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EDUCATION

2020–present

Ph.D., Sociology

Comprehensive exam: Family, Work

Advisor: Dr. Yue Qian

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

2019

M.A., Sociology

Thesis: “Rethinking marriage and family: A qualitative study of how Chinese lesbians, gays, and their parents perceive *xinghun*”

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, United States

2018

B.Econ., Economics

Peking University, Beijing, China

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Cai, Manlin and Yue Qian. Forthcoming. “Digital Ethnic Enclaves: Mate Preferences and Platform Choices Among Chinese Immigrant Online Daters in Vancouver.” *Canadian Review of Sociology*.

Cai, Manlin. Forthcoming. “Marriages of Convenience in China: Lesbians, Gays, and Their Parents.” *LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal*.

Qin, Siqu, **Manlin Cai**, Sylvia Fuller, and Yue Qian. Forthcoming. “Gender, Parenthood and Employment During COVID-19: An Immigrant-Native Born Comparison in Canada.” *Canadian Ethnic Studies*.

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: How Gender Scripts and Unscripted Territory Frustrate Online Daters.” In Preparation for *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

OP-ED

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

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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
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HONOURS AND AWARDS

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 (CNY4,000)
2015	Merit Student Award, Peking University

2015 Leo Koguan Academic Scholarship, Peking University (CNY10,000)

INVITED TALK

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

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, 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, United States

TEACHING

2021– Teaching Assistant, University of British Columbia
 – Inequality and Social Change
 – Family Context of Human Development
 – Survey Methods

SERVICE

2022–2023	Student Representative on the Workload Policy Committee, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia
2021–2022	Doctorate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia

AFFILIATIONS

Members:

2020–	American Sociological Association
2020–	Canadian Sociological Association