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Curriculum Vita

Department of Sociology
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
M.A. Sociology (*summa cum laude*), National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan
B.A. Sociology (*summa cum laude*), National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

- Sociology of Gender
- Social Psychology
- International Migration
- Sociology of Health and Illness
- Social Inequality

POSITIONS HELD

2012-present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Western Michigan University
2007-2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Western Michigan University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2017. *The Resilient Self: Gender, Immigration, and Taiwanese Americans*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press (scholarly book with original research, 208 pages).

2006. *Mental Health among Taiwanese Americans: Gender, Immigration, and Transnational Struggles*. New York: LFB Scholarly Publishing LLC (scholarly book with original research, 306 pages).

Reviewed by: *Contemporary Sociology, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, Taiwanese Journal of Sociology*.

Refereed Articles

Forthcoming. Gender Morality and Emotion Work in Taiwanese Immigrant In-law Relations. *Gender, Place and Culture*.

2016. Taiwanese Immigrants' Medical Experiences: An Exploratory Study. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*. 4(2): 177-197.

2015. Racial Glass Ceilings, Gendered Responses: Taiwanese American Professionals' Experiences of Otherness. *Sociological Focus* 48: 126-149.
2014. Contextualizing Vocabularies of Motive in International Migration: The Case of Taiwanese in the United States. *International Migration* 52(2): 158-177.
2012. Women's Status in the Context of International Migration. *Sociology Compass* 6(6): 458-471.
2010. Culture, Emotional Transnationalism and Mental Distress: Family Relations and Well-being among Taiwanese Immigrant Women. *Gender, Place and Culture* 17(6):687-704. (**Lead article**; journal ranked 6th in gender studies in 2008; impact factor 1.183 in 2014)
2009. Immigration and Work-Family Concerns. In *Work and Family Encyclopedia*, edited by Stephen Sweet and Judi Casey. Chestnut Hill, MA: Sloan Work and Family Research Network.
2006. Rethinking the Study of Gender and Mental Health, *Graduate Journal of Social Science* 3(1).

Refereed Book Chapter

2015. The Gendering of Immigration Studies in the United States. In Vasilikie Demos and Marcia Texler Segal (eds.), *At the Center: Feminism, Social Science and Knowledge (Advances in Gender Research, Volume 20)*. New York: Emerald Group Publishing Limited, Pp.269-289. (peer-reviewed article)

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming (2018). "I am American!" Taiwanese Immigrant Women Battling Everyday Racism. In: Brittany C. Slatton and Carla D. Brailey (Eds.), *Women and Inequality in the 21st Century*. New York: Routledge.
- In Press (2018). Interviewing Immigrants and Refugees: Reflexive Engagement with Research Subjects. In: Steven J. Gold and Stephanie J. Nawyn (Eds.), *The Routledge International Handbook of Migration Studies* (2nd edition). New York: Routledge.
2013. Taiwanese Americans. In: Carlos E. Cortés and J. Geoffrey Golson (Eds.) *Multicultural America*. Pp. 2043-2044. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
2013. Interviews. In: Steven J. Gold and Stephanie J. Nawyn (Eds.), *The Routledge International Handbook of Migration Studies*. Pp. 506-521. New York: Routledge.
2004. Disciplined Bodies in Direct Selling: Amway and Alternative Economic Culture in Taiwan. In: David K. Jordan, Andrew Morris, and Marc L. Moskowitz (Eds.) *The Minor Arts of Daily Life: Popular Culture in Taiwan*, Pp. 150-172. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

2004. Taiwan. In: Carol R. Ember and Melvin Ember (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender: Men and Women in the World's Cultures*, Pp. 848-885. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers (co-authored with Rita S. Gallin).
2001. Smart Women are Ugly? A Study of Overseas Taiwanese Ph.D. Students Regarding Beauty. In: Maxine Baca Zinn and Stanley Eitzen (Eds.) *In Conflict and Order*, p. 331. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

Book Review Articles

2012. Review of Doris T. Chang, "Women's Movements in Twentieth-Century Taiwan." *Gender & Society* 26(1): 154-56.
2011. Review of Christina Ho, "Migration and Gender Identity: Chinese Women's Experiences of Work, Family, and Identity in Australia." *Gender, Place and Culture* 18(1): 141-43.

Other Publications

1996. The Upsurge and Cause of Direct Sales in Taiwan: Decoding a New Socio-cultural Phenomena and Labor Trend in Taiwanese Society. *China Times*. 1996.7.27. (Op-Ed article in Chinese)
1995. The Order of Simulation. In: *The Lure of Postmodernism*, Pp. 20-30. Taipei: The Research Group of Modernity and Postmodernity, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University. (Translation article from J. Baudrillard's work, in Chinese)
1993. The Fundamental Structure of Social Actions. *The Journal of National Open University* 126: 46-47 (In Chinese).

Book Manuscript in Progress

From Religious Minority to Racial Minority: Burmese Refugees in Battle Creek, Michigan (scholarly book with original research)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

External Grants

- 2016 Research Grant (\$2,500), Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Chicago.
Project: "Welfare and Its Impact on Burmese Refugees' Health"
 This study assesses the effectiveness of a welfare program, "Women, Infants, and Children" (WIC), in the Burmese refugee community in Battle Creek, Michigan. It aims to discover the major difficulties Burmese refugees encounter when using their WIC benefits, explore how these issues affect individuals' health, and provide policy recommendations for improving WIC effectiveness and Burmese health.
- 2015 Research Grant (\$2,500), Midwest Sociological Society.
Project: "From Religious Minority to Racial Minority: A Pilot Study of Burmese Refugees in Battle Creek, Michigan"
 This study investigates how Burmese refugees experience the transition from a religious

minority in Burma to a racial minority in the United States. It examines various aspects in Burmese social lives, including their religious identity, racial relations, factory work experiences, and overall adaptation progresses.

- 2009 Junior Scholar Grant (\$20,000), Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation
Project: “Gendered Transition and Gendered Struggles in the Process of Settlement: A Case study of Taiwanese Immigrant Women”
This study examines how gender relations change during the process of settlement and how the changes in gender relations affect immigrant women’s psychological well-being in different phases of life course.

Internal Grants

- 2017 Grant for Publication of Papers and Exhibition of Creative Works (\$750), WMU
- 2017 International Education Faculty Development Fund (\$1,200), WMU
- 2015 Support for Faculty Scholars Award (\$2,000), Western Michigan University
- 2015 CAS Discovery and Dissemination Award (\$1,500), Western Michigan University
- 2014 Grant for Publication of Papers and Exhibition of Creative Works (\$466), WMU
- 2013 Professional Development Grant (\$500), CAS Women’s Caucus, WMU
- 2012 Research Development Award (\$2,500), WMU (additional \$1,000 from the CAS)
- 2012 College of Arts and Sciences Teaching and Research Award (\$1,000), WMU
- 2012 Visiting Scholars and Artist Program Grant (\$1,000), WMU (for hosting Steve Gold’s talks, March 2013)
- 2011 Support for Faculty Scholars Award (\$2,000), Western Michigan University
- 2011 Gender Scholar Speaker Grant (\$500), CAS Women’s Caucus (for hosting Barbara Risman’s talks, September 2011)
- 2008-09 **Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award** (\$10,000), WMU

Awards and Honors

- 2017 **Faculty Achievement Award in Research and Creative Activity.** College of Arts and Sciences, WMU
- 2017 **Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor.** Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, WMU
- 2016 **Faculty Achievement Award in Teaching.** College of Arts and Sciences, WMU (nominated by students).

- 2014 Inducted to the Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society
- 2010 **Gender Scholar Award**, College of Arts and Sciences Women's Caucus, WMU (first winner at WMU)
- 2007 Erwin O. Smigel Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2000 Winner of the Graduate Student Paper Competition, North Central Sociological Association
- 1999 Honor Student, the Honors Program of American Sociological Association
- 1999 S.C. Lee Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University
- 1998 S.C. Lee Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University
- 1998 Inducted to the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars
- 1994 Inducted to the Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society, Taiwan

Other Professional Recognitions

- 2016 Nominated by students for the WMU Distinguished Teaching Award
- 2012 Selected by the National Women's Studies Association to participate in The Women of Color Leadership Project (2012-14)
- 2012 Nominated for the Faculty Achievement Award in Teaching
- 2004 Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$6,000), Graduate School, Michigan State University (sole nominee by the department)
- 2003 Ph.D. Candidate Fellowship (\$12,000), Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
- 2002 Doctoral Dissertation Scholarship (\$15,000), Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation
- 2001 Scholarship, Training Program of Ethics in Mental Health Research, Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, University of South Florida (covered all expenses; approx. \$2,500)
- 1998 Global Young Scholars Grant (\$250), International Studies and Programs, Michigan State University

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “Money, Culture, and Power: Negotiating Egalitarianism in Taiwanese Immigrant Families.” American Sociological Association. Montréal, Canada.
- 2017 “Money or Culture? Spousal Power Relations in Taiwanese Immigrant Families.” Sociologists for Women in Society winter meeting. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2016 “From Religious Minority to Racial Minority: An Exploratory Study of Burmese Refugees in Battle Creek, Michigan.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “I Would Have a Career Had I Not Migrated!”: Highly Skilled Taiwanese Women Making Sense of Work and Self in Their Immigration Journeys.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 “Framed by Ethnic Gender: How In-law Inequality Persists in the Taiwanese Immigrant Family.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 “Emotional Labor in Performing Confucian Patriarchy: Taiwanese Immigrant Women’s Cultural Compliance in the In-law Hierarchy and Its Impact on Psychological Well-being.” Sociologists for Women in Society winter meeting. Nashville, TN.
- 2013 “In-law Relations and Women’s Psychological Well-being in Middle-Class Immigrant Families.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. NYC.
- 2012 “Glass Ceilings and Glass Walls: Taiwanese Americans’ Experiences of Otherness in the White-collar Workplace.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Denver, CO.
- 2012 “Middle-class Immigrant Housewives: An Exploratory Study of Self-concepts in Life Transitions.” Inaugural Meeting of the Work and Family Researchers Network. New York.
- 2011 “Structurative Approach to Mental Distress.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Las Vegas.
- 2010 “Gendered Migration and Patriarchal Bargain: Resilience and Suffering of Taiwanese Immigrant Women.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta.
- 2009 “Situational Patriarchy: Gender Relations among Taiwanese Immigrants.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco.
- 2008 “Negotiating Cultural Identities in Intergenerational Conflicts: Taiwanese Immigrant Women’s Parenting Dilemma.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Boston.

- 2008 “‘The Building of a Glass Wall’: Taiwanese Americans Negotiating Otherness in the Workplace,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Boston.
- 2008 “Gendered Transition and Gendered Struggles in the Process of Settlement: A Case Study of Taiwanese Immigration Women.” Invited poster presentation on the WMU Research Day (4/11/08).
- 2007 “Transnational Struggles at Home: Taiwanese Immigrant Women’s Family Relations and Mental Health,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- 2007 “Gendered Motives in International Migration: The Case of Taiwanese in the United States,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York.

Invited Talks

- 2017 Panelist, “Q/A with Faculty and Instructors from Underrepresented Groups on Campus,” Office of Faculty Development, WMU (June 14).
- 2017 “Burmese Refugees in Battle Creek, Michigan.” Panel of “Powerful Partnerships: How Researchers and Community-based Organizations build Power Together.” Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote-Michigan Leadership Conference. Detroit, MI (May 6)
- 2014 “Racial Glass Ceilings, Gendered Responses: Taiwanese American Professionals’ Experiences of Otherness,” invited talk at Michigan State University (featured as a distinguished alumna at the Department of Sociology at MSU on September 26).
- 2013 “Dare to be Powerful!? Women of Color in Leadership Positions,” a workshop given at the WMU Gender and Leadership Summit (February 1).
- 2012 “Culture and Gendered Distress among Taiwanese Americans,” invited talk at the Timothy Light Center for Chinese Studies, Western Michigan University (February 22).
- 2011 “Gender and Immigration,” invited lecture for SOC495 Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. at WMU
- 2011 “Immigrant women’s mental distress issues,” invited guest for SOC5900 Women and Health. WMU
- 2009 “Gender, Immigration, and Psychological Well-being,” speech given at the Gender Scholar Award ceremony, Western Michigan University (April 14).
- 2010 “Family Relations and Psychological Well-being among Taiwanese Immigrant Women,” **keynote speech** delivered at the annual conference of National Council on Family Relations Illinois Chapter (DeKalb, IL, March 26).
- 2007 “Transnational Struggles at Home: Taiwanese Immigrant Women’s Family Experiences,”

keynote speech delivered at the Women's Resource Center and Presidential Commission, Northern Illinois University (March 8).

2005 "Conceptualization of Mental Health and Illness," seminar delivered at the Program for History of Health at the Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. (Academia Sinica is the most prestigious research institute in Taiwan, equivalent to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in the United States).

SERVICE

Professional Organizations

- 2017-19 ASA Honors Program Advisory Panelist, American Sociological Association (ASA) (appointed by the ASA Council).
- 2017-19 Council Member-At-Large. North Central Sociological Association (invited and elected to serve).
- 2016 Session organizer, "Immigration and Gender," American Sociological Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 Distinguished Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section (invited to serve).
- 2015 Judge, Mental Health Division Student Paper Competition, Society for the Study of Social Problems (invited to serve).
- 2014-present International Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2014-presnet Global Feminist Partnerships Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2013 Session Co-organizer, "Gender and Reproduction in a Global Context" American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY.
- 2013 Session Organizer and discussant, "Gender and Power: Theorization and Empirical Studies." Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2011 Panel discussant and chair, Negotiating Female Embodiment/Empowerment, Association of Asian American Studies annual meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2010 Session organizer and chair, Immigrant Communities/Families, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2000-2001 **President**, North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA).

Journal Reviewer

American Sociological Review

Social Forces: International Journal of Social Research
Gender & Society
Gender, Place and Culture
Sociology of Education
Global Networks: A Journal of Transnational Affairs
International Migration Review
Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
Asian Women
Social Problems
Social Currents
Qualitative Sociology

Book Manuscript Reviewer Routledge; Sage; Polity; Oxford University Press

University Committees

2016-2017 Faculty Mentor, Graduate Students Intensive Teaching Program, WMU
(Attended a week-long workshop in summer; mentored 5 graduate instructors for a year; held monthly meetings; made classroom observations; wrote classroom observation letters; reviewed mentees' teaching ePortfolios)

2016-present Co-Chair, Women's Caucus Steering Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, WMU

2014-present Diversity and Inclusion Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, WMU

2013-present Faculty mentor for Asian American students. Division of Multicultural Affairs, WMU

2012-present Women's Caucus Steering Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, WMU

Department Committees

2017-present Kercher Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, WMU

2017-2018 Adjunct Faculty Appointment Committee, Department of Sociology, WMU

2016-2017 Chair of the Executive Council, Department of Sociology, WMU (elected to serve)

2016-present Central Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, WMU

2015-2017 Executive Council, Department of Sociology, WMU

2014-present Faculty Advisor, Epsilon Chapter, Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society

2012-present Power and Inequality Area Committee, Department of Sociology, WMU

- 2012-2013 Kercher Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, WMU
- 2012-2013 Hiring Committee, Department of Sociology, WMU
- 2011-present Chair of the Social Psychology Curriculum, Department of Sociology, WMU
- 2011-present Race and Ethnicity Area Committee, Department of Sociology, WMU
- 2010-2012 Social Theory Area Committee, Department of Sociology, WMU
- 2009-2012 Sabbatical Leave Committee, Department of Sociology, WMU
- 2008-2012 Central Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, WMU
- 2007-2012 Social Psychology Area Committee, Department of Sociology, Western Michigan University (Chair during 2010-2012)
- 2007-Present Gender and Feminism Area Committee, Department of Sociology, Western Michigan University (Chair during 2010-12)
- 2007-2008 Assessment Committee, Department of Sociology, Western Michigan University

Community Service

- 2014-15 Treasurer, Kalamazoo Chinese School
- 2008-15 Substitute Teacher, Kalamazoo Chinese School

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- 2013 *The Battle Creek Enquirer* (11/20/2013) on cultural differences of mental illness and suicide prevention
- 2011 *WMU News* (2/3/11) On the “Tiger Mom” phenomenon
- 2008 *The World Journal* (8/2/08) On my research about immigrant women’s life histories

COURSES TAUGHT

- Gender and Health (graduate course, Western Michigan University)
- Self and Social Identities (graduate course, Western Michigan University)
- Social Psychology of Sex and Gender (graduate course, Western Michigan University)
- Introduction to Social Psychology (Michigan State University, National Taiwan University, Western Michigan University)
- Methods of Data Collection (Western Michigan University)
- Sex and Gender (Michigan State University)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Research Networks

- 2016-present Asian Americans Advancing Justice Chicago-Midwest Collaboratory. (invited to participate)

2013-present West Michigan Social Research Consortium
2012-present Medical Humanities Workgroup, Western Michigan University
2008-present Work and Family Research Network
2007-present Timothy Light Center for Chinese Studies, WMU

Association Membership

American Sociological Association
Sociologists for Women in Society
North Central Sociological Association
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society

LANGUAGES

Taiwanese (native speaking), Mandarin Chinese (professional), English (professional), German (elementary; once fluent, with 4 years of formal language lessons in college)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES (AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)