

# HANWEN ZHANG

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## EDUCATION

### Middlebury College

B.A. Candidate, Sociology and Psychology (GPA: 3.98/4.00)

Middlebury, VT

Expected May 2024

- **Sociology honors thesis:** Fact-Checking the American Dream: Understanding Belief in Meritocracy Among Immigrants in the U.S.
- **Languages:** German - advanced reading and conversational knowledge; Chinese - native proficiency

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2023 | <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> Society, Middlebury Chapter (elected at the end of junior year) |
| 2023 | Winter Term Funding Grant, Middlebury College   |
| 2023 | Senior Research Project Supplement, Middlebury College                                |
| 2022 | Conflict Transformation Grant, Middlebury College                                     |

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions

*Editorial Intern*

Palo Alto, CA

Jan. 2024 - Present

- Provide writing support for interventional studies on mental health and childhood development in China
- Interpret data, outline manuscripts, check drafts for clarity, and prepare manuscripts for journal submission

### Middlebury College

*Social Science Research Modules | Research Assistant*

Middlebury, VT

May 2022 - Present

- Draft and build [interactive web modules](#) with WordPress and HTML to introduce undergraduates to developing research questions, literature review, and qualitative data analysis
- Curate multimedia resources in collaboration with faculty from Middlebury College and MIIS in Monterey

*Writing Center | Research Assistant*

May - Aug. 2023

- Developed an [interactive data visualization site](#) with Shiny R to demonstrate the link between self-efficacy in writing and academic major specialization to improve faculty understanding of student needs
- Coded, statistically analyzed and visualized cross-sectional data from 1600+ students' writing, reading and research ability self-assessments with Dr. Genie Giaimo

*Department of Sociology | Research Assistant*

Feb. - Aug. 2022

- Investigated the interaction between parental involvement in college application, student choices in college, and income mobility in early adulthood among first-generation students with Professor Matt Lawrence
- Wrangled and visualized survey data from *Opportunity Insights* and HERI's *College Senior Survey* with R

### New York City Mayor's Office of Research and Media Analysis

*Intern*

New York, NY

Jan. - Feb. 2023

- Programmed "[Clipmaster](#)", an automated web-scraper to compile formatted clippings from news outlets
- Monitored real-time news coverage of NY politics with Power BI and Python to inform policy-making
- Vetted 10 partners and speakers at Mayor Eric Adams' women's health initiative

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Middlebury College

Middlebury, VT

*Center for Careers and Internships | Peer Career Advisor*

Sep. 2023 - Present

- Edit resumes and orient students around career exploration resources during [Quick Question](#) hours
- Deliver resume-building and networking workshops for first-year students and students studying abroad

*Writing Center | Peer Writing Tutor*

Sep. 2021 - Present

- Hold 150h+ of tutoring, free writing, and peer review sessions to help students edit written assignments
- Specialize in social science disciplines and support for English as a Second Language (ESL) writers

### Northwestern University Center for Connected Learning and Computer-Based Modeling

Remote

*Research Intern*

July - Dec. 2021

- Researched [negotiation of rules](#) in online youth community *Physics Lab AR* with Professor Uri Wilensky
- Qualitatively coded 120+ participant-generated content with Excel and presented result with Tableau; Reviewed 20+ sources on learning communities

## SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERING

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### Middlebury Sociology Student Advisory Board

Middlebury, VT

*Member*

Nov. 2022 - Present

- Advocate for more department involvement in quantitative instruction and research
- Organize community-building events for sociology students and prospective majors

### Liberal Arts Summer Camp “Project Nous”

Ningxia Autonomous Region, China

*Camp Mentor*

July - Aug. 2021

- Designed and led a reading-intensive workshop on postcolonial literature for local high school students
- Hosted debates and free-writing activities, and produced a closing video for participants and other mentors

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATION

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### PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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| 2024 | “Fact-Checking the American Dream: Understanding Belief in Meritocracy Among Immigrants in the U.S.,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., Mar. 1 (forthcoming) |
| 2024 | “Self-Assessment and Long-term Academic Development: Evidence from Directed Writing Self-Placement Survey,” MiddData, Middlebury College (forthcoming)                                   |
| 2023 | “Raising the Abstract Child: How Adult Allies Support Queer Youth Online,” Sex and Society Seminar Capstone Presentations, Middlebury College, May 22                                    |
| 2022 | “Finding Inclusion in Exclusion: Acculturation, Belonging and Post-College Plans of International Students at U.S. Colleges,” Middlebury Sociological Research Methods, May 16           |

### PARTICIPATION

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| 2023 | “Intro to Statistical Machine Learning,” Summer Workshops, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, June 5-9 (remote) |
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