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## EDUCATION

### University of California, Irvine

Ph.D in Sociology	(expected) 2024
M.S. in Statistics	(expected) 2023
M.A. in Sociology	2021

### Peking University

B.A. in Sociology ( <i>with honors</i> )	2018
B.A. in Economics	2018

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Social Networks, Migration, Demography, Inequality, Mathematical Sociology, Methodology

## PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

Thomas, Loring J., **Peng Huang**, Fan Yin, Junlan Xu, Zack W. Almquist, John R. Hipp, Carter T. Butts. 2022. “[Geographical Patterns of Social Cohesion Drive Disparities in COVID Infection Hazard](#).” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119(12), e2121675119.

Thomas, Loring J., **Peng Huang**, Fan Yin, Xiaoshuang Luo, Zack W. Almquist, John R. Hipp, Carter T. Butts. 2020. “[Spatial Heterogeneity Can Lead to Substantial Local Variations in COVID-19 Timing and Severity](#).” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 117(39), 24180-24187.

## UNDER REVIEW / PREPRINT

**Huang, Peng**, Carter T. Butts. “[Rooted America: Immobility and Segregation of the Inter-County Migration Networks](#).” arXiv:2205.02347

**Huang, Peng**, Carter T. Butts. “[Parameter Estimation Procedures for Exponential-Family Random Graph Models on Count-Valued Networks: A Comparative Simulation Study](#).” arXiv:2111.02372

**Huang, Peng**, Jacob Thomas. (*equal authorship*). “The Strengths and Challenges of Cross-Cultural Collaborative Field Research.”

## WORKING PAPERS

Thomas, Loring J., **Peng Huang**, Xiaoshuang Luo, John R. Hipp, Carter T. Butts. “Imputation of Three-Way Crosstab Data with Simulated Annealing.”

Wu, Qiong, **Peng Huang**, and Chunni Zhang. “The Paradox of Subjective Social Status of Migrants in China.”

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**Huang, Peng**, and Carter T. Butts. 2022. “Rooted America: Immobility and Segregation of the Inter-County Migration Networks.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Los Angeles, CA, August.

Thomas, Jacob and **Peng Huang**. 2022. “Affinity and Inequality in the Global Structure of the Visa-Free Mobility Network.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Los Angeles, CA, August.

Thomas, Loring, **Peng Huang**, Xiaoshuang Iris Luo, John R. Hipp and Carter T. Butts. 2022. “Marginal-preserving Imputation of Three-way Array Data in Nested Structures, with Application to Small Areal Units.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Los Angeles, CA, August.

Thomas, Jacob and **Peng Huang**. 2022. “Homophily and Hierarchy of the International Visa-Free Mobility Network.” Sunbelt Network Conference (INSNA), Cairns, Australia, July.

Thomas, Loring J., **Peng Huang**, John R. Hipp, and Carter T. Butts. 2022. “Extending Spatial Bernoulli Graphs with Node Covariate Information.” Sunbelt Network Conference (INSNA), Cairns, Australia, July.

**Huang, Peng**, and Carter T. Butts. 2022. “Rooted America: Immobility and Segregation of the Inter-County Migration Networks.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA), Atlanta, GA, April.

**Huang, Peng**, and Carter T. Butts. 2021. “Estimation of Exponential-family Random Graph Models for Valued Networks: A Comparative Simulation Study.” Computational Sociology Section, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Virtual, August.

Thomas, Loring J., **Peng Huang**, Fan Yin, Xiaoshuang Luo, John R. Hipp, and Carter T. Butts. 2021. “Rising Floodwaters: Spatial Social Network Effects on COVID-19 Outcomes by Race and Ethnicity.” Social Networks Section, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Virtual, August.

**Huang, Peng**, and Carter T. Butts. 2021. “Estimation of Count-data Exponential-Family Random Graph Models (ERGMs).” North America Social Network Conference (NASN), Virtual, January.

Thomas, Loring J., **Peng Huang**, Xiaoshuang Luo, John R. Hipp, Carter T. Butts. 2020. “Examining the Effect of COVID-19 Diffusion on Spatial Networks to Understand Ethnoracial Disparities in Disease Outcomes.” North America Social Network Conference (NASN), Virtual, January.

**Huang, Peng**, and Carter T. Butts. 2020. “The Networks of Inter-County Migration Flows in the U.S.” Internal Migration Section, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Virtual, August.

**Huang, Peng**, and Jacob Thomas. 2020. “The Strengths and Challenges of Cross-cultural Collaborative Field Research of Families and International Migration.” Evaluation of Qualitative Methods Section, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Virtual, August.

**Huang, Peng**, and Carter T. Butts. 2020. “Modeling the Network of Inter-County Migration Flows in the U.S. Using Dynamic Valued ERGMs.” Sunbelt Network Conference (INSNA), Virtual, June.

Thomas, Loring J., **Peng Huang**, Xiaoshuang Luo, John R. Hipp, Carter T. Butts. 2020. “Estimating Inhomogeneous Spatial Interaction Functions for Spatial Network Simulation” Sunbelt Network Conference (INSNA), Virtual, June.

Wu, Qiong, **Peng Huang**, and Chunni Zhang. 2018. “The Paradox of Subjective Social Status of Migrants in China” Joint Conference for Family (RC06) and Population (RC41) of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Singapore, May; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA), Denver, CO, April.

Thomas, Jacob and **Peng Huang**. 2017. “Family Matters, But Most of All Not in the Way Most International Migration Scholars Think.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Montreal, QC, August.

## INVITED TALKS

**Huang, Peng** and Jacob Thomas. 2017. “The Advantages and Challenges of Conducting Bicultural Collaborative Ethnography.” Irene Flecknoe Ross Lecture Series Ethnography Working Group, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, January.

Thomas, Jacob and **Peng Huang**. 2017. “Family Matters, But Most of All Not in the Way Most International Migration Scholars Think.” The Family Working Group, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, January.

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Biao Xiang (Oxford, Max Planck) 2018

- Studied Beijing’s eviction programs towards floating population in history and at present

- Collected government documents and official reports to reveal the logic behind policy design

Research Assistant for Yinxian Zhang (CUNY) and Xi Song (UPenn) 2018

- Studied media coverage and public perceptions of inequality in China
- Coded media reports and cleaned data for sentiment analysis using machine learning

Research Assistant for Jacob Thomas (Princeton) 2016,2018

- Studied how states and family deter people from emigrating
- Conducted 103 in-depth interviews with informants interested in but deciding not migrating

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Teaching Assistant at University of California, Irvine

Soc2: Global and Transnational Sociology (Prof. Evan Schofer) Fall 2021

Soc138/Econ148: Business Decisions (Prof. Carter Butts) Winter 2019,2021

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

### University of California, Irvine

Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology 2021

Virtual Conference Grant, Associated Graduate Students 2021

Dean's Recruitment Fellowship, School of Social Sciences 2018

### Peking University

Robin Li Scholarship, Department of Sociology 2016-2017

Tan Siu Lin Oversea Exchange Fellowship, National School of Development Summer 2017

Outstanding Research Award, Department of Sociology 2015-2016

Xinhe Overseas Study Scholarship, Office of International Relations Summer 2015

May 4th Scholarship, Department of Sociology 2014-2015

## SERVICE

### University of California, Irvine

Coordinator, Inaugural Brown-Bag Seminar Series, Department of Statistics 2021-2022

Peer Mentor, Sociology Graduate Student Association 2021-2022