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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Medical Sociology. 2006. The University of Alabama at Birmingham.
Dissertation Title: “Age Differentials in Involuntary Migration-Induced Distress.”

M.A. Sociology. 2001. Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China.

B.A. Chinese Language and Literature. 1994. Central China Normal University, China.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

2025.8- present	Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Akron
2014.8 to 2025.8	Associate Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Akron
2008.8 to 2014.8	Assistant Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Akron
2007.5 to 2008.8	Biostatistician , Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics of Musculoskeletal Disorders, University of Alabama at Birmingham.
2006.1 to 2007.6	Post-Doctoral Research Assistant , Center for Social Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham.
2001.8 to 2006.6	Graduate Research Assistant , Department of Sociology, University of Alabama at Birmingham
1998.9 to 2001.6	Graduate Research Assistant , Department of Sociology, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mental Health and Well-being; Aging and Life Course; Public Health and Health Behavior; Displacement and Resettlement; Migration and Immigrants.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Xi, Juan**, and Robert L. Peralta. 2025. "Mental Health, Resilience, and Well-Being Among Sexual Minority College Students: A Study Framed by the Minority Stress and Minority Resilience Models" *Social Sciences* 14, no. 4: 231. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci14040231> (2024 Impact Factor: 1.9)
2. **Xi, Juan**, Stacey Nofziger, Kevin Moseby, and Audrey Tesi. 2025. "Racial Differences in Resilience: U.S. College Student's Mental Health and the COVID-19 Pandemic." <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-025-09434-4> (2023 Impact Factor: 2.8)
3. Hu, Jierong, Minzhi Ye, and **Juan Xi (Senior Corresponding Author)**. 2024. "Late Life Cognitive Function Trajectories among the Chinese Oldest-old Population – A Machine Learning Approach," *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*. 67(7):955-75 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2024.2339982>. (2022 Impact Factor: 3.2)
4. **Xi, Juan**, Matthew Lee, Jeremy Carter, David Delgado. 2022. "Gender Differences in Purpose in Life: The Mediation Effect of Altruism," *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*. 62 (3):352-376. (2022 Impact Factor: 1.7)
5. **Xi, Juan** and Matthew Lee. 2021. "Inner Peace as a Contribution to Human Flourishing: A New Scale Developed from Ancient Wisdom." In Matthew T. Lee, Laura D. Kubzansky, and Tyler J. VanderWeele (Eds.) *Measuring Well-Being: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from the Social Sciences and the Humanities*. New York: Oxford University Press.
6. Fu, Mingqi, Brian J. Hall, **Juan Xi**, and Jing Guo. 2021. Gender Differences in Trajectories of Mental Health Symptoms among Chinese Earthquake Survivors," *Journal of Psychiatric Research* 142: 117-124. (2022 Impact Factor: 4.8)
7. Danxia Liu, **Juan Xi**, Brian J. Hall, Mingqi Fu, Bo Zhang, Jing Guo, and Xinglin Feng. 2020. "Attitudes toward Aging, Social Support and Depression among Older Adults: Difference by Urban and Rural Areas in China," *Journal of Affective Disorders* 274:85-92. (2022 Impact Factor: 6.6)
8. James Carte, Robert L. Peralta, and **Juan Xi**. 2019. "The Association Between Ethnic Identity and Non-Medical Prescription Drug Use Among A Sample of College Students: Does a Sense of Ethnic Belonging Matter?" *Substance Use & Misuse* 54: 203-213. (2022 Impact Factor: 2.0)
9. Jun Ye, **Juan Xi** & Richard L. Einsporn. 2018. "Functional principal component analysis in age–period–cohort analysis of body mass index data by gender and ethnicity." *Journal of Applied Statistics* 45(5) 901-917. (2022 Impact Factor: 1.5)

10. **Xi, Juan**, Matthew Lee, William LeSuer, Peter Barr, Katherine Newton, and Margaret Poloma. 2017. "Altruism and Existential Well-Being." *Applied Research in Quality of Life* 12:67-88. (2022 Impact Factor: 3.4)
11. **Xi, Juan**. 2016. "Types of Integration and Depressive Symptoms: A Latent Class Analysis on the Resettled Population for the Three Gorges Dam Project, China." *Social Science & Medicine*. 157:78-86. (2022 Impact Factor: 5.4)
12. **Xi, Juan**, Baffour Takyi, and Enoch Lamptey. 2015. "Are Recent Immigrants Bigger than Earlier Ones at Their Arrival? Cohort Variation in Initial BMI among US Immigrants, 1989-2010." *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 17:1854-62. (2022 Impact Factor:1.9)
13. **Xi, Juan**. Sean-Shong Hwang, and Yue Cao. 2015. "Risk Information Sharing: An Empirical Study on Risk Perception and Depressive Symptoms among Those Displaced by the Three Forges Project." Pp 56-68. In Irge Satiroglu and Narae Choi.(Eds.) *Development-Induced Displacement and Resettlement* New York, NY: Routledge.
14. Cao, Yue, Nicole DiPiro, **Juan Xi**, and James S. Krause. 2014. "Unmet Expectations of Adjustment and Depressive Symptoms among People with Chronic Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury." *Rehabilitation Psychology*. 59 (3) 313-320. (2022 Impact Factor: 2.7)
15. Wasserman, Jason, Richard Suminski, **Juan Xi**, Carlene Mayfield, Alan Glaros, and Richard Magie. 2014. "A Multi-level Analysis Showing Associations between School Neighborhood and Child Body Mass Index." *International Journal of Obesity*.38:912-18. (2022 Impact Factor: 4.9)
16. Elman, Cheryl, Linda Wray, and **Juan Xi**. 2014. "Fundamental Resource Dis/advantages, Youth Health and Adult Educational Outcomes." *Social Science Research* 43: 108-126. (2022 Impact Factor: 2.5)
17. **Xi, Juan**. 2013. "English Fluency of the U.S. Immigrants: Assimilation Effects, Cohort Variations, and Periodical Changes." *Social Science Research* 42:1109-1121. (2022 Impact Factor: 2.5)
18. **Xi, Juan**, Sean-Shong Hwang, and Patricia Drentea. 2013. "Experiencing a Forced Relocation at Different Life Stages: the Effects of China's Three-Gorges Project-Induced Relocation on Depression" *Society and Mental Health*. 3: 69-76. (2022 Impact Factor: 5.1)
19. Cao,Yue, Sean-Shong Hwang, and **Juan Xi**. 2012. "Project-Induced Displacement, Secondary Stressors, and Health." *Social Science and Medicine* 72:1130-38. (2022 Impact Factor: 5.4)

20. **Xi, Juan** and Sean-Shong Hwang. 2011. "Relocation Stress, Coping, and Sense of Control among Resettlers Resulting from China's Three Gorges Dam Project" *Social Indicators Research* 104: 507-522. (2022 Impact Factor: 3.1)
21. **Xi, Juan** and Sean-Shong Hwang. 2011. "Unmet Expectations and Symptoms of Depression among the Three Gorges Project Resettlers." *Social Science Research* 40:245-56. (2022 Impact Factor: 2.5)
22. Hwang, Sean-Shong, Yue Cao, and **Juan Xi**. 2011. "The Short-Term Social, Economic, and Health Impact of China's Three Gorges Dam Project: A Prospective Study." *Social Indicators Research* 101:73-92. (2022 Impact Factor: 3.1)
23. **Xi, Juan**, Sean-Shong Hwang, and Yue Cao. 2010. "Ecological Context and Immigrants' Earnings: English Ability as a Mediator." *Social Science Research*. 39:652-661. (2022 Impact Factor: 2.5)
24. Hwang, Sean-Shong, Yue Cao, and **Juan Xi**. 2010. "Project-induced Migration and Depression: A Panel Analysis" *Social Science and Medicine*.70:1765-72. (2022 Impact Factor: 5.4)
25. Hwang, Sean-Shong, **Juan Xi**, and Yue Cao. 2010. "The Conditional Relationship between English Language Proficiency and Earnings among U.S. Immigrants." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.33:1620-1647. (2022 Impact Factor: 2.5)
26. Curtis, Jeffrey R , Tarun Arora, **Juan Xi**, Andrew Silver, Jeroan J. Allison, Lang Chen, Kenneth G. Saag, Anna Schenck, Andrew O Westfall, Cathleen Colón-Emeric. 2009. "Do Physicians Within The Same Practice Setting Manage Osteoporosis Patients Similarly? Implications for Implementation Research." *Osteoporosis International*. 20:1921-27. (2022 Impact Factor: 4.0)
27. Curtis, Jeffrey R , **Juan Xi**, Andrew O Westfall, Hong Cheng, Kenneth Lyles, Kenneth G Saag, Elizabeth Delzell. 2009. "Improving the Prediction of Medication Adherence: The Example of Bisphosphonates for Osteoporosis." *Medical Care*. 47:334-341. (2022 Impact Factor: 3.0)
28. Curtis, Jeffrey R., Amy S Mudano, Daniel H Solomon, **Juan Xi**, Mary Elkins Melton, Kenneth G Saag, 2009. "Identification and Validation of Vertebral Compression Fractures using Administrative Claims Data." *Medical Care*. 47(1): 69-72. (2022 Impact Factor: 3.0)
29. Mudano AS, Bian J, Cope J, Curtis JR, Gross TP, Allison JJ, Kim Y, Briggs D, Melton ME, **Xi J**, Saag KG. 2009. "Vertebroplasty and Kyphoplasty Are Associated with an Increased Risk of Secondary Vertebral Compression Fractures: A Population-based Cohort Study." *Osteoporosis International*. 20(5):819-26. (2022 Impact Factor: 4.0)

30. Hwang, Sean-Shong, and **Juan Xi**. 2008. "Structural and Individual Covariates of English Language Proficiency." *Social Forces* 86:1079-1104. (2022 Impact Factor: 4.8)
31. Curtis, Jeffrey R., **Juan Xi**, Nivedita Patkar, Aiyuan Xie, Carolyn Martin, and Kenneth Saag. 2007. "Drug-Specific and Time-Dependent Risks of Bacterial Infections among Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients Exposed to TNF- α Antagonists." *Arthritis and Rheumatism*: 4226-27. (2022 Impact Factor: 9.0)
32. Hwang, Sean-Shong, **Juan Xi**, Yue Cao, Xiaotian Feng, and Xiaofei Qiao. 2007 "Anticipation of Migration and Psychological Stress and the Three Gorges Dam Project, China" *Social Science and Medicine* 65:1012-24. (2022 Impact Factor: 5.4)
33. **Xi, Juan**. 2007. *Age Differentials in Anticipation of Involuntary Migration: Psychological Stress and the Three Gorges Dam Project, China* Saarbrücken, Germany: VDM Verlag Muller.
34. Drentea, Patricia, Suzanne Durham, Mercie Mwaria, Emily Norman, and **Juan Xi**. 2004 "Day Care Hopping: Stabilizing Day Care Options for Low-income Mothers through Subsidies." *Child Care in Practice* 10 (4): 381-393. (2022 Impact Factor: 1.9)

Other Publications:

1. **Xi, Juan**. 2014. "Migration, Stress, and Health." in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*, edited by William C. Cockerham, Robert Dingwall, and Stella Quah. Oxford, England: Blackwill Publishing Ltd.
2. Drentea, Patricia and **Juan Xi**. 2003. "Job Openings in Sociology: What Is in Demand?" *Footnotes* 31(7): 9.
3. **Xi, Juan** and Xiaotian Feng. 2001. "The Adaptability of Three Gorges Migrants to New Living Circumstances." *Statistics and Policy* (In Chinese).

Articles Under Review:

Juan Xi and Robert Peralta. "Mental Health, Resilience, and Well-being among Sexual Minority College Students," *Social Sciences*.

FUNDED GRANT ACTIVITIES

- 2023 Robert L. Peralta, **Juan Xi**, and Daniela Jauk-Ajamie. "Policing, Mental Health and Wellbeing Among African Americans in a Midwestern City." **Funded** by the Woodruff Foundation via Black Lives Matter, and The Cleveland Community Police Commission; \$23,000. (Co-PI)

- 2021 Christine Seher, Christin Cletzer DeBois, and **Juan Xi**. “Mobile Neighborhood COVID Education and Vaccination Service Campaign,” **Funded** by Summa Health System and CDC. \$25,200. (Co-PI)
- 2018 Robert L. Peralta, **Juan Xi**, Janette Dill, & Jennifer Stanley. Funded. 2018 University of Akron EX[L] Center Faculty-Driven Initiative Application for Research and Scholarship Funding: “The UASIS Restoration Project (The University of Akron Student Innovation Symposium).” Proposal: \$5,600. Ultimately **Funded** at \$7,000 through EXL, Honors, CHP, CBA, CAST, A&S, and Engineering at the University of Akron. (Co-PI)
- 2017 **Juan Xi** and Matthew T. Lee. “The Effects of Meditation on Stress Management, Psychological Well-being and Academic Performance among College Students.” **Funded** by The Tian-Zhu Charity Foundation, Hongkong. \$30,000 (PI)
- 2012 Margaret M. Poloma, Stephen G. Post, and Matthew T. Lee. “The Flame of Love: Scientific Research on the Experience and Expression of Godly Love in the Pentecostal Tradition.” **Funded** by John Templeton Foundation. \$5,000. (Statistical Consultant)

INVITED RESEARCH TALK

- 2024 **Xi, Juan**. Panelist on “Doing Good and Feeling Good: Relationships Between Altruism and Wellbeing for Altruists, Beneficiaries, and Observers.” In The Global State of Wellbeing: A Semafor Summit. Organized by SEMAFOR Partnered with Gallup. Live Online Oct. 24th, 2024
- 2023 **Xi, Juan**. “Statistical Modeling Strategies in Understanding Social Behaviors in Different Cultural Settings.” April 2023, City University of Macau, Virtual Presentation.
- 2022 **Xi, Juan**. “Inner Peace Scale and Its Applications in Well-being Research” presented virtually in The Forum for Global Chinese Sociologists. October 2022, Virtual presentation.
- 2019 **Xi, Juan**. “Mixed Methods in Applied Sociological Research” Presented at The Huazhong University of Science and Technology. August 5, Wuhan. China
- 2018 **Xi, Juan**. “Structural Equation Modeling Workshop” The Huazhong University of Science and Technology. August 20-25, Wuhan. China
- 2017 **Xi, Juan**. “Identifying Socially Marginalized Groups among the Resettled Population for the Three Gorges Project, China” Presented at International Conference on Gender and Displacement: Evidence and Policy Implications. April 13-14, Ha Long, Vietnam Sponsored by the World Bank and the UN Women.

- 2016 **Xi, Juan.** “Major Development in Theory and Research Methods in Current Project-Induced Resettlement Research” Presented at Changjiang Water Resources Commission of the Ministry of Water Resources. Wuhan. China
- 2015 **Xi, Juan.** “Quantifying Resettlement Effect: In the Case of the Three Gorges Project-Induced Resettlement.” Presented at the Centre for Resettlement Research at the Hohai University. Nanjin. China.
- 2015 **Xi, Juan.** “Causal Inference and Research Design in Public Health Research.” Presented at the School of Public Health at the Huazhong University of Science and Technology. Wuhan. China.
- 2015 **Xi, Juan.** “Quantitative Methods in Social Science Research.” Presented at the School of Statistics at the Hubei Economic and Management University. Wuhan. China.
- 2014 **Xi, Juan.** “Beyond the Economic Impact: Displacement and Mental Distress.” Presented at the China Environment Forum at the Woodrow Wilson Center. December 3rd. Washington DC.
- 2014 **Xi, Juan.** “Coping with and Responding to Evictions and Displacement: Momery, Return, Occupation” Panel discussion at the two-day workshop “Global Convergences: Strategies Against Evictions and Displacement,” co-sponsored by MIT’s Displacement Research and Action Network in MIT and the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung -- NewYork Office. Nov 21-22, 2014. Boston, MA.
- 2014 **Xi, Juan.** “Migration and Health: the Global Trends.” Presented at Social Work Salon at Peking University- Hong Kong Poly University China Social Work Research Centre (CDWRC) on June 7th, 2014. Beijing, China.
- 2014 **Xi, Juan.** “The Age of Migration.” Presented at the Boya Forum at China University of Political Science and Law on June 9th, 2014. Beijing, China.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2024 Robert Peralta, **Juan Xi**, and Daniela Franziska Jauk-Ajamie. “The Association between Policing, Race-based Trauma, and Hazardous Alcohol Use in a Large Midwestern City.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. August 2024. Montréal, Canada.
- 2024 Robert Peralta, Daniela Franziska Jauk-Ajamie, and **Juan Xi.** “Institutional Violence: A Multiple Method Study on the Effects of Policing on the Mental Health of African Americans at a Mid-western City,” Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. August 2024. Montréal, Canada
- 2024 Robert Peralta, Daniela Franziska Jauk-Ajamie, Courtney Michael, Auriel Jasper-Morris, and **Juan Xi.** “Policing, Trauma, and Wellbeing: A Focus on Members of

- the African American LGBTQ+ Community in a Midwestern City,” Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association. March 2024. Columbus OH
- 2023 **Xi, Juan**, Stacey Nofziger, Kevin Moseby, Audrey Tsai. “Depressive and Anxiety Symptoms of College Students and the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, 2019-2022” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. August 2023. Philadelphia.
- 2019 **Xi, Juan**. “Identifying Different Types of Complimentary/Alternative Medicine Users: A latent Class Analysis” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. August 2019. New York, NY.
- 2018 **Xi, Juan**. “Health and Well-Being of the Displaced and Resettled.” Presented at International Network for Displacement and Resettlement Annual Meetings. August 13-August 17. Oaxaca, Mexico
- 2018 **Xi, Juan**. “Define and Measuring Resilience in Project-Induced Displacement and Resettlement.” Presented at International Network for Displacement and Resettlement Annual Meetings. August 13-August 17. Oaxaca, Mexico
- 2016 **Xi, Juan**. “Identifying Socially Marginalized Groups among the Resettled Population for the Three Gorges Project, China” Presented at International Network for Displacement and Resettlement Annual Meetings. March 29-April 4. Vancouver, CA
- 2015 **Xi, Juan**. “Project-Induced Displacement and Mental Distress.” Presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings. March 22-March 26, Pittsburgh PA.
- 2014 Elman, Cheryl, **Juan Xi**, and Linda A. Wray. “Heterogeneity in Educational Pathways: Effects on Level and Change in Self-Rated Health by Late Life.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Jason Adam Wasserman, Richard Suminski, **Juan Xi**, Carlene Mayfield, Alan Glaros, and Richard Magie “A Multi-level Analysis Showing Associations between School Neighborhood and Child Body Mass Index.” Active Living Research Annual Conference. San Diego, CA.
- 2013 **Xi, Juan**. “English Fluency of U.S. Immigrants over Time: Assimilation Effects, Cohort Variations, and Periodical Changes.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. New York City, NY.
- 2013 **Xi, Juan**, Sean-Shong Hwang, and Yue Cao. “Prospective Coping, Risk Perception, and Depressive Symptoms among the Three Gorges Project-Induced Relocates” International Conference on Development-Induced Displacement and Resettlement. Oxford, U.K.

- 2012 **Xi, Juan**. “English Attainment Trajectories for Immigrants in the US: Mother Tongue vs. Place of Origin.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Denver, CO.
- 2011 **Xi, Juan** and Hwang, Sean-Shong. “Experiencing a Forced Relocation at Different Life Stages: the Effects of China’s Three-Gorges Project-Induced Relocation on Depression” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, ND.
- 2010 **Xi, Juan** and Hwang, Sean-Shong. “Relocation Stress, Coping, and Sense of Control among Resettlers Resulting from China’s Three Gorges Dam Project” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 **Xi, Juan** and Hwang, Sean-Shong. “Unmet Expectations and Symptoms of Depression among the Three Gorges Project Resettlers.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 **Xi, Juan**, Sean-Shong Hwang, and Yue Cao. “Ecological Context and Immigrants’ Earnings: English Ability as a Mediator.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 Cao, Yue., Sean-Shong Hwang, and **Juan Xi**. 2008. “Rural-Urban Structural Inequality and the Development-induced Migration in China.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 Hwang, Sean-Shong, Yue Cao, and **Juan Xi**. “The Short-Term Social, Economic, and Health Impact of China’s Three Gorges Dam Project: A Prospective Study.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Washington, DC.
- 2008 Cao, Yue., Sean-Shong Hwang, and **Juan Xi**. 2008. “Project-induced Migration, Secondary Stressors, and Health: A Panel Analysis of Migrants of the Three Gorges Dam Project, China.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC.
- 2007 Sean-Shong Hwang, **Xi, Juan** and Yue Cao. “The Conditional Relationship between English Language Proficiency and Earnings among U.S. Immigrants.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. New York City, NY.
- 2007 Hwang, Sean-Shong, Yue Cao, and **Juan Xi**. “Project-Induced Migration and Depression: A Panel Study.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. New York City, NY.
- 2006 **Xi, Juan** and Sean-Shong Hwang. “English Fluency among the Foreign-Born in the Metropolitan United States.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Montreal. CN.

- 2006 Hwang, Sean-Shong, **Juan Xi**, and Yue Cao. "Structural and Individual Covariates of English Language Proficiency." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Montreal. CN.
- 2005 Hwang, Sean-Shong, **Juan Xi**, and Xiaofei Qiao. "Project-Induced Involuntary Migration as a Stressor." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2005 Drentea, Patricia, Mercie Mwaria, and **Juan Xi**. "Day Care Hopping: Stabilizing Day Care Options for Low-income Mothers through Subsidies." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2005 **Xi, Juan**. "Age Differentials in Involuntary Migration-Induced Distress." UAB Center for Aging Annual Meeting.
- 2004 **Xi, Juan**, Sean-Shong Hwang, and Xiaofei Qiao. "Perceived Costs and Benefits of the Three Gorge Project" Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2004 Hwang, Sean-Shong, Xiaofei Qiao, and **Juan Xi**. "The Economic Well-Being of the Family Left Behind: Impact of China's Migrant Workers?" Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2004 **Xi, Juan** and Sean-Shong Hwang. "SES and Health Reciprocity: Health Difference between Rural and Urban Residents in transforming China" Annual Meetings of Southwest Social Science Association. Corpus Christi, TX.

AWARDS

- 2018 Outstanding Faculty Mentoring Award. Presented by Graduate Students of the Alpha Kappa Delta chapter, Department of Sociology, The University of Akron
- 2018 International Scholar Travel Grant awarded by the Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) to present at HUST, Wuhan. China. August 19
- 2017 The World Bank Travel Grant to present at International Conference on Gender and Displacement: Evidence and Policy Implications on April 13-14, Sponsored by the World Bank and the UN Women. Ha Long, Vietnam.
- 2016 International Scholar Travel Grant awarded by the Changjiang Water Resources Commission (CWRC) of the Ministry of Water Resources (MWR) to present at CWRC. Wuhan. China.
- 2015 Faculty Professional Development Leave, University of Akron.
- 2015 ICPSR Summer Workshop Travel Grant. \$1,500.

- 2014 Travel Grant awarded by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung -- New York Office to present at a two-day workshop “Global Convergences: Strategies Against Evictions and Displacement,” co-sponsored by MIT’s Displacement Research and Action Network in MIT and the United Nation. Boston, MA. Nov 21-22.
- 2014 International Scholar Fellowship awarded by Peking University- Hong Kong Poly University China Social Work Research Centre (CDWRC) to present at CDWRC on June 7th. Beijing, China.
- 2014 International Scholar Fellowship awarded by China University of Political Science and Law to present at the Boya Forum on June 9th, 2014. Beijing, China.
- 2014 International Scholar Fellowship awarded by Huazhong Agricultural University (HAU) to presented at the Forum of Public Management on June 19th, 2014. Wuhan, China.
- 2006 Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- 2005 Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- 2004 Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

Teaching:

- 2024 NEXT (New Explorations in Teaching) Conference, University of Akron.
- 2024 Interfaith on Compassion, Service Space.
- 2024 Conflict Management Training, University of Akron.
- 2021 Leadership in Digital World hosted by the Presencing Institute.
- 2019 UA Design & Development Service Fall Workshop Series

Research:

Online 4-Day Short Courses

- 2025 Machine Learning in Causal Inference,
- 2023 Machine Learning, Taught by Kevin Grimms, Arizona State University.
- 2023 Causal Inference, Taught by Steven Vaisey, Duke University.
- 2022 Treatment Effect Analysis, taught by Steven Vaisey, Duke University.
- 2022 Causal Inference with Panel Data, Taught by Dr. Yiqing Xu, Stanford University

In-person Short Courses and Workshops

- 2015 Latent Class Analysis in Social Science Research. ICPSR Summer Short Course. Instructed by Tenko Raykov
- 2015 Exploratory Data Mining Via REARCH Strategies. ICPSR Summer Short Course. Instructed by John J. McArdle; Awarded a \$1,500 travel grant by ICPSR.
- 2012 Logistic Regress using SAS. Short Course at Statistical Horizons. Instructed by Paul Allison.
- 2011 Latent Growth Curve Models: A Structural Equation Modeling Approach. ICPSR Summer Short Course. Instructed by Kenneth Land
- 2010 Causal Inference in the Social Sciences: Matching, Propensity Scores, and Other Strategies. ICPSR Summer Short Course. Instructed by Marco R. Steenbergen
- 2010 Introduction of Applied Bayesian Statistics. ICPSR Summer Short Course. Instructed by Scott Lynch
- 2010 Missing Data. Short Course at Statistical Horizons. Instructed by Paul Allison.
- 2009 Longitudinal Data Analysis. Short Course at Statistical Horizons. Instructed by Paul Allison.
- 2009 NIH workshop, University of Akron.

COURSE TAUGHT**Undergraduate Courses**

Social Research Design
Data Analysis
Population, Environment, and Health
Introduction to Sociology
Design Your Life

Graduate Courses

Multivariate Techniques
Advanced Data Analysis
Longitudinal Data Analysis
Hierarchical Linear Modeling

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**International**

Chair, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Annual Meetings for International Network for Displacement and Resettlement. 2016 and 2017

Member, Advisory Board, International Network for Displacement and Resettlement 2016 to present
Presider, Special panels and regular sessions for Annual Meetings for International Network for Displacement and Resettlement. 2016, 2017, 2018.
Moderator and member, Online Programs for A Compassionate Society for Service Space
Member, Transformative Education Hub and Story-telling Hub, The Presencing Institute

National

Peer Reviewer for many research journals such as *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Society and Mental Health*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Indicators Research*, *City & Community*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *European Sociological Review*, etc.
Reviewer for National Science Foundation. 2009
Presider for sessions in Annual Meetings of American Sociological Association. 2007, 2010

The University of Akron

Co-Chair, Faculty Steering Committee, The Center for Experiential and Community Engaged Learning EXCEL 2019-2021
Member, Advisory Board, The Center for Conflict Management 2020-present
Member, Advisory Board, The Global Studies Program 2020-present
Member, BCAS Teller's Committee 2019-2022
Member, IRB 2020-2021
Member, Faculty Senate 2018, 2019, 2020
Member, BCC 2018-2023
 BCC Bylaws Sub-Committee 2022
 BCC Foreign Language Requirement Review Sub-Committee 2021
Member, Faculty Research Grant Committee 2017-2020
Member, Graduate Faculty Committee 2017- 2018
Member, Faculty Steering Committee, The Confucius Institute 2009-2021

The Sociology Department

Chair, Ad-Hoc Merits Reform Committee, 2023
Chair, Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee for Dr. Insun Park 2023
Chair, Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee for Dr. Daniela Jauk-Ajamie 2023
Chair, Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee for Dr. Kevin Moseby 2023
Chair, Search Committee for a tenure track assistant professor specialized in Medical Sociology, 2021
Chair, Search Committee for a visiting assistant professor specialized in Medical Sociology, 2021
Chair, Medical Sociology Comprehensive Exam Committee. 2014
Member, Graduate Committee 2014 to 2022
Organizer, Educational Development Brownbag Seminars, 2011 to 2022.
Member, Medical Sociology Comprehensive Exam Committee. 2009-2018
Member, Search Committee for tenure track assistant professor specialized in

Medical Sociology and Methodology, 2009
Faculty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta sociology honor society, 2008-2011
Member, Search Committee for tenure track assistant professor specialized in
Deviance and Social Psychology, 2008

Student Advisement and Supervision:

As Committee Chair (served six students)

Rebecca Tachie. Dissertation Committee Chair. Completed Spring 2023
Scott Swiatek. Dissertation Committee Chair. Completed Spring 2021
Marcella Mulhollem. Dissertation Committee Chair. Completed Spring 2021
Thomas J. Snyder. Thesis Committee Chair. Completed Spring 2018
Davishay Lawrence. Thesis Committee Chair. Completed Spring 2018
Suzanne Stachel M.A. Thesis committee chair. Completed Summer 2010

As Committee Member (served 35 students)

Courtney Michael. Dissertation Committee member. Completed Summer 2025
Erica Temes. Dissertation Committee member. Completed Summer 2024
Katekyn Frey. Dissertation Committee member. Completed Fall 2023
Veronica Ahadzie. Dissertation Committee member. Completed Spring 2023
Quintin Myers. Dissertation Committee member. Completed Spring 2022
Norh Albloushi. Dissertation Committee member. Completed Summer 2021
Ebenezer Duah. Dissertation Committee member. Completed Spring 2021
Matthew Williamson. Dissertation Committee member. Completed Spring 2019
Ginny Natale. Dissertation Committee member. Completed Spring 2019
David Delgado. Thesis Committee member. Completed Spring 2018
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

2024	Worked with a local non-profit organization, Nu Your Kidney Recovery Support Foundation, designing their group healing program.
2022	Worked with a Cleveland-based non-profit organization, The Healing Hands, offering free Qigong classes in Cleveland Juvenile Justice Center.
2017 to 2019	Worked with The Healing Hands offering free Qigong classes in Shaker Heights public library.
2017 to Present	Founder and Director of Center for Health, Happiness and Chan, a non-profit organization. Regularly offer free meditation and Qigong classes at public libraries and community centers.
2016 to 2019	Worked with a local non-profit organization Project UJIMA on a research grant for reducing infant mortality rates in the city of Akron. Leading a wellness program for Project UJIMA
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