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## Education

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| 2025 | Ph.D. Program in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Committee: Jennie Brand (co-chair), Olav Sorenson (co-chair), David Brady, Kevan Harris, Edward Walker</li><li>• Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), American Sociological Association (ASA), 2023–2024</li></ul> |
| 2020 | M.A., Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles  |
| 2015 | M.A., Institute of Sociology, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan   |
| 2012 | B.A., Department of Sociology, National Taipei University, Taiwan   |

## Research Interests

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

## Job Market Paper

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**[“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

## Publications

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**Hu, Bowei** and Olav Sorenson, “Resource Partitioning.” (forthcoming in the *Elgar Encyclopedia of Organizational Sociology*)

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

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

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### **Under Review**

Hu, Bowei. “[Banking the Unbanked Spurs Payday Loan Usage among Black Households.](#)” (original title: Banking Without Banks: How Bank Account Ownership Influences Racial Disparities in Alternative Financial Services)

- Consumers and Consumption Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Sociology of Consumers and Consumption, 2024

### **Work in Progress**

Hu, Bowei and Olav Sorenson. “Bank Concentration and Venture Capital.”

Hu, Bowei. “The Polarization in Local Banking Systems and Household Debt.”

## Conference Presentations

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Hu, Bowei. “Banking Without Banks: How Bank Account Ownership Influences Racial Disparities in Alternative Financial Services.”

- Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting (2024)
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Meeting (2024)
- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (2024)

Hu, Bowei. “Households in the Red: How Bank Concentration Grows Debt Burdens for Them, 1995–2019.”

- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (2023)
- International Sociological Association (ISA) RC28 Summer Meeting (2023)
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Meeting (2023)
- Nagymaros Conference (2024)

Hu, Bowei and Thung-Hong Lin. “The Politics of Financialization and Income Inequality.”

- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (2020)
- International Sociological Association (ISA) RC28 Summer Meeting (2019)

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

- International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology (2014)

## Honors, Fellowships, and Grants

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2024	Ronald Burt Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Section on Economic Sociology
2024	Consumers and Consumption Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Sociology of 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

## Professional Experiences

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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

## Teaching Experiences

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2022	Instructor, University of California, Los Angeles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Sociological Research Methods (Evaluation: 8.6 out of 9)</li> </ul>
2020–2023	Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching Award: 2020–2021</li> <li>• Introduction to Sociological Research Methods (with Megan Sweeney*3; Wei-hsin Yu; Michael Gaddis)</li> <li>• Economy and Society (with Gabriel Rossman)</li> <li>• Social Network (with Ka-yuet Liu)</li> <li>• Introductory Sociology (with Andrés Villareal)</li> <li>• Sociology of Education (with Richard Andalon)</li> </ul>

2019–2020 Voluntary 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

## Professional Affiliations

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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

## Professional Services

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### External

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

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

Reviewer, *American Sociological Review & Industrial and Corporate Change*

### Internal

2023–2025 Student 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 Student Organizer, Stratification, Inequality, and Mobility Working Group,  
UCLA Sociology  
2019 Student Representative, Faculty Recruitment, UCLA Sociology

## References

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