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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin	Austin, TX
PhD in Social Work, Steve Hicks School of Social Work	2024 - Present
Graduate Trainee, Population Research Center	2024 - Present
Graduate Portfolio, Center for Asian American Studies	2024 - Present
Graduate Affiliate, The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice	2024 - Present
The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Social Work and Social Administration	2021 - 2024
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
Bachelor of Social Science in Sociology, First Class Honors	2016 - 2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Topic	Immigration, health disparities, social policy, community engagement, global social work
Population	Immigrants, refugees, racial/ethnic minorities, Asian Americans
Method	Mixed methods, causal inference, policy analysis, data science

GRANTS & FUNDING

2025	Health Communication Scholars Program (\$2,500) Exploring digital health literacy and utilization among Asian and Asian Americans in Austin, Texas Role: <i>Principal Investigator</i>
2024	St David's CHPR (\$25,000) Understanding the primary healthcare needs of Asian and Asian Americans in Austin, Texas Role: <i>Research Coordinator</i> , PI: Shetal Vohra-Gupta, PhD

PUBLICATION

Peer-Review Journal Articles

- 10 Vohra-Gupta, S., Petrizzi, L., Cherian, A., **Chow, C.**, Unzueta., & Joachima., R. (2025). A narrative review on shifting practice and policy around social determinants of health (SDOH) screenings: Expanding the role of social workers in healthcare settings in the U.S. *Healthcare*, 13(10), 1097. <https://doi.org/10.3390/healthcare13101097>
- 9 **Chow, C.** (2025). Unveiling the patterns and drivers of immigrant health integration policies: A global examination in MIPEx countries. *Health Policy*, 154, 105267.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthpol.2025.105267>

W. Parker Frisbie Best Publication Award

- 8 Fu, Y., Jampaklay, A., **Chow, C.**, & Jordan, L. P. (2024). Gendered outcomes of parental migration on Thai youth's transitions to adulthood: A longitudinal perspective. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 1–25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2024.2328578>
- 7 Jampaklay, A., Vapattanawong, P., Lucktong, A., Yakoh, K., **Chow, C.**, Fu, Y., Adulyarat, M., & Jordan, L. P. (2024). Continuity in child mental health from preschool years to adolescence in parental migration contexts: Evidence from a longitudinal study in Thailand. *Acta Psychologica*, 247, 104329. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2024.104329>
- 6 **Chow, C.**, & Fong, E. (2024). Factors enhancing the intention to migrate from more developed to less developed areas. *Chinese Journal of Sociology*, 10(1), 59–75. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2057150X231222717>
- 5 **Chow, C.**, & Ren, L. (2023). Negotiating civic identity across different political contexts: Immigrant participation in social movements and political incorporation. *Sociology Compass*, e13140. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.13140>
- 4 Fu, Y., Jordan, L. P., Zhou, X., **Chow, C.**, & Fang, L. (2023). Longitudinal associations between parental migration and children's psychological well-being in Southeast Asia: The roles of caregivers' mental health and caregiving quality. *Social Science & Medicine*, 320, 115701. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.115701>
- 3 **Chow, C.**, Zhou, X., Fu, Y., Jampaklay, A., & Jordan, L. P. (2023). From left-behind children to youth labor migrants: The impact of household networks, gendered migration, and relay migration in Southeast Asia. *Social Sciences*, 12(3), 135. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci12030135>
- 2 Ji, X., Gao, L., Liu, H., He, S., Zhu, B., **Chow, C.**, Chen, J., Lu, Z., & Li, L. (2022). Does public health policy quality foster state innovation capacity? Evidence from a global panel data. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 10, 952842. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2022.952842>
- 1 Hu, T., Li, L., Lin, C., Yang, Z., **Chow, C.**, Lu, Z., & You, C. (2022). An analysis of the willingness to the COVID-19 vaccine booster shots among urban employees: Evidence from a megacity H in Eastern China. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(4), 2300. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19042300>

Manuscript Under Review

- 8 Chai, L. & **Chow, C.** Financial strain and sleep problems in a longitudinal study of the UK: racial/ethnic variations. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*
- 7 Wang, X., & **Chow, C.** Participation or departure: A survey experiment on civic engagement and migration aspirations. *Social Science Quarterly*
- 6 **Chow, C.**, Peng, C., & Lee, J. Policy models of immigrant political incorporation: Conceptualization and empirical cases in Asian developed economies using fuzzy sets. *International Migration Review*
- 5 Chai, L., **Chow, C.**, & Lu, Z. Racial/ethnic variations in the association between financial strain and well-being: Evidence from the United Kingdom Household Longitudinal Survey. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*
- 4 **Chow, C.**, & Jordan, L. P. From social service to civic action: How NGOs facilitate immigration political incorporation in a global city. *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*
- 3 **Chow, C.**, Chai, L., & Chen, M. Health education as a mediator between social participation and migrant health. *Health Education & Behavior*

- 2 **Chow, C.,** Park, J., & Vohra-Gupta, S. An intersectional approaching to understanding digital health inequalities among immigrants. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*
- 1 Chai, L. & **Chow, C.** Racial/ethnic variations in the association between sleep problems and mental health. *Social Work*

Manuscript in Progress

- 8 Yoo, N., Lee, J., Cureton, A., & **Chow, C.** Digital mutual aid in precarity: Peer support among Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients on Reddit across U.S. administrations
- 7 Voyles, C. H., Ciszek, E., Garnica, M. S., & **Chow, C.** Global framing the 2023 Gay Games: Media narratives, sociopolitical contexts, and LGBTQ inclusion in global sports
- 6 **Chow, C.,** Vohra-Gupta, S., Cubbin, C. State-level social vulnerability and racial and ethnic disparities in multiple chronic conditions.
- 5 Vohra-Gupta, S., Brown-Podgorski, B., **Chow, C.,** & Cubbin, C. Acculturation and allostatic load among Asian and Asian Americans: The effects of nativity, language, and media consumption
- 4 Vohra-Gupta, S., **Chow, C.,** & Cubbin, C. Incorporating critical theory in healthcare policy: a policy framework for serving marginalized populations
- 3 **Chow, C.,** Seo, Y., Vohra-Gupta, S., & Schwartz, S. Triumphs and pitfalls of applying acculturation in Asian American health research: A critical systematic review
- 2 Vohra-Gupta, S., Sevillano, L., **Chow, C.,** Castro, Y., & Cubbin, C. Cultural determinants and health outcomes among Asian Americans: A systematized review
- 1 **Chow, C.** Forever strangers in the atomized migrant community: The (dis)integration of international middling migrants in the global south

PRESENTATION

Conference Oral Presentation

- 19 **Chow, C.,** & Vohra-Gupta, S.(2026). Between culture and care: A phenomenological study of the lived healthcare experiences among Asian populations in central Texas. The 30th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Washington, D.C.
- 18 **Chow, C.,** Vohra-Gupta, S. (2026). Validating a community-based social determinants of health screening tool: A psychometric analysis for policy and practice. The 30th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Washington, D.C.
- 17 **Chow, C.,** Vohra-Gupta, S., Heitkemper, E., & Castro, Y. (2026). Disaggregating the model minority myth: A methodological reflection on community-engaged health needs assessment for Asian and Asian American populations. *The 30th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)*. Washington, D.C.
- 16 Yoo, N., Lee, J., Cureton, A., & **Chow, C.** (2026). Digital mutual aid in precarity: Peer support among Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients on Reddit across U.S. administrations. *The 30th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)*. Washington, D.C.
- 15 **Chow, C.,** Vohra-Gupta, S., Sevillano, L., Castro, Y., & Cubbin, C. (2025). Cultural determinants of health: Understanding health disparities in Asian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander populations. *American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting*. Washington, D.C.
- 14 **Chow, C.,** Vohra-Gupta, S., Cubbin, C. (2025). State-level social vulnerability and racial and ethnic disparities in multiple chronic conditions. *American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting*. Washington, D.C.

- 13 Fu Y., Jordan, L. P., Jampaklay, A., & **Chow, C.** (2025). The effects of parental and sibling migration on school-to-work transition of young adults in Thailand. *The 2nd International Conference of the ASEAN Social Work and Social Development 2025*. Bangkok, Thailand
- 12 **Chow, C.**, & Peng, C. (2024). Policy models of immigrant political incorporation: Conceptualization and empirical cases in Asian developed economies using fuzzy sets. *EASP & FISS Joint Conference 2024*. Kyoto, Japan
- 11 **Chow, C.** (2024). Forever strangers in the atomized immigrant community: The (dis)integration of international middling immigrants. *Migrations and Mobilities along the Belt and Road: Emergent Geographies in Asia and Beyond*. Singapore
- 10 **Chow, C.** (2023). Transnational networks and conditional hospitality towards immigrants: Evidence from Asia. *Symposium on Urban Social Survey and Quantitative Social Science in Celebration of 20th Anniversary of Chinese General Social Survey (CGSS)*. Shanghai, China
- 9 **Chow, C.**, & Hu, H. (2023). Migration penalty and school segregation: The impacts of migration and school on academic performance among school-aged children in China. *The 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)*. Phoenix, AZ.
- 8 **Chow, C.**, Wei, D., Hu, H., & Li, H. (2023). Multiple precarities and gender periphery: How female food delivery riders survive and thrive in a male-dominated industry. *The 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)*. Phoenix, AZ.
- 7 Lu, K., **Chow, C.**, Xu, L., & Peng, S. (2022). INGOs' registration for legitimacy under the Overseas NGO Law in China: An exploratory study. *The 15th International Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR)*. Montreal, Canada.
- 6 **Chow, C.** (2022). Identity empowerment, regime detachment, and invitational framing: How NGOs facilitate political incorporation of new immigrants in Hong Kong. *2022 EASP Workshop for Postgraduate Students*. (virtual)
- 5 **Chow, C.** (2021). Immigrant political community: The cause and consequence of Chinese immigrant participation in collective actions. *British Sociological Association (BSA) Annual Conference*. (virtual)
- 4 **Chow, C.** (2021). Negotiating identity among young South Asian ethnic minorities against the backdrop of the 2019 political crisis in Hong Kong. *2021 ASEN Conference on Nationalism and Crisis*. (virtual)
- 3 **Chow, C.**, & Shi, Y. (2019). Impacts of migrant adult children on life satisfaction of rural elderly. *The 114th American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting*. New York, NY.
- 2 **Chow, C.** (2019). Student movement in an authoritarian state: A case study of Jasic incident. The 24th Alternative Future and Popular Protest Conference. Manchester, England.
- 1 **Chow, C.** (2019). Dynamic interaction: Middle-level group activities in supplemental instruction. 2019 Northeast Regional Supplemental Instruction Conference. Boston, MA.

Poster Presentation

- 5 **Chow C.**, & Park, J. (2025). An intersectional approach to understanding digital health inequalities in the U.S. *St. David's CHPR 23rd Annual Conference*. Austin, TX.
- 4 Onyegesi, O., **Chow C.**, Kennedy, P., & Conway, F. (2025). Feasibility of a mobile resonance frequency breathing intervention for opioid use disorder recovery: Addressing health disparities and promoting disease prevention. *Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction (CPA) Annual Meeting*. Providence, RI.
- 3 Park, J., & **Chow C.** (2025). Immigrant adults' use of telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic: Findings from the 2020-2021 National Health Interview Survey. *The 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)*. Seattle, WA.

- 2 **Chow C., & Park, J.** (2025). Racial disparities in telehealth utilization and health outcomes among older adults: Evidence from National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). *The 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)*. Seattle, WA.
- 1 **Chow C.** (2025). Unveiling the patterns and drivers of immigrant health integration policies: A global examination in MIPLEX countries. *The 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)*. Seattle, WA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, TX

Latino Well-Being Study

10/2024 – Present

Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Miguel Pinedo (College of Education)

- Coordinate data collection and quality assessments for a national survey on Latino well-being
- Conduct data cleaning and management to ensure reliability
- Data analysis on the relationship between immigration policy and long-term well-being outcomes

Cultural Determinants of Health among Asian Americans

09/2024 – Present

Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Shetal Vohra-Gupta

- Conduct literature search and review to support a systematic review on cultural determinants of health
- Support NIH proposal development and funding applications
- Perform critical analyses of immigration policy and prepare manuscripts

People's Community Clinic Project

09/2024 – Present

Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Shetal Vohra-Gupta

- Conduct exploratory factor analysis (EFA) and confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) for tools validation
- Analyze interview data to identify social and health needs for the development of screening tools
- Review relevant literature and prepare working drafts for multiple manuscripts

HOPE Lab

09/2024 – 05/2025

Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Fiona Conway

- Update research projects and articles of health optimization, program engagement & biopsychosocial
- Manage the Hope Lab website, update research news, and disseminate research findings
- Coordinate with lab members for research project management and development

The University of Hong Kong (HKU)

Hong Kong

How NGOs Facilitate Immigrant Political Incorporation in a Global City

06/2023 – 08/2024

Project Investigator

- Conducted in-depth interviews with NGO staff to understand strategic organizational approaches
- Implemented program evaluations of NGO initiatives concerning immigrant political incorporation
- Authored and discussed the resulting research paper at global conferences

The Integration of International High-skilled Immigrants in China

04/2022 – 08/2024

Project Investigator

- Conducted interviews and ethnographic research in megacities to document experiences of immigrants

- Collected and analyzed national and provincial policy data to examine the macro policy environment
- Composed and presented research findings at various international conferences

Child Health and Migrant Parents in South-East Asia (CHEMAPSEA)

11/2020 – 08/2021

Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Lucy Porter Jordan

- Managed and analyzed data for migration and family studies in Southeast Asian countries
- Assisted in the preparation of grant applications and progress reports
- Facilitated the preparation of research manuscripts and disseminated research results

A Sequential Qualitative Study to Examine the Social Identity of South Asians

06/2020 – 10/2020

Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Paul Wong

- Compiled over 1000 articles for literature search and systematic review
- Conducted focus group discussions with immigrants from South Asian countries
- Interviewed immigrant youth to investigate the relationship between identification and belongingness

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Hong Kong

Genes, Social Environment and Psychoactive Drug Addiction

08/2018 – 01/2019

Research Assistant, PI: Hua Sara Zhong

- Conducted 500+ questionnaire surveys and managed data with team from drug rehabilitation centers
- Constructed database and analyzed data to explore associations between social environment and drug use
- Supported the development of academic articles, reports, and conference presentations

TEACHING

Teaching Interests

Substantive Courses

Human Behavior & Social Environment
Social Policy & Social Welfare
Social Work with Immigrants & Refugees
Community Engagement & Advocacy

Methods Courses

Social Work Research Methods
Statistics for Applied Social Science Research
Social Policy Analysis
Advanced Statistical Modeling

Teaching Experience

The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, TX

SW 382 Social Policy Analysis and Social Problems (Master level)

Spring, 2025

Teaching Assistant

SW 385 Social Work Research Methods (Master level)

Spring, 2025

Teaching Assistant

SW 313 Social Work Research Methods

Spring, 2025

Teaching Assistant

The University of Hong Kong (HKU)

Hong Kong

SOWK 6002 Social Policy and Social Administration (Master level)

Spring, 2024

Course Tutor

SOWK 1015 Introduction to Social Work and Social Administration

Fall, 2022

Leading Teaching Assistant

SOWK 1015 Introduction to Social Work and Social Administration

Spring, 2022

Teaching Assistant

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Hong Kong

UGFH 1000 In Dialogue with Humanity

Fall, 2018

Peer-Assisted Leader

GESH 1010 Orientation and Outreach

Fall, 2017

Teaching Assistant

Invited Presentation & Guest Lecture

10 Asian American Quality of Life Study 2025

Asian American Quality of Life Commission, City of Austin. June 2025

9 Immigration Policy: Causes and Consequences

Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin. April 2025

8 Health Assessment on Asian Community in Austin, Texas

Asian American Quality of Life Commission, City of Austin. November 2024

7 Mapping Global Health Integration Policy: Patterns and Drivers

Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin. September 2024

6 Migration and Development

Department of Social Work & Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong. February 2024

5 Intermediate Data Analysis: Using Multi-nominal Regression in Migration Research

Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. August 2023

4 Research Design in Social Science: The Case of Migration in Asia

Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University. April 2023

3 Fostering Political Capital: NGOs and Immigrant Political Incorporation

A Community of Humanities & Social Sciences, organized by Heidelberg University. October 2022

2 Migration Politics: A Dialogue with Sociology, Politics, and Demography

Political Readings Series, organized by Tsinghua University, Zhejiang University, and Tongji University. July 2022

1 Sociological Theory of Arts and Sociological Analysis

Design School, Central Academy of Fine Arts. Beijing, China. April 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

Addition Research Institute (ARI), The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, TX

Volunteer Coordinator

09/2024 – 05/2025

- Developed and update undergraduate research assistant screening & onboarding process
- Managed undergraduate research assistants with research training and project monitoring & evaluation
- Coordinated with ARI leadership and management team to build capacity

International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Migration

Bangkok, Thailand

Regional Migration Health Support Officer

02/2024 – 07/2024

- Assisted migration and health operations in development and humanitarian settings across 40 countries
- Supported all facets of health programming to eliminate health disparities among migrants
- Crafted operational guidelines for gender mainstreaming in health programming

- Fostered strategic alliances with key international and regional entities such as WHO and UNHCR

Regional Migration Health Consultant

09/2023 – 01/2024

- Supported a regional project including policy framework drafting, regional dialogues coordination
- Contributed to the capacity building of IOM staff and external partners by facilitating HBMM framework
- Developed resources on migration health to support knowledge dissemination and policy advocacy.

Regional Migration Health Intern

02/2023 – 08/2023

- Collected and systematically analyzed information on migration health across countries
- Developed quality concept papers, presentations, information sheets, and policy framework
- Conducted donor mapping and market analysis for migrant health and insurance schemes

The University of Hong Kong (HKU)

Hong Kong

Fieldwork Coordinator

11/2020 – 08/2021

- Liaised with immigrant-serving NGOs to facilitate the examination of labor force participation
- Constructed a database to compare labor force participation among different immigrant populations
- Consolidated labor policies in global cities to advocate policy reforms

International Social Services, Hong Kong Branch (ISSHK)

Hong Kong

Community Outreach Coordinator

09/2019 – 12/2019

- Bolstered social services and organized cultural activities for new immigrants
- Cooperated with social workers to assist the integration of ethnic minorities from South Asia
- Conducted casework and assisted in individual cases, providing resources and support to immigrants

REPORT

- 2025. Operational Guidance on Gender Mainstreaming in Migration Health. ***International Organization for Migration***
- 2024. Tuberculosis Elimination among Migrants in the GMS countries: Policy Recommendation. ***International Organization for Migration***
- 2024. Mapping Report of Children's Mental Health Programs in the Third Sector. ***Rici Foundation***
- 2024. Community, Rights and Gender Barriers Relating to Tuberculosis Prevention and Control among Migrants and Mobile Populations in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region. ***International Organization for Migration***
- 2023. Situational Assessment of Migration Health in Two Provinces of the Lao People's Democratic Republic: Savannakhet and Xayabouly. ***International Organization for Migration***
- 2023. Infectious Diseases and Health Access among Migrants in Cambodia. ***International Organization for Migration***
- 2022. Considerations and Difficulties of Women in Choosing Whether or Not to Work in Hong Kong. ***The University of Hong Kong***

AWARDS, HONORS & FELLOWSHIP

- 2025 **W. Parker Frisbie Best Publication Award**
Population Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2025 **Professional Development Funds**
Graduate School & Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2024- **Graduate School Recruitment Fellowship**
2026 Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2023 **Equity & Inclusion Student Fellowship**
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- 2022 **CRCG Conference and Travel Grants**
Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong
- 2021- **Research Postgraduate Scholarship**
2024 Graduate School, The University of Hong Kong
- 2020 **Dean's List, Faculty of Social Science**
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2019 **Overseas Academic Scholarship**
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2018 **Yasumoto International Scholarship**
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2017 **Social Service Awards**
SHHO College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2017 **Dean's List, Faculty of Social Science**
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2016- **Admission Full Scholarship**
2020 The Chinese University of Hong Kong

SERVICES

Reviewer for *Administration & Society*, *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*, *Archives of Public Health*, *BMC Public Health*, *Discover Global Society*, *Discover Mental Health*, *F1000 Research*, *Heliyon*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Regional Statistics*, *Scientific Reports*, *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*, *Social Science & Medicine*

SKILL & TRAINING

Language

Cantonese (native), English (fluent), Mandarin (native), Spanish (elementary)

Statistical Program

MPlus, Python, R, SPSS, Stata

Training Workshop

* indicates competitively selected and/or funded training

- 2025 **Future of Families Summer Data Workshop***
Columbia Population Research Center, Columbia University.
- 2022 **Quantitative Social Science Workshop***
Center for Social Research, Peking University.
- 2019 **Migration data and models for a better world: Perspectives from social scientists, data scientists and international organizations**
American Sociological Association, New York, NY.