

# Alex Chow

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## Education

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### Stanford University

January 2020 — Present

*Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology*

- Dissertation: The Social Significance of Education
- Dissertation Committee: Dr. Michelle Jackson (Advisor), Dr. Florencia Torche, Dr. David Grusky
- Qualifying Exams: Social Stratification, Economic Sociology

### Stanford University

Present — January 2022

*Master of Arts in Sociology*

- Master's Thesis: Expansion and Returns: A Causal Inference Approach to the Positional Value of Education
- Advisors: Dr. Michelle Jackson, Dr. Florencia Torche

### University of British Columbia

January 2016 — January 2020

*Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Sociology*

- Honors Thesis: Complicating the International Student Classification in Canada: A Computational Grounded Theory Approach
- Supervisor: Dr. Qiang Fu

## Research Interests

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Social stratification, inequality, mobility, Educational inequality, higher education, Quantitative, statistical, and survey methods, Computational methods, network analysis, and natural language processing

## Publications

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### Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada

January 2021

*Canadian Review of Sociology*

Chow, Alex, and Neil Guppy. 2021. "Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada." *Canadian Review of Sociology* 58(3):372-398.

### The Subjective Social Ladder: Actual, Perceived, and Projected Mobility in 22 Countries

Present — Present

Chow, Alex. "The Subjective Social Ladder: Actual, Perceived, and Projected Mobility in 22 Countries." Under review.

### How Much Does Education Matter for Social Status? Findings from a Conjoint Experiment

Present — Present

Chow, Alex. "How Much Does Education Matter for Social Status? Findings from a Conjoint Experiment." In preparation.

### Residential Relocation Reshapes Daily Exposure Segregation

Present — Present

Qiao, Si, Junxi Qu, Rosina Pradhananga, Alex Chow, Sarah-Eve Dill, David Grusky, and Anthony Gar-On Yeh. "Residential Relocation Reshapes Daily Exposure Segregation." Under review.

### A Supervised LLM System for Large-Scale, Data-Secure Qualitative Coding

Present — Present

van der Velden, Max, David Grusky, and Alex Chow. "A Supervised LLM System for Large-Scale, Data-Secure Qualitative Coding." In preparation.

## Fellowships

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### Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program

January 2020

*Stanford University*

### Data Science for Social Good (DSSG) Fellowship

January 2019

*Data Science Institute, UBC*

## Research Grants

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<b>Graduate Research Opportunity</b> <i>Stanford School of Humanities and Sciences</i>	<i>January 2025</i>
<b>Sociology PhD Dissertation Research Opportunity</b> <i>Stanford Department of Sociology</i>	<i>January 2025</i>

## Honors & Awards

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<b>Governor General's Silver Medal in Arts</b> <i>University of British Columbia</i>	<i>January 2020</i>
<b>Outstanding Graduating Student, Canadian Sociological Association</b> <i>Canadian Sociological Association</i>	<i>January 2020</i>
<b>Kaspar Naegele Memorial Prize in Sociology</b> <i>University of British Columbia</i>	<i>January 2020</i>
<b>University of British Columbia Scholarship</b> <i>University of British Columbia</i>	<i>January 2019</i>
<b>Faculty of Arts International Student Scholarship</b> <i>University of British Columbia</i>	<i>January 2019</i>
<b>Katherine Brearley Arts Scholarship</b> <i>University of British Columbia</i>	<i>January 2019</i>
<b>Faculty of Arts International Student Scholarship</b> <i>University of British Columbia</i>	<i>January 2018</i>
<b>Katherine Brearley Arts Scholarship</b> <i>University of British Columbia</i>	<i>January 2018</i>
<b>Mo Lin Yu Memorial Prize in the Faculty of Arts</b> <i>University of British Columbia</i>	<i>January 2018</i>

## Conference Presentations

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- Jan 2026: How Much Does Education Matter for Social Status? Findings from a Conjoint Experiment. — RC28 Online Meeting on Educational Inequalities | Sciences Po (Virtual)
  - Aug 2025: Perceptions of Social Status: Findings from a Conjoint Experiment. — American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2025 | Chicago, IL
  - Nov 2023: Perceptions of Social Status: Findings from a Conjoint Experiment. — New Methods to Measure Intergenerational Mobility | Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility, University of Chicago, IL
  - Aug 2023: The Subjective Social Ladder: Actual, Perceived, and Projected Mobility in 22 Countries. — American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2023 | Philadelphia, PA
  - Jun 2023: The Post-Liberal Social Classes: Actual and Perceived Levels of Income Inequality and Associated Values. — International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology 2023 | Melbourne, Australia
  - Aug 2022: Expansion and Returns: A Causal Inference Approach to the Positional Value of Education. — American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2022 | Los Angeles, CA
  - Aug 2021: Intergenerational Educational Assortative Mating: A Study of Individuals Born Between 1970 and 1985. — American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2021 | Virtual
  - May 2021: Intergenerational Educational Assortative Mating: A Study of Individuals Born Between 1970 and 1985. — Canadian Population Society Annual Meeting 2021 | Virtual
  - Aug 2019: Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada. — American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2019 (Honors Program) | New York, NY
  - Jun 2019: Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada. — Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2019 | Vancouver, BC
  - May 2019: Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada. — UBC Anthropology and Sociology Undergraduate Conference 2019 | Vancouver, BC
  - Mar 2019: Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada. — UBC Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference 2019 | Vancouver, BC

- Jan 2019: Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada. — Harvard University National Collegiate Research Conference 2019 | Cambridge, MA

## Research Experience

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### Graduate Research Assistant

*January 2020 — Present*

*Stanford University*

Research roles in sociology and poverty/inequality labs.

- Jun 2025 – Present: Voices Lab: "American Voices Project." Research Assistant for Dr. David Grusky, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality.
- Mar 2023 – Present: Social Networks Lab: "Social Networks and Cellphone Mobility Data." Lab Coordinator and Research Assistant for Dr. David Grusky, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality.
- Sep 2022 – May 2023: "COVID and Infant Health." Research Assistant for Dr. Florencia Torche, Stanford Department of Sociology.

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

*January 2016 — January 2020*

*University of British Columbia*

Research experience in sociology and data science labs.

- May 2018 – May 2021: "Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada." Co-Investigator with Dr. Neil Guppy, UBC Department of Sociology.
- May 2019 – Dec 2019: "Developing Natural Language Processing Tools for Sharing of Indigenous and Community Knowledge." Data Science for Social Good Research Fellow, National Energy Board & UBC Data Science Institute.
- May 2019 – Dec 2019: "Romantic Relationships in Canada." Research Assistant for Dr. Yue Qian, UBC Department of Sociology.

## Teaching & Mentorship

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### Graduate Teaching Assistant

*January 2020 — January 2025*

*Stanford University*

Graduate teaching, mentorship, and supervision roles.

- Nov 2024 – Aug 2025: Graduate Research Assistant Internship Supervisor, Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences Research Experience Program
- Jun 2021 – Aug 2021: Graduate Research Mentor, Stanford Summer Research Early Identification Program
- Jan 2023 – Mar 2023: Graduate Teaching Assistant, SOC 382: Sociological Methodology II (Statistics for an Open Science: Principles of Regression II)
- Sep 2022 – Dec 2022: Graduate Teaching Assistant, SOC 381: Sociological Methodology I (Introduction)
- Sep 2021 – Dec 2021: Graduate Teaching Assistant, SOC 114/214: Economic Sociology

### Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

*January 2016 — January 2020*

*University of British Columbia*

Undergraduate teaching assistantships and mentorship roles.

- May 2020 – Jun 2020: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, ANTH/SOCI 480: Urban Ethnographic Field School
- Jan 2020 – Apr 2020: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, SOCI 372: Contemporary Directions in Theory
- Sep 2019 – Apr 2020: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, DSCI 100: Introduction to Data Science
- Sep 2019 – Dec 2019: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, SOCI 301: Development and Underdevelopment
- Sep 2018 – May 2019: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, SOCI 100: Introduction to Sociology
- Sep 2019 – Apr 2020: Student Directed Seminar Leader and Coordinator, SOCI 433: Scaling the Ivory Tower: Sociology of Higher Education
- Oct 2019: Workshop Leader and Coordinator, Undergraduate Social Statistics Study Group
- Sep 2017 – Apr 2019: Mentorship Program Coordinator (2018–2019) and Peer Mentor (2017–2019), Coordinated Arts Program

## Academic Service

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### Academic Service

*January 2016 — January 2020*

*University of British Columbia*

Academic service roles within the department and faculty.

- Jan 2019 – May 2020: Advisory Committee Member, Advanced Research Cohort (ARC) Program, UBC Department of Sociology
- Jan 2019 – May 2019: Tenure-Track Instructor Hiring Committee Member, Coordinated Arts Program, UBC Faculty of Arts
- Sep 2017 – May 2019: Lead Typesetter (2018–2019) and Associate Editor (2017–2018), Sojourners: Undergraduate Journal of Sociology
- Feb 2018: Selection Panel Member, Arts Undergraduate Society Humanities and Social Sciences Conference

## **Skills**

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**Technical:** Python, R, Stata

## **Languages**

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**English:**

**Mandarin:**

## **Professional Affiliations**

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- American Sociological Association
- Canadian Sociological Association
- Canadian Population Society
- International Sociological Association

*Present — Present*