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EDUCATION

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| 2020–present | Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology
Comprehensive exam: Family, Work
Ph.D. committee: Yue Qian (chair), Sylvia Fuller, Elizabeth Hirsh
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada |
| 2019 | M.A., Sociology
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, United States |
| 2018 | B.A., Economics
Peking University, Beijing, China |

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Gender; Family; Work; Migration

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Lui, Lake, **Manlin Cai**, and Yue Qian. Forthcoming. “Comfortably ‘Western’: How Chinese International Students Imagine Canada.” *Canadian Ethnic Studies*.

Fuller, Sylvia, **Manlin Cai**, and Donna Lero. Online first. “[The Work/Care Interface and Parents’ Mid-Pandemic Mental Health: Inequalities at the Intersection of Gender and High-Health-Risk Household Status](#).” *Society and Mental Health*.

Cai, Manlin. 2023. “[For the Sake of Parents? Marriages of Convenience between Lesbians and Gay Men in China](#).” *LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 19(3): 211-227.

Cai, Manlin and Yue Qian. 2023. “[Digital Ethnic Enclaves: Mate Preferences and Platform Choices Among Chinese Immigrant Online Daters in Vancouver](#).” *Canadian Review of Sociology* 60(1): 130-153.

Qin, Siqi, **Manlin Cai**, Sylvia Fuller, and Yue Qian. 2022. “[Gender, Parenthood and Employment During COVID-19: An Immigrant-Native Born Comparison in Canada](#).” *Canadian Ethnic Studies* 54(3): 63-108.

Qian, Yue, Yang Shen, and **Manlin Cai**. 2022. “[Gendered Age Preferences for Potential Partners: A Mixed-Methods Study Among Online Daters in Shanghai](#).” *Chinese Sociological Review* 54(3): 304-331.

– Featured in [Sixth Tone](#), [Ms-Muses \(in Chinese\)](#)

OP-EDS

Cai, Manlin and Yue Qian. 2023. “[Chinese immigrants look to digital Chinatowns to find love online](#).” *The Conversation*.

– Reprinted by [UBC Magazine](#)

Cai, Manlin. 2021. “[Forget ‘Leftover Women.’ Let’s Talk About the Women Being Left Out](#).” *Sixth Tone*.

– Reprinted by [The World of Chinese](#)

MANUSCRIPT UNDER REVIEW

Cai, Manlin and Yue Qian. “‘So Much Work for so Little Return’: The Process and Emotional Costs of Online Dating.” Under Review at *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

GRANTS

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| 2023 | Small Grant for Faculty-Graduate Student Research Collaborations, Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia (\$3,500)
Principal Investigator: Yue Qian |
| 2021 | Small Grant for Faculty-Graduate Student Research Collaborations, Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia (\$1,100)
Principal Investigator: Yue Qian |

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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| 2020–2024 | Four-year Graduate Full-Tuition Fellowship, University of British Columbia (\$92,100) |
| 2024 | Dean of Arts Graduate Student Research Award, University of British Columbia (\$1,000) |
| 2023, 2024 | Conference Student Travel Grant, Canadian Sociological Association (\$850) |
| 2022–2023 | Centre for Migration Studies Fellow, University of British Columbia (\$500) |
| 2022 | Congress Graduate Merit Award, Canadian Sociological Association, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$500) |

2021, 2023, 2024	Sociology Graduate and Patricia Marchak International Research Scholarship, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia (\$2,226)
2020, 2022	Kurt and Anne Paulus Memorial Scholarship in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia (\$564)
2018–2019	Merit-Based Scholarship, University of Chicago (\$10,500 USD)
2016	Academic Excellence Award, Peking University
2016	Meiyi Merit Based Scholarship, Peking University (¥4,000 CNY)
2015	Merit Student Award, Peking University
2015	Leo Koguan Academic Scholarship, Peking University (¥10,000 CNY)

INVITED TALKS

2023	“Searching for Partners Online: Partner Preferences and Dating Processes.” Guest Speaker for Diversity in Family Forms, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia
2022	“Partner Preferences and Online Dating in China and Canada: Evidence from Two Studies.” Guest Speaker for Social Demography, School of Sociology and Population Studies, Renmin University of China (Zoom)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024	“Gender, Transition to Parenthood, and Workplace Authority in Urban China.” International Doctoral Symposium, “Global Perspectives on Social Problems, Policy and Practice,” organized by UChicago, HKBU, UMich, SNU, UBC, and NTU, Hong Kong, China
2023	“Why searching for partners online is not efficient: The case of Canadian-born and immigrant Chinese online daters.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association, Toronto, ON, Canada
2023	“To Come, to Stay: Migration Decision-making of Chinese International Students in (Imaginary) Canada.” UBC Centre of Migration Studies Grad Student Power Hour, Vancouver, BC, Canada
2022	“Digital Enclaves: Mate Preferences and Platform Choices Among Chinese Immigrant Online Daters in Vancouver.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association, Canada (Zoom)

- 2022 “Swipe Right, What Next?: Relationship Progression Among Chinese Online Daters in Vancouver.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association, Canada (Zoom)
- 2022 “Digital Enclaves: Mate Preferences and Platform Choices Among Chinese Immigrant Online Daters in Vancouver.” University of Cambridge Pembroke Workshop of “Chinese Migration, Diaspora, and Mobility,” United Kingdom (Zoom)
- 2021 “Matching on Immigration Status and Timing: Online Dating of Chinese Immigrants in Metro Vancouver.” The Chinese University of Hong Kong International Conference on Gender and (Im)mobility in Uncertain Times, Hong Kong (Zoom)
- 2021 “Matching on Immigration Status and Timing: Online Dating of Chinese Immigrants in Metro Vancouver.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association, Canada (Zoom)
- 2019 “Rethinking Marriage and Family: A Qualitative Study on How Lesbians, Gays, and Their Parents Perceive *xinghun* in China.” University of Chicago Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group, Chicago, IL, United States
- 2019 “Marriage of ‘Convenience’: A Qualitative Study on How Lesbians, Gays, and Their Parents Perceive *xinghun* in China.” University of Chicago MAPSS Academic Conference, Chicago, IL, United States

TEACHING

- 2021– Teaching Assistant, University of British Columbia
- Social Statistics I (2023–24 Winter Term 2)
 - Social Interaction and Culture (2023–24 Winter Term 1)
 - Inequality and Social Change (2022–23 Winter Term 2)
 - Survey Methods (2022–23 Winter Term 1)
 - Family Context of Human Development (2021–22 Winter Term 1–2, Summer Term 2; 2022–23 Summer Term 2)

SERVICE

- 2021–2022 Doctorate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia

AFFILIATIONS

Members:

- 2024– Canadian Population Society
- 2023– Work and Family Researchers Network

2021– Canadian Sociological Association
2020– American Sociological Association

REFERENCES

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