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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Demography of Health; Rural Sociology; Pain; Migration; Spatial Analysis; Quantitative Methods

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Global Health and Aging; Spatial Inequalities; Demography; Statistics; Social Research Methods

## EMPLOYMENT

2021-present Postdoctoral Fellow Scholar  
Global Aging and Community Initiative,  
Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Canada

- Project: *Demography of Chronic Pain*  
(National Institutes of Health 1R01 AG065351)

Fellow 2021-2022  
Consortium on Analytics for Data-Driven Decision-Making (CAnD3),  
McGill University, Montreal, Canada

## EDUCATION

2021 Ph.D. in Sociology  
University at Albany, State University of New York

- Dissertation:  
*Rurality and the Opioid Crisis in U.S. counties: a Spatiotemporal Investigation*  
Committee: Tse-Chuan Yang (Chair), Kate W. Strully, Glenn Deane  
(2020-2021 Dissertation Research Award, Rural Sociological Society)
- Certificate of Graduate Study in *Demography*

2016 B.A in Administrative Management (Self Examination)  
Nanjing University, Nanjing, China

2015 B.E. in Traffic Engineering  
Southeast University, Nanjing, China

## PUBLICATIONS

Chen, Vivian Yi-Ju, Kiwoong Park, **Feinuo Sun**, and Tse-Chuan Yang. *In press*. "Assessing COVID-19 risk with temporal indices and geographically weighted ordinal logistic regression in US counties." *PLoS ONE* 17(4): e0265673. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0265673

**Sun, Feinuo**. 2022. "Rurality and opioid prescribing rates in U.S. counties from 2006 to 2018: A spatiotemporal investigation." *Social Science & Medicine* 296: 114788. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.114788

- Sun, Feinuo** and Zai Liang. 2021. "Parental migration and anemia status of children in China." *Social Science & Medicine* 270: 113680. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.113680
- Yang, Tse-Chuan, Seungwon. E. Choi, and **Feinuo Sun**. 2021. "COVID-19 confirmed cases in US counties: The role of racial/ethnic density and residential segregation." *Ethnicity & health* 26(1): 11-21. doi: 10.1080/13557858.2020.1830036
- Sun, Feinuo**, Stephen A. Matthews, Tse-Chuan Yang, and Ming-Hsiao Hu. 2020. "A spatial analysis of COVID-19 period prevalence in US counties through June 28, 2020: Where geography matters?" *Annals of Epidemiology* 52: 54-59. doi: 10.1016/j.annepidem.2020.07.014
- Yang, Tse-Chuan, **Feinuo Sun**, and Seungwon. E. Choi. 2020. "Rural residence and mortality in later life: Exploring the role of social integration and social support from a longitudinal perspective." *Population, Space and Place* 27(1): e2377. doi: 10.1002/psp.2377
- Sun, Feinuo**, Zhen Liu, and Kathryn S. Schiller. 2020. "Parental migration and children's educational aspirations: China and Mexico in a comparative perspective." *Chinese Sociological Review* 52(4): 482-486. doi: 10.1080/21620555.2020.1779052
- Liang, Zai and **Feinuo Sun**. 2020. "The Lasting impact of parental migration on children's education and health outcomes: The case of China." *Demographic Research* 43: 217-244. doi: 10.4054/DemRes.2020.43.9
- Yang, Tse-Chuan and **Feinuo Sun**. 2019. "A longitudinal analysis of how perceived discrimination gets under the skin: Investigating the gender and racial/ethnic differences." *EurAmerica* 49(2): 243-285.
- † Both authors contributed equally to the manuscript.
- Yang, Tse-Chuan, Stephen Matthews, **Feinuo Sun**, and Marina Armendariz. 2019. "Modeling the relative importance of within and between county effects in an ecological study of the association between social capital and mental distress." *Preventing Chronic Disease* 16. doi: 10.5888/pcd16.180491

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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| R&R           | <b>Yang, Tse-Chuan, Stephen Matthews, and Feinuo Sun.</b> "Multiscale dimensions of spatial process underlying US county COVID-19 fully vaccinated rates."  |
| Working paper | <p><b>Sun, Feinuo.</b> "Deaths of despair or drug environments? A spatiotemporal investigation of rurality and opioid-involved mortality rates in U.S. counties."</p> <p><b>Sun, Feinuo.</b> "Opioid crisis in rural and urban U.S. counties from 2006-2018: in light of the index of relative rurality."</p> <p><b>Liu, Han and Feinuo Sun.</b> "Health effects of men's employment trajectories during the Great Recession."</p> <p><b>Sun, Feinuo, Anna Zajacova, and Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk.</b> "The geography of arthritis-attributable activity limitation and pain: A county-level spatial analysis."</p> <p><b>Sun, Feinuo, Kai Zhang, and Shichao Du.</b> "Social determinants, cardiovascular disease, healthcare cost: A national study in the U.S."</p> <p><b>Sun, Feinuo, Zachary Zimmer, and Anna Zajacova.</b> "Educational differences in life expectancies with and without pain."</p> <p><b>Sun, Feinuo, Zachary Zimmer, and Anna Zajacova.</b> "Pain and disability transitions among older Americans: The role of education."</p> |

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2021	2021-2022 CSDC-CAnD3 Fellowship (CAD \$10,000)
2021	2020-2021 Dissertation Research Award, Rural Sociological Society (\$1000)
2020	Benevolent Association Research and Creative Activity Grant, University at Albany, State University of New York (\$400)
2019	Professional Development Award, Graduate Student Employees Union, University at Albany, State University of New York (\$500)
2018	Student Paper Prize, Urban China Research Network Conference
2018	Travel Award, International Chinese Sociological Association (\$200)
2018	Professional Development Award, Graduate Student Employees Union, University at Albany, State University of New York (\$800)
2018	Travel Grants, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York (\$400)
2017	Travel Grants, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York (\$400)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Sun, Feinuo**, Zachary Zimmer, and Anna Zajacova. "Pain and disability transitions among older Americans: The role of education." Flash session presentation at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2022.
- Sun, Feinuo**. "Rurality and the opioid-involved mortality rates in U.S. counties: A spatiotemporal investigation." Regular session presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, 2021.
- Liu, Han and **Feinuo Sun**. "Health effects of men's employment trajectories during the Great Recession" Regular session presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, 2020.
- Sun, Feinuo**. "Contextual determinants on migrant workers' household intentions in China-Interacting with hukou status and migration distance." Regular session presentation at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, 2019.
- Liu, Han and **Feinuo Sun**. "Career trajectory and health in mid-adulthood." Poster presentation at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, 2019.
- Sun, Feinuo** and Zai Liang. "Parental migration and anemia status of children in rural China" Roundtable Session Presentation at American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 2018.
- Sun, Feinuo** and Zai Liang. "Parental migration and anemia status of children in rural China" Regular Session Presentation at International Chinese Sociological Association Conference, Princeton, NJ, 2018.
- Sun, Feinuo**. "What do migrant workers care about most? An examination on city evaluations and migrants' household intentions in China" Regular Session Presentation at Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Baltimore, MD, 2018.

**Sun, Feinuo.** “Land abandonment by households with out-migrant workers: The gender effect”  
Regular Session Presentation at Urban China Research Network, Shanghai, China, 2017.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Fa 2021 Guest Lecturer  
Department of Family Studies and Gerontology, Mount Saint Vincent University  
*Global Health and Aging in the Context of Covid 19*  
(for graduate and undergraduate students, 1 section in-person)
- 2018-2021 Instructor  
Department of Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York  
*Introduction to Social Research* (3 sections in-person, 2 sections asynchronous)  
*Introduction to Sociology* (1 section in-person, 1 section asynchronous)  
*The American Welfare State* (1 section asynchronous)
- Spr 2018 Co-instructor  
Department of Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York  
*Statistics for Sociologists* (1 section in-person)
- Spr 2017 Guest Lecturer  
Department of Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York  
*Research Proposal Seminar* (for honors undergraduate students, 1 section in-person)
- 2015-2017 Teaching Assistant (grader)  
Department of Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York  
*Social Demography* (2 sections)  
*Contemporary Immigration and the Second Generation* (1 section)  
*Statistics for Sociologists* (3 sections)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2016-2020 Research Assistant  
Research Foundation, University at Albany, State University of New York  
Center for Social and Demographic Analysis (CSDA), University at Albany, State University of New York  
*“Exploring the Relationship between Medicare-Medicaid Dual-Eligibility and Opioid Use Disorder Among Older Adults Living in Rural America”*  
*NIA-supported Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging, Tse-Chuan Yang (PI) and Benjamin Shaw (Co-PI).*
- “The Educational and Health Consequences of Parental Migration on Children”*  
*US National Science Foundation (SES#1524282), Zai Liang (PI), Kathryn S. Schiller and Glenn Deane (Co-PI).*
- “A Study on Migrant Children and Left behind Children in China”*  
*National Social Science Foundation of China (15AZD053), Zai Liang (PI).*
- “Population Research Center Core Grant”*  
*Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (R24-HD044943), Jennifer VanHook (PI), Tse-Chuan Yang (Co-PI) and others.*
- 2015-2018 Graduate Assistant

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Occasional referee: *Social Forces*, *Health & Place*, *World Development*, *Mathematical Population Studies*, *Spatial Demography*, *SSM-Mental Health*, *BMJ open*, *Journal of Spatial Science*, *BMC Public Health*, *BMJ open*, *PloS ONE*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Population Association of America  
American Sociological Association  
Rural Sociological Society  
REVES (Network on Health Expectancy)  
International Chinese Sociological Association  
Eastern Sociological Association  
Urban China Research Network

**SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

Programs STATA/R/Arc GIS/Geoda/HLM/SPSS  
Language English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native)

**REFERENCES**

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