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Experience

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.

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

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

Projects

Conference Presentations

Present — Present

- 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

Professional Affiliations

Present — Present

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

Education

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

Publications**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 Present — Present Mobility in 22 Countries

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 Present — Present from a Conjoint Experiment

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.

Awards**Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program***January 2020****Stanford University*****Data Science for Social Good (DSSG) Fellowship***January 2019****Data Science Institute, UBC*****Graduate Research Opportunity***January 2025****Stanford School of Humanities and Sciences*****Sociology PhD Dissertation Research Opportunity***January 2025****Stanford Department of Sociology*****Governor General's Silver Medal in Arts***January 2020****University of British Columbia***

Outstanding Graduating Student, Canadian Sociological Association January 2020
*Canadian Sociological Association***Kaspar Naegele Memorial Prize in Sociology** *University of British Columbia* **January 2020****University of British Columbia Scholarship** *University of British Columbia* **January 2019****Faculty of Arts International Student Scholarship** *University of British Columbia* **January 2019****Katherine Brearley Arts Scholarship** *University of British Columbia* **January 2019****Faculty of Arts International Student Scholarship** *University of British Columbia* **January 2018****Katherine Brearley Arts Scholarship** *University of British Columbia* **January 2018****Mo Lin Yu Memorial Prize in the Faculty of Arts** *University of British Columbia* **January 2018**

Languages**English:****Mandarin:**

Skills**Technical:** Python, R, Stata

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