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## EDUCATION

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- Present - **Ph.D., Sociology**, University at Albany  
Dissertation: “Paper Trails to the Altar: The Impact of U.S. Immigration Policies on Asian Migrants’ Intimate Relationships”  
Committee: Joanna Dreby (chair), Angie Y. Chung, Zawadi Rucks-Ahidiana  
Comprehensive Exams: Immigration, Race and Ethnicity
- 2021 **M.A., Asian Studies**, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa  
Thesis: “Intersecting Hierarchies: Media Representation of Marriage Migrants Under South Korea’s Empty Multiculturalism.”
- 2018 **B.A., Sociology and Criminal Justice (minor)**, Gonzaga University  
Magna Cum Laude
- 2016 **A.A.** Spokane Community College

## AREAS OF SPECIALTY

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Immigration; Race and Ethnicity; Gender and Family; Asian and Asian American Studies; Qualitative Methods

## PUBLICATIONS

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Lee, Eunju, Joanna Dreby, **Yeeun Hong**, and Tola Seng. “Childhood Immigration Enforcement Exposure and Young Adults’ Anxiety: A Mixed Methods Study.” *Children and Youth Services Review* 172 (May 2025): 108276. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2025.108276>.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Dreby, Joanna and **Yeeun Hong**. ““But We Don’t Talk About It”: Silencing and Legal Precarity Among First- and Second-Generation Asian Immigrants.” (Submitted to *Social Problems*).
- Hong, Yeeun**, Jane Jia-Yin Wang, and Angie Y. Chung. “Rethinking Global Hierarchies: Young South Koreans’ Post-COVID Perceptions of The United States, China, and South Korea.” (Manuscript in Preparation).
- Hong, Yeeun**, Hyun Jin (Katelyn) Kim, and Paul Y. Chang. “Assimilation Disrupted? How Migrant Wives in South Korea Negotiate Assimilation through Transnational Ties.” (Manuscript in Preparation).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2024 – Present **Research Assistant**. National Survey on *Commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Korean America: Current State, Future Directions* by Korean American Institute (Faculty Advisor: Dr. Angie Y. Chung).
- 2022 – 2023 **Research Assistant**. *Immigration Policy Stories of New York*. University at Albany (Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joanna Dreby).

## SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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- 2025 Joanna Dreby and **Yeeun Hong**. “Negotiating Invisibility: The Silencing of Migration Stories in Asian American Communities.” *American Sociological Association* (Paper Session).
- 2025 Eunju Lee, Joanna Dreby, **Yeeun Hong**, and Tola Seng. “Immigration Enforcement Episodes during Childhood and Wellbeing of Young Adults: A Mixed Method Study.” *Society for Social Work and Research* (Paper Session).
- 2024 Jane Jia-Yin Wang, **Hong, Yeeun**, Angie Y. Chung, and Soohan Kim. “Rethinking Global Hierarchies: Young South Koreans’ Post-COVID Perceptions of the U.S., China, and South Korea.” *American Sociological Association* (Paper Session).
- 2024 Jane Jia-Yin Wang, **Hong, Yeeun**, Angie Y. Chung, and Soohan Kim. “Rethinking Global Hierarchies: Young South Koreans’ Post-COVID Perceptions of the U.S., China, and South Korea.” *Association of Korean Sociologists in America Conference* (Roundtable Presentation).
- 2021 **Yeeun Hong**. “Towards a Multicultural Society: Reconstructing Media Representation of Marriage Migrants in South Korea.” *International Graduate Student Conference* (Virtual Presentation).
- 2020 **Yeeun Hong**. “What is Pure Love? The Media Representation of Marriage Migrants in South Korea.” *School of Pacific and Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference* (Conference Canceled due to COVID).
- 2018 **Yeeun Hong**. “A Model or a Minority? Asian International and Asian American Student Experiences of Racial Stereotypes at a Predominantly White University.” *Pacific Sociological Association* (Paper Session).

## HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2025 Allen E. Liska Dissertation Award (University at Albany)  
Karen R. Hitchcock New Frontiers Fund Award (University at Albany)  
GSA Research Development Grant (University at Albany)  
GSA Professional Development Grant (University at Albany)
- 2024 Benevolent Association Research Grant (University at Albany)
- 2020 SPAS Best Paper Award in Korean Studies (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)  
Departmental Merit Scholarship (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)  
Herbert H. Lee Scholarship (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)
- 2019 Starr Foundation Graduate Fellowship (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)  
Asian Studies Achievement Scholarship (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)
- 2018 Magna Cum Laude (Gonzaga University)  
Dean's List (Gonzaga University)
- 2017 Enterprise Scholarship Fund (Gonzaga University)  
Charlie & Doris O'Connor (Gonzaga University)
- 2016 President's List (Gonzaga University)  
Gonzaga Grant (Gonzaga University)  
Excellence Scholarship (Gonzaga University)  
Tom and Camilla Tilford Scholarship (Gonzaga University)

## FELLOWSHIP

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- 2024 – 2025 Penn-Birmingham Transatlantic Fellows Program. University of Pennsylvania and University of Birmingham.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2023 Co-Taught “Community & Urban Sociology” (ASOC373). University at Albany (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Angie Y. Chung).

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

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- 2019 – 2020 **Assistant Resident Director.** Student Housing Services, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. Honolulu, HI.
- 2017 – 2018 **Department Intern.** Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center, Gonzaga University. Spokane, WA.
- 2017 – 2017 **Administrative Intern.** Multicultural Affairs Department, Spokane City Hall. Spokane, WA.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2025 – Present Nominations Coordinator. Association for Asian American Studies, Social Science Caucus.
- 2024 – 2025 Student Representative. Association of Korean Sociologists in America.
- 2024 – 2025 Mentorship & Event Coordinator. Association for Asian American Studies, Social Science Caucus.
- 2023 – 2025 Student Representative. “Group of Citizenship and Immigration Studies (GICS).” University at Albany.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- 2024 – Present Association for Asian American Studies  
+ Social Science Caucus
- 2023 – Present American Sociological Association  
+ Section on Asia and Asian America  
+ Section on International Migration  
+ Section on Race, Gender, and Class
- 2020 – Present Association of Korean Sociologists in America
- 2018 – 2020 Pacific Sociological Association