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EDUCATION

Expected 2024. Ph.D. Sociology, Baylor University, Waco, TX

Dissertation title: Aging in a New Era: The Impact of Social Technology, Parental Support, and COVID-19 Pandemic on Cognitive Health in Later Life

Dissertation Committee: Laura Upenieks (Co-Chair), Markus Schafer (Co-Chair), Matthew Andersson

2021. M.A. Sociology, Baylor University, Waco, TX, United States

2016. M.A. International Journalism, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China

2015. M.A. American Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI, United States

2013. B.A. Journalism and Communication, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China

AREAS OF INTEREST

Cognitive aging, Health, Life Course, Family, Quantitative and Qualitative Studies

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Upenieks, Laura, and Xi Zhu. 2023. "Life Course Religious Attendance and Cognitive Health at Midlife: Exploring Gendered Contingencies." *Research on Aging*.

Zhu, Xi, and Laura Upenieks. 2022. "Age Differences in Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Assessing the Moderating Role of Attachment to God." *Journal of Aging and Health*.

Zhu, Xi and Yi Song. 2017. "A textual analysis of the communication strategies of People's Daily on Facebook." *Global Communication*, 2017(4),75-87.

Works in Progress

Zhu, Xi and Matthew A. Andersson. 2022. "Revisiting Age Differences in Social Media Use and Psychological Well-Being: Results from a 2017 National Sample of U.S. Adults." (Draft available, ready for submission).

Zhu, Xi, Matthew A. Andersson, and Laura Upenieks. 2023. "Seeds of Struggle: Pandemic Mental Health and (Dis)continuities of Financial Strain and Household Conflict across the Life Course." (Draft available)

Uecker, Jeremy, Tristen Clifton, and Xi Zhu. 2022. "Religion and Abortion Emotions: Findings

from a National Sample of U.S. Adults.” (Manuscript in preparation)

Chang, Joyce and Xi Zhu. 2022. “Understanding Parent-Child Relationship in Chinese Immigrant Families in the U.S.” (Draft available)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

SOC 3402 Social Statistics Lab, Baylor University (Fall 2023)

SOC 1305 Introduction to Sociology, Baylor University (Spring 2022)

Teaching Assistant

SOC 4353 Medical Sociology (Fall 2022)

SOC 4357 Health Inequalities in America (Fall 2022)

SOC 4353 Sociology of Medicine (Fall 2021)

SOC 3354 Marriage and Family (Spring 2021)

SOC 1305 Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2021)

GRT/SOC/SWO 4393 Sociology of Aging (Spring 2020)

SOC 3372 Population Health (Fall 2019)

Guest Lectures

“Residential Segregation and Racial Health Disparity.” Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (Michael Ryan, Baylor University, Spring 2023)

“Illness Behaviors.” Medical Sociology (Laura Upenieks, Baylor University, Fall 2022)

“Global Health and Healthcare Systems.” Sociology of Medicine (Diana Kendall, Baylor University, Fall 2021)

“Aging and Society.” Introduction to Sociology (Mackenzie Brewer, Baylor University, Spring 2021)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023. “Seeds of Struggle: Pandemic Mental Health and (Dis)continuities of Financial Strain and Household Conflict across the Life Course.” (Presented at the 2023 *American Sociology Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, United States).

2022. “The Impact of COVID-19 on Emotional Wellbeing: The Role of Socializing Activity Changes and Attitudes in the United States.” (Presented at the 2022 *Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, United States, with Tristen Clifton and Richie Li).

2021. “Understanding Effects of Social Media Engagement: The Social Wellbeing and Mental Health Implications for Older Adults in The U.S.” (Presented at the 2021 *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, virtual conference).

2011. “A Case Study of NGO’s Development Model in Promoting Education of Migrant Workers’ Children in Beijing.” (Presented at *School of English and International Studies Annual Meeting*, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China).

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023. Graduate Student Workshop Fund, Baylor University (\$750)
2023. Section on Aging and Life Course Travel Award, ASA (\$250)
2023. Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Baylor University
2022. Graduate Research Showcase Award, Baylor University (\$200)
2020 – 2023. Professional Development Travel Award, Baylor University (\$800 each year)
2019 – Present. Full Tuition and Stipend, Baylor University
2015. National Scholarship of China, Ministry of Education of China
2013. Excellent Undergraduate Thesis, Beijing Foreign Studies University
2012. Undergraduate First-Class Scholarship, Beijing Foreign Studies University
2011. Jingbo Student Academic Research Award, Beijing Foreign Studies University

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – 2019. Project Manager, Brand Communication Specialist, WuXi AppTec, Shanghai
2015 – 2016. Social Media Manager, People's Daily Online U.S.A, New York
2015. Project Assistant, Asia Society, Center on U.S.- China Relations, New York

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: Journal of Health and Social Behavior

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: Aging and Life Course; Medical Sociology; Family
Population Association of America (PAA)

REFERENCES

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