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PERSONAL INFORMATION	January 1, 1993	Chinese
EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley , Berkeley, CA Ph.D., Sociology and Demography , 2024 <i>Committee: Jennifer Johnson-Hanks (Chair), Ann Swidler, Marion Fourcade</i> M.A., Sociology , April 2019 M.A., Demography , May 2016 Tsinghua University , Beijing, China B.Laws., Sociology , June 2015	
INTERESTS	Social Networks, Gender, Youth Labour, and Content Creators	
WORK EXPERIENCE	Leeds University Business School , Leeds, UK <i>2024 onward</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of People, Work, and Employment• Deputy Director, Data Analytics and Human Resource Management MSc City, University of London , London, UK <i>August 2023 to August 2024</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Postdoctoral Researcher Project: Young Women's Working Lives, <i>PI: Rachel Cohen, Kim Allen</i>	
PUBLICATIONS	1. Child, S., Ruppel, E. H., Zhong, M., & Lawton, L. (2021). Direct and Moderating Causal Effects of Network Support on Sleep Quality: Findings From the UC Berkeley Social Network Study. <i>Annals of Behavioral Medicine</i> , 55(5), 446-459.	
UNDER REVIEW	1. Zhong, et al. (2025). Equally Bad, Unevenly Distributed: Gender and the 'Black Box' of Student Employment. (conditionally accepted) <i>British Journal of Sociology</i>	
WORKING PAPERS	1. Zhong, MR., & Fischer, CS., (2025). Being Single With Many Friends: Exploring the Substitutability Between Non-kin ties and Partnerships in Egocentric Networks <i>Submission to American Sociological Review</i> 2. Zhong, et al. (2025). Earning-while-Learning: Experiences, Trajectories, and Transitions of UK Student Workers from Teenage Years <i>Aim to submit to Work, Employment, and Society</i> 3. Zhong, MR., (2024). Becoming Influencers: the Second Shift of Full-time Mothers in China. <i>Aim to submit to New Media Society / Social Media+ Society</i>	
INVITED TALKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being Single with Many Friends: Comparing Close Nonkin Ties and Partnerships in Egocentric Networks Center for Social Research and Guanghua School of Management, Peking University <i>December, 2024</i>• The 'Studentness' Penalty: Opening up the Black Box of Student Employment Centre for Population Change, University of Southampton <i>June, 2024</i>	

CONFERENCE
PROCEEDINGS

- **The ‘Studentness’ Penalty: Opening up the Black Box of Student Employment (oral presentation, presenter)**
Labour Force and Annual Population Surveys User conference 2024, London *May, 2024*
- **Becoming Influencers: the Second Shift of Full-time Mothers in China (oral presentation, presenter)**
British Society for Population Studies, Keele University *September, 2023*
- **Kinship Networks and Family Relationships among Contemporary Asian Americans (oral presentation, presenter)**
American Sociological Association, roundtable session, section on Asia and Asian America, Philadelphia *August, 2023*
- **Being Single With Many Friends: Exploring the Substitutability Between Non-kin ties and Partnerships in Egocentric Networks (oral presentation, presenter)**
With Claude S. Fischer
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans *April, 2023*
- **Being Single With Many Friends: Trade-off Between Close Non-kin and Spousal Ties in Social Support (oral presentation, presenter)**
With Claude S. Fischer
XXXIX Sunbelt 2019 Conference, Montreal *June, 2019*
- **The Unique Romantic Relationships: Roles of Spouses and Partners in Core Networks (poster, presenter)**
With Claude S. Fischer
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin *April, 2019*
- **Trouble Sleeping: Life Events, Social Support. and Sleep Quality (oral presentation)**
With Stephanie Child, Emily Ruppel and Leora Lawton
XXXVII Sunbelt 2018 Conference, Netherlands *June, 2018*
- **The Role of Education in Marriage Formation in Japan (poster, presenter)**
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Denver *April, 2018*
- **Explaining China’s Spousal Age Gaps: The Role of Education and Income Equalization between Genders (poster, presenter)**
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, DC *April, 2016*

TEACHING AND
MENTORSHIP

Data Analytics and Human Resources (module leader) *Sep 2024 - June 2025*
MSc Data Analytics and Human Resource Management, LUBS

Responsible for lecture, tutorials and assessment design, lecture and tutorial delivery, and guest lecturer invitations

MA Dissertation mentorship *May - August 2024*
MSc Data Analytics and Human Resource Management, LUBS
Tianjun Huang (Distinction award)
Zipei Jin
Zituo Lei
Yajie Hu

Dissertation module on research methods: mixed-method approaches *June 2024*
MSc Data Analytics and Human Resource Management, LUBS

	Berkeley Formal Demography Workshop <i>Summer 2022</i> Demography Department, UC Berkeley	
	Demography 180 - Social Networks <i>Summer 2019</i> Independent Instructor , Demography Department, UC Berkeley	
	Demography 180 - Social Networks <i>Spring 2019</i> Graduate Student Instructor, Demography Department, UC Berkeley with Professor Dennis Feehan	
	Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program <i>Fall 2018 - Spring 2019</i> Mentor for two undergraduate students with the UCNets project, UC Berkeley with Professor Claude S. Fischer	
	Economics/Demography 175 - Economic Demography <i>Spring 2018, 2017</i> Graduate Student Instructor, Demography Department, UC Berkeley with Professor Joshua Goldstein	
	Demography 110 - Introduction to Population Analysis <i>Fall 2016</i> Graduate Student Instructor, Demography Department, UC Berkeley with Professor Robert Chung	
MEDIA APPEARANCES	Bemoaning students' need to work is short-sighted and counterproductive <i>April 2024</i> <i>Times Higher Education</i>	
SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS	Doctoral Completion Fellowship <i>2022-2023</i> UC Berkeley	
	The Catherine and William L. Magistretti Graduate Fellowship <i>2021-2022</i> UC Berkeley	
	Lowenthal Fellowship <i>2020-2021</i> Sociology Department, UC Berkeley	
	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor <i>2019</i> UC Berkeley	
	Pamela and Kenneth Fong Fellowship <i>2018-2019</i> Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley	
	National Scholarship <i>2014</i> China Ministry of Education	
SKILLS	Programming Language R, Python, Stata Collaboration GitHub, Git Qualitative research software MaxQDA	Data Spark (pySpark), MySQL Language Mandarin (native)