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EMPLOYMENT

Corvinus University of Budapest September 2024-Present
Department of Sociology
Assistant Professor

Chinese University of Hong Kong, September 2021-August 2024
Department of Sociology
Research Assistant Professor

Princeton University, September 2020-August 2021
Center on Contemporary China
Post-doctoral Research Associate (Advisor: Yu Xie)

University of California-Los Angeles, September 2014-August 2020
Department of Sociology
Teaching Fellow/Associate/Assistant

Beijing Foreign Studies University September 2012-July 2013
College of Continuing Education
Foreign Expert Instructor

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles August 2020
Ph.D., Sociology

Dissertation: "The Denied, the Deterred, and the Disenchanted: Why a Variety of Potential Migrants Never Immigrate"

- Advisor: Min Zhou; Committee Members: Victor Agadjanian, Jennie Brand, Margaret Peters (Political Science)

University of Chicago
M.A., Social Sciences

University of California, Berkeley
B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major in Globalization

- Coursework in Anthropology, Economics, and Political Science; Highest Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major and Distinction in General Scholarship

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration
Social Stratification and Inequality
Law and Society
Global/Cross-National Sociology

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

Book

Thomas, Jacob Richard. Forthcoming (2025). *Denial, Deterrence, and Disenchantment: Why Many Never Migrate*. Complete book manuscript under contract for publication with Cambridge University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2025. "The Gendered Ways Familial Ties Reduce International Migration and Mobility." *International Migration Review*.

Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2025. "Cooperative Framework Incorporating the Concerns of Both Migrant-Destination and Migrant-Origin Countries into Migration Policymaking", *Chinese Political Science Review*

Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2025. "Too Local Relative to What? Cross-National and Cross-Disciplinary Variability in the Tension Between Local and Cosmopolitan Coverage of Publications", in special issues on "Localism and Cosmopolitanism", *International Sociological Reviews (International Sociology)*.

Thomas, Jacob Richard, Lemeng Liang, Shigeto Sonoda, and Yu Xie. 2025. "The soft power cost of COVID-19 in OECD countries: a lose-lose outcome for China and the United States." *International Political Science Review* (2025): 01925121241304720.

Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2005. "Art as a Channel and Embodiment of Symbolic Interaction Between Migrants and Non-Migrants." *Symbolic Interaction*

Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2024. "Disenchanted With the Immigrant Dream: The Sociological Formation of Ex-Immigrant Subjectivity." *European Journal of Sociology/Archives Européennes de Sociologie*: 1-40.

Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2023. "Bureaucratic and Organizational Amenability to Racial Diversification: How Points Systems Replaced White-Only Immigration Policies." *International Journal of Sociology* 53(2): 103-131.

Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2021. "From local control to remote control: an excavation of international mobility constraints." *Theory and Society* 50(1): 33-64.

Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2020. "When Political Freedom Does Not Offer Travel Freedom: The Varying Determinants of Visa-Free Travel Opportunities." *International Migration* 58(2): 80-97.

Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2019. "Reflecting upon the Impact of the United States' 2016 Election and Travel Ban: Why Might Fewer Foreign Businesspeople, Tourists, Students, and Relatives Be Visiting the United States?" *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal* 29: 619-636.

Chapters in Edited Books

Thomas, Jacob Richard, Lemeng Liang, Shigeto Sonoda, and Yu Xie. 2022. "Shingata Korona wuirusu wa sekaino taichu/taibei ninsiki wo ikani kaetaka?" (How Did COVID-19 Change Global Views of China and US?) in Shigeto Sonoda and Yu Xie, eds., *Sekai no Taichu Ninshiki: Deta de saguru sono tokucho to henka (Global Views of China: Empirical Analysis of Their Trends)*: Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press.

Thomas, Jacob Richard and Min Zhou. 2021. "Ethnic Entrepreneurship and Its Transnational Linkages." Pp. 404-419 in Brenda S. A. Yeo and Francis Collins (eds.), *Handbook on Transnationalism*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Other Publications

Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2020. "Is There Anything Positive Coming Out of the COVID-19 Pandemic", Op-Ed in Special issue of *Contexts* on covid-19 and the future of society, 2020

Thomas, Jacob Richard and Kjerstin Gruys. 2014. "Class." in Daniel Thomas Cook (Editor), J. Michael Ryan, eds., *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Consumer Studies*. Wiley.

Revised and Resubmitted

Thomas, Jacob Richard. "What Types of Famous Political Dissidents Succeed in Emigrating From Autocratic Societies?: An Individual-Level Analysis of Emigration Control in the People's Republic of China." Under review at *Canadian Review of Sociology*.

Under Review

Thomas, Jacob Richard and Peng Huang. "Affinity and Inequality in the Global Structure of the Visa-Free Mobility Network." Under review at *American Journal of Sociology*

Thomas, Jacob Richard. "What Ties Individuals to a Society? : How (Im)mobility Capital Stratifies Legal Movement from China to the United States." Under review at *Social Forces*

Thomas, Jacob Richard. "Mathematically Modeling How Bureaucrat-Civilian Interactions In Decision-making of Visa Application and Approval." Under review at *Rationality and Society*.

Thomas, Jacob Richard. “When Symbolic and Unintended Policy Impacts Are Greater Than Intended Impacts: Why a Targeted Travel Ban Mostly Reduced Visitors from Non-Targeted Countries.” Under review at *Annals of Tourism Research*

Thomas, Jacob Richard. “From ‘Illegal’ to ‘Undocumented’—Anti-Immigrant Reactance toward a Ban of a Term Among Media Producers and Consumers.” Under review at *Communication Research*.

Manuscripts in Preparation For Submission

Thomas, Jacob Richard and Peng Huang. “The Strengths and Challenges of Cross-cultural Collaborative Field Research.” Manuscript in preparation to be submitted to *Qualitative Inquiry*

Thomas, Jacob Richard, “Does the Race of a Mother and Father Matter for Abortion Opinions? Anti-Abortion Universalism Vs. Latent Racial Eugenicist Bias in American Attitudes Toward Abortion.” Manuscript in preparation to be submitted to *Sociological Science*.

Thomas, Jacob Richard, “Does What We Can See Matter for American Opinion About Gun Restrictions? Experimental Impact of an ‘Emmett Till Moment’ and a ‘Good Guy With a Gun’” Manuscript in preparation to be submitted to *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Thomas, Jacob Richard. *Fraught Choice: To Emigrate To An Unfamiliar Culture Or Adapt To An Autocratizing Polity?* Book manuscript in preparation to be submitted to University of Chicago Press.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS (amount in US \$ unless otherwise noted)

Major Research Grants

2022-2023 General Research Fund Grant (\$78,600) for the study “Who Realizes Their Online Intentions To Emigrate? What Distinguishes Emigrants from Potential Emigrants in the Context of Rapid and Sudden Social Change.” Hong Kong University Grant Committee (project websites: www.hkemigrationproject.space and www.hk.ep.net)

Small Grants

Direct Grant (\$6,500), 2023, Chinese University of Hong Kong for the study “Does What We Can See Matter for American Opinion About Gun Restrictions? Experimental Impact of Images of a Dead Child Gunfire Victim and a ‘Good Guy With a Gun’”

Direct Grant (\$6,500), 2022, Chinese University of Hong Kong for the study “Who Realizes Their Online Intentions To Emigrate? What Distinguishes Emigrants from Potential Emigrants in the Context of Rapid and Sudden Social Change”

Institute for American Cultures Research Grant (\$1000), 2020, UCLA Institute for American Cultures

United College Student Campus Training and Award Service Scheme for 2022-2023 (\$1000), United College

University Academic Exchange Fund (\$1,200), For Data Collection in Beijing, China 2023, China Engagement Office

Ethnic Studies Grant for Asian American Studies (\$500), 2015, UCLA Institute for American Cultures

California Immigration Research Initiative (\$8,000), 2017, UCSD Center for Comparative Immigration Studies

Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

Research Fellow (Honorific Courtesy Appointment). 2024. Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University.

Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award, Honorable Mention, 2020, American Sociological Association, International Migration Section, for “Whom Does a US Visa Officer Perceive as an Immigrant? How Mobility-Stability Capital Stratifies International Legal Mobility from Mainland China to the United States”

Graduate Student Fellowship (\$6,000), 2020, UCLA Department of Fellowship

Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Fellowship (\$5,000), 2020, UCLA Asia Pacific Center

UCLA 5th Year Fellowship (\$24,000), 2018-2019, UCLA Graduate Division

Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2018, Migration, Immigration, Geographic Mobility Poster Session, Prize Awarded for Poster “Who Does a Government Perceive as Immigrants Before They Even Migrate?”

Institute for Humane Studies Ph.D Fellowships (\$4,000 each, four), 2016-2019, Institute for Humane Studies

China Confucius Studies Ph.D Research Fellowship (\$8,000), Fall 2018, China Scholarship Council

Four Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships to Study Mandarin Chinese in China and U.S. (\$8,000-15,000 each), 2017-2018 and 2014-2015 Academic Years and Summer 2015 and 2017, UCLA Asia Pacific Center and U.S. Department of Education

Boren National Security Fellowship (\$23,900) for Mandarin study at Peking University & Beijing Cultural and Language University, 2015-2016, Institute for International Education

UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship (\$6,000 each, two), 2014 and 2015, Graduate Division

University Un-endowed Scholarship for M.A. Program in Social Sciences (\$15,000), 2011-2012
Masters of Arts Program in Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Highest Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major and Distinction in General Scholarship,
2002 Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major Program, UC Berkeley's College of Letters and Sciences

TEACHING

Assistant Professor at Corvinus University of Budapest

Global Social Change and Inequalities (for International Relations students), Corvinus University of Budapest, Department of International Relations, Fall 2024 (with Attila Melegh)

Global Social Change and Global Inequalities, Corvinus University of Budapest, Department of Sociology, Fall 2024 (with Noemi Katona)

Globalization and Social Change (for Sociology Students), Corvinus University of Budapest, Department of Sociology, Fall 2024 (with Attila Melegh)

Instructor-on-Record at CUHK

Sociology and Modernity in the Age of Generative Artificial Intelligence (In-Person), CUHK Department of Sociology, Fall 2023

Qualitative Research Methods (Hybrid and in-Person), CUHK Department of Sociology, Spring 2022 and 2023

Instructor-on-Record at UCLA

Law and Society (online), UCLA Department of Sociology, Summer 2020

Teaching Fellow/Associate/Assistant for Undergraduate Students at UCLA, 2014-2020

Contemporary Sociological Theory (online), Jeff Guhin, UCLA Department of Sociology, Spring 2020

Comparative Acculturation and Assimilation for Cecilia Menjivar, UCLA Department of Sociology, Fall 2019

Contemporary American Politics, Society and Stratification for Cesar Ayala (Sociology), Robert Chao Romero (History/Chicano Studies), and Nina Ponce (Public Health), Asia Pacific Institute and Zhejiang University, Summer 2019

Self and Society for Jack Katz, UCLA Department of Sociology, Spring 2017

Social Norms for Patrick Riley, UCLA Department of Sociology, Winter 2017

Introduction to Sociology for Terri Anderson, Department of UCLA Sociology, Fall 2016

Sociology of Mass Communications for Gabriel Rossman, Department of UCLA Sociology, Fall 2014

Lecturer for Graduate Students at Beijing Foreign Studies University, 2012-2013

Academic and Professional Writing

The Immigrant Cultures of the United States

European Cultures and Societies

Courses Interested in Teaching

International Migration

Global/Cross-National Sociology

Stratification, Mobility, and Inequality

Law and Society

Sociology of Gender and Sex

Sociology of Race, Nationalism, and Ethnicity

Policy Analysis

Quantitative Methods

Qualitative Methods

Globalization

Statistics

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Sociological Association

Population Association of America

American Sociological Association

International Chinese Sociological Association

American Political Science Association

SERVICE

1/2025-Present: Founder and Director of the Faculty Academic Writing Workshop at Corvinus University of Budapest.

9/2023-12/2023: Host and Organizer of Inequality Cluster Workshop in the Chinese University of Hong Kong's Centre for Population Research

7/2023-12/2023: Organizing Committee Member for the Hong Kong Sociological Association's 2023 Annual Meeting hosted by CUHK

5/2023: Interviewer for JUPAS undergraduate applicants at CUHK

9/2021: Organizer and Presider of American Sociological Association's Special Session on Covid-19 and International Mobility at American Sociological Association's 2021 Annual Meeting

2020-2023: Journal Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Theory and Society*, *International Journal of Sociology*, *Chinese Journal of Sociology*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Research Exchange*, and *Comparative Immigration Studies*.

TRAINING AND MENTORSHIP

2024: Ph.D. dissertation External Advisor: Michael Luchanski, Ph.D. Candidate in Demography and Sociology (Penn State University).

2023 Ph.D dissertation Committee Member: Anita Venanzi (CUHK, “Contemporary Transnational Experiences of a Century-old International Voluntary Service Network (IVSN)”

2023: Trained Peking University and Tsinghua University Sociology and Anthropology Undergraduate and Graduate Students on how to interview US non-immigrant visa applicants outside US Embassy in Beijing

2022 Led Workshops To Train 8 Students in how to scrape social media text data from Twitter, LIHKG, Facebook, and Telegram with Wangjiang Zhang

2022-2023: Supervision of Hong Kong Emigration Project Team members in Hong Kong, China, Britain, and the US to digital data scraping and cleaning, interviewing in Cantonese, online and in-person recruitment at churches, businesses, and professional associations

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

“Affinity and Inequality in the Global Structure of the Visa-Free Mobility Network” at Oscar Contrera’s April 26th, 2024 Ph.D. Graduate Seminar on Social Network Analysis, University of Texas-El Paso Department of Sociology

“What Ties Individuals to a Society? How Mobility-Stability Capital Stratifies International Legal Mobility from Mainland China to the United States” at September 26th 2024 session of Princeton University’s Center for Migration and Development

“What Stops People From Migrating and Traveling Abroad?” at Yuying Tong’s undergraduate October 2023 CUHK Sociology course, “Migration and Policy Reflection on Global Citizenship”

“Whom Do U.S. Consular Officers Perceive As ‘Non-Immigrants’? How Cultural Habitus Stratifies Legal Mobility From China,” at International Symposium on “International Migration: Theory, Policy and Empirical Research,” September 2019, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

“Immigration and Ethnic Los Angeles,” Guest Speaker for UCLA Asia Pacific Center-Zhejiang University’s Social Science Summer Institute course on “Contemporary American Society, Politics and Social Stratification,” August 2019, UCLA

“The Relationship Between Internal Migration Within China and International Migration Beyond China,” Chunni Zhang’s Sociology of *Migration in China* Graduate Seminar, April 2016, Peking University Sociology Department, Beijing, China

Conference Presentations

“Does Opposition Toward Abortion of An Embryo/Fetus in the US Depend On the Race of Its Parents? Anti-Abortion Universalism Versus Latent Racial-Eugenicist Bias”. Poster for International Migration”, Population Association of America 2025 Annual Meeting. Washington DC, USA. April 2025.

(with Peng Huang) “Why Do Most Potential Migrants Never Migrate? Advancing a New Survey Design for Testing Selectivity Theory and a Push-Retain-Pull-Repel Model--Poster for International Migration”, Population Association of America 2025 Annual Meeting.. Washington DC, USA. April 2025.

(with Michael Lachanski) “How Does *What We See Affect Our Opinions? The Impact of an "Emmett Till Moment" Versus a "Good Guy With a Gun" on Attitudes Toward Gun Restriction Policies in the United States.*” Poster for Population Association of America 2025 Annual Meeting. Washington DC, USA. April 2025.

“Impact of Photos of Dead Children and “Good Guy with a Gun” on Gun Control Opinions” at *Political Communication* paper session, at 2024 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association of America, Philadelphia, USA. September 2024.

“Disenchanted With the Immigrant Dream: The Sociological Formation of Ex-Immigrant Subjectivity” Presentation in paper Session *Cross-National Sociology* at 2024 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 2024.

“When Students Reject and Resist Learning with Generative Artificial Intelligence”. Presentation in paper Session *Teaching and Learning in Sociology* at 2024 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 2024.

“I Was Planning to Immigrate Until ____’: Which Shocks Lead Many to Suddenly Give Up on Immigrating” at Annual 2024 Meeting of the International Chinese Sociological Association. Macau, China, June 2024.

“Affinity and Inequality in the Global Structure of the Visa-Free Mobility Network”, Presentation in Paper Session *Migration Around the World* at 2024 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, USA. April 2024.

“How Assimilation(ism) Can Perpetuate the Problems of Migrant-Destination Societies: A Critically Reflexive Theory about What Societies Expect Their Immigrants to Become.” Session *(Im)migration*, the Inaugural British Journal of Sociology Conference in London, Britain. April 2024.

“Not Settled Enough to Migrate: How the (Im)mobility Paradox Prevents Migration Across the Life Course”, Presentation at the Xian Jiaotong University-Chinese University of Hong Kong Joint Conference. Hong Kong, China. December 2023.

“Affinity and Inequality in the Global Structure of the Visa-Free Mobility Network” (presented with coauthor Peng Huang), Presentation in Paper Session *Globalization* at 2023 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association of America, Los Angeles, USA. September 2023.

“From “Illegal” to “Undocumented”—Anti-Immigrant Reactance Toward a Ban of a Term Among Media Producers and Consumers”, Presentation in Paper Session, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, at 2023 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, USA. September 2023.

“The Soft Power Cost of COVID-19: A Lose-Lose Outcome for China and the United States”, Presentation in Paper Session at 2023 Annual Meeting of International Chinese Sociological Association, Philadelphia, USA. August 2023.

“Does the Race of Rapists and Rape Victims Matter for Opinions About Abortion? Anti-Abortion Universalism Vs. Latent Racial Eugenicist Bias in Attitudes Toward Abortion”, Presentation in Paper Session *Timely Topics* at 2023 Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association of America, Philadelphia, USA. August 2023.

“Affinity and Inequality in the Global Structure of the Visa-Free Mobility Network” (presented with coauthor Peng Huang), Presentation in Paper Session *Globalization* at 2023 American Sociological Association of America, Philadelphia, USA. August 2023.

“Bureaucratic and Organizational Amenability to Racial Diversification: How Points Systems Replaced White-Only Immigration Policies”, Comparative Sociology, 2023 International Sociological Association Global Congress, Melbourne, Australia. July 2022.

“Why Do Some Emigrate and Most Merely “Want” To Emigrate? The Specific Events and General Reasons Prompt Thoughts of Emigrating and Emigration”, Presentation in Paper Session *21st Century Migration Theory*, 2023 Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, New Orleans, USA. April 2023.

“What Types of Famous Political Dissidents Succeed in Emigrating From Autocratic States?: An Individual-Level Analysis of Emigration Control in the People’s Republic of China”, Poster

Presentation at 2023 Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, New Orleans, USA. April 2023

“Affinity and Inequality in the Global Structure of the Visa-Free Mobility Network” (presented by coauthor Peng Huang), Poster Presentation at 2023 Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, New Orleans, USA. April 2023

“Disenchanted With the Immigration Dream: The Sociological Formation of Ex-Immigrant Subjectivity”, 2022 Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Guangzhou, China. Online, December 2022

“Disenchanted With the Immigration Dream: The Sociological Formation of Ex-Immigrant Subjectivity”, 2022 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 2022.

“How Affinity and Hierarchy Structure the Global Network of Visa Free Mobility, 1969- 2010”, 2022 Sunbelt Annual Meeting, Cairns, Australia. August 2022.

“Why Does the Chinese Government Allow Some Of Its Citizens To Leave or Return But Not Others?: The Extra-legal Logic of Exceptions to Chinese Laws of Exit and Entry”, 2021 Hong Kong Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting, December 2021.

“What Ties Individuals to a Society? How Mobility-Stability Capital Stratifies International Legal Mobility from Mainland China to the United States, ” American Political Science Association 2021 Annual Meeting, Seattle, USA. Online, September 2021

“How Assimilation(ism) May Harm ‘Us’ As Well As ‘Them’: Conceptualizing Nationalist Chauvin(ism) as Variants of A Societal-Level Auto-Immune Disorder,” 2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA.. Online, August 2021

“The Relationship Between International Visa-Free Mobility and Nation-State Homophily and Hierarchy, 1969- 2010,”, Polnet Conference, Pennsylvania State University, USA. July 2021.

“Ethnic Entrepreneurship and Its Transnational Linkages,” Global Chinese Entrepreneurship Conference, UCLA Asia Pacific Institute, Los Angeles, USA. December 2020.

“Why Does China Sometimes Allows Some of Its Citizens to Leave Its Territory But Not Others,” International Chinese Sociological Association, New York University-Shanghai, Online, November 2020.

“How Have Xenophobic Politics and Policies Made the United States Less Attractive? How Unintended Chilling Impacts of Targeted Anti-Mobility Policies Extend Far Beyond Their Targets,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Citizenship and Migration Section: Election Cycles and Immigration, San Francisco, CA, USA, September 2020

“Strengths and Challenges of Cross-Cultural Field Research”, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Methodology Section: Investigating Qualitative Methods, San Francisco, USA. August 2020

‘From “Illegal” to “Undocumented”—The Impact of a Lexical Shift In a Social Movement Against Dehumanization,’ Population Association of America 2020, Oral Section on Immigration and Public Opinion, Online Asynchronous, April 2020

“Reflecting Upon Changes In Different Foreign Nationalities To the United States After the 2016 Election and the Travel Ban” University of California’s Symposium on the Travel Ban, Los Angeles, USA, May 2020.

“From ‘Illegal’ to ‘Undocumented’—The Impact of a Lexical Shift In a Social Movement Against Dehumanization,’ American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Paper Session on “What is Journalism For? Inequality, Social Justice, and the Role of Media”, New York City USA. August 2019,

‘Whom Do U.S. Consular Officers Perceive As “Non-Immigrants”? How Cultural Habitus Stratifies Legal Mobility From China,’ American Sociological Association Annual Meeting’s Paper Session on “Theorizing Migration Flows”, New York City, August 2019.

“Familial Ties As a Gendered Deterrent Force of International Migration and Travel From China,” International Chinese Sociological Association (ICSA) Annual Meeting, New York City, USA, August 2019

“Which Nationalities Have Been Coming to the United States Less Since the 2016 Election and the 2017 Travel Ban?” Law and Society Annual Meeting, Measuring the Trump Effect on Immigration Policy and Law, Washington D.C. , USA, May 2019.

“Relationship Between Stratified Non-Immigrant Visa Admission and Legal Immigration Opportunities: How the ‘Dual Intent Doctrine’ Undermines the Immigrant Versus Non-Immigrant Binary,” Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, USA, April 2019.

“Which Nationalities Have Been Coming to the United States Less Since the 2016 Election and 2017 Travel Ban?” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Session on Immigration Policy, Austin, USA, April 2019.

"Why Does the Chinese Government Allow Some Of Its Citizens To Leave or Return But Not Others?: The Extra-legal Logic of Exceptions to Chinese Laws of Exit and Entry," American Sociology Association Paper Session on “Crime, Law, and Deviance”, Philadelphia, USA, August 2018.

"How Economic and Political Factors Interact in Stratifying International Visa-Free Travel and Migratory Opportunities ," XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, International Mobility and Social Stratification Research Committee (R28), Toronto, Canada, July 2018.

‘Whom Do U.S. Consular Officers Perceive As “Non-Immigrants”? How Cultural Habitus Stratifies Legal Mobility From China” (Winner of Award in Migration and Urbanization Poster Section) and “How Economic and Political Factors Interact in Stratifying International Visa-Free Travel and Migratory Opportunities”, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Social Stratification and Migration and Urbanization Poster Sections, Denver, USA. April 2018.

“Mathematically Modeling How Bureaucrat-Civilian Interactions Affect International Travel and Migration Flows,” American Sociological Association, Section on Mathematical Sociology, Montreal, Canada, August 2017.

“The Denied, the Deterred, and the Disenchanted: The Variety of Prospective Immigrants Excluded by U.S. Immigration Law,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, June 2017.

“The Institutional Foundation of Diverse Immigration to Canada and Australia”, Social Science History Association’s Paper Session on “Policing Borders: Bodies and Nations,”, Chicago, USA, November 2016.

TECHNICAL SKILLS:

Statistical Programming in Stata, R, MPlus, Python, NVivo, MAXQDA, Data Scraping with Python from Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LIHKG, and Telegram

METHODS TRAINING:

Online/Phone/Face-To-Face Survey Data Collection, Multilevel Regression Modeling, Moderation, Mediation, Social Network Analysis, Bayesian Statistics, Web-scraping and Computational Analysis of Texts, Structural Equation Modeling, Formal Demographic Modeling of Population Dynamics, Survey Design Methodology, Experimental Designs, Longitudinal Analysis, Participant-Observation Ethnographic Methods, Comparative-Historical Methods, Photo-ethnography, Conversation Analysis

LANGUAGES

Mandarin: Proficient in speaking and reading, basic at writing

Spanish: Proficient in speaking, reading, and writing

Portuguese: Proficient in speaking and reading, basic in writing

French: Basic in speaking and writing, proficient in reading

Russian: Basic at speaking, reading, and writing

REFERENCES (for letters of recommendation):

Min Zhou, Distinguished Professor, Shirley Wang Endowed Chair in US-China Relations, and

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