

# Alex Chow

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## Education

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**Stanford University** 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 — 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** 2016 — 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** 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** *Under review*

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** *In preparation*

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

**Residential Relocation Reshapes Daily Exposure Segregation** *Under review*

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** *In preparation*

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** 2020

*Stanford University*

**Data Science for Social Good (DSSG) Fellowship** 2019

*Data Science Institute, UBC*

## Research Grants

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

## Honors & Awards

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

## Conference Presentations

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| <b>How Much Does Education Matter for Social Status? Findings from a Conjoint Experiment</b><br><i>RC28 Online Meeting on Educational Inequalities   Sciences Po (Virtual)</i>  | Jan<br>2026 |
| <b>Perceptions of Social Status: Findings from a Conjoint Experiment</b><br><i>American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2025   Chicago, IL</i>  | Aug 2025    |
| <b>Perceptions of Social Status: Findings from a Conjoint Experiment</b><br><i>New Methods to Measure Intergenerational Mobility   Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility, University of Chicago, IL</i> | Nov 2023    |
| <b>The Subjective Social Ladder: Actual, Perceived, and Projected Mobility in 22 Countries</b><br><i>American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2023   Philadelphia, PA</i>   | Aug<br>2023 |
| <b>The Post-Liberal Social Classes: Actual and Perceived Levels of Income Inequality and Associated Values</b><br><i>International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology 2023   Melbourne, Australia</i>       | Jun<br>2023 |
| <b>Expansion and Returns: A Causal Inference Approach to the Positional Value of Education</b><br><i>American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2022   Los Angeles, CA</i>  | Aug<br>2022 |
| <b>Intergenerational Educational Assortative Mating: A Study of Individuals Born Between 1970 and 1985</b><br><i>American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2021   Virtual</i>  | Aug<br>2021 |
| <b>Intergenerational Educational Assortative Mating: A Study of Individuals Born Between 1970 and 1985</b>  | May<br>2021 |

**Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada** Aug 2019

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2019 (Honors Program) | New York, NY

**Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada** Jun 2019

Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2019 | Vancouver, BC

**Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada** May 2019

UBC Anthropology and Sociology Undergraduate Conference 2019 | Vancouver, BC

**Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada** Mar 2019

UBC Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference 2019 | Vancouver, BC

**Intergenerational Educational Mobility Over the Past Century in Canada** Jan 2019

Harvard University National Collegiate Research Conference 2019 | Cambridge, MA

## Research Experience

### Graduate Research Assistant

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

2016 — 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

### Graduate Teaching Assistant

2020 — 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

2016 — 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

### Academic Service

2016 — 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

**Technical:** Python, R, Stata

**Languages:** English, Mandarin

## Professional Affiliations

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