

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **Brown University, 2019, Sociology** (*Dissertation defended 2018/09, Degree awarded 2019/05*)
Dissertation Title: "The Well-being of Migrant Families: Evidence from China and Mexico"
Dissertation Committee: Michael White (Chair), Zhenchao Qian, Susan Short
Specialization Fields: Social Demography, Urban Sociology
Areas of Interest: Migration, Immigration, Urbanization, Social Inequalities, China
- MA** **Brown University, 2015, Sociology**
- MPA** **City University of New York, Baruch College, 2010, Public Administration**
- BA** **Beijing Foreign Studies University, 2008, Dual degree in Diplomacy and English Literature**

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019/09-Present Assistant Professor, Zhejiang University
2018/09-2019/08 Research Assistant Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles:

Liu, Zhen, and Michael J. White. "Education Outcomes of Immigrant Youth: The Role of Parental Engagement." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 674, no. 1 (2017): 27-58. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0002716217730009>.

Balk, Deborah L., Son V. Nghiem, Bryan R. Jones, **Zhen Liu**, and Gillian Dunn. "Up and out: A multifaceted approach to characterizing urbanization in Greater Saigon, 2000–2009." *Landscape and Urban Planning* (2018). <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169204618306479>

Book Chapters:

Montgomery, Mark R., Deborah Balk, **Zhen Liu**, Siddharth Agarwal, Eleri Jones, and Susana Adamo. "Urban Migration of Adolescent Girls: Quantitative Results from Developing Countries." In *International Handbook of Migration and Population Distribution*, pp. 573-604. Springer, Dordrecht, 2016. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-94-017-7282-2_26.

Papers under Review:

Deborah Balk and **Zhen Liu (equal authorship)**. "Urbanization, Migration and Vulnerability to Flooding in Bangladesh". *R & R. Population, Space and Place*.

Zhen Liu and Michael J. White. "Leaving Parents Behind: Young Adults' Migration and Health Inequality among the Elderly in Rural China". Under Review.

Zhen Liu. "Impact of Migration on Children's Cognitive Development and School Enrollment in China: A Comparison by Rural and Urban Origin". Under Review.

Michael J. White and **Zhen Liu**. "Immigrant Strivers, School Context, and High School Performance". Under Review.

Papers in progress:

Zhen Liu. "Young Adults' Migration on Older Parents' Self-Reported Health and Subjective Well-being: A Comparison of Evidences from Rural and Urban Contexts".

Zhen Liu. "Being Left Behind in Urban China: Parental Migration, Social Capital and Adolescents' Psychological Well-being".

Zhen Liu and Yuying Tong. "Couples across Borders: Impact of Mexico-U.S. Migration on Union Dissolution".

Zhen Liu. "Migration, Gender and Marital Status: Do Female Rural-to-Urban migrants in China Face Triple Disadvantage in the Labor Market?"

Zhen Liu and Eric Fong. "Socioeconomic Assimilation of Chinese Immigrants and Ethnic Chinese: A Comparative Analysis across Cohorts and Countries"

Zhen Liu, Deborah Balk and Mark Montgomery. "Understanding Internal Migration to Urban Areas: Comparison of Urban in-Migration Measures and Estimates based on Censuses and Surveys from the Developing World".

RESEARCH GRANTS

"Impact of Migration on Young Adolescents' Cognitive Development and Academic Outcomes in China: A Comparison by Rural and Urban Social Origin" 2019-2021. 191,425 HKD. **PI**. General Research Fund, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong. (*Declined due to moving to Zhejiang University*)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University, 2017-2018

Manning Graduate Fellowship, Brown University, 2016-2017

Summer Research Award, Population Studies & Training Center, Brown University, summer 2016

International Research Travel Award, Brown University, 2016 & 2017

Eastern Sociological Association Travel Award, 2015

Outstanding Oral Presentation Award, 14th Annual Research Postgraduate Conference, the University of Hong Kong, 2014

Graduate Fellowship, Brown University, 2013-2014

SELECT PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Presentations at the Population Association of America annual conferences:

“Impact of Migration on Children’s Cognitive Development and School Enrollment in China: A Comparison by Rural and Urban Origin”. Austin, 2019. *Regular session.*

“Health Inequality among Rural Elderly: The Role of Children’s Out-Migration”. Chicago, 2018. *PAA 2018 poster winner.*

“Couples across Borders: Impact of Mexico-U.S. Migration on Union Dissolution. Evidence from Mexican Migration Project.” Chicago, 2018. *Poster session.*

“Young Adults’ Migration and Its Impact on Elderly Parents’ Health in Rural China.” Chicago, 2017. *Regular session.*

“Educational Outcomes of Immigrant Minority Youth: The Role of Parental Engagement.” Washington DC, 2016. *Regular session.*

“Understanding Internal Migration to Urban Areas: Evidences from Censuses and Surveys from the Developing World.” San Diego, 2015. *Regular session.*

Presentations at other key international research conferences:

“Young Adults’ Rural-to-Urban Migration and Health Inequality among Rural Elderly”. International Sociological Association RC28 (Social Stratification and Mobility) Meeting, Seoul, 2018. *Regular session.*

“Educational Outcomes of Immigrant Minority Youth: The Role of Parental Social Capital”. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, 2016. *Regular session.*

“Educational Outcomes of Immigrant Minority Youth: The Role of Parental Social Capital.” International Sociological Association RC28 (Social Stratification and Mobility) Meeting, Singapore, 2016. *Regular session.*

Invited Talks:

“Leaving Parents Behind: Young Adults’ Migration and Health Inequality among the Elderly in Rural China”. Centre for Chinese Family Studies and Department of Sociology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2019.

“Understanding Internal Migration to Urban Areas: Evidences from Censuses and Surveys from the Developing World.” Asia Demographic Research Institute, Shanghai University, 2017.

RESEARCH WORK EXPERIENCES

CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR)	2010-2013
Research Affiliate	
<i>Projects/Fellowship/Consultant work through CIDR:</i>	
Asia Development Bank	2012-2013
<i>Research Consultant, Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific Project</i>	
Population Council	2011-2012
<i>Fellow, Adolescent Migration Project</i>	
CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR)	2010-2011
<i>Research Assistant, Urbanization and Migration Project</i>	

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Course Instructor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong **2019**
Chinese Society (Undergraduate general education course)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Brown University, RI **2014-2017**

Graduate level courses:

- Multivariate Statistical Methods I*
- Advanced Multivariate Statistical Methods II*

Undergraduate level courses:

- Introduction to Statistics*
- Methods of Social Research*
- Market and Social Surveys
- The Family
- Sex, Gender and Society

*(*I taught weekly labs and discussion sections for those courses)*

Official Academic Tutor, Baruch College, School of Public Affairs, New York, NY **2008-2010**

- Graduate level Statistics I & II

DATA SKILLS

- Statistical analysis and programming tools: STATA (advanced), R.
- Mapping and spatial analysis software: Arc GIS, QGIS, Python.
- Languages: English (fluent) and Mandarin (native)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Population Association of America (2013-Present).
- American Sociological Association (2014-Present).
- Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (2016-Present)

REFERENCES

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