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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2019- **University of Michigan**  
**Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology & International Institute  
**Faculty Associate**, Center for Chinese Studies; Population Studies Center;  
Institute for Research on Women & Gender
- 2017-2019 **Brown University**  
**Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Population Studies and Training Center

## EDUCATION

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- 2017 **Ph.D.**, Sociology, Harvard University
- 2011 **B.A.**, Urdu Literature and Sociology, Peking University, China

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Social Demography, Gender & Sexuality, Family, Fertility, Population Politics,  
Political Sociology, Citizenship, Authoritarianism, Inequality & Stratification,  
Quantitative Methods, Agent-Based Modeling, Mixed Methods, China and East Asia

## PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

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- Forth. **Zhou, Yun.** “Gendering the Second Demographic Transition: Gender Asymmetry, Gendered Tension, and Cohabitation in Contemporary Urban China.”  
*China Population and Development Studies*.
- 2022a **Zhou, Yun.** “Visualizing Gendered Attitudes toward Same-Sex Sexual Behavior in China over a Decade.” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 8: 1-3.
- 2021 **Zhou, Yun.** “The Personal and The Political: Gender Equity and Attitudes Toward Birth Restriction in Contemporary Urban China.” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 7: 1-15.
- 2020 **Zhou, Yun.** “‘Good Mothers Work’: How Maternal Employment Shapes Women’s Expectation of Work and Family in Contemporary Urban China.” *Journal of Social Issues* 76(3): 659-680.

*Media Coverage:* South China Morning Post, Initium Media

2019b **Zhou, Yun.** “Economic Resources, Cultural Matching, and the Rural-Urban Boundary in China’s Marriage Market.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 81(3): 567-583.

2019a **Zhou, Yun.** “The Dual Demands: Gender Equity and Fertility Intentions after the One-Child Policy.” *Journal of Contemporary China* 28(117): 367-384.

*Media Coverage:* The Washington Post, Bloomberg News, France 24

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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2021 “Beijing Wants a Baby Boom. Its New Three-Child Policy Probably Won’t Make One Happen.” *The Washington Post, Monkey Cage.*

2018 “Gendered Implications of China’s Two-Child Policy.” *Newsletter of the ASA Section on Inequality, Poverty, & Mobility*, 4(2).

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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2022 **LRCCS Faculty Associate Travel Grant**, University of Michigan  
**Provost’s Early Tenure-Track Faculty Research Support**, University of Michigan

2021 **Large Course Initiative Grant**, University of Michigan

2020 **Weiser Faculty Grant**, University of Michigan  
**Research Grant**, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan  
*Project:* “Shockwaves through the Chinese Bureaucracy?: Authoritarian Governance in the Time of COVID-19” (with Jundai Liu)

**Nominee**, Golden Apple Award, University of Michigan

2017 **Dean’s Competitive Fund for Promising Scholarship**, Harvard University  
*Project:* “An Agent-Based Modeling Approach to Population Dynamics”  
(with Mary C. Brinton)

2015 **Travel Award**, International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC-28)

## INVITED TALKS, LECTURES, AND PANELS

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2022 **Workshop on Queer Parenting in China**, *Paul Tsai China Center*,  
Yale Law School, October 7

**“Son Preference Attitudes among Highly Educated Urban Chinese Women”**,  
*PSC Virtual Brown Bag*, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan,  
February 22

2021 **“Gendered Precarity and Women’s Sexual Decision-making in Contemporary Urban China”**, *International Institute Conference on Gender and Health in Global, Transnational, and Historical Perspectives*, University of Michigan, October 14

- “Fertility Intentions in Contemporary Urban China”**,  
Timothy Light Center for Chinese Studies, Western Michigan University, April 6
- 2020 **“Marriage in China”**, *Gender, Work, and Family in East Asia*,  
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 11
- “The Gendered Pursuit of Individualism”**, *Noon Lecture Series*,  
Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, November 10
- “What Children Mean in Contemporary Urban China”**,  
*China Colloquium Series*, Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University, November 6
- 2019 **“Incompatible Rights”**, *Deep Dive into Digital and Data Methods for Chinese Studies Series Lecture and Workshop*, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan,  
November 21-22
- “Gender Inequality in China”**, *CSCC Podcast*, Center for the Study of  
Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, February 26
- 2018 **“Reproductive Governance in China”**, *Chinese Politics*,  
Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania, November 5
- 2017 **“Gender Equity and Fertility Intentions after the One-Child Policy”**,  
*Workshop on Confronting a Grey Society*, Nanyang Technological University,  
Singapore, August 23

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (LAST FIVE YEARS)

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### 2022

- “Hardship and Hard Work: How Experiences of Gender Inequality Shape Sex Preference Attitudes in Contemporary Urban China”  
*American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, August

### 2021

- “Make or Break: Fertility Aspirations as Gendered Constructions of Self”  
*American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Virtual Session, August
- “What Children Mean: A Comparative Qualitative Analysis in Spain, Japan, and China”  
(with Mary C. Brinton & Xiana Bueno)  
*Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Virtual Session, May

### 2020

- “A Comparative Qualitative Analysis of the Meanings of Children in Spain, Japan, and China”  
(with Mary C. Brinton & Xiana Bueno)  
*International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) International Conference on Family and Fertility*, Virtual Session, December
- “Gender Equity and Reproductive Rights under Changing Population Control in Urban China”  
*Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Virtual Session, April

## 2019

“Paradoxical Autonomy: Gender Equity, Reproductive Rights, and Attitudes toward Population Control in Urban China”

*American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York, NY, August

“Low Fertility in Japan: An Agent-Based Modeling Approach” (with Mary C. Brinton)

*Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Austin, TX, April

## 2018

“The Dual Demands: Gender Equity and Fertility Intentions after the One-Child Policy”

*American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, August

*Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, April

“Agent-Based Modeling of Inter-Racial/Ethnic Mate-Search Heuristics”

*Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, April

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

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### University of Michigan

#### Instructor

SOC 547 *Sociology of Gender and Sexuality*

(Fall 2022)

SOC 495 *Population Politics: Redefining Marriage in the Modern World*

(Winter 2023)

SOC 495 *Gender and Family in East Asia*

(Fall 2020, Winter 2022, Fall 2022)

SOC 428 *Sociology of Contemporary China*

(Winter 2023)

SOC 330 *Population Problems: Dating, Marriage, and Fertility*

(Fall 2019, Fall 2020)

SOC 210 *Introduction to Statistics for Social Science*

(Winter 2020, Winter 2021, Winter 2022)

#### Dissertation Committee

Minha Noh (Ongoing)

Lester Sim (2022, *Psychology*)

#### Fellowship and Training Mentor

Breonna Slocum, M.D. (Ongoing, *Michigan Medicine*)

Kelsi Caywood (Ongoing, *Population Studies Center NICHD Traineeship*)

#### Senior Honors Thesis

Willow Zhou (Ongoing)

Jade Parker (2022)

## SERVICE

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### Service to the Profession

#### Editorial Board Member

*Journal of Marriage and Family* (2021-)

#### Ad-Hoc Reviewer

*American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Asian Women, Comparative Studies in Society & History, Demography, Demographic Research, Feminism & Psychology, Journal of Contemporary China, Journal of Family Studies, Journal of Marriage and Family, Sociology of Education, Social Forces, Social Science Research, Socius*

#### Service to the American Sociological Association

2022 Member, *Distinguished Book Award Committee*, Sex & Gender Section

#### Professional Annual Meetings

2022 *Session Organizer*, “Fertility and Reproductive Access”  
American Sociological Association

*Discussant*, “Mixed Methods Research”  
Population Association of America

2021 *Discussant*, “Family Patterns and Population Change”  
American Sociological Association

2020 *Table Presider*, “New Perspectives on Gender in China”  
American Sociological Association (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

2019 *Discussant*, “Persistent Gender Inequality”  
American Sociological Association

2016 *Discussant*, “Qualitative and Quantitative Innovations in Family Research”  
Population Association of America

### University and Departmental Service

#### University of Michigan

2022-2024 Executive Committee (Elected), Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies  
Executive Committee, Institute for Research on Women & Gender

2022-2023 Brown Bag Committee, Population Studies Center  
Committee on the Administration of Graduate Affairs (CAGA),  
Department of Sociology (Fall 2022)  
Winter Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology

2021-2022 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology

2019-2020 Committee on the Administration of Graduate Affairs (CAGA),  
Department of Sociology

Misc. *Member*, Social Demography Prelim Committee,  
Department of Sociology (2021, 2022)

*Faculty Facilitator*, Inequality and Social Demography Workshop,  
Department of Sociology (2020-)

*Panelist*, “Cutting Edge Research in Sociology”  
Michigan Humanities Emerging Research Scholars Program (June 2021, June 2022)

*Panelist*, Teaching Academy  
Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (August 2022)

#### Brown University

2017-2018 Coordinator, Postdoctoral Writing Workshop,  
Population Studies and Training Center

#### Harvard University

2016-2017 Student Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee,  
Department of Sociology

2014-2016 Student Coordinator, Workshop on Mixed Methods of Empirical Analysis

2013-2014 Department Representative, Harvard Graduate Student Council

### **LANGUAGES, SOFTWARE, AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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**Languages:** Chinese (Native), Urdu (Fluent)

**Software:** R, STATA, NetLogo, Dedoose, LaTeX

**Training:** Introduction to Agent-Based Modeling (*Santa Fe Institute* 2017)

Workshop on Formal Demography (*Berkeley Population Center* 2022)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Member

Population Association of America

American Sociological Association