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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025–present Post-Doctoral Associate, New York University Abu Dhabi
• Advisors: Sabino Kornrich, Luca Maria Pesando

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2025 Ph.D., Sociology, National University of Singapore
• Advisor: Zheng Mu

2020 M.A., Social Policy, University of Chicago

2018 B.A., Social Work, Nanjing University

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

* indicates corresponding author

2025 **Wang, Yanwen**. 2025. "Enduring Boundaries, Emerging Bridges: Patterns of Caste and Ethnic Intermarriage in Nepal." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 100:101104. doi:[10.1016/j.rssm.2025.101104](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rssm.2025.101104). [Replication]

Wang, Yanwen*, Senhu Wang, and Zheng Mu. 2025. "Married Couples' Life Satisfaction and Gender Divisions of Income and Housework in China." *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* 46(3):738–48. doi:[10.1007/s10834-025-10052-w](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-025-10052-w). [Replication]

Wang, Yanwen. 2025. "Educational Sorting in Unions and Subjective Well-Being in Europe: Gender Differences and Contextual Variations." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 96:101020. doi:[10.1016/j.rssm.2025.101020](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rssm.2025.101020). [Replication]

• Coverage: [The Atlantic](#)

Wang, Yanwen, and Zheng Mu*. 2025. "Partnership Trajectories toward Childlessness in China." *Family Relations* 74(2):901–15. doi:[10.1111/fare.13136](https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.13136). [Replication]

• Coverage: [UNFPA State of World Population 2025](#)

2024 **Wang, Yanwen**, Bussarawan Teerawichitchainan*, and Christine Ho. 2024. "Diverse Pathways to Permanent Childlessness in Singapore: A Latent Class Analysis." *Advances in Life Course Research* 61:100628. doi:[10.1016/j.alcr.2024.100628](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.alcr.2024.100628). [Replication]

Wang, Yanwen. 2024. "Educational Mobility and Subjective Well-Being from an Intergenerational Perspective." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*

90:100917. doi:10.1016/j.rssm.2024.100917. [Replication]

- 2024 Best Student Paper, Population Association of Singapore

REVISIONS

Wang, Yanwen, and Zheng Mu. "Understanding Trends in Marital Sorting by Education in China: A Decomposition Approach." (Minor Revision, *Demography*)

Wang, Yanwen, and Zheng Mu. "Breaking Ethnic Boundaries: The Evolution of Interethnic Marriage in China, 1982–2010." (Major Revision, *Social Science Research*)

Wang, Yanwen, Zheng Mu, Anni Ni, and Chan Zhang. "From Status to Soul: Gendered Ideals and Quests for Compatibility in Contemporary Relationships." (Major Revision, *Chinese Sociological Review*)

WORKING PAPERS

Wang, Yanwen, and Zheng Mu. "Asymmetric Assimilation or Mutual Adaptation? Intermarriage and Ethnic Disparities in Women's Full-Time Homemaking in China, 1982–2015."

Wang, Yanwen, and Zheng Mu. "His, Hers, or the State's? Fertility Patterns in Interethnic Marriage Under China's One-Child Policy."

Wang, Yanwen, Zheng Mu, Anni Ni, and Chan Zhang. "Partner Preferences Among Never-Married Adults: A Factorial Survey Experiment in Urban China."

RESEARCH SUPPORT

2025	Global Dynamics Research Cluster Fund, NYU Abu Dhabi	7,000 USD
	Inequality Research Cluster Fund, NYU Abu Dhabi	6,000 USD
	Postdoc Research Fund, NYU Abu Dhabi	10,000 USD
2024	Conference Travel Grant, National University of Singapore	2,000 SGD
2021	Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore	132,000 SGD
2019	The Padovan Award, University of Chicago	5,500 USD

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024	Best Student Paper, Population Association of Singapore
2023	Best Student Paper (2nd prize), Population Association of Singapore
	Graduate Student Teaching Award, National University of Singapore
2022	Graduate Student Teaching Award, National University of Singapore

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Feb 2026	New York University Abu Dhabi, Inequality Research Cluster Workshop. "His, Hers, or the State's? Fertility Patterns in Interethnic Marriage Under China's One-Child Policy." Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
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Feb 2025 Nanjing University, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. "Educational Sorting in Unions and Subjective Well-Being in Europe: Gender Differences and Contextual Variations." Nanjing, China.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

May 2026 Population Association of Singapore Annual Meeting. "His, Hers, or the State's? Fertility Patterns in Interethnic Marriage Under China's One-Child Policy." Singapore.

Aug 2025 Research on East Asian Demography and Inequality Meeting. "A Generalized Reference Model for Estimating Mobility Effects with Continuous Status Measures." Virtual.

Jul 2025 Research on East Asian Demography and Inequality Annual Meeting. "Asymmetric Assimilation or Mutual Adaptation? Intermarriage and Ethnic Disparities in Women's Full-Time Homemaking in China, 1982–2015." Seoul, South Korea.

May 2025 International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting. "Asymmetric Assimilation or Mutual Adaptation? Intermarriage and Ethnic Disparities in Women's Full-Time Homemaking in China, 1982–2015." Chengdu, China.

Population Association of Singapore Annual Meeting. "Breaking Ethnic Boundaries: The Evolution of Interethnic Marriage in China, 1982–2010." Singapore.

Jun 2024 Research on East Asian Demography and Inequality Meeting. "Understanding Trends in Marital Sorting by Education in China: A Decomposition Approach." Virtual.

May 2024 Population Association of Singapore Annual Meeting. "Educational Mobility and Subjective Well-Being from an Intergenerational Perspective." Singapore.

Apr 2024 Population Association of America Annual Meeting (Poster). "Diverse Pathways to Permanent Childlessness in Singapore: A Latent Class Analysis." Columbus, OH.

Population Association of America Annual Meeting (Poster). "Partnership Trajectories Towards Childlessness in China." Columbus, OH.

Jun 2023 XX International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology. "Trust and Couples' Subjective Well-Being: A Dyadic and Longitudinal Perspective." Melbourne, Australia.

Dec 2022 Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Meeting. "Trust and Couples' Subjective Well-Being: A Dyadic and Longitudinal Perspective." Hong Kong, China.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

New York University Abu Dhabi

Fall 2026 Statistics for Social and Behavioral Sciences (Lecturer) (20; undergraduate)

National University of Singapore

Spring 2024 Childhood and Youth (Teaching Assistant) (20; undergraduate)

Fall 2023	Sociology of Family (Teaching Assistant)	(40; undergraduate)
Spring 2022	Sociology of Family (Teaching Assistant)	(40; undergraduate)

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, National University of Singapore

2023	Committee Chair for 10th Graduate Workshop
2022	Committee Chair for 9th Graduate Workshop
2021–2023	Graduate Student Representative

Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, University of Chicago

2019–2020	Editor-in-Chief, <i>Advocates' Forum</i>
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2026–2028	Early-Career Review Board, <i>Social Science Research</i>
2026	Committee for RC28 Spring 2027 Conference, NYU Abu Dhabi
2025	Session Chair, Frailty and Health, Population Association of Singapore Best Student Paper Award Committee, Population Association of Singapore
2024	Session Chair, Gender and Health, Population Association of Singapore
2023	Session Chair, Marriage, Population Association of Singapore
Member	American Sociological Association International Sociological Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC28: Social Stratification and Mobility • RC55: Social Indicators Population Association of America Population Association of Singapore
Reviewer	<i>Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being</i> <i>Applied Research in Quality of Life</i> <i>Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development</i> <i>BMC Geriatrics</i> <i>BMC Nursing</i> <i>Child Indicators Research</i> <i>Chinese Sociological Review</i> <i>Demographic Research</i> <i>Family Relations</i> <i>Humanities and Social Sciences Communications</i> <i>Journal of Child and Family Studies</i> <i>Journal of Gender Studies</i> <i>Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences</i> <i>Journal of Happiness Studies</i> <i>Oxford Review of Education</i> <i>Personal Relationships</i>

Population Research and Policy Review
Research in Social Stratification and Mobility
Social Science Research

CV of Failures

ACADEMIC JOURNAL REJECTIONS

Wang, Yanwen. "A Generalized Reference Model for Estimating Mobility Effects with Continuous Status Measures."

2025/12 Rejected after review by *Sociological Methods & Research*

Wang, Yanwen, and Zheng Mu. "Asymmetric Assimilation or Mutual Adaptation? Intermarriage and Ethnic Disparities in Women's Full-Time Homemaking in China, 1982–2015."

2025/11 Rejected after review by *Social Forces*

Wang, Yanwen, Zheng Mu, Anni Ni, and Chan Zhang. "From Status to Soul: Gendered Ideals and Quests for Compatibility in Contemporary Relationships."

2025/11 Desk rejected by *Gender & Society*

Wang, Yanwen, Zheng Mu, Anni Ni, and Chan Zhang. "Partner Preferences Among Never-Married Adults: A Factorial Survey Experiment in Urban China."

2025/11 Rejected after review by *Social Science Research*

2025/09 Rejected after review by *Journal of Marriage and Family*

Wang, Yanwen, and Zheng Mu. "Breaking Ethnic Boundaries: The Evolution of Interethnic Marriage in China, 1982–2010."

2025/07 Desk rejected by *Population and Development Review*

Wang, Yanwen. "Enduring Boundaries, Emerging Bridges: Patterns of Caste and Ethnic Intermarriage in Nepal."

2025/04 Desk rejected by *Population and Development Review*

Wang, Yanwen. "Educational Sorting in Unions and Subjective Well-Being in Europe: Gender Differences and Contextual Variations."

2024/06 Rejected after review by *European Sociological Review*

Wang, Yanwen, and Zheng Mu. "Partnership Trajectories toward Childlessness in China."

2023/12 Rejected after review by *Journal of Marriage and Family*

Wang, Yanwen, Senhu Wang, and Zheng Mu. "Married Couples' Life Satisfaction and Gender Divisions of Income and Housework in China."

2024/02 Rejected after review by *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*

2023/12 Rejected after review by *Applied Research in Quality of Life*

Wang, Yanwen. "Trust and Couples' Subjective Well-Being: A Dyadic and Longitudinal Perspective."

2024/09 Desk rejected by *Personal Relationships*

2024/09 Desk rejected by *Journal of Happiness Studies*

2024/05 Rejected after review by *Family Relations*

2023/09 Rejected after review by *Social Science Research*

2023/02 Rejected after review by *Journal of Marriage and Family*

GRANT REJECTIONS

2025 New York University Global Postdoc Collaboration Grant

PROFESSORSHIP REJECTIONS

2024 Hong Kong Baptist University
 Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
 Trinity College Dublin
 University of British Columbia

POSTDOC REJECTIONS

2025 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
 University of Queensland

2024 Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute
 Institute for Sociology, Goethe University Frankfurt
 Academy Scholar, Harvard University
 David E. Bell Fellowship, Harvard University
 Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
 Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University
 Nuffield College, University of Oxford
 National Marriage Project, University of Virginia
 Vanderbilt University
 Yale University

DOCTORAL PROGRAM REJECTIONS

2021 Cornell University
 New York University
 University of California Los Angeles
 University of California San Diego
 University of Cambridge
 University of Chicago
 University of Michigan
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Texas at Austin
 University of Toronto
 University of Virginia
 University of Wisconsin–Madison
 Yale University