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EDUCATION

2009	Ph.D. in Sociology, Duke University
2007	Graduate Certificate in Educational Research and Policy, Duke University
2003	M.A. in Sociology (Outstanding Graduates), Shandong University
2000	B.A. in Sociology (Outstanding Graduates), Shandong University

EMPLOYMENT

2021-	Director, SNAIL (Social Networks and Inequalities Lab), VU
2019-21	Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology, VU
2016-	Associate Professor of Sociology, MHS (Medicine, Health, and Society), and Asian Studies, VU
2009-16	Affiliated Faculty, American Studies, VU
2009-16	Assistant Professor of Sociology, MHS, Asian Studies, VU

VISITING POSITIONS

2022	Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington
2019	Visiting Scholar, School of Sociology, Nanjing University
2017	Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Duke University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Networks (Social Capital, Social Cost)
Medical Sociology and Mental Health
Stratification (Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Class)
Singlehood, Marriage, and Family
Aging and the Life Course
Social Psychology

AWARDS AND HONORS

2021	Best Publication Award, Sociology of Mental Health Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)
2019	Zheng Gang Visiting Scholar, Nanjing University
2010-11	Junior Faculty Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching, VU
2009	Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Asia and Asian America Section, ASA

2009 Vorsanger-Smith Scholar, Department of Sociology, Duke University
2008-09 PARISS (Program for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences) Fellow, Duke University
2004-06 Spencer Education Science and Policy Scholar, Duke University
2000-03 Graduate Student Award, Shandong University
1999 Top Ten College Students Award, Shandong Province
1996-00 Top Ten College Students Award, Academic Excellence Award, Excellent Student Leadership Award, Shandong University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS ($15.5 M)

PI ($1.5 M)

2024-27 National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institutes of Health (NIH). "National Study of Older Never-Married Adults" (NSONMA). R56AG089170. ($1,359,657). Aim: Design and conduct the first-ever nationally representative pilot survey of older never-married adults. Co-Investigators: Deborah Carr (Boston University); Qingxia Chen (Vanderbilt University Medical Center); Tara McKay (Vanderbilt University); Siyun Peng (University of South Florida); Brea L. Perry (Indiana University–Bloomington).

2024-26 Scaling Success Grant, VU. "National Study of Older Never-Married Adults" (NSONMA). ($76,321).

2023-24 Dean's Research Studio Grant, College of Arts & Science, VU. ($5,000)

2021-22 Mellon Faculty Fellowship in Digital Humanities, Center for Digital Humanities, VU. "Online Social Support among the Isolated and Lonely: Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic." ($10,000 plus one-course buyout)

2021-22 Seeding Success Grant, VU. "Two Projects: Social Cost, and Single and Living-Alone Status." (One-course buyout)

2021 Strong Faculty Grant, VU. "Single and Living Alone during the Pandemic: Social Networks and Health." ($2,000)

2020-21 Scholar Grant, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange. "Does Who You Know Protect or Hurt? A Test of Social Capital Theory versus Social Cost Theory in Taiwan." ($20,000)

2019 Global Research & Engagement Micro-Grant, VU. "One Trip to China, Two Purposes to Achieve." ($4,650)

2019 Data Science Institute Mini Grant, VU. "Does Who You Know in the Status Hierarchy Protect or Hurt? Evidence from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health." ($1,300)

2015-17 Research Grant, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange. "Institutional Contingency of Network Embeddedness of Class Identification: Network Members' Occupational Status and Subjective Social Class in Three Societies." ($30,000)

2012-13 Research Scholar Fellowship, Research Scholar Grant, VU. "A Tale of Multiple Social

Capitals and Adolescent Health: Social Cohesion, Social Integration, Social Support, and Network Resources." (Sabbatical funding)

2010 Summer Stipend Award, Research Scholar Grant, VU. "The Older, The Stronger: The Interaction Effect of Social Capital with Age on Psychological Distress." ($6,000)

2008 Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University. "Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality." ($5,000)

2007-08 Summer Research Fellowship, Asian/Pacific Studies Institute, Duke University. "Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality in Urban China." ($2,500)

2007-08 Graduate Award for Research and Training in Global Health, Duke University Center for International Studies. "Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality in Urban China." ($1,000)

2002-03 Youth Scholar Fellowship, Research Group of Developing Women and Gender Studies Courses, Ford Foundation. "Gender Stratification in Status Attainment." (￥5,000 CNY)

Co-I ($14 M)

2024-29 PI: Terrin N. Tamati. NIA, NIH. "Social Networks for Optimizing Communication Ability in Adult Cochlear Implant Users." 1R01AG089200-01. ($3,233,312)

2024-27 PI: Zhijun Yin. National Cancer Institute (NCI), NIH. "Predicting Anti-cancer Medication Discontinuation via Patient Portal Communications and Structured Medical Records." 1R37CA237452-01A1 Extension. ($735,163)

2024-25 Co-PI: Ellen Wright Clayton and Bradley A. Malin. Centers of Excellence in ELSI (Ethical, Legal and Social Implications) Research (CEER) Program, National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), NIH. "Genetic Privacy and Identity in Community Settings." 3RM1HG009034-08S1. ($82,563)

2020-24 PI: Zhijun Yin. NCI, NIH. "Predicting Anti-cancer Medication Discontinuation via Patient Portal Communications and Structured Medical Records." 1R37CA237452-01A1. ($1,563,494)

2020-24 Co-PI: Ellen Wright Clayton and Bradley A. Malin. CEER Program, NHGRI, NIH. "Genetic Privacy and Identity in Community Settings." 5RM1HG009034-08. ($4,233,599)

2016-20 Co-PI: Ellen Wright Clayton and Bradley A. Malin. CEER Program, NHGRI, NIH. "Genetic Privacy and Identity in Community Settings." 5RM1HG009034-04 ($4,012,641)

2016-18 Co-PI: Ellen Wright Clayton, Bradley A. Malin, and Yevgeniy Vorobeychik. Vanderbilt Initiative Awards (VIA), TIPS (Trans-institutional Programs), VU. "Towards a Trans-Disciplinary Program on Data Science Policy." ($199,218)

PENDING GRANT PROPOSAL

PI

2026-31 (under review) NIA, NIH. "National Study of Older Never-Married Adults" (NSONMA). R01 proposal under review. Aim: Design and conduct the first-ever nationally representative, two-wave longitudinal survey of older never-married adults. ($5,143,585). Co-Investigators: Deborah Carr (Boston University); Qingxia Chen (Vanderbilt University Medical Center); Tara McKay (Vanderbilt University); Siyun Peng (University of South Florida); Brea L. Perry (Indiana University–Bloomington).

PUBLICATIONS (underline: current/former student or postdoctoral coauthors)

Books

Burt, Ronald S., Yanjie Bian**, Lijun Song,** and Nan Lin (eds.). 2019. *Social Capital, Social Support and Stratification: An Analysis of the Sociology of Nan Lin*. London: Edward Elgar Publishing**.**

Edited Volumes

Mai, Quan D., **Lijun Song**, and Rachel Donnelly (guest co-editors). 2023. *Work and Occupations*, Volume 50: Issues 1 and 2. "Precarious Employment and Well-Being During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Song, Lijun, Zhe Zhang, Philip J. Pettis, and Meagan Rainock. 2026. "Do Social Networks Help or Hurt? Accessed Status and Tie Strength across Occupational Status and Mental Well-Being." *Social Science Research* 136: 103357.

Spector, Barak M., John P. Doran, Katelyn A. Berg, Aaron C. Moberly, **Lijun Song**, and Terrin N Tamati. 2025. "Effects of Marital Status on Cochlear Implant Outcomes." *The Laryngoscope*.

Ni, Congning, Qingyuan Song, Qingxia Chen, **Lijun Song**, Patricia Commiskey, Lauren Stratton, Bradley Malin, and Zhijun Yin. 2024. "Sentiment Dynamics Among Informal Caregivers in Online Alzheimer's Communities: A Systematic Analysis of Emotional Support and Interaction Patterns." *Journal of Medical Internet Research Aging* 7: e60050.

Song, Qingyuan, Congning Ni, Jeremy L. Warner, Qingxia Chen, **Lijun Song**, S. Trent Rosenbloom, Bradley A. Malin., and Zhijun Yin. 2024. "Optimizing Word Embeddings for Small Datasets: A Case Study on Patient Portal Messages from Breast Cancer Patients: Survey Study." *Scientific Reports* 14(1): 16117.

Yin, Zhijun, Lauren Stratton, Qingyuan Song, Congning Ni, **Lijun Song**, Patricia Commiskey, Qingxia Chen, Monica Moreno, Sam Fazio, and Bradley A. Malin. 2024. "Perceptions and Utilization of Online Peer Support Among Informal Dementia Caregivers: Survey Study." *Journal of Medical Internet Research Aging* 7: e55169.

Ni, Congning, Qingyuan Song, Bradley A. Malin, **Lijun Song**, Patricia Commiskey, Laura Stratton, and Zhijun Yin. 2023. "Examining Online Behaviors of Adult-Child and Spousal Caregivers for People Living with Alzheimer's Disease or Related Dementias: A Comparative Study in an Open Online Community." *Journal of Medical Internet Research* 25: e48193.

Mai, Quan D., **Lijun Song**, and Rachel Donnelly. 2023. "Precarious Employment and Well-Being: Insights from the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Work and Occupations* 50 (1): 3-21.

Song, Lijun, Philip J. Pettis, Yvonne Chen, and Marva V. Goodson-Miller. 2021. "Social Cost and Health: The Downside of Social Relationships and Social Networks." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 62(3): 371-87 (Special Issue: Findings, Challenges, and Future Directions in Medical Sociology).

Dean, Derek J., Ivy F. Tso, Anne Giersch, Hyeon-Seung Lee, Tatiana Baxter, Taylor Griffith, **Lijun Song**, and Sohee Park. 2021. "Cross-Cultural Comparisons of Psychosocial Distress in the USA, South Korea, France, and Hong Kong during the Initial Phase of COVID-19." *Psychiatry Research* 295.

Song, Lijun. 2020. "Social Capital, Social Cost, and Relational Culture in Three Societies." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 83(4): 443-62.
*Best Publication Award, Sociology of Mental Health Section, ASA.

Yin, Zhijun, **Lijun Song**, Ellen W. Clayton, and Bradley A. Malin. 2020. "Health and Kinship Matter: Learning About Direct-To-Consumer Genetic Testing Users' Experiences via Online Discussions." *PLOS One* 15(9): e0238644.

Song, Lijun and Philip J. Pettis. 2020. "Does Whom You Know in the Status Hierarchy Prevent or Trigger Health Limitation? Institutional Embeddedness of Social Capital and Social Cost Theories in Three Societies." *Social Science & Medicine* 257.

Hao, Feng and **Lijun Song**. 2020. "A Multilevel Analysis of Environmental Concern: Evidence from China." *Chinese Sociological Review* 52(1): 1-26.

Song, Lijun, Philip J. Pettis, and Bhumika Piya. 2017. "Does Your Body Know Who You Know? Multiple Roles of Network Members' Socioeconomic Status for Body Weight Ratings." *Sociological Perspectives* 66(6): 997-1018.
*Editor's Pick (Listen to the *Sociological Perspectives* Podcast)

Song, Lijun. 2015. "Does Knowing People in the Positional Hierarchy Protect or Hurt? Social Capital, Comparative Reference Group, and Depression in Two Societies." *Social Science & Medicine* 136-137: 117-127.

Song, Lijun. 2015. "Does Knowing People in Authority Protect or Hurt? Authoritative Contacts and Depression in Urban China." *American Behavioral Scientist* 59(9): 1173-1188.

Song, Lijun. 2014. "Is Unsolicited Support Protective or Destructive in Collectivistic Culture? Receipt of Unsolicited Job Leads in Urban China." *Society and Mental Health* 4(3): 235-54.

Song, Lijun and Wenhong Chen. 2014. "Does Receiving Unsolicited Support Help or Hurt? Receipt of Unsolicited Job Leads and Depression." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 55(2): 144-60.

Song, Lijun. 2013. "Institutional Embeddedness of Network Embeddedness in the Workplace: Social Integration at Work and Employee's Health across Three Societies." *Research in the Sociology of Work* 24 (*Networks, Employment and Inequality*): 323-56.

Song, Lijun and Tian-Yun Chang. 2012. "Do Resources of Network Members Help in Help Seeking? Social Capital and Health Information Search." *Social Networks* 34(4):658-69.

Song, Lijun. 2012. "Raising Network Resources While Raising Children? Access to Social Capital by Parenthood Status, Gender, and Marital Status." *Social Networks* 34(2):241-52.

Song, Lijun. 2011. "Social Capital and Psychological Distress." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 52(4): 478-92.

Song, Lijun. 2009. "The Effect of the Cultural Revolution on Educational Homogamy in Urban China." *Social Forces* 88(1): 257-70.
*Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Asia and Asian America Section, ASA.

Song, Lijun and Nan Lin. 2009. "Social Capital and Health Inequality: Evidence from Taiwan." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 50(2): 149-63.
Reprinted in Nan Lin (ed.). 2010. *Social Capital: Critical Concepts in the Social Sciences*.
Volume 4. London: Routledge.

Lin, Nan, Yanlong Zhang, Wenhong Chen, Dan Ao, and **Lijun Song**. 2009. "Recruiting and Deploying Social Capital in Organizations: Theory and Evidence." *Research in the Sociology of Work* 18 (*Work and Organizations in China*): 225-51.

Song, Lijun. 2003. "The Field Investigation of Rustic Women in the Urban-Rural Co-Joint Areas—Underprivileged Groups' Acquisition of Economic Resources in Particular Geographic Context." *Women's Academy at Shandong* 2: 16-20. (In Chinese)

Song, Lijun and Juren Lin. 2003. "Gender Difference on Occupational Status Attainment." *Journal of Anhui Agricultural University (social science edition)* 12 (2): 70-4. (In Chinese)

Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

Ni, Congning, Song, Qingyuan, Jeremy L. Warner, Qingxia Chen, **Lijun Song**, S. Trent Rosenbloom, Autumn Zuckerman, Bradley A. Malin, and Zhijun Yin. 2026. "Making LLM Predictions Interpretable: Fine-Tuning GPT-4o for Early Discontinuation of Cancer Medication." *Studies in Health Technology and Informatics* 336: 750-54.

Ni, Congning, Jinkyung Katie Park, Yang Li, Sarvech Qadir, Sean S. Huang, James Powers, Julia A. Hiner, Vania Leung, Patricia Commiskey, **Lijun Song**, Qingxia Chen, Pamela J. Wisniewski, Bradley A. Malin, and Zhijun Yin. 2026. "One Question, Four Voices: How Advice for Alzheimer's Caregiving Differs Between Caregivers, Clinicians, and Large Language Models." *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction (CSCW)*.

Ni, Congning, Eric Chen, Lauren Stratton, Patricia Commiskey, **Lijun Song**, Qingxia Chen, Pamela Wisniewski, Bradley A Malin, and Zhijun Yin. 2025. "Examining Online Caregiving Discussions Across Racial Groups of Informal Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers." *Studies in Health Technology and Informatics* 329: 2094-95.

Song, Qingyuan, Jessie Yang, Ndidiamake Obi, Congning Ni, Jeremy L. Warner, Qingxia Chen, **Lijun Song**, S. Trent Rosenbloom, Bradley A. Malin., and Zhijun Yin. 2025. "Using Large Language Model for Efficient Extraction of Treatment Discontinuation Information: A Study of Online Breast Cancer Community Posts." *Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: AIME 2025, Lecture Notes in Computer Science* 15735: 379-383.

Ni, Congning, Qingyuan Song, Jeremy L Warner, Qingxia Chen, **Lijun Song**, S Trent Rosenbloom, Bradley A Malin, and Zhijun Yin. 2025. "Examining Oral Anti-Cancer Medication Continuation Using Questionnaires, Prescription Refills, and Structured Electronic Health Records." *AMIA Annual Symposium Proceedings* 2024: 865-74.

Ni, Congning, Qingxia Chen, **Lijun Song**, Patricia Commiskey, Qingyuan Song, Bradley Malin, and Zhijun Yin. 2025. "Catalysts of Conversation: Examining Interaction Dynamics Between Topic Initiators and Commentors in Alzheimer's Disease Online Communities." *Proceedings of the ACM on Web Conference* 2025: 4913-24.

Ni, Congning, Bradley A. Malin, **Lijun Song**, Angela L. Jefferson, and Zhijun Yin. 2022. "'Rough Day … Need a Hug': Learning Challenges and Experiences of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Caregivers on Reddit." *Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media 16*(1): 711-722.

Yin, Zhijun, **Lijun Song**, and Bradley A. Malin. 2017. "Reciprocity and Its Association with Treatment Adherence in an Online Breast Cancer Forum." *2017 IEEE 30th International Symposium on Computer-Based Medical Systems (CBMS)*: 618-623.

Book Chapters

Song, Lijun. Forthcoming. "Social Capital." *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*, edited by William Carl Cockerham, Stella Quah, and Patricia Drentea. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

Song, Lijun and Zhe Zhang. 2025. "Accessed Status and Mental Well-Being: Competing Theories." Pp. 249-61 in *Sociology of Mental Health: Theories, Social Contexts, and Systems* (4th edition), edited by Teresa L. Scheid and Eric Wright. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Song, Lijun and Zhe Zhang. 2023. "Social Support." Pp. 322-35 in *The SAGE Handbook of Social Network Analysis,* edited by John McLevey, John Scott, and Peter J. Carrington. London: SAGE.

Hao, Feng, **Lijun Song**, and Yvonne Chen. 2022. "Environmental Concern in China: Mediating Effects of Generalized Trust and Social Integration." Pp. 341-68 in *Social Inequalities in China*, edited by Yaojun Li and Yanjie Bian. World Scientific Publishing.

Song, Lijun and Yvonne Chen. 2021. "Social Capital and Health." Pp. 192-214 in *The Wiley Blackwell*

Companion to Medical Sociology, edited by William C. Cockerham. Oxford, UK: Wiley- Blackwell.

Song, Lijun. 2019**.** "Nan Lin and Social Support." Pp. 78-106 in *Social Capital, Social Support and Stratification: An Analysis of the Sociology of Nan Lin*, edited by R.S. Burt, Y. Bian, L. Song, and N. Lin. London: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Yin, Zhijun, Jeremy Warner, **Lijun Song**, Pei-Yun Hsueh, Ching-Hua Chen, and Bradley Malin. 2019. "Learning Hormonal Therapy Medication Adherence from an Online Breast Cancer Forum." Pp. 233-257 in *Social Web and Health Research: Benefits, Limitations, and Best Practices*, edited by J. Bian, Y. Guo, Z. He, and X. Hu. Springer International.

Song, Lijun, Cleothia Frazier, and Philip J. Pettis. 2018. "Do Network Members' Resources Generate Health Inequality? Social Capital Theory and Beyond." Pp. 233-253 in *Elgar Companion to Social Capital and Health*, edited by S. Folland and E. Nauenberg. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

Song, Lijun, Rachel Skaggs, and Cleothia Frazier. 2017. "Educational Homogamy." Pp. 108-124 in *Handbook on the Family and Marriage in China*, edited by Xiaowei Zang and Lucy Xia Zhao. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

Song, Lijun. 2014. "Social Capital." Pp. 2143-48 in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*, edited by William Carl Cockerham, Robert Dingwall, and Stella Quah. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

Song, Lijun. 2014. "Bright and Dark Sides of Who You Know in the Evaluation of Well-Being: Social Capital and Life Satisfaction across Three Societies." Pp. 259-78 in *Social Capital and Its Institutional Contingency: A Study of the United States, Taiwan and China*, edited by Nan Lin, Yang-Chih Fu, and Chih-Jou Chen. London: Routledge.

Song, Lijun. 2013. "Social Capital and Health." Pp.223-57 in *Medical Sociology on the Move: New Directions in Theory*, edited by William Carl Cockerham. Dordrecht, the Netherlands: Springer.

Song, Lijun, Joonmo Son, and Nan Lin. 2011. "Social Support." Pp. 116-128 in *The SAGE Handbook of Social Network Analysis,* edited by John Scott and Peter J. Carrington. London: SAGE.

Song, Lijun and Nan Lin. 2011. "Social Capital and Health: An Introduction." Pp. 229-31 in Social Capital: Critical Concepts in the Social Sciences, edited by Nan Ln. Volume 3. New York: Routledge.

Song, Lijun, Joonmo Son, and Nan Lin. 2010. "Social Capital and Health." Pp. 184-210 in *The New Companion to Medical Sociology,* edited by William C. Cockerham. Oxford, UK: Wiley Blackwell.

Lin, Nan, Dan Ao, and **Lijun Song**. 2009. "Production and Returns of Social Capital: Evidence from Urban China." Pp. 107-32 in *Contexts of Social Capital: Social Networks in Communities, Markets and Organizations,* edited by Ray-May Hsung, Nan Lin, and Ronald Breiger. New York: Routledge.

Lin, Juren and **Lijun Song**. 2006. "Social Mobility of Residents in Shandong Province." Pp. 145-66 in *Contemporary Social Development Studies*, edited by Zhonghua He and Juren Lin. Jinan: Shandong People's Publishing House. (In Chinese)

Lin, Juren and **Lijun Song**. 2004. "Women's Educational Status and Educated Opportunities." Pp. 123-63 in *Survey Research on Women's Social Status in Shandong: 1990-2000*, edited by Yulan Zhao, Xingyu Ji, and Ping Zhuang. Beijing: Chinese Women Publishing House. (In Chinese)

Song, Lijun and Xue Xia. 2003. "Sex Inequality in Employment and Income." Pp.149-76 in *Multiple Perspectives on Gender*, edited by Juren Lin. Guangzhou: Yangcheng Paper Publishing House. (In Chinese)

Ni, Anru and **Lijun Song**. 2003. "Gender Difference in Social Capital Attainment—A New Perspective for Interpreting the Traditional Gender Division of Labor." Pp. 410-21 in *Women's Social Status in China at the Turn of the Century*, edited by Yongping Jiang. Beijing: Contemporary China Publishing House. (Listed as second author but primary contributor: developed the research idea, conducted the literature review and analysis, and drafted the manuscript; in Chinese)

Book Reviews

Song, Lijun. 2020. Review of *Guanxi: How China Works?* by Yanjie Bian. *Social Forces* 98(4).

Translations (into Chinese)

Lin, Juren, Peng Wang, and **Lijun Song**. 2009. Randall Collins, *Interaction Ritual Chains*. Beijing: The Commercial Press.

Lin, Juren, Zhongming Ge, **Lijun Song**, Peng Wang, and Yuxi Xie. 2006. Jonathan H. Turner, *Macrodynamics*: *Toward a Theory on the Organization of Human Populations*. Beijing: Peking University Press.

Lin, Juren, Ping Zhao, and **Lijun Song**. 2001. Michael Mulkay, *Science and the Sociology of Knowledge*. Beijing: Oriental Publishing House.

Wang, Peng and **Lijun Song**. 2000. Jonathan H. Turner, "A Theory of Embedded Encounters" in Advances *in Group Processes* 17: 285-322. *Foreign Sociology* 6: 54-64. (Equal Authorship).

Newsletter Articles

Song, Lijun. 2008. *Pop Finance: Investment Clubs and the Investor Populism*. Brooke Harrington (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2008). *Accounts: A Newsletter of Economic Sociology*. Volume 7, issue 3.

Song, Lijun. 2008. *Managing Network Resources: Alliances, Affiliations, and Other Relational Assets*. Ranjay Gulati (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007). *Accounts: A Newsletter of Economic Sociology*. Volume 7, issue 2.

Song, Lijun. 2007. "China in Transition: An Interview with Victor Nee." *Accounts: A Newsletter of Economic Sociology*. Volume 7, issue 1.

WORKS IN PROGRESS (underline: current/former student or postdoctoral coauthors)

Books

Song, Lijun. *Social Cost: A Structural Network Theory*.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Song, Lijun, Zhe Zhang, Yvonne Chen, and Philip J. Pettis. "Public Knowledge and Attitudes about Genetic Testing: Social Networks Work."

Song, Lijun and Cleothia Frazier. "Marry Up, Socialize Up? Hypergamy, Gender, and Social Capital across Three Societies."

Song, Lijun, Congning Ni, Zhe Zhang, Yiwei Wang, and Zhijun Yin. "Online Social Support Seeking and Provision among the Isolated and Lonely During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

Song, Lijun, Leping Wang, and Zhe Zhang. "Social Integration or Social Cost? A Social Activation Perspective on Pet Presence and Health."

Song, Lijun, Leping Wang, Zhe Zhang, Deborah Carr, Brea L. Perry, Siyun Peng, Qingxia Chen, and Tara McKay. "Design and Feasibility: The First Nationally Representative Pilot Survey of Older Never-Married Adults."

Song, Lijun, Leping Wang, Zhe Zhang, Deborah Carr, Brea L. Perry, Siyun Peng, Qingxia Chen, and Tara McKay. "Toward a Sociology of Never-Married Adulthood in Later Life: Lived Experiences, Social Networks, and Health."

Zhang, Zhe and **Lijun Song**. "Rethinking the Health Consequences of Single and Living Alone Status: Social Integration, Social Cost, and Marital Quality." Equal authorship. Under R&R.

Ni, Congning, Lantian Xia, **Lijun Song**, Qingxia Chen, Sean S. Huang, Bradley Malin, and Zhijun Yin. "Online Peer Support Use Among Informal Caregivers of People Living with Alzheimer Disease or Related Dementias: National Cross-Sectional Web-Based Survey." Under review.

Pettis, Philip J. and **Lijun Song**. "Cohort-Durable or Cohort-Contingent? The Sexual Minority Stress Process within Racial/Ethnic Communities." Under review.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Rethinking Social Networks and Health: The First National Pilot Study of Older Never-Married Adults." Social Networks and Health Workshop. Duke University, Durham, NC. May 2026.

"Rethinking Never-Married Adulthood: Lived Experiences, Social Networks, and Health in Later Life." Keynote Address. The Inaugural Annual Conference of the Center for Aging Families (Theme: *Singlehood and Health in the Second Half of Life*). Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. April 2026.

"Protect or Hurt? Social Networks and Well-Being Inequalities across Societies." National University of Singapore, Singapore. August 2025.

"Protect or Hurt? Social Networks and Well-Being Inequalities across Societies." New York University-Shanghai, Shanghai, China. May 2025.

"Protect or Hurt? Social Networks and Well-Being Inequalities across Societies." York University, Toronto, Canada. May 2025.

"Protect or Hurt? Social Networks and Well-Being Inequalities across Societies." Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. April 2025.

"Protect or Hurt? Social Networks and Well-Being Inequalities across Societies." University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada. November 2024.

"Protect or Hurt? Social Networks and Well-Being Inequalities across Societies." Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. November 2024.

"National Study of Older Never-Married Adults: A Proposal." University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. October 2024.

"Does Who You Know Help or Hurt? Social Capital, Social Cost, Tie Strength, and Inequalities in Three Societies." Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong. April 2023.

"Does Who You Know Help or Hurt? Social Capital, Social Cost, Tie Strength, and Inequalities in Three Societies." Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. April 2023.

"Does Who You Know Help or Hurt? Social Capital, Social Cost, Tie Strength, and Inequalities in Three Societies." Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. October 2022.

"Does Who You Know Help or Hurt? Social Capital, Social Cost, and Tie Strength in Three Societies." Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. April 2022.

"Does Who You Know Help or Hurt? Social Capital, Social Cost, and Tie Strength in Three Societies." University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. January 2022.

"Social Capital or Social Cost? Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in the U.S., Urban China, and Taiwan." University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. November 2019.

"A Tale of Two Theories on Accessed Status: Social Capital and Social Cost." Department of Psychology, VU. August 2019.

"Social Capital or Social Cost? Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in the U.S., Urban China, and Taiwan." Shanghai University, Shanghai, China. June 2019.

"Social Capital or Social Cost? Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in the U.S., Urban China, and Taiwan." Hehai University, Nanjing, China. May 2019.

"Does Accessed Status Protect or Hurt Health?" Nanjing University, Nanjing, China. May 2019.

"Marry Up, Socialize Up? Hypergamy, Gender, and Social Capital in Three Societies." Nanjing University, Nanjing, China. May 2019.

"Social Capital or Social Cost? Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in the U.S., Urban China, and Taiwan." University of California, Davis, CA. May 2019.

"Social Capital or Social Cost? Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in the U.S., Urban China, and Taiwan." Emory University, Atlanta, GA. April 2019.

"Nan Lin and Social Support." 2018 Asia Conference of the International Chinese Sociological Association. Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong. December 2018.

"Does Who You Know in the Positional Hierarchy Protect or Hurt? Social Capital Theory versus Social Cost Theory." Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. November 2018.

"Does Whom You Know in the Status Hierarchy Protect or Hurt? Institutional Embeddedness of Social Capital and Social Cost Theories in Three Societies." National Taipei University, Taipei, Taiwan. October 2018.

"Social Capital or Social Cost? Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in the U.S., Urban China, and Taiwan." Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. October 2018.

"Marry Up, Socialize Up? Educational Hypergamy, Gender, and Social Capital in Three Societies." Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. October 2018.

"Social Capital or Social Cost? Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in the U.S., Urban China, and Taiwan." Nanjing University, Nanjing, China. May 2018.

"Social Capital or Social Cost? Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in the U.S., Urban China, and Taiwan." Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China. May 2018.

"Social Capital or Social Cost? Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in the U.S. and Urban China." University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL. November 2017.

"Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression: A Comparison between the U.S. and Urban China." Duke University, Durham, NC. October 2017.

"Network Members' Occupational Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in Two Societies." Shanghai Social Science Summer Symposium (S5), New York University-Shanghai, Shanghai, China. July 2017.

"Network Resources and Health Information Search." The Center for Genetic Privacy and Identity in Community Settings, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. July 2017.

"Does Your Body Know Who You Know in the Positional Hierarchy? Social Capital, Comparative Reference Group, and Health." Social Capital and Health Symposium, the 50th Annual Meeting of Society for Epidemiologic Research, Seattle, WA. June 2017.

"Network Members' Occupational Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in Two Societies." Shandong University, Jinan, China. May 2017.

"Social Networks and Genetic Privacy." The Workshop on Genetic Privacy and Identity in Community Settings, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. April 2017.

"Network Members' Occupational Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in Two Societies." International Conference on Social Capital and Health, Hefei, China. October 2016.

"Educational Homogamy." Workshop on the Handbook on Marriage and the Family in China, Suzhou, China. September 2016.

"Network Members' Occupational Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in Two Societies." Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. June 2016.

"Behind the Scenes: Just Say It." Symposium on "Academia," the STEAM Factory at the Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. May 2016.

"Network Members' Occupational Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in Two Societies." Clinical Brown Bag Series, Department of Psychology, VU. February 2016.

"Does Knowing People in the Positional Hierarchy Protect or Hurt? Social Capital, Comparative Reference Group, and Depression in Two Societies." Silk Road International Symposium for Distinguished Young Scholars, Xi'an, China. December 2015.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality." Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. February 2009.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality." Program for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences, Duke University, Durham, NC. February 2009.

"You Identify with Who You Know: Social Capital and Subjective Social Class in Urban China and the United States." Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong. January 2009.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality." University of Memphis, Memphis, TN. January 2009.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality." University of North Texas, Denton, TX. December 2008.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality." City University of New York—Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY. December 2008.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality." University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL. December 2008.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Embedded Resources and Well-Being Inequality in the United States." The International Social Capital Conference, Taipei, Taiwan. May 2008.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality in Urban China." Asian/Pacific Studies Institute, Duke University, Durham, NC. October 2007.

"The Position Generator and Depressive Symptoms: An Empirical Test of Hierarchical Structural Perspective." Social Capital Workshop, Taipei, Taiwan. May 2005.

INVITED WORKSHOPS AND EXPERT PANELS

Social Network Workshop, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. July 2026.

Social Networks and Health Workshop, Duke University. May 2026.

Gateway Exposome Coordinating Center (NIA-funded): Social Environment and Cognitive Aging Workshop, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. March 2026.

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Workshop: The Social Component of Diabetes Health Disparities: New Directions in Analyses and Interventions through Social Networks and Structures, National Institutes of Health. May 2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(underline: current/former student or postdoctoral coauthors)

"Design and Feasibility: The First Nationally Representative Pilot Survey of Older Never-Married Adults." (with Leping Wang, Zhe Zhang, Deborah Carr, Siyun Peng, Brea L. Perry, Qingxia Chen, and Tara McKay) The Annual Scientific Meeting of GSA, National Harbor, MD. November 2026.

"Pet Presence, Kin Structure, and Health in Later Life." (with Leping Wang and Zhe Zhang) The Annual Scientific Meeting of GSA, National Harbor, MD. November 2026.

"Multidimensional Social Networks and Health: Evidence from the First National Pilot Study of Older Never-Married Adults" (with Leping Wang, Zhe Zhang, Brea L. Perry, Siyun Peng, Deborah Carr, Qingxia Chen, and Tara McKay) European Conference on Social Networks. Norrköping, Sweden. August 2026.

"Pet Presence as Social Integration or Social Cost? Marital Status, Sex, and Health in Later Life." (with Leping Wang and Zhe Zhang) The 201st Annual Meeting of ASA. New York, NY. August 2026.

"Toward a Sociology of Never-Married Adulthood in Later Life: Lived Experiences, Social Networks, and Health." (with Leping Wang, Zhe Zhang, Deborah Carr, Siyun Peng, Brea L. Perry, Qingxia Chen, and Tara McKay) The 201st Annual Meeting of ASA. New York, NY. August 2026.

"Pets as Amplifiers, Buffers, or Compensators? Singlehood and Health in Later Life." (with Leping Wang and Zhe Zhang) The Annual Meeting of PAA. St. Louis, MO. May 2026.

"Protect or Hurt? Social Networks and Well-Being Inequalities across Societies." First Conference of the International Social Capital Association. Dubai, United Arab Emirates. March 2026. (Virtual)

"Does Being Single and Living Alone Hurt? Mental and Cognitive Health Inequalities Among Older Adults." (with Zhe Zhang) The 200th Annual Meeting of ASA. Chicago, IL. August 2025.

"Integrated or Isolated? Social Networks and Health Among Older Never-Married Adults." (with Zhe Zhang and Leping Wang) The 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco. July 2025.

"Mitigate or Amplify? Social Integration and Health Disparities between Never- and Ever-Married Adults." (with Leping Wang and Zhe Zhang) The XLII Sunbelt Conference of INSNA. Paris, France. June 2025.

"Protect or Hurt? Social Networks and Well-Being Inequalities." (with Zhe Zhang, Philip J. Pettis, and Meagan Rainock) The Eighteenth International Conference on Social Stress Research. Portland, OR. June 2024.

"Table for One: Does Being Single and Living Alone Protect or Hurt?" (with Zhe Zhang) The Annual Meeting of PAA. Columbus, OH. April 2024.

"Table for One: Does Being Single and Living Alone Protect or Hurt?" (with Zhe Zhang) The 118th Annual Meeting of ASA. Philadelphia, PA. August 2023.

"Does Who You Know Help or Hurt? Social Capital, Social Cost, Tie Strength, and Inequalities in Three Societies." The Annual Meeting of PAA. New Orleans, LA. April 2023.

"Table for One: Does Being Single and Living Alone Protect or Hurt?" (with Zhe Zhang) The Annual Meeting of SSS. Myrtle Beach, SC. March 2023.

"Online Social Support among the Isolated and Lonely: Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic." The XLII Sunbelt Conference of INSNA. Cairns, Australia. July 2022.

"Protect or Hurt? Tie Strength and Mental Health across Three Societies." Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference (virtual). July 2021.

"Does Who You Know Satisfy or Dissatisfy Your Life? Social Capital, Social Cost, and Relational Culture in Three Societies." The 115th Annual Meeting of ASA (virtual), San Francisco, CA. August 2020.

"Does Who You Know Satisfy or Dissatisfy Your Life? Social Capital, Social Cost, and Relational Culture in Three Societies." The XL Sunbelt Conference of INSNA (virtual). Paris, France. July 2020.

"Do Social Networks Affect Public Knowledge and Attitudes about Genetic Testing? The Roles of Social Integration, Tie Strength, Social Capital, and Social Cohesion." The 114th Annual Meeting of ASA, New York, NY. August 2019.

"Social Capital and Social Cost." Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an, China. June 2019.

"Protect or Hurt? Tie Strength and Mental Health across Three Societies." The 82nd Annual Meeting of SSS, Atlanta, GA. April 2019.

"Accessed Status and Health Limitations in Three Societies: Institutional Embeddedness of Social Capital and Social Comparison." The 113th Annual Meeting of ASA, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

"Marry Up, Socialize Up? Educational Hypergamy, Gender, and Social Capital in Three Societies." The Annual Meeting of ICSA, Princeton, NJ. August 2018.

"Do Social Networks Affect Public Knowledge and Attitudes about Genetic Testing? The Roles of Social Integration, Tie Strength, and Social Cohesion." The XXXVIII Sunbelt Conference of INSNA. Utrecht, the Netherlands. June 2018.

"Social Capital or Social Cost? Accessed Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in the U.S., Urban China, and Taiwan." The Sixteenth International Conference on Social Stress Research. Athens, Greece. June 2018.

"Educational Homogamy, Network Members' Status, and Gender: A Comparison across Three Societies." The 112th Annual Meeting of ASA, Montreal, Canada. August 2017.

"Network Members' Occupational Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in Two Societies." The XXXVII Sunbelt Conference of INSNA, Beijing, China. May 2017.

"Educational Homogamy, Network Members' Status, and Gender: A Comparison across Three Societies." The 80th Annual Meeting of SSS, Greenville, SC. March 2017.

"Institutional Contingency of Network Embeddedness of Class Identification: Network Members' Occupational Status and Subjective Social Class in Three Societies." The 111th Annual Meeting of ASA, Seattle, WA. August 2016.

"Network Members' Occupational Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in Two Societies." The 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria. July 2016.

"Institutional Contingency of Network Embeddedness of Class Identification: Network Members' Occupational Status and Subjective Social Class in Three Societies." The XXXVI Sunbelt Conference of INSNA, Newport Beach, CA. April 2016.

"Network Members' Occupational Status, Tie Strength, and Depression in Two Societies." The 110th Annual Meeting of ASA, Chicago, IL. August 2015.

"Does Knowing People in Authority Protect or Hurt? Authoritative Social Capital and Depression in Post-Socialist Urban China." The XXXV Sunbelt Conference of INSNA, Brighton, United Kingdom. June 2015.

"Is Unsolicited Support Protective or Destructive in Collectivistic Culture? Receipt of Unsolicited Job Leads in Urban China." The 109th Annual Meeting of ASA, San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

"Does Your Body Know Who You Know? Social Capital and Body Weight." The 108th Annual Meeting of ASA, New York. August 2013.

"Institutional Embeddedness of Network Embeddedness in the Workplace: Social Integration at Work and Employee's Health across Three Societies "The Xi'an INSNA Conference, Xi'an, China. July 2013.

"Does Your Well-Being Know Who You Know? Social Capital and Life Satisfaction across Three Societies." The Xi'an INSNA Conference, Xi'an, China. July 2013.

"Help or Hurt? Unsolicited Job Leads and Receivers' Psychological Distress." The 107th Annual Meeting of ASA, Denver, CL. August 2012.

"Does Your Well-Being Know Who You Know? Social Capital and Life Satisfaction across Three Societies." The 107th Annual Meeting of ASA, Denver, CL. August 2012.

"Help or Hurt? Unsolicited Job Leads and Receivers' Psychological Distress." The 13th International Conference on Social Stress Research. Dublin, Ireland. June 2012.

"Is Whom You Know in the Structural Hierarchy a Resource or Stressor? The Floor and Ceiling of Social Capital and Health in Urban China and the United States." The 106th Annual Meeting of

ASA, Las Vegas, ND. August 2011.

"Does Political Social Capital Matter to Well-Being? A Comparative Study on Life Satisfaction across Three Societies." The Annual Meeting of NACSA, Las Vegas, ND. August 2011.

"The Older, the More Social: The Interaction Effect of Social Capital with Age on Health." The 105th Annual Meeting of ASA, Atlanta, Georgia. August 2010.

"An Invisible Hand: Social Capital and Health Information Search." The XXX Sunbelt Conference of INSNA, Riva del Garda, Italy. July 2010.

"An Invisible Hand: Social Capital and Health Information Search." The 73rd Annual Meeting of SSS, Atlanta, Georgia. April 2010.

"You Identify with Who You Know: Social Capital and Subjective Social Class." The 104th Annual Meeting of ASA, San Francisco, CA. August 2009.

"A Tale of Two Social Capitals: Network Resources and Civic Participation." The 103rd Annual Meeting of ASA, Boston, MA. August 2008.

"Social Capital or Parenthood: A Dilemma for Whom?" The 103rd Annual Meeting of ASA, Boston, MA. August 2008.

"Social Capital or Parenthood: A Dilemma for Whom?" The 71st Annual Meeting of SSS, Richmond, Virginia. April 2008.

"A Tale of Two Social Capitals: Network Resources and Civic Participation." The 71st Annual Meeting of SSS, Richmond, Virginia. April 2008.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Well-Being Inequality in the United States." The Mid-Winter Meeting of the ASA Methods Section: Network and New Methods for Global Health. Duke University, Durham, NC. February 2008.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality in the United States." The XXVIII Sunbelt Conference of INSNA, St. Pete Beach, FL. January 2008.

"Is Trust Social Capital?" The Social Capital Group Meeting, Duke University, Durham, NC. November 2007.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality in the United States." The 102nd Annual Meeting of ASA, New York. August 2007.

"Your Body Knows Who You Know: Social Capital and Health Inequality." The 70th Annual Meeting of SSS, Atlanta, Georgia. April 2007.

"Social Capital and Subjective Social Status: Evidence from China and the US." The XXVI Sunbelt Conference of INSNA, Vancouver, Canada. April 2006.

"Social Capital and Subjective Social Status: Evidence from China and the US." The 69th Annual Meeting of SSS, New Orleans, LA. March 2006.

"When Institutions Meet Networks: Educational Homogamy in Urban China." The 100th Annual Meeting of ASA, Philadelphia, PA. August 2005.

"The Position Generator and Depressive Symptoms: An Empirical Test of Hierarchical Structural Perspective." Social Capital Workshop, Taipei, Taiwan. May 2005.

"When Institutions Meet Networks: Educational Homogamy in Urban China." The 68th Annual Meeting of SSS, Charlotte, NC. April 2005.

"When Institutions Meet Networks: Educational Homogamy in Urban China." The XXV Sunbelt Conference of INSNA, Redondo Beach, CA. February 2005.

"Educational Inequality at the Macro Level in China: A Preliminary Review." The 99th Annual Meeting of ASA, San Francisco, CA. August 2004.

TEACHING AND MENTORING (Sociology-VU if not specified)

Graduate Courses (In New/Old Course Numbering)

SOC 8351	Medical Sociology (New Course Introduced)
SOC 8353	Social Networks and Health (New Course Introduced)
SOC 9363/363	Social Determinants of Health (New Course Introduced)
SOC 9888	Social Networks and Health (Directed Study)
SOC 9888	Social Stratification (Directed Study)
SOC 9888	Social Networks and Inequalities (Directed Study)

Undergraduate Courses (In New/Old Course Numbering)

SOC 1020/102	Contemporary Social Issues: Health and Society (New Course Introduced)
SOC 1050	Health & Population: Sociological Approaches
SOC 3301/237	Society and Medicine
SOC 3305	Social Networks and Health (New Course Introduced)
SOC 3851/299	Independent Research and Writing
MHS 2310/231	Chinese Society and Medicine (New Course Introduced)
MHS 2430/240	Social Capital and Health (New Course Introduced)
MHS 7850/296	Independent Study

Postdoctoral Mentoring Committee

2026-	Mentor, Nan Feng
2025-	Mentor, Leping Wang
2019-22	Co-Mentor, Marva Goodson-Miller, Academic Pathway Postdoctoral Fellow, VU (Placement: Assistant Professor, Arizona State University)
2025-	Member, Christopher Julian, LGBTQ+ Policy Lab, VU
2024-26	Member, Anyah Prasad, LGBTQ+ Policy Lab, VU

Dissertation Committee

2024- Chair, Zhe Zhang
2019-24 Chair, Yvonne Chen (Summer Research Award from the College; Placement: Assistant Professor, Texas Christian University)
2018-23 Chair, Philip J. Pettis (ASA Minority Fellow; Best Dissertation Award from two ASA Sections: Medical Sociology and Sociology of Mental Health; Placement: Assistant Professor, Michigan State University)
2025- Member, Matthew Tarizzo
2025 External Examiner, Yuhan Hu (Sociology, Chinese University of Hong Kong)
2024-25 Member, Congning Ni (Computer Science, VU)
2024-25 Member, Yuying Zhao (Computer Science, VU)
2024-25 Member, Monisola Vaughan
2023 External Examiner, Yaxin Lan (Sociology, Chinese University of Hong Kong)
2020-23 Member, Yiwan Ye (Sociology, University of California, Davis)
2020-21 Member, Cleothia G. Frazier
2019-20 Member, Tam V. Bui (Economics, VU)
2017 External Examiner, Emma Nagy (Health Promotion and Social Epidemiology, Queen's University, Canada)

Special Area Exam

2024 Chair, Matthew Tarizzo (Medical Sociology)
2024 Chair, Zhe Zhang (Singlehood, Marriage, and Family)
2023-24 Chair, Zhe Zhang (Medical Sociology)
2018-19 Chair, Yvonne Chen (Medical Sociology, Social Stratification)
2018 Chair, Lacee A. Satcher (Medical Sociology)
2018 Chair, Philip J. Pettis (Medical Sociology)
2018 Member, Cleothia G. Frazier (Medical Sociology)
2017 Member, Ashleigh R. Hope (Medical Sociology)
2015 Member, Rachel Skaggs (Work and Occupation)
2013-14 Member, Gabriela León-Pérez (Medical Sociology)

M.A. Thesis Committee

2022-23 Chair, Zhe Zhang (1st Place Graduate Student Paper Award in the Department)
2016-17 Chair, Philip J. Pettis
2017-18 Member, Cleothia G. Frazier
2016 Member, Ashleigh R. Hope
2013-14 Member, Peter Schuyler Vielehr

Honor Thesis Committee

2024-25 Chair, Diya Desai (MHS, VU)
2016-17 Chair, May Braverman (Asian Studies, VU)
2015-16 Chair, Karlia Nicole Brown
2024 Member, Brandon Yang
2021 Member, Christopher I. Swafford
2016-17 Member, Daier Yuan

Teacher Training

2010-11 Junior Faculty Teaching Fellows, Center for Teaching, VU, $500
2010 Pre-ASA (American Sociological Association) Workshop: Using American Community Survey Data in the Classroom, Atlanta, GA, $300
2009-10 Center for Teaching Workshops, VU
2009 CIT (Center for Instructional Technology) Workshop Series, Duke University.
Fall 2007 GS 301 Introductional Uses of Technology, Duke University
Fall 2004 Teaching Workshop, Department of Sociology, Duke University.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To the Department of Sociology-VU

2026-27 Chair, Speakers Committee
2025-26 Member, Nominations Committee
2025 Minutes Taker, Departmental Meeting
2025 Peer Teaching Observer
2024-25 Member, Graduate Program Committee
2024-25 Member, Tenure Review Committee
2023-24 Member, Undergraduate Program Committee
2021-22 Member, Website, Publicity, Speakers, and Nominations Committee
2021 Member, Tenure Review Committee
2019-21 Director of Graduate Studies, Chair of the Graduate Program Committee
2018 Member, Expertise Survey Committee
2017-22 Member, Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee
2016-19 Member, Faculty Search Committee
2016-17 Member, Nominations, Awards, and Publicity Committee
2016 Contact for collaboration with Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China
2015-16 Co-chair, Speakers Committee
2015 Member, Strategic Plan Committee on Cross-College Teaching Initiatives
2013-15 Member, Graduate Program Committee
2013 Guest lecturer for Introduction to Sociology (Professor Shaul Kelner)
2011-12 Member, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Assistant Professor Search Committee
2010-11 Member, Undergraduate Program Committee
2009-10 Mentor for one first-year graduate student
2009- Faculty major/minor advisor

To the Department of Medicine, Health, and Society-VU

2021-22 Member, Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee
2021 Met with job candidates
2018-19 Member, Colloquium Committee
2016-17 Member, Faculty Search Committee
2015 Met with job candidates
2015 Contact for collaboration with Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China
2012 Met with job candidates
2009-10 Member, Director Search Committee
2009-12 Faculty major/minor advisor

To the Department of Asian Studies-VU

2025 Met with job candidates
2021 Assessed job candidates
2015 Met with job candidates

To the College and University-VU

2025 Invited participant in UK Government Delegation Visit, Corporate Partnerships
2025 Met with job candidates, College of Connected Computing
2023-28 Member, Internal Awards Review Committee, the Office of the Vice Provost for Research
2021-22 Member, Junior Advisory Review Committee, College of Arts and Science
2021-22 Member, Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Science
2021 Member, the Provost's Graduate Fellowship Committee, Graduate School
2021 Panelist, the Staff Listening Session on Violence against Asians and Asian Americans, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
2020 Expert speaker, the 2020 Game Plan for Your Health video, "Connectedness: Some Assembly Required", Vanderbilt Faculty & Staff Health and Wellness
2019-20 Member, Subcommittee for International Research and Engagement, Vanderbilt University Research Council
2019 Faculty Senate Representative (Social Sciences)
2019 Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Faculty Senate
2019 Faculty Expert, "Talk about It: A Dinner on Mental Health," Asian American Student Association
2019 Panelist, Meeting on Teaching, Difference, and Power, Center for Teaching
2019 Co-host, finalist visit, Academic Pathways Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
2019 Faculty Visitor, Sutherland House, the Commons
2018-19 Member, the Search Committee for Dean of The Ingram Commons, Office of the Provost
2018-19 Member, the Committee on Educational Program, College of Arts and Science
2018 Moderator, Vanderbilt China Forum, Global China Connection
2017-19 Member, Faculty Council, College of Arts and Science
2017- Data Science Champion for Sociology, "Data Science Vision," TIPs
2017 Co-host, finalist visit, Academic Pathways Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
2015-18 Member, Admissions Committee, College of Arts and Science
2016-17 Member, Program in Career Development (PCD) Advisory Board, College of Arts and Science
2017 Host, teaching visit, Center for Teaching
2016 Symposium on "Academia," the STEAM Factory at the Ohio State University
2016- Co-faculty adviser, Gift of Life at VU
2014 Discussion leader, International Lens Film Series
2013- Junior Faculty Teaching Fellows Meeting, Center for Teaching
2011 "Social Models for Accomplishing Our Mission" DesignShop, Vanderbilt Center for Better Health
2010 Guest lecturer on social capital for Social Network Analysis (Professor Kimberly D. Bess), Peabody College of Education and Human Development

2009 A consultation session with a job candidate for the assistant director position, Center for Teaching
2009 Research study design studio consultation (Dr. Sabina Gesell), Medical Center

To the Discipline and Academia

Elected Leadership and Service Positions

2025-26 Member, Awards Committee, Section on Sociology of Mental Health, ASA
2025-26 Member, Reeder Award Committee, Section on Medical Sociology, ASA
2024-25 Chair, Reeder Award Committee, Section on Medical Sociology, ASA
2024-27 Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past Chair, Section on Medical Sociology, ASA
2023-24 Member, Awards Committee, Section on Sociology of Mental Health, ASA
2023-26 Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past Chair, Mentor, Section on Sociology of Mental Health, ASA
2021-23 Council Member, Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity, ASA
2018-20 Nominations Committee Chair, Section on Sociology of Mental Health, ASA
2018-24 Board Member, Treasurer/Co-Treasurer, and Conference Organizer, ICSA.
2017-18 Board Member, Treasurer, Conference Organizer, Election Committee, and Session Presider, NACSA.

Committee Service

2020-21 Member, Future Conferences Committee, IARR
2015 Member, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Society and Mental Health Division, SSSP

Editorial and Publication Service

2024-29 Editorial Board Member, *Society and Mental Health,* ASA
2024-28 Editorial Board Member, *The Sociological Quarterly*, Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)
2021-23 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior,* ASA
2021-22 Guest Co-Editor, Special Issue, *Work and Occupations*
2017-19 Editorial Board Member, *Social Psychology Quarterly,* ASA
2016- Editorial Board Member, *Work and Occupations*
2016- Editorial Board Member, *Chinese Sociological Review*

Conference Organization

2025-26 Section Organizer, Section on Medical Sociology, ASA
2024-25 Session Organizer, INSNA and ISA
2024-25 Section Organizer, Section on Sociology of Mental Health, ASA
2024 Session Presider, ASA
2023 Session Organizer, Section on Sociology of Mental Health, ASA
2022 Session Organizer and Presider, INSNA
2020 Session Organizer and Presider, INSNA
2020 Session Organizer, Section on Sociology of Mental Health, ASA
2019 Roundtable Presider, ASA
2019 Session Presider, SSS
2017 Session Organizer and Presider, INSNA
2015 Session Presider, ASA
2008/2014 Roundtable Presider, ASA

Mentorship and Training

2026 Mentor, Section on Medical Sociology, ASA
2025 Mentor, Section on Sociology of Mental Health, ASA
2022 Mentor, Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility, ASA
2019 Mentor, Sections: Sociology of Mental Health and Social Psychology, ASA
2019 Mentor, Conference Table Host, SSS
2018-19 Mentor, Section on Asia and Asian America, ASA

Grant, Institutional, and Publisher Reviewing

Funding Agencies

Gateway Exposome Coordinating Center (GECC), NIA-funded Pilot Project Program
National Endowment for the Humanities
National Science Foundation
Research Grant Council of Hong Kong
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Swiss National Science Foundation

Universities

Boston College
Boston University
Florida Atlantic University
Hong Kong Baptist University
Saint Francis University
University of British Columbia
University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
University of Colorado-Denver
University of Kentucky
University of Macau
University of Massachusetts Boston
Vanderbilt School of Medicine
York University

Journals

American Sociological Review
American Journal of Sociology
British Journal of Sociology
Chinese Sociological Review
Comparative Sociology
Current Psychology
Current Sociology
Demographic Research
Demography
European Sociological Review
Gender & Society
International Journal of Comparative Sociology
International Sociology
Journal of Comparative Family Studies
Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences
Journal of Family Issues
Journal of Health and Social Behavior

Journal of Marriage and Family
Journal of Sport and Health Science
Journal of Sociological Studies
Network Science
Population Research and Policy Review
Population, Space, and Place
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America
Research in Social Stratification and Mobility
Research in the Sociology of Work
Research on Aging
Social Currents
Social Forces
Social Forum
Social Networks (Award: Certificate of Reviewing)
Social Problems
Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology
Social Psychology Quarterly
Social Science & Medicine (Awards: Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing; Certificate of Reviewing)
Social Science & Medicine-Population Health (Award: Certificate of Reviewing)
Social Science Quarterly
Social Science Research (Award: Certificate of Reviewing)
Society and Mental Health
Sociological Methodology
Sociological Perspectives
Sociology of Health and Illness
Socius
The Sociological Quarterly
Theory and Society
Work and Occupations

Publishers

De Gruyter
Palgrave Macmillan
Polity

Early Career Service

Editorial Assistant, Economic Sociology Section Newsletter (Accounts), ASA

To the Community and Public Engagement

2020/2022 Moderator, Film Discussion, Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville
2019 Consultation on social networks and health in the workplace, Reel (an App)
2016 Interpreter, Asian Fusion, Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville
2013-14 Consultation on social networks and health lifestyle, Spire (a web-based social networking service)
2009 Consultation on social capital, the Pacific Foundation

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)
International Chinese Sociological Association (ICSA)
International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)
International Singles Studies Association (ISSA)
International Sociological Association (ISA)
North American Chinese Sociological Association (NACSA)
Population Association of America (PAA)
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)
Southern Sociological Society (SSS)

RESEARCH IN THE MEDIA (SELECTED)

The Straits Times (Singapore). August 26, 2022. "Get the Rich and Poor to Mingle More."

ASA Medical Sociology Newsletter. Winter 2021/2022. Volume 58(2): 9-11. "Marginalization in Sociology: Perspectives from Scholars in the Field."

VU News (United States). September 7, 2021. "Innovative Research on Double-Edged Role of Social Networks across Societies Wins 2021 Best Publication Award."

VU News (United States). January 19, 2021. "Success Is All about Making Social Connections—Or Is It?"

Health and Wellness, Vanderbilt University. Expert speaker, the 2020 Game Plan for Your Health video, "Connectedness: Some Assembly Required." (Watch it on YouTube)

Nashville Scene (United States). May 28, 2020. "In Light of A Global Pandemic, So-Called Preppers Don't Look Extreme After All.

YUDU (New Zealand). November 2018. "Too Many Sick Days? Your Friends May Be to Blame."

Women's Health (United Kingdom). November 2, 2018. "11 Health Deadlines to Catch Up on Over Your Americano."

News Medical. November 2, 2018. "Knowing people in high and diverse positions may be good or bad for your health, suggests research."

EurekAlert (United States). November 1, 2018. "Take A Lot of Sick Days? Who You Know and Where You Live Might Be Partly to Blame."

Science Daily (United States). November 1, 2018. "Take A Lot of Sick Days? Who You Know and Where You Live Might Be Partly to Blame."

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