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Education

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| Present | Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York, United States |
| | Dissertation: "Living Among the Educated: County Educational Contexts and Educational Mortality Gaps in the United States (2010-2022)" [Chair: Tse-Chuan Yang] |
| 2020 | M.A. Sociology, Chung Ang University, Korea |
| 2017 | B.A. Sociology, Kyung Hee University, Korea |

Academic Interests

Population Health | Crime and Deviance | Life-course and Aging | Socio-ecological Factors | Quantitative Research Methods | Spatial Analysis

Publications

Journal Articles (* = 1st Author)

2025. **Heeyoung Lee*** and Tse-Chuan Yang. How Does County Educational Composition Affect Mortality? *Lerner Center Population Health Research Brief Series, Research Brief #139*
2025. **Heeyoung Lee*** and Tse-Chuan Yang, Unequal Spillover of Human Capital: Longitudinal Analysis of Mortality Among Populations by College Degree in US Counties, 2010-2022. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*
2025. **Heeyoung Lee*** and Matt Vogel. Exposure to Police Killing and Adolescents' Self-Concept: Diverging Effects for Black and White American Youths. *Journal of Adolescence*
2025. **Heeyoung Lee*** and Seong-Jo Jung. Gender Differences in the Relationship between Coming Out as LGB to Family and Depression in South Korea. *Society and Mental Health*
2024 Paul Meadows, Excellence in Research Award Winner, Sociology Department, University at Albany, SUNY
2025. Tse-Chuan Yang, Carla Shoff, Kate Strully, and **Heeyoung Lee**. Features of Residential Counties and Individual Health Conditions for Opioid Use Disorder Among Older Medicare Beneficiaries. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*
2025. Seong-Jo Jung, **Heeyoung Lee**, and Chan. S, Suh. Moving Apart and Coming Together: The Dynamics of Coalition Building in the Case of South Korean LGBTQ Movement. *Journal of Homosexuality*
2024. **Heeyoung Lee*** and Tse-Chuan Yang. Spatial and Temporal Dimension of Black-White Mental Health Paradox in the US: Effect of Cumulative Neighborhood Disadvantage. *Population Research & Policy Review*

2024. **Heeyoung Lee***. State-Level Structural Sexism and Adolescent Sexual Violence Victimization in the US. *Child Abuse and Neglect*
2024. **Heeyoung Lee***. Delinquency During Puberty as a Biosocial Behavior: Time-Varying Effects of Social Contexts on Girl's Delinquency in South Korea. *Criminal Justice and Behaviors*
2022 Paul Meadows, Excellence in Research Award Winner, Sociology Department, University at Albany, SUNY
2024. **Heeyoung Lee***, Sooyeon Moon, and Na-Young Lee. Industry Culture Matters: Sexual Harassment in the South Korean Film Industry. *Violence Against Women*
2023. Seong-Jo Jung and **Heeyoung Lee**. Open, Discreet, and Repressive Closet: Latent Class Analysis on the Patterns of LGBTQ+ Youth's Coming Out. *The Korean Journal of Sociology* [in Korean]
2023 Graduate Student Research Award Winner, Sociology Department, Chung-Ang University
2021. **Heeyoung Lee***, Dawool Cheong, and Seoung-Jo Jung. A Democratic Response to COVID-19 or Governance with People Without Rights. *Memory & Vision* [in Korean]
2021 Democracy Academic Paper Contest Winner, Korean Democracy Foundation
2022 Academic Paper Award Winner, People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy
2019. **Heeyoung Lee*** and Na-Young Lee. Constituting 'Premature Girls' during the 1960s-70s in South Korea: A Gendered Regime of Sexual Efficiency. *The Journal of Asian Women* [in Korean]
2019. **Heeyoung Lee*** and Na-Young Lee. Constructing the National Body: Child Development in the Postcolonial Nation-State during the 1960s-1970s. *Society and History* [in Korean]

Technical Reports

2024. 2023 Sexual Harassment in the Film Industry Survey *Korean Film Council* (PI: Na-Young Lee)
2021. 2020 Sexual Harassment in the Film Industry Survey *Korean Film Council* (PI: Na-Young Lee)
2019. Youth's Attitude Towards Gender *Democratic Party of Korea* (PI: Na-Young Lee)

Papers Under Review

1. **Heeyoung Lee**, Permeable Boundaries: How Neighboring States' Policy Environments Shape Local Mortality Rates in The United States (*RnR*)
2. Tse-Chuan Yang, Carla Shoff, **Heeyoung Lee**, and Kiwoong Park, Research Note: Opioid Use Disorder Diagnosis during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Mortality Rates among Older Medicare Beneficiaries in the US (*RnR*)
3. Tse-Chuan Yang, **Heeyoung Lee**, and Golam Morshed Suhel, Age Segregation and Deaths of Despair among Older Adults, 2010-2022: Rural/Urban County Comparisons (*RnR*)
4. **Heeyoung Lee**, Jungmin Shin, and Jonathan Dirlam, Structural Sexism and Sexual Harassment (*RnR*)
5. **Heeyoung Lee**, Geographic Structure of Health Disparities in the US: Decomposing Compositional and Contextual Effects Across Census Tracts, Counties, and States (*Under Review*)
6. Matt Vogel, **Heeyoung Lee**, Taylor Kaser, and Yoobin Kim, Misappropriating Vulnerability: Assessing the Social Vulnerability Index as a Predictor of Firearm Violence (*Under Review*)
7. Seong-Jo Jeong, Bomi Kim, **Heeyoung Lee**, and Hyemin Lee, Substance Use and Mental Health Outcomes among Gay and Bisexual Men in South Korea: A Cross-Sectional Study (*Under Review*)

Papers in Preparation

1. **Heeyoung Lee** and Patricia Homan, Long-Term Effect of Structural Racism on Cardiopulmonary Symptoms

- in The U.S. (*draft available*)
- 2. **Heeyoung Lee**, and Matt Vogel, Privilege or Threat: American Youth Responses to Contested Racial Boundaries (*draft available*)
 - 3. **Heeyoung Lee**, Impacts of State Policies Spatial Spillover on Educational Health Disparities (*drafting*)
 - 4. **Heeyoung Lee**, Longitudinal Relationship between Macro-Social Context and Educational Mortality Disparities (*drafting*)
 - 5. **Heeyoung Lee**, Cognitive Decline after Partner Loss in the US: Heterogeneous Impacts across States (*drafting*)
 - 6. Scott Schieman and **Heeyoung Lee**, Social Distance Fallout: Isolation During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic (*drafting*)
 - 7. Chris Lowenstein, David H. Rehkoph, **Heeyoung Lee**, Xiaoyu Yao, and Kate Strully, The Earned Income Tax Credit and Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities across Labor Market Contexts (*drafting*)
 - 8. Kate Strully, **Heeyoung Lee**, Chris Lowenstein, and David Rehkoph, Refundable Tax Credits and Income Inequality Across the United States (*drafting*)
 - 9. Yuna Lee, and **Heeyoung Lee**, Policing at Racial Boundaries in NYC (*drafting*)

Awards, Grants, Scholarships

Ph.D.

- 2025. UAlbany Graduate Student Association Professional Development Grant
- 2025. Hak-Bong Research Grant, School of Law, Seoul National University
- 2024. BIPOC Junior Scholar Travel Grant, ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course.
- 2024. Paul Meadows, Excellence in Research Award Winner, Sociology Department, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2024. Korean Student Research Award Winner, Sociology Department, Chung-Ang University
- 2023. UAlbany Graduate Student Association Professional Development Grant
- 2022. Democracy Academic Paper Award Winner, People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy
- 2022. Paul Meadows, Excellence in Research Award Winner, Sociology Department, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2021. UAlbany Graduate Student Employees Union Travel Grant.
- 2021. UAlbany Graduate Student Association Professional Development Grant
- 2021. Academic Paper Contest Winner, Korean Democracy Foundation
- 2021. Scholarship, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY

M.A.

- 2019. Working Group Grant, Korean Association for Cultural Sociology
- 2017. Chung-Ang University, BK 21 Plus Program Grant
- 2017. Chung-Ang University, CAU Graduate Research Scholars

B.A.

- 2016. Kyung Hee University, Friendship Scholarship
- 2016. Kyung Hee University, National Scholarship
- 2015. Kyung Hee University, Superiority Scholarship
- 2013. Kyung Hee University, Superiority Scholarship
- 2011. Kyung Hee University, Bright Society Scholarship

Conference Presentations

- 2025. Spatial Spillover Effect of State Policy Liberalism and Mortality in the U.S., 120th ASA Annual Meeting, Paper Session, Chicago, Aug. 8-12.

2024. Racialized Cumulative Effect of Early Neighborhood Disadvantage on Mental Health Paradox, 119th ASA Annual Meeting, Paper Session, Montreal, Aug. 9-13.
2024. Stress among Sexual Minorities in South Korea: An Analysis of Internalized Homophobia and Community Connectedness, 18th International Stress Conference, Portland, June. 8-10.
2023. What Did I Come Out For? Coming Out Network and Its Adverse Effects Among South Korean LGBQ Youth, 118th ASA Annual Meeting, Paper Session, Philadelphia, Aug. 17-21.
2023. Reciprocal risks of psychological distress between immigrant mothers and children in South Korea, Eastern Sociological Society Conference 2023, Baltimore, Feb. 23-26.
2022. Moving Apart and Coming Together: The Dynamics of Coalition Building in the Case of South Korean LGBT Movement, 117th ASA Annual Meeting, Roundtable, Los Angeles, Aug. 5-9.
2021. Moving Apart and Coming Together: The Dynamics of Coalition Building in the Case of South Korean LGBT Movement. 2021 Korean Sociological Association Annual Academic Conference, Online, Dec. 18, 2021.

Teaching Experiences

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| 2026 Spring | Adjunct Instructor, Criminology, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY |
| 2026 Spring | Adjunct Instructor, Medical Sociology, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY |
| 2025 Fall | Adjunct Instructor, Criminology, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY |
| 2025 Fall | Adjunct Instructor, Medical Sociology, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY |
| 2025 Summer | Teaching Assistant, The 12th KOSTAT-UNFPA Summer Seminar on Population, Instructor: Scott Yabiku (Sociology, Penn State University) |
| 2025 Summer | Adjunct Instructor, Criminology, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY |
| 2025 Spring | Adjunct Instructor, Medical Sociology, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY |
| 2024 Fall | Adjunct Instructor, Medical Sociology, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY |
| 2024 Summer | Adjunct Instructor, Medical Sociology, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY |
| 2023 Spring | Co-Instructor, Statistics for Sociologists, Instructor: Kate Strully (Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY) |

Professional Services and Activities

Peer-Review

Social Science and Research; Population Research and Policy Review; Socius; Society and Mental Health; American Journal of Preventive Medicine Focus; Journal of Homosexuality

Memberships

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| Present | Member, American Sociological Association Section on Medical Sociology Section on Aging and Life Course Section on Population |
| Present | Member, International Sociological Association |
| Present | Member, Korean Sociological Association |
| 2023-2025 | Founding Member, Quantitative Research Group (QRG) in Sociology Department at the University at Albany, SUNY |

Skills

R, STATA, PYTHON, SPSS, SAS, JAMOVI, ArcGIS, GeoDa, UCINET (NetDraw)

References

- Tse-Chuan Yang (Professor, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY)
- Kate Strully (Associate Professor, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY)
- Jonathan Dirlam (Assistant Professor, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY)
- Matt Vogel (Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, University at Albany, SUNY)
- Scott Schieman (Professor, Sociology, University of Toronto)
- Patricia Homan (Associate Professor, Sociology, Florida State University)