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Current Position

2022 - Assistant Professor. Division of Social Science. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Education

2017- 2022 PhD, Sociology. Brown University.
2016 MPhil, Sociology. The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
2013 MSc, Social Research Methods. The London School of Economics and Political Science.
2012 BA, Sociology. Renmin University of China.

Fields of Interest

Social Stratification, Family Demography, Life Course, Education

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Rauscher, Emily, **Yifan Shen**. 2022. "Variation in the Relationship between School Spending and Achievement: Progressive Spending Is Efficient." *American Journal of Sociology*.

Shen, Yifan. 2021. "The Nonlinear Linkage Between Earnings Homogamy and Earnings Inequality Among Married Couples." *Demography* 58(2):527–50.

- Winner, Student Paper Award, *American Sociological Association Population Section*
- Winner, Nan Lin Best Graduate Student Paper Award, *International Chinese Sociological Association*
- Media coverage: [N-IUSSP](#) (news magazine of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population)

Book Chapters

Qian, Zhenchao, **Yifan Shen**. 2020. "Context of Interracial Childbearing in the United States." Pp. 65–87 in *Analyzing Contemporary Fertility*. Vol. 51, *The Springer Series on Demographic Methods and Population Analysis*, edited by R. Schoen. Cham: Springer International Publishing.

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

2021 MAST Center Small Grant Program for Emerging Scholars
Marriage Strengthening Research & Dissemination Center, U.S.A.
2021 Dissertation Fellowship
Brown University

- 2021 Summer Research Awards
Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
- 2018 International Fellowship
Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
- 2017 Manning Graduate Fellowship
Brown University

Teaching – Courses Taught

Graduate:

Social Stratification and Mobility 2023

Undergraduate:

Research Methods in Social Sciences 2023

Data Analysis for Quantitative Social Research 2023

Individual Teaching

Master’s Thesis Committee

Shengbin Wei – 2023 (member)

Undergraduate Thesis Supervisor

Mak Wing Sum; Cheng Hiu Ying; Qiao Tianyi; Wong Ching Miu; Shum Reve; Lee Cheuk Hei – 2022-2023

Postgraduate Research Assistants

Yang Xu; Jiayu Tian – 2022-2023

Selected Presentations

- 2023 **Shen, Yifan** and Tim Futing Liao. “The Changing Assortative Mating and The Rising Earnings Homogamy in the United States” Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
- 2022 **Shen, Yifan**. “Is the Changing Assortative Mating Really Not Important for Understanding the Inequality Trends in the United States?” International Sociological Association RC28 Spring Meeting, London
- 2021 Rauscher, Emily and **Yifan Shen**. “Schools as Active Equalizers: Variation in the Relationship Between School Spending and Achievement by Cohort Health at Birth.” Annual Meeting of Population Association of America: Session on Intergenerational Mobility and the Role of Education
- 2021 Qian, Zhenchao and **Yifan Shen**. “Educational Advantage and Earnings Lead? Assortative Mating and Spousal Pay Gap.” Annual Meeting of Population Association of America: Flash Session on Marital and Family Formation and Relationship Outcomes
- 2019 **Shen, Yifan**. “The Association Between Spouses’ Earnings and Earnings Inequality among Married Couples in Urban China”. Annual Meeting of Population Association of America: Session on Assortative Mating and Inequality

Service To the College and Profession

2023 Discussant, PAA, Session on *Novel Topics on Union Formation*

2023 ASA Population Section Student Paper Award Committee

2021-22 & Graduate Student Committee, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University

2018-19

2012-13 Methodology Society, The London School of Economics and Political Science

Reviewed for *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Demography*, *Sociological Methods & Research*, *Demographic Research*, *Advances in Life Course Research*

Computer Skill

Stata, R, GeoDa, ArcGIS