortative Mating” (with Kristin Liao and Shichao Du)

- Poster Session, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 2024.
- Poster Session, All-UC Demography and Population Studies Conference. May 2024.

“The Regional Coloring of Imagination: Regional Categories and Marital Selection in Urban China.” (single author)

- Poster Session, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 2024.

“Who is Having the Second Baby? Educational Assortative Mating and Transition to the Second Child in China.” (equal authorship, with Iris Huimeng Zhao)

- Paper Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 2023.
- Paper Session, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 2023. (presenter)

“Revisiting Horizontal Stratification in Higher Education: College Prestige Hierarchy and Educational Assortative Mating in China.” (single author)

- Poster Session, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 2021. Virtual.
- Paper Session, International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Nov 2020. Virtual.
- Paper Session, 5th Annual MAPSS Academic Conference. June 2020. Virtual.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer:

- *American Journal of Sociology; Higher Education; Population Research and Policy Review; Social Problems; Social Science Research; Studies in Higher Education.*

Founder and Coordinator:

- Chinese Marriage and Family Reading Group. Jan 2022 – Oct 2023.

Coordinator:

- Family Working Group, UCLA Sociology. March 2022 – June 2024.

Panel Organizer:

- “Family Change in China: 1920–2020,” the 5th Annual MAPSS Academic Conference. June 2020.

First-Year Graduate Student Mentor:

- UCLA sociology. 2023 – 2024.

Senior faculty search student representative:

- UCLA sociology. 2023 – 2024.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UCLA:

Instructor of Record:

- Contemporary Sociological Theory (2025 summer)

Teaching Assistant:

- Introduction to Sociological Research Methods (2022 fall, 2022 winter, 2023 fall; 2024 winter; 2024 fall)
- Introductory Sociology (2023 spring)
- Development of Sociological Theory (i.e. Classical Sociological Theory) (2024 spring)
- Contemporary Sociological Theory (2025 winter; 2025 spring)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- American Sociological Association: Asia and Asian American Section; Family Section; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section; Sociology of Culture Section; Sociology of Population Section
- Population Association of America
- International Chinese Sociological Association

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Stata; SPSS; R; *lem*; MAXQDA

LANGUAGE

Chinese (native); English (fluent)