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EDUCATION

- 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

AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Im/migration; Race and Ethnicity; Gender and Family; Asian and Asian American Studies; Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

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

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, Katelyn HJ Kim, and Paul Y. Chang. “Assimilation Disrupted? How Migrant Wives in South Korea Negotiate Assimilation through Transnational Ties.” (Manuscript in Preparation).

Hong, Yeeun. “Legal Precarity Tax: The Burdens of Temporary Legal Status in Asian Migrants’ lives in the United States.” (Manuscript in Preparation).

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 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, **Yeeun Hong**, 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, **Yeeun Hong**, 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).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024 – Present **Research Assistant.** National Survey on *Commemorating the 125th 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).

HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

- 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)

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| | 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. |
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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. |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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
 + First-Generation and Working-Class Sociologists

2020 – Present Association of Korean Sociologists in America

2018 – 2020 Pacific Sociological Association