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EDUCATION

2028 Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

(expected) School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

Stackable Certificate in Sociology: Demography, Population Research Center Graduate Portfolio in Ethical AI, The Ethical Artificial Intelligence Program Graduate Portfolio in Asian American Studies, Center for Asian American Studies

2024 Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Social Work and Social Administration

The University of Hong Kong

2020 Bachelor of Social Science in Sociology, First Class Honors

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Topic	Immigration, health disparities, social policy, digital health, community engagement
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

Role: Principal Investigator

2024 St David's CHPR (\$25,000)

Understanding the primary healthcare needs of Asian and Asian Americans in Austin, Texas Role: *Research Coordinator*, 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

- 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*, 50(16), 4135–4159. https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2024.2328578
- 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*, 17(12), 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

Manuscripts Under Review

8 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*

7 **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*

- 6 **Chow, C.**, & Lee, J. Policy models of immigrant political incorporation: Conceptualization and empirical cases in Asian developed economies using fuzzy sets. *Migration Studies*
- 5 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*
- 4 Wang, X., & Chow, C. Participation or departure: A survey experiment on civic engagement and migration aspirations. *Social Science Quarterly*
- 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*

Manuscripts in Progress

- 8 Vohra-Gupta, S., Petrizzi, L., **Chow, C.**, & Cherian, A. Community-driven validation of a social determinants of health (SDOH) screening tool in a diverse primary care setting.
- 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
- 6 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
- 5 **Chow, C.,** Vohra-Gupta, S., Cubbin, C. State-level social vulnerability and racial and ethnic disparities in multiple chronic conditions.
- 4 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
- 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
- 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

Research Reports

7 Operational Guidance on Gender Mainstreaming in Migration Health. *International Organization for Migration. 2025*

Tuberculosis Elimination among Migrants in the GMS countries: Policy Recommendation. *International Organization for Migration. 2024*

- 5 Mapping Report of Children's Mental Health Programs in the Third Sector. *Rici Foundation*. 2024
- 4 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. 2024
- 3 Situational Assessment of Migration Health in Two Provinces of the Lao People's Democratic Republic: Savannakhet and Xayabouly. *International Organization for Migration.* 2023
- 2 Infectious Diseases and Health Access among Migrants in Cambodia. *International Organization for Migration. 2023*
- 1 Considerations and Difficulties of Women in Choosing Whether or Not to Work in Hong Kong. *The University of Hong Kong. 2022*

PRESENTATION

Conference Oral Presentation

- 16 Yoo, N., Lee, J., Cureton, A., & Chow, C. (2026). Peer support and digital mutual aid among DACA recipients on Reddit across presidential administrations. *The 47th Annual Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)*. Seattle, WA.
- 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
- **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.
- **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.
- 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.
- **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)
- **Chow, C.** (2021). Immigrant political community: The cause and consequence of Chinese immigrant participation in collective actions. *British Sociological Association (BSA) Annual Conference*. (virtual)
- **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)
- **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.
- **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.
- **Chow, C.** (2019). Dynamic interaction: Middle-level group activities in supplemental instruction. 2019 Northeast Regional Supplemental Instruction Conference. Boston, MA.

Poster Presentation

- **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.
- 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 MIPEX countries. *The 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)*. Seattle, WA.

Invited Presentation

- 5 Validating the SDOH screening tool for our community People's Community Clinic. July 2025
- 4 Asian American Quality of Life Study 2025
 Asian American Quality of Life Commission, City of Austin. June 2025
- 3 Health Assessment on Asian Community in Austin, Texas
 Asian American Quality of Life Commission, City of Austin. November 2024
- 2 Fostering Political Capital: NGOs and Immigrant Political Incorporation
 A Community of Humanities & Social Sciences, Heidelberg University. October 2022
- Migration Politics: A Dialogue with Sociology, Politics, and Demography
 Political Readings Series, co-organized by Tsinghua University, Zhejiang University, and
 Tongji University. July 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Austin Digital Health Literacy and Utilization

Austin, TX

03/2025 - Present

Principal Investigator, Co-PI: Hannah Kim (Communication)

- Secure funding and led full-cycle research project from conception to dissemination.
- Design study framework, instruments, and sampling strategy tailored to digital health.
- Conduct targeted focus groups assessing technology adoption, barriers, and facilitators.
- Direct data analysis to inform culturally responsive digital health interventions.

Asian Health Assessment

01/2025 – Present

Project Manager, PI: Dr. Shetal Vohra-Gupta

- Design research protocol and coordinate with multicultural research team.
- Build and sustain partnerships with community organizations to ensure cultural relevance.
- Oversee focus group facilitation, survey deployment, data management, and analysis.
- Manage evaluation, reporting, and dissemination to academic and community audiences.

Latino Well-Being Study

10/2024 - Present

Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Miguel Pinedo (Health Education & Kinesiology)

- Coordinate national survey data collection and quality control for a Latino well-being study.
- Conduct data cleaning, management, and preliminary statistical analyses.

• Examine relationships between immigration policy contexts and long-term well-being.

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).
- Analyze interview data to identify social and health needs for screening tool development.
- Review relevant literature and prepare working drafts for multiple manuscripts.

Cultural Determinants of Health among Asian Americans

09/2024 - 05/2025

Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Shetal Vohra-Gupta

- Conducted literature review to support a systematic review on cultural determinants of health.
- Supported NIH proposal development and funding applications.
- Performed critical analyses of immigration policy for academic manuscripts.

Health Optimization and Program Engagement (HOPE) Lab

09/2024 - 05/2025

Research Assistant, PI: Dr. Fiona Conway

- Managed and analyzed data for a pilot digital health intervention study, applying quantitative and qualitative methods to assess feasibility and outcomes.
- Oversaw lab operations, coordinated research activities, and maintained project documentation.
- Updated research outputs and disseminated findings through lab communication channels.

The University of Hong Kong (HKU)

Hong Kong

Immigrant Political Incorporation

06/2023 - 08/2024

Project Investigator

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

The Integration of International High-skilled Immigrants

04/2022 - 08/2024

Project Investigator

- Conducted interviews and ethnographic research to document experiences of immigrants
- Collected and analyzed national 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/

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: 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 immigrants to investigate 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: Dr. Hua Sara Zhong

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

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TEACHING		
Teaching Interests	Mala Lo	
Substantive Courses	Methods Courses	.1 1
Human Behavior & Social Environment Social Work Research N		
Social Policy & Social Welfare	al Science Research	
Social Work with Immigrants & Refugees	Social Policy Analysis	
Community Engagement & Advocacy	earch Methods	
Teaching Experience		
The University of Texas at Austin		Austin, TX
SW 382 Social Policy Analysis and Social Pro	Spring, 2025	
Teaching Assistant		
SW 385 Social Work Research Methods (Mas	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 Adminis	Spring, 2024	
Course Tutor		1 0
SOWK 1015 Introduction to Social Work and	Fall, 2022	
Leading Teaching Assistant		
SOWK 1015 Introduction to Social Work and	Spring, 2022	
Teaching Assistant		
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUF	łK)	Hong Kong

Fall, 2018

Peer-assisted Leader

GESH 1010 Orientation and Outreach

Fall, 2017

Teaching Assistant

Selected Guest Lectures

- 6 Immigration Policy: Causes and Consequences
 Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin. April 2025
- 5 Mapping Global Health Integration Policy: Patterns and Drivers
 Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin. September 2024
- 4 **Migration and Development**Department of Social Work & Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong.
 February 2024
- 3 Intermediate Data Analysis: Using Multi-nominal Regression in Migration Research Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. August 2023
- 2 Research Design in Social Science: The Case of Migration in Asia Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University. April 2023
- 1 Sociological Theory of Arts and Sociological Analysis
 Design School, Central Academy of Fine Arts. April 2022

Mentorship Experience

The University of Texas at Austin

08/2025 – Aashna Mangal (B.S. student), Eshal Z Maredia (B.S. student)

Present **Role**: Mentored undergraduate students on an independent research project focused on mental health promotion and suicide prevention among South Asian college students.

05/2025 – Sammy Menjivar (MSSW student)

Present **Role:** Guided graduate student in multicultural survey design, data collection, and data management for community-based research.

09/2024 – Addiction Research Institute: Christine Lee (Public Health), Dayanara Pacheco (Kinesiology), Nuha Shaik (Psychology), Srinidhi (Nidhi) Madadevan (Neuroscience)

Role: Developed and updated undergraduate research assistant onboarding process, managed research assistants with training and project monitoring & evaluation and coordinated with institute leadership and management team.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Migration Regional Migration Health Support Officer **Bangkok, Thailand** 02/2024 – 07/2024

- Assisted migration health 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

Regional Migration Health Consultant

09/2023 - 01/2024

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

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 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 for individual cases, providing resources and support to immigrants

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– 2024	Research Postgraduate Scholarship 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 - 2020	Admission Full Scholarship The Chinese University of Hong Kong

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Reviewer for Administration & Society, Asian and Pacific Migration Journal, Archives of Public Health, BMC Psychology, BMC Public Health, Discover Global Society, Discover Mental Health, F1000 Research, Heliyon, Humanities & Social Sciences Communications, 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 & Computational Skill

Statistical Modeling Propensity Score Matching, Event History Analysis,

Generalized Linear Models, Multilevel Models, Cluster

Analysis

Computational Methods Web Crawling, Machine Learning, Natural Language

Processing

Programming and Python, R, Stata, LaTeX, OpenAI API

Visualization

Training Workshop

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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.