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EDUCATION

- 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.Econ., Economics**
Peking University, Beijing, China

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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, Siqu, **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 \(in Chinese\)](#)

MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATION

Cai, Manlin and Yue Qian. “When High Hopes Meet Harsh Realities: Online Dating Processes of Chinese Immigrants and Canadians.” In Preparation for *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

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](#)

GRANT

2021–2022 Small Grants for Faculty-Graduate Student Research Collaborations, Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia (\$1,100)
Principal Investigator: Yue Qian

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2023 Conference Student Travel Grant, Canadian Sociological Association (\$350)

2023 Patricia Marchak International Research Scholarship, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia (\$790)

2023 Sociology Graduate Scholarship, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia (\$425)

2022–2023 Centre for Migration Studies Fellow, University of British Columbia (\$500)

2022 Kurt and Anne Paulus Memorial Scholarship in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia (\$242)

2022 Congress Graduate Merit Award, Canadian Sociological Association, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$500)

2021 Sociology Graduate and Patricia Marchak International Research Scholarship, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia (\$276)

2020 Kurt and Anne Paulus Memorial Scholarship in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia (\$322)

2020–2024 Four-year Graduate Fellowship, University of British Columbia (\$54,000)

2020–2024 President’s Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award, University of British Columbia (\$6,000)

2020–2024 International Tuition Award, University of British Columbia (\$12,800)

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 TALK

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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
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 Interaction and Culture
 - Inequality and Social Change
 - Family Context of Human Development
 - Survey Methods

SERVICE

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

AFFILIATIONS

Members:

- 2023– Work and Family Researchers Network
- 2020– American Sociological Association
- 2020– Canadian Sociological Association

REFERENCES

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