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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 – present Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Rice University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2023

Dissertation: Same-Sex Relationships and Health: How Gender, Stress, and Relationship Dynamics Shape Health Over Time

Committee: Debra Umberson, Kelly Raley, Mark Hayward, Daniel Powers, Diane Coffey, and Hui Liu (Purdue University)

Comprehensive Exams: Demography and Health (Pass with Distinctions)
Population Research Center Trainee

M.A. Demography, Renmin University of China, 2017

B.A. Sociology, Minzu University of China, 2015 (with Highest Distinction & Honors)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology

Gender and Sexuality

Family Demography

Aging and the Life course

Race and Ethnicity

Quantitative Methodology

PUBLICATIONS

Wang, Yiwen, and Debra Umberson. 2023. “[Dyadic Coping and Marital Quality in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages.](#)” *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 40(3), 996–1017.

- [Press Release](#)

- Featured (selected): [Salon](#), [UT News](#), [23ABC News Bakersfield](#), [Advocate](#), [Gay Times](#), [IFLScience](#), [Tech Explorist](#)

Wang, Yiwen. 2022. “[Marital Stress, Childhood Adversity, and Emotion Work in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages.](#)” *Journal of Family Studies*, 29(4), 1666-1686.

Wang, Yiwen. 2022. “[Self-Rated Health Changes of Individuals in Same-Sex Compared to Different-Sex Relationships: A Longitudinal Study.](#)” *BMC Public Health* 22, 862 (2022).

Duan, Chengrong, Rui Xiao, and **Yiwen Wang.** 2016. “Changing Patterns of Ethnic Minority Migrant Populations in China”, *Fujian Tribune* (ISSN:1672-6847) 2016(6): 104-108. *In Chinese.*

BOOK CHAPTERS

Wang, Yiwen, and Debra Umberson. 2022. "Long-Term Same-Sex Couples." In SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies, edited by Abbie E. Goldberg.

Wang, Yiwen, and Daniel A. Powers. 2020. "[Conditional Logit Model](#)." In SAGE Research Methods Foundations, edited by P. Atkinson, S. Delamont, A. Cernat, J.W. Sakshaug, and R.A. Williams.

UNDER REVIEW

Wang, Yiwen and Hui Liu. "A National Longitudinal Study of Same-Sex Partnership and Self-Rated Health Trajectories."

Wang, Yiwen, Hye Won Chai, Debra Umberson, and Sara Mernitz. "The Gendered Sexual Experiences and Marital Quality of Middle-Aged Same-Sex and Different-Sex Couples."

Coffey, Diane, **Yiwen Wang** and Aashish Gupta. "Gender, Social Disadvantage, and Happiness: Women's Emotion Labor in Indian Families."

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

"Sexual Orientation and Cognitive Function During the Transition to Adulthood". (With Hui Liu).

"Minority Stress, Social Support, and Loneliness in Three Cohorts of Sexual Minority Adults". (With Ilan Meyer).

"Race and Social Isolation across the Life Course" (With Zhiyong Lin and Debra Umberson).

"Union Formation and Dissolution and Health Changes of Sexual Minorities: Does Sex Composition of the Union Matter?"

"Who's Worried? Memory Appraisal, Worries About Dementia, and Marital Quality in Midlife Same- and Different-Sex Marriages: A Dyadic Perspective."

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Relationships and Health: Comparing Union Types 2019-2023

Research Assistant, Population Research Center, UT Austin

PI: Dr. Debra Umberson, Professor, Department of Sociology and Population Research Center

Black-White Differences in Life Course Exposure to Death: Consequences for Health

Research Assistant, Population Research Center, UT Austin 2019-2023

PI: Dr. Debra Umberson, Professor, Department of Sociology and Population Research Center

SIPP Longitudinal Households Project

Research Assistant, Population Research Center, UT Austin 2017-2019

PI: Dr. Kelly Raley, Professor, Department of Sociology and Population Research Center

Analysis on the Left-behind Children in China using 1% National Population Sample Survey

Student Researcher, National Bureau Statistics of China 2016-2017

Advisor: Dr. Duan Chengrong, Professor, Renmin University of China

Minority Population and Border Development in China

Student Researcher, Center for Population and Development Studies 2015-2017

Advisor: Dr. Duan Chengrong, Professor, Renmin University of China

Mental and Physical Health Status of Skilled Immigrants Working in the Service Sector in Ontario, Canada

Research Intern, Department of Geography, Queen's University

2014

Advisor: Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Professor, Queen's University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Yiwen Wang. 2023. "Memory, Concern about Dementia, and Marital Quality in Midlife Same- and Different-Sex Marriages". The Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting.

Yiwen Wang, Hye Won Chai, Debra Umberson, Sara Mernitz. 2023. "The Gendered Sexual Experiences and Marital Quality of Middle-Aged Same-Sex and Different-Sex Couples." The Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting.

Yiwen Wang. 2023. "Stress, Marital Quality, and Cognition in Midlife Same- and Different-Sex Marriages: A Longitudinal Dyadic Perspective." Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

Debra Umberson, **Yiwen Wang,** Hye Won Chai. 2023. "Life Course Change in Sexual Experiences: A Comparison of Midlife Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Couples." Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

Yiwen Wang and Hui Liu. 2022. "Same-Sex Cohabitation and Changes in Self-Rated Health: A National Longitudinal Analysis Using 1996-2008 SIPP." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Yiwen Wang and Debra Umberson. 2022. "Dyadic Coping and Marital Quality in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Yiwen Wang. 2022. "Sexual Minority Status and Cognitive Health in Adulthood." 2022 Add Health Users Conference.

Yiwen Wang. 2022. "Union Formation and Dissolution and Health Changes of Sexual Minorities: Does Sex Composition of the Union Matter?" Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

Yiwen Wang. 2021. "Dyadic Coping and Marital Quality in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages." National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference.

Yiwen Wang. 2021. "Change in Health Over Time: Same-Sex Compared to Different-Sex Couples." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Yiwen Wang. 2021. "A Longitudinal Analysis of Self-rated Health of Same-Sex Couples: Evidence from the Survey of Income and Program Participation." Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

Yiwen Wang and Hui Liu. 2021. "Same-Sex Cohabitation and Changes in Self-Rated Health: A National Longitudinal Analysis Using 1996-2008 SIPP." Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting.

Yiwen Wang. 2020. "Dyadic Stress Coping and Marital Quality in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages." Canadian Population Society Annual Meeting. [cancelled due to Covid]

Yiwen Wang. 2020. "Childhood Adversity, Marital Stress, and Emotion Work in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages." Population Association of America Annual Meeting. [cancelled due to Covid]

Yiwen Wang and Kelly Raley. 2019. "Household Instability and High School Dropout Risk." Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

Yiwen Wang. 2016. “Will hypogamy lead to lower well-being? An Empirical Study based on CGSS Data.” Population Association of China Annual Meeting.

Yiwen Wang. 2016. “Family Socioeconomic Status and Depression among College Students in China: The Mediating Effects of Self-efficacy and Interpersonal Relationships.” 2016 National Symposium on Population Health.

COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Travel Scholarship, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS)	2022
Conference Travel Award, Life Course Center, University of Minnesota	2022
Travel Award, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2022
Professional Development Awards, University of Texas at Austin	2022
Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin	2021
Sociology Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin	2019-2022
Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin	2018-2019
Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin	2018-2019
Distinguished Postgraduate Scholarship, Renmin University of China	2015-2016
Outstanding Graduate of Beijing, The Education Commission of Beijing	2015
Fei Xiaotong Scholarship, China University Alumni Association	2014-2015
Excellent Graduation Thesis Award, Minzu University of China	2015
First Grade Scholarship, Minzu University of China	2014-2015
Globalink Research Internship Grant, Chinese Scholarship Council & MITACS	2014
National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of P. R. China	2012-2013

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer, SOC 3023 Aging in Society, UT San Antonio	Fall 2022
Certificate in Advanced Teaching, UT Austin	Fall 2021
Teaching Assistant, SOC 366 Deviant Behavior & Social Control, UT Austin	Spring 2019
Lab Instructor, SOC 317M Introduction to Social Research Methods, UT Austin	Spring 2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Assistant

Demography (2019-2022)

Ad-hoc Reviewer

Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Journal of Social and Personal Relationships; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; Journal of Family Studies; PLOS ONE; Health & Social Care in the Community; Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS) 2022 Fall Conference

Professional Affiliations

Population Association of America (PAA); American Sociological Association (ASA); Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS); The Gerontological Society of America (GSA);

International Sociological Association (ISA); Southern Demographic Association (SDA); Asian Population Association (APA); National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

Other Services

The Bernard & Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice Affiliate, UT-Austin; The Williams Institute Volunteer, UCLA School of Law; Beijing LGBT center Volunteer.

REFERENCES

Debra Umberson, PhD	Kelly Raley, PhD	Mark Hayward, PhD
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