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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University at Albany, State University of New York

- Sociology — Sep. 2020 – Jul. 2026

  Dissertation:

  Science Sojourners: The (Un)Making of Women Scientists from China to America

  Committee: Ronald Jacobs (chair), Brandon Gorman, Angie Chung, Barbara Sutton

  Field Exams:

  Demography (Chair: Katherine Trent) with a special topic on maternal morbidity & mortality

  Culture (Chair: Ronald Jacobs) with special topics on globalization & membership/citizenship, and gender and sexuality

M.A., University at Albany, State University of New York

- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies — May. 2023

M.A., Columbia University

- Sociology — May. 2017

B.A., Beijing International Studies University

- Translation *with Honors* — Jul. 2016
- Enrolled in *Pilot Program for Multilingual Interpreters (Chinese, English & French)*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

- Assistant Professor of Sociology, DePauw University — 2026-2027

  One-year term appointment as Postdoctoral Scholar and Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology

CERTIFICATES & TOOLS

- Demography Certificate, University at Albany, State University of New York — May. 2025
- Software: R, STATA
- Language: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (advanced), French (beginner)

AREA OF INTERESTS

Culture; Gender; Education; Migration, Race & ethnicity; Asia & Asian America; Reproductive health

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS (selected)

- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship — 2025-2026 ($20,000)
- American Sociological Association, Section on Teaching and Learning
  - SAGE Publishing Keith Roberts Teaching Innovations Award — 2025 ($1000)
- At the University at Albany, State University of New York
  - Paul Medows Excellence in Teaching Award — 2023 ($100)
  - Karen R. Hitchcock New Frontiers Fund Awards via Initiatives for Women — 2023 ($500)
  - Graduate Student Association Research or Professional Development Grant — 2022 ($300)
- China Scholarship Council (CSC) scholarship — 2016-2017 ($69,325)

PUBLICATION

- Wang, Jane Jia‑Yin. "Dual Liminality Conditioned by Existing Citizenship: Highly Skilled Chinese Immigrants Navigating Legality and Career in the US." Sociological Inquiry (2024). https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12620

WORK IN PROGRESS (selected)

- Wang, Jane Jia-Yin. "Beyond Category: Intersectionality in Context and Relational Power Dynamic."
- Fang, Chunxu, and Jane Jia-Yin Wang. "The Cost of Free Love: The Exchange Between Spouse's Relative Educational Status and Marriage Autonomy." (*equal authorship, in revision*)
- Guo, Yuxin and Jane Jia-Yin Wang. "Feminism in Limelight: Constructing Aesthetic Public Sphere under Authoritarian Censorship."
- Gan, Kimberly, and Jane Jia‑Yin Wang. "How Do Parents Navigate and Justify Costs of Education? Class Reproduction Aspirations in Chinese Middle-Class Families."
- Hong, Yeeun, Jane Jia‑Yin Wang, Angie Chung, and Soohan Kim. "Rethinking Global Hierarchies: Young South Koreans' Post-COVID Perceptions of the U.S., China, and South Korea."
- Wang, Jane Jia-Yin, Jeewoo Shin, Jungmin Shin, and Chunxu Fang, "Trend and Changes in American Sociological Pursuit: A Review of Major Sociological Journals from 2000-2023 using topic modeling."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

American Sociological Association 2025 annual conference, New York, U.S. Aug. 2026

- Feminism in Limelight: Constructing Aesthetic Public Sphere under Authoritarian Censorship. (Co-work with Yuxin Guo)
- Beyond Category: Intersectionality in Context and Relational Power Dynamic.

American Sociological Association 2025 annual conference, Chicago, U.S. Aug. 2025

- Trend and Changes in American Sociological Pursuit: A Review of Major Sociological Journals from 2000-2023 using topic modeling. (Co-work with Jeewoo Shin, Jungmin Shin, and Chunxu Fang)
- How Do Parents Navigate and Justify Costs of Education? Class Reproduction Aspirations in Chinese Middle-Class Families." (Co-work with Kimberly Gan)

American Sociological Association 2024 annual conference, Montreal, Canada Aug. 2024

- Overrepresented, overlooked, and under pressure: Understanding the "international homeless" Chinese queer/women through intersectionality lenses.
- Rethinking Global Hierarchies: Young South Koreans' Post-COVID Perceptions of the U.S., China, and South Korea. (Co-work with Yeeun Hong, Soohan Kim, and Angie Chung)

American Sociological Association 2023 annual conference, Baltimore, U.S. Aug. 2023

- Dual liminality conditioned by existing citizenship: Highly skilled Chinese immigrants navigating legality and career in the U.S.

Eastern Sociological Society annual conference, Boston, U.S. Feb. 2023

- "I'll Just Continue Drifting" – Failed Citizenship of Chinese (Queer) Women in America

Fifth Congress of the Asian Association of Women's Studies, Seoul, South Korea Dec. 2019

- "'Not a Feminist': Practicing Feminism, but Refusing the Name" – Narrating # MeToo in Chinese online media

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

OP-ED (in Chinese)

The Beijing News (新京報)

- February 2022. "Low fertility reality, struggling working moms." (歐美國家的低生育現實與職場媽媽的困境) (https://www.bjnews.com.cn/detail/164428780614330.html).
- August 2021. "Retelling the tale of Medusa: dilemma and resistance in sexual assault reporting." (重塑美杜莎:性侵受害者的困境與反抗) (https://www.bjnews.com.cn/detail/162908058414815.html).
- July 2021. "Transgender athletes in the Olympics: challenges to *be oneself*." (跨性別運動員參加奧運:「成為自己」有什麼錯？) (https://www.bjnews.com.cn/detail/162752917114610.html).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

DePauw University 2026-2027

- SOC 100 Contemporary Society
- SOC 201 Sociology of Culture

University at Albany, State University of New York 2023-2026

- ASOC 115 Introduction to Sociology
- ASOC 299 Sociology of Food
  - Spring 2025, Spring 2026 (online asynchronous)
- ASOC 210 Sociology of Culture
  - Spring 2025, Spring 2024 (8-week)
  - Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2025 (online asynchronous)
  - Winter 2024, Summer 2024, Summer 2023 (online asynchronous)
- **Develop** course curriculum, including all relevant materials.
- **Created** new course, i.e., Sociology of Food
- For the elective courses (Food/Culture): Design the course to be **cost-free** by selecting open-source and accessible materials.
- For the required course (Introduction): Design the course to be **affordable** by securing free access codes, and share alternative materials.
- Deliver the course with a **team-based learning method** and use **mixed media** (such as fiction and nonfictional works, newspapers, artworks, documentaries, and artistic films) to deliver the classes and engage with students.
- **Advised students** to submit their teams' final projects to the university's Showcase Day for poster sessions, video, audio, and oral presentations. For example:
  - "Why College?" video and oral presentation by students from the spring 2024 Culture course
  - Ethnography projects comparing chain supermarkets and farmers' markets, conducted by students from the spring 2025 Culture and Food courses.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

at the University at Albany, State University of New York, Sociology Department

Academic Webpage Designer Summer 2022

- **Designed** *the Immigration Policy Stories* page to showcase Dr. Joanna Dreby's team's research on the consequences of immigration policies on children of immigrants.

Teaching Committee Member 2021-2023

- **Organized** meetings for the teaching collective to connect and exchange sociology pedagogy.

Students of Sociology Vice President 2021-2022

- **Facilitated** the president in running the organization, including brainstorming ideas, coordinating personnel, and resources.
- **Organized** and facilitated the planning of international dinners for faculty and students to gather and connect, and to welcome prospective students.
- **Organized** 3 orientation sessions and invited senior graduate students and alumni to share advice on navigating research and graduate school life.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Analyst Nov. 2018 – May.2020

Kantar: Consumer Insights (Automotive industry), Shanghai

- **Managed research projects** include demographic profiling, market segmentation, econometric studies, advertisement evaluation, consumer feedback, and satisfaction measurement
- **Developed work plans**, resource requirements allocation, schedule, and priorities
- **Conducted qualitative &quantitative interviews, data analysis, and statistical testing**
- **Generated** and presented research **reports**
- **Coached colleagues** on research design, interview skills, and data analysis

Analyst Oct. 2017 - Oct. 2018

Nielsen: Automotive vertical department, Shanghai

- Conducted data collection and interpreted the social and cultural background of potential clients
- Proposed and selected research plan and methods
- Designed:
    - Questionnaires for telephone and online surveys, and face-to-face interviews
    - Interview protocol for in-depth interviews and focus-group discussions
    - Discussion and observation guide for ethnographic fieldwork

Team Leader Jul. 2016 - Aug. 2016

China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Studies (CHARLS), Peking University

- Conducted over 30 interviews and focus-group discussions across 3 provinces to collect collective memories of the 1960s' Great Famine and its consequences
- Researched the socio-economic conditions and social mobility of rural China
- Negotiated with local governments and communities to gain access and convinced residents to participate

Program Coordinator Mar. 2016

Academy for International Business Officials, Ministry of Commerce, China, Beijing

- Supervised a class of 20 officials during the 2016 Seminar on Official Development Assistance for Developing Countries
- Planned and managed field trips in 3 cities, and liaised with local corporations and governments

Translator (pro bono) Mar. 2014 - Apr. 2014

Vibrant Communities (NGO), Beijing

- Translated *Life Stories* of migrant workers and their children
- Translator for *the Life Journey of Migrants* exhibition, and assisted the fundraising process by enhancing public awareness and understanding of migrant workers

REFERENCES

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