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Education

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

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 Seung-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)

Working Papers

1. **Heeyoung Lee**, Permeable Boundaries: How Neighboring States' Policy Environments Shape Local Mortality Rates in The United States (*RnR at Journal of Health and Social Behaviors*)
2. **Heeyoung Lee**, Geographic Structure of Health Disparities in the US: Decomposing Compositional and Contextual Effects Across Census Tracts, Counties, and States (*Under Review at Health and Place*)
3. 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 at Demography*)
4. 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 at Social Science and Medicine*)
5. **Heeyoung Lee**, Jungmin Shin, and Jonathan Dirlam, Structural Sexism and Sexual Harassment (*RnR at The Sociological Quarterly*)
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 at PLOS One*)
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 at Addictive Behaviors*)
 8. **Heeyoung Lee** and Patricia Homan, Long-Term Effect of Structural Racism on Cardiopulmonary Symptoms in The U.S. (*draft available*)
 9. **Heeyoung Lee**, and Matt Vogel, Privilege or Threat: American Youth Responses to Contested Racial Boundaries (*draft available*)
 10. Kate Strully, **Heeyoung Lee**, Chris Lowenstein, and David Rehkoph, Refundable Tax Credits and Income Inequality Across the United States (*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 LGBTQ

- 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

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

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, JAMOV, ArcGIS, GeoDa, UCINET (NetDraw)

References

- Tse-Chuan Yang (Professor, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY)
- Kate Strully (Associate Professor, Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY)

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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)