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Education

2020–2024 (Expected)	Ph.D. Program in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles Committee: Jennie Brand (co-chair), David Brady (co-chair, Public Policy, UC-Riverside), Kevan Harris, Olav Sorenson (Anderson School of Management), Edward Walker
2018–2020	M.A., Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
2013–2015	M.A., Institute of Sociology, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
2008–2012	B.A., Department of Sociology, National Taipei University, Taiwan

Research Interests

Organizations, Stratification and Inequality, Economic Sociology, Comparative Political Economy, Quantitative Methods

Job Market Paper

[“In the Red: How Bank Concentration Fuels Debt Burdens for Households, 1995–2019.”](#)

- American Sociological Association (ASA) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG)
- International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) Student Travel Award
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Early Career Workshop Award

Publications

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Working Projects

- Hu, Bowei and Olav Sorenson. "Resource Partitioning." (Accepted for the *Elgar Encyclopedia of Organizational Sociology*)
- Hu, Bowei and Thung-Hong Lin. "The Politics of Bank Concentration and Wealth Inequality."
- Hu, Bowei. "Banking without Banks: How Bank Account Ownership Influences Racial Disparities in Alternative Financial Services."
- Hu, Bowei. "The Polarization in Local Banking Systems and Household Debt."
- Hu, Bowei and Olav Sorenson. "Ecological Perspectives on Inequality."

Conference Presentations

- Hu, Bowei. "Households in the Red: How Bank Concentration Grows Debt Burdens for Them, 1995–2019."
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2023)
 - International Sociological Association RC28 Summer Meeting (2023)
 - The Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting (2023)
- Hu, Bowei and Thung-Hong Lin. "The Politics of Financialization and Income Inequality."
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2020)

- International Sociological Association RC28 Summer Meeting (2019)

Hu, Bowei. “Educational Expansion and Urban-Rural Discrepancy in Education Attainment in Taiwan.”

- International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology (2014)

Fellowships and Research Grants

2023–2024	ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
2023–2024	UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship
2023–2024	Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grant
2023–2024	J. Yang Scholarship
2022–2023	Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Fellowship
2021–2022	J. Yang Scholarship
2020–2021	J. Yang and Family Centennial Scholarship
2019–2022	Departmental Summer Funding
2018–2022	Departmental Fellowship
2018–2022	Ministry of Education Government Fellowship for Studying Abroad
2014–2015	Academia Sinica Fellowship
2011–2012	National Science Council College Student Research Grant
2011–2012	Shen Lin Memorial Foundation Fellowship
2009–2012	National Taipei University Fellowship

Professional Experiences

2020	Visiting Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica
2015–2018	Research Assistant, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica

Teaching Experiences

2022	Instructor, University of California, Los Angeles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to Sociological Research Methods (Course Evaluation: 8.6 out of 9)
2020–2023	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)
- Economy and Society (with Gabriel Rossman)
- Social Network (with Ka-yuet Liu)
- Introductory Sociology (with Andrés Villareal)
- Sociology of Education (with Richard Andalon)

2019–2020 Voluntary Mentor, Honors Thesis Program, University of California, Los Angeles

2014–2015 Teaching Assistant, National Tsing Hua University

- Application of Econometrics in Social Science (Graduate-level)
- Sociological Methodology

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association

- Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility (Mentor: Nathan Wilmer, MIT Sloan)
- Organizations, Occupations, and Work
- Economic Sociology

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

International Sociological Association

- Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility

Professional Services

2023–2024 Student representative, Graduate Admissions Committee

2023–2024 Student organizer, Organization and Market Working Group

2023 Roundtable presider, ASA 2023 Annual Meeting (Economic Sociology Section)

2023 Roundtable presider, ASA 2023 Annual Meeting (Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section)

2022 Student representative, Undergraduate General Education Evaluation, UCLA

2020 Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*

2019–2020 Student organizer, Stratification, Inequality, and Mobility Working Group

2019 Student representative, Faculty Recruitment

References

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