

# BOWEI HU

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## EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University 2025–  
*Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow*

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## EDUCATION

University of California-Los Angeles 2020–2025  
*Ph.D. in Sociology* Los Angeles, USA

- Winner, Dissertation Development Research Improvement Grant, American Sociology Association
- Committee Members: Jennie Brand (co-chair), Olav Sorenson (co-chair), David Brady (USC), Kevan Harris, Edward Walker

University of California-Los Angeles 2018–2020  
*M.A. in Sociology* Los Angeles, USA

National Tsing Hua University 2013–2015  
*M.A. in Sociology* Hsinchu, Taiwan

National Taipei University 2008–2012  
*B.A. in Sociology* Taipei, Taiwan

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Organizational Theory, Social Inequality and Stratification, Economic Sociology, Global Taiwan Studies, Quantitative Methods

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## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. Hu, Bowei and Olav Sorenson, "Resource Partitioning," (forthcoming in the *Elgar Encyclopedia of Organizational Sociology*)
2. Lin, Thung-Hong and Bowei Hu. 2019. "Subcontractors' Dilemma: The Expansion of Taiwanese Firms 2002–2015." *International Journal of Taiwan Studies* 2(2):199–229.
  - Open Access Award, *International Journal of Taiwan Studies*, 2023
3. Lin, Kuan-Hui, Thung-Hong Lin, Bowei Hu, Yi-Chung Chang, Chin-Hsun Yeh, Gee-Yu Liu, and Chuang-Han Chan. 2017. "Earthquake, Housing Damage, and Fatality: A Causal-effect Analysis of Seismic Risk in Chi-Chi Earthquake." *City and Planning* 44(1):83–112.
4. Lin, Thung-Hong and Bowei Hu. 2017. "Size Matters: The Causes and Consequences of the Expansion of Taiwanese Business Groups." Pp. 231–268, edited by Zong-Rong Lee and Thung-Hong Lin, *Unfinished Miracle: Taiwan's Economic and Social Transition*, Taipei: Academia Sinica.

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## WORKING PROJECTS

### Manuscripts

1. Hu, Bowei. "In the Red: How Bank Concentration Fuels Debt Burdens for Households, 1995–2019."
  - Ronald Burt Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Economic Sociology, 2024
  - Student Travel Award, International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), 2023
  - Early Career Workshop Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), 2023
2. Hu, Bowei. "Banking the Unbanked Spurs Payday Loan Usage among Black Households."
  - Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Consumers and Consumption, 2024
  - IPUMS CPS Research Award, 2025

### Book Project

1. *Banking Inequality: How Financial Systems Stratify Household Wealth in Rich Democracies.*

### Work in Progress

1. Hu, Bowei and Olav Sorenson. "Bank Concentration and Venture Capital."
2. Hu, Bowei. "The Polarization in Local Banking Systems and Household Debt."
3. Harris, Kevan and Bowei Hu. "The Iranian Revolution and Social Mobility."

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## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2025 IPUMS CPS Research Award
- 2024 Ronald Burt Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Section on Economic Sociology
- 2024 Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Consumers and Consumption
- 2024 Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, UCLA Sociology
- 2023–2024 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, ASA
- 2023–2024 Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA
- 2023–2024 Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grant, National Science Council, Taiwan
- 2023–2024 J. Yang Scholarship, UCLA
- 2023 Student Travel Award, ISA RC 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility
- 2023 Early Career Workshop Award, SASE
- 2023 Open Access Award, International Journal of Taiwan Studies
- 2022–2023 Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Fellowship, UCLA
- 2021–2022 J. Yang Scholarship, UCLA
- 2020–2021 Teaching Award, UCLA Sociology
- 2020–2021 J. Yang and Family Centennial Scholarship, UCLA
- 2019–2022 Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, UCLA Sociology
- 2018–2022 Graduate Research Fellowship, UCLA Sociology
- 2018–2022 Government Fellowship for Studying Abroad, Ministry of Education, Taiwan
- 2014–2015 Graduate Research Fellowship, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
- 2011–2012 College Student Research Grant, National Science Council, Taiwan
- 2011–2012 Scholarship, Shen Lin Memorial Foundation, Taiwan
- 2009–2012 Scholarship, National Taipei University, Taiwan

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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2024–2025 Fellowship Coordinator, UCLA Sociology
- 2020 Visiting Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
- 2015–2018 Research Assistant, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

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#### TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- 2022 **Independent Instructor**, University of California, Los Angeles
  - Introduction to Sociological Research Methods (Evaluation: 8.6/9)
- 2020–2025 **Teaching Assistant**, University of California, Los Angeles
  - Teaching Award: 2020–2021
  - Introduction to Sociological Research Methods (with Megan Sweeney\*3; Wei-hsin Yu; Michael Gaddis)
  - Social Network (with Ka-yuet Liu; Omar Lizardo)
  - Economy and Society (with Gabriel Rossman)
  - Introductory Sociology (with Andrés Villareal)
  - Sociology of Education (with Richard Andalon)
- 2019–2020 **Mentor**, Honors Thesis Program, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2014–2015 **Teaching Assistant**, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
  - Application of Econometrics in Social Science (graduate-level)
  - Sociological Methodology (undergraduate-level)

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#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Sociological Association
  - Economic Sociology (Mentor: Adam Goldstein, Princeton)
  - Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility (Mentor: Nathan Wilmers, MIT Sloan)
  - Organizations, Occupations, and Work
  - Sociology of Consumers and Consumption
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- International Sociological Association
  - Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility
- Population Association of America

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#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

##### External

- 2023 Roundtable Presider, ASA Annual Meeting (Economic Sociology)
- 2023 Roundtable Presider, ASA Annual Meeting (Organizations, Occupations, and Work)
- Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*; *Industrial and Corporate Change*

##### Internal

- 2023–2025 Organizer, Organizations and Markets Working Group, UCLA Sociology
- 2024 Student Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, UCLA Sociology
- 2022 Student Representative, Undergraduate General Education Evaluation, UCLA
- 2019–2020 Organizer, Stratification, Inequality, and Mobility Working Group, UCLA Sociology
- 2019 Student Representative, Faculty Recruitment, UCLA Sociology