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Areas of interest Education, inequality, and stratification; Social demography; Marriage and family.

Education	University of Wisconsin–Madison Madison, WI Ph.D. student in Sociology Aug. 2024 – Present
	Beijing Normal University Beijing, China M.Phil. in Public Administration Sep. 2021 – June 2024
	Southwestern University of Finance and Economics Chengdu, China B.A. in Business Administration Sep. 2016 – June 2020

Publications 1. Zheng, Lei, Xiang Qi and Chong-Jiu Zhang. [Can improvements in teacher quality reduce the cognitive gap between urban and rural students in China?](#) *International Journal of Educational Development*, 2023.

Working papers 1. Out of Male-land: imbalanced sex ratios and migration. 2023. [[Slides](#)].
2. Sex ratio imbalance and trends on returns to education. 2023. [[Slides](#)].
3. Educational inequality in a risk society: risk attitudes and parental educational investments (with Lei Zheng). 2023. [[Slides](#)].
4. Reduction or reproduction: the impact of public investments on preschool educational inequality (with Zhuorui Deng). 2023.

Conferences 2025
International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chengdu, China
2024
Midwest Sociology of Education Conference, Evanston, IL
2023
Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Conference, Hong Kong
International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA
Chinese Sociological Association Annual Conference, Tianjin, China
American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
2022
International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Conference, online

Chinese Society of Education Annual Conference of Economics of Education, online
Winter Forum of Social Stratification and Mobility, online

Research experiences	Research assistant for Dr. Wanru Xiong <i>Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)</i>	Apr. 2023 - Present Guangzhou, China
	Research assistant for Dr. Lei Zheng <i>Beijing Normal University</i>	Oct. 2021 - Present Beijing, China
	Principal investigator , BNU Graduate Student Research <i>Beijing Normal University</i>	Dec. 2022 - Dec. 2023 Beijing, China
Teaching experiences	Teaching assistant , Educational Psychology <i>Beijing Normal University (Zhuhai)</i>	Spring 2023 Zhuhai, China
	Instructor , JA Economics <i>Junior Achievement China</i>	Fall 2016 - Fall 2019 Chengdu, China
Referee services	<i>China Economics of Education Review</i>	
Scholarships and grants	Graduate School Fellowship (UW–Madison)	2024
	First Prize Scholarship (BNU)	2023
	Graduate Student Research Fund (BNU)	2022
	First Prize Scholarship (BNU)	2022
	Graduate Student Scholarship (BNU)	2021
Affiliations	Hong Kong Sociological Association (HKSA)	
	International Chinese Sociological Association (ICSA)	
Skills	Computer skills	
	Stata, R, Python, ArcGIS, \LaTeX	
	Languages	
	Mandarin (Beijing & Southwestern) [native], English [fluent], Cantonese [basic]	