

## YVONNE CHEN

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### EDUCATION

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In Progress	Ph.D., Sociology, Vanderbilt University Special Area Exam I: Medical Sociology Special Area Exam II: Social Stratification
2016	M.A., Sociology, University of Houston
2016	Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, University of Houston
2013	B.S., Psychology, University of Houston, Summa Cum Laude

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Medical Sociology Mental Health	Social Networks Stratification and Inequality	Asian America/ns Race/Ethnicity
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### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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Erving, Christy L., Lacey A. Satcher, and **Yvonne Chen**. "Physically Vulnerable, but Psychologically Resilient?: Exploring the Psychosocial Determinants of Black Women's Physical and Mental Health." *Revise and Resubmit at Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

Hao, Feng, Lijun Song, and **Yvonne Chen**. "Moderating Effects of Generalized Trust and Social Integration: Environmental Concern in China." *Under review*.

**Chen, Yvonne** and Christy L. Erving. "Racial Discrimination and Psychological Distress: Do Ethnic Identity and Social Support Matter Among Asians in the US?"

Clark, Fernando and **Yvonne Chen**. "A Depressing Moment: The Role of Social Support on the Mental Health of Children with Incarcerated Parents."

Clark, Fernando and **Yvonne Chen**. "Avoiding a Stigmatized Identity: How Assimilation and Reflected Appraisals Affect Attitudes Towards Mental Health Provider."

Song, Lijun and **Yvonne Chen**. "Do Social Networks Affect Public Knowledge and Attitudes about Genetic Testing? The Roles of Social Integration, Weak Ties, and Social Cohesion."

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2017-Present     Research Assistant, Genetic Privacy and Identity in Community Settings, Vanderbilt University  
 PI: Lijun Song, Ellen Wright Clayton, and Bradley A. Malin  
 Performed statistical analysis on social determinants of genetic testing.  
 Conducted literature reviews on genetic testing and kin networks.  
 Funding: National Human Genome Research Institute of the National Institutes of Health, \$4,012,641
- 2018             Research Assistant, National Partnership for Women & Families, Nashville, TN  
 PI: Sarah Jane Glynn, Ph.D.  
 Conducted in-depth, semi-structured interviews with stakeholders in the U.S. health care industry about paid family and medical leave.  
 Funding: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2017             Research Assistant, “New Forms of Home, New Forms of Work: Changes in the Organization of Aging,” Vanderbilt University  
 PI: LaTonya Trotter, Ph.D.  
 Conducted literature reviews on assisted living facilities.  
 Funding: Research Scholar Grant, Vanderbilt University, \$29,072
- 2014             Research Assistant, Clinical Psychology, University of Houston  
 PI: Emily Wear Shum, Ph.D.  
 Cleaned and coded data from the American Community Survey.
- 2012-2013     Research Assistant, Center for Forensic Psychology, University of Houston  
 PI: John P. Vincent, Ph.D.  
 Contributed to a collaborative literature review on juror’s decision on monetary compensation in sexual harassment court cases.  
 Recruited participants through flyers and in-class announcements.  
 Coded survey data.
- 2012             Research Assistant, Neuropsychology Lab, University of Houston  
 PI: Merrill Hiscock, Ph.D.  
 Conducted face-to-face interviews with participants to test the efficacy of Verbal List Learning Tasks.  
 Coded interviews and surveys.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2016-Present    Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University  
 Artists, Community, and Democracy  
 Chinese Medicine and Society  
 Contemporary Social Issues  
 Human Behavior in Organization  
 Law and Social Movements  
 Medical Sociology (Graduate Seminar)
- 2014-2015    Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Houston  
 Introduction to Social Statistics (Taught lab component)  
 Introduction to Sociology  
 Social Psychology (Graduate Seminar)  
 Sociology of Gender (F2F and Online)

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2016-2020    University Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University  
 2019    Graduate School Travel Grant, Vanderbilt University  
 2015-2016    Graduate Institutional Grant, University of Houston  
 2015    Student Success Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston  
 2015    Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Houston  
 2014-2015    Graduate Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston

**INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES**

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- 2019    “Going to Graduate School: Expectations and Preparation.”  
 University of Georgia Department of Sociology, Communities and  
 Crime. Athens, GA.
- 2019    “Considering Graduate School in Sociology?” Invited panelist at  
 Annual Meeting of Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018    “Social Stressors.” Vanderbilt University, Department of Medicine,  
 Health, and Society, Chinese Medicine and Society. Nashville, TN.
- 2018    “Cause Lawyers, Litigation, and Public Interest Law Organizations.”  
 Vanderbilt University, Department of Sociology, Law and Social  
 Movements. Nashville, TN.
- 2016    “Fear of Gender, Fear of Race: Teaching the Hidden Curriculum  
 Through Regulating Students’ Bodies.” University of Houston,  
 Department of Sociology, Introduction to Sociological Research.  
 Houston, TX.

- 2015 “East Asian Americans and East Asians in Mass Media in the United States.” University of Houston, Department of Sociology, Sociology of Gender. Houston, TX.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2019 Clark, Fernando, and **Yvonne Chen**. “How do Peers Matter?: The Effect of Gang Ties on Mental Health.” Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.
- Chen, Yvonne** and Christy L. Erving. “Racial Discrimination and Psychological Distress: Do Ethnic Identity and Social Support Matter among Asian Americans?” Roundtable presented at the *Society for the Study of Social Problems 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, New York City, NY.
- Clark, Fernando, and **Yvonne Chen**. “Avoiding a Stigmatized Identity: How Acculturation and Reflected Appraisals Affect Comfortableness with Mental Health.” Roundtable presented at the *American Sociological Association 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, New York City, NY.
- Song, Lijun, and **Yvonne Chen**. “Knowledge and Attitudes about Genetic Testing: Social Integration, Tie Strength, Social Capital, and Social Cohesion.” Paper presented at *American Sociological Association 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, New York City, NY.
- Chen, Yvonne**. “A Case of Dress Code Violations: Teachers' Decision-Making Processes and Disciplining Student.” Roundtable presented at *Southern Sociological 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 Philip J. Pettis, **Yvonne Chen**, and Andréa Becker. “Gay Men’s Sexual Position Identity Development: The Role of Reflected Appraisals.” Roundtable presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Chen, Yvonne** and Lijun Song. “Do Social Networks Affect Public Knowledge and Attitudes about Genetic Testing?” Paper presented at *Genetics: The End of Privacy? External Advisory Board Meeting*, GetPreCiSe, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
- 2017 Clark, Fernando and **Yvonne Chen**. “A Depressing Moment: The Role of Social Support on the Mental Health of Children with Incarcerated Family Members.” Paper presented at the

*American Society of Criminology 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.*

- 2016 Clark, Fernando and **Yvonne Chen**. “Latina/os and Mental Health: issues in Seeking out Mental Health Services.” Roundtable presented at the *Society for the Study of Social Problems 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 Clark, Fernando and **Yvonne Chen**. “You Must Think I am Crazy: Correlations between Levels of Assimilation and Stigmatizing Mental Health Services amongst Latin@s and Asians.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association*, Denver, CO.
- Chen, Yvonne** and Fernando Clark. “You Callin’ Me White: Asian Racial Borderlands.” Paper presented at the *International Association of Asian Studies 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting*, Baton Rouge, LA.

## **SERVICE**

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- 2019-2020 President of Sociology Graduate Student Association  
 2017-2018 Brown Bag Co-Chair  
 2015-2018 Student Advisory Board Member of *Social Problems*  
 2015-2016 Co-founder, Alpha Kappa Delta, University of Houston  
 2015-2016 Website Coordinator, University of Houston

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association  
 American Society of Criminology  
 Southern Sociological Society  
 Society for the Study of Social Problems  
 The Du Boisian Scholar Network