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Education

<i>Purdue University,</i> Dual-Title PhD in Sociology & Gerontology	2024–Present
<i>University of Oxford,</i> MPhil in Sociology & Demography (Merit)	2022–2024
<i>National University of Singapore (NUS),</i> B.A. with Honours (Highest Distinction), English Language and Literature University Scholars Programme (USP)	2018–2022

Research Experience

<i>Department of Sociology, Purdue University</i> Graduate Research Assistant	Aug 2024 – Present
<i>Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford</i> Research Assistant	May 2023 – Sep 2024
<i>Magdalen College, University of Oxford</i> Graduate Teaching Assistant	Mar 2023 – Jun 2023
<i>Department of Sociology, University of Oxford</i> Research Assistant	Feb 2023 – Apr 2023
<i>NUS Department of Sociology</i> Research Assistant	Oct 2021 – Sep 2022
<i>IPS Social Lab, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy</i> Social Issues Researcher	Aug 2021 – Dec 2021

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Lazar, M.M., **Wang, J.W.**, & Tham A. (2025). [Hopefully this will be a wake- up call on how we treat migrant workers: National wokeness in press reports during the Covid-19 pandemic.](#) *Discourse and Society*.
- Lazar, M.M., Tham, A., & **Wang, J.W.** (2023). [Restoration of Positive Self-Image: Ideological Circles in the Mediatization of Government-Migrant Worker Relations during Covid 19.](#) *Discourse and Communication*, 18(2), 244-265.

UNDER REVIEW

Wang, J.W., & Akimova, E.T. "Biological Ageing Through Childhood Adversity: Impacts on Health and Life History Strategies." [Revise & Resubmit at *PNAS*]

Wang, J.W., & Williams, N.E. "Armed Conflict Can Increase Population Size and Growth? An Agent-Based Model Approach." [Under Review at *Nature*]

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

Akimova, E.T., & **Wang, J.W.** "Changing Polygenic Prediction of Depression among Adults in the UK: The Role of Birth Cohorts and Economic Recessions."

Jeon, N., **Wang, J.W.**, Garcia, A., & Du, Y. "Women's Employment and Family Trajectories Shape Health Unequally in Later Life Across Welfare Regimes."

Rahal, C., Akimova, E.T., & **Wang, J.W.** "GWAS Diversity by Funder."

Conference Presentations

Wang, J.W., & Akimova, E.T., (2025). Exploring the Interplay of Childhood Adversity and Epigenetic Ageing: A Structured Life Course Modelling Approach. The Advances in Social Genomics Conference Series. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA. [Flash Session]

Wang, J.W., & Akimova, E.T., (2025). Exploring the Interplay of Childhood Adversity and Epigenetic Ageing: A Structured Life Course Modelling Approach. Population Association of America. Marriott Marquis, Washington, DC, USA. [Oral Presentation]

Akimova, E.T., & **Wang, J.W.** (2025). Changing Polygenic Prediction of Depression among Adults in the UK: The Role of Historical Contexts and Birth Cohorts. Population Association of America. Marriott Marquis, Washington, DC, USA. [Poster Presentation]

Wang, J.W., & Williams, N.E. (2024). How Does Armed Conflict Influence Population Growth and Size? An Agent-Based Model Case Study of Nepal. Population Association of America. Hyatt Regency Columbus, Columbus, OH, USA. [Oral Presentation]

Wang, J.W., & Williams, N.E. (2024). How Does Armed Conflict Influence Population Growth and Size? An Agent-Based Model Case Study of Nepal. Applied Demography Conference (Virtual Presentation). [Oral Presentation]

Wang, J.W., & Williams, N.E. (2023). Does Armed Conflict Affect Population Size? An Agent-Based Model Approach. Population, Health, and Armed Conflict. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL, USA. [Oral Presentation]

Grants and Awards

Population and Social Data Science Summer Incubator Program 2025
Summer research fellowship at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Dean's Graduate Fellowship 2024
Competitive fellowship awarded to 5 nominated graduates within CLA

<i>Henry Luce Foundation Research Scholar Mentorship</i>	2023
Mentored research culminating in conference presentations and upcoming publication	
<i>USP President Honour Roll AY2021/2022</i>	2022
Awarded to graduates with first-class honours degree and significant contribution to the USP community	
<i>Faculty of Arts & Social Science Dean's List AY2021/2022</i>	2021
Awarded to top 5% of each cohort for meritorious academic achievement	
<i>USP Senior Honour Roll AY2020/2021</i>	2021
Awarded based on academic merit and significant achievements to the USP community	
<i>SMMWU Scholarship</i>	2021
Awarded based on academic merit	
<i>Laidlaw Research and Leadership Programme</i>	2019
Selection based on research aptitude and academic merit; Funded independent research	
<i>USP Honour Roll</i>	2018
Awarded based on academic merit and significant contribution to the USP community	