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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025–present Postdoctoral Associate, New York University Abu Dhabi

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2025 Ph.D., Sociology, National University of Singapore
2020 M.A., Social Policy, University of Chicago
2018 B.A., Social Work, Nanjing University

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

* indicates corresponding author

- 2026 **Wang, Yanwen**, and Zheng Mu*. 2026. “Three Decades of Interethnic Marriage in China: Ethnic Boundaries, Educational Sorting, and Status Exchange.” *Social Science Research*, 136:103352. [Replication]
- 2025 **Wang, Yanwen**. 2025. “Enduring Boundaries, Emerging Bridges: Patterns of Caste and Ethnic Intermarriage in Nepal.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 100:101104. [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. [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. [Replication]
- Coverage: The Atlantic
- Wang, Yanwen**, and Zheng Mu*. 2025. “Partnership Trajectories toward Childlessness in China.” *Family Relations* 74(2):901–15. [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. [Replication]
- Wang, Yanwen**. 2024. “Educational Mobility and Subjective Well-Being from an Intergenerational Perspective.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 90:100917. [Replication]

- 2024 Best Student Paper, Population Association of Singapore

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVISION

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

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*)

Wang, Yanwen, Zheng Mu, Anni Ni, and Chan Zhang. “Partner Preferences Among Never-Married Adults: A Factorial Survey Experiment in Urban China.” (Major Revision, *Family Relations*)

WORKING PAPERS

Wang, Yanwen. “The Ideational Turn in Assortative Mating.”

Wang, Yanwen. “Ethnic Boundaries and Inter-marriage in Post-Socialist Mongolia.”

Wang, Yanwen, and Zheng Mu. “Asymmetric Assimilation: Inter-marriage and Ethnic Disparities in Women’s Full-Time Homemaking in China.”

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

Kornrich, Sabino, **Yanwen Wang**, and Luca Maria Pesando. “The Norm of Parental Involvement in the United States is Shared and Unconditional.”

RESEARCH SUPPORT

2026	Postdoc Research Fund, NYU Abu Dhabi	5,000 USD
	Postdoc Conference and Travel Award, NYU Abu Dhabi	900 USD
	Health & Demography Research Cluster Fund, NYU Abu Dhabi	3,000 USD
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

- Feb 2026 New York University Abu Dhabi, Inequality Research Cluster. "His, Hers, or the State's? Fertility Patterns in Interethnic Marriage Under China's One-Child Policy." Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- 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: Intermarriage and Ethnic Disparities in Women's Full-Time Homemaking in China." Seoul, South Korea.
- May 2025 International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting. "Asymmetric Assimilation: Intermarriage and Ethnic Disparities in Women's Full-Time Homemaking in China." Chengdu, China.
- Population Association of Singapore Annual Meeting. "Three Decades of Interethnic Marriage in China: Ethnic Boundaries, Educational Sorting, and Status Exchange." 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 toward 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) (25; undergraduate)

National University of Singapore

Spring 2024 Childhood and Youth (Teaching Assistant) (25; undergraduate)

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

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

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Division of Social Science, New York University Abu Dhabi

2026 Social Sciences Representative, Postdoctoral Council Steering Committee

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, *Advocates' Forum*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Service

2026–2028 Early-Career Review Board, *Social Science Research*

Conference Service

2026 Program Committee, RC28 Spring Meeting 2027, NYU Abu Dhabi

Discussant, "Marriage Transitions Across Asia," Population Association of Singapore Annual Meeting

2025 Session Chair, "Frailty and Health," Population Association of Singapore Annual Meeting

Best Student Paper Award Committee, Population Association of Singapore

2024 Session Chair, "Gender and Health," Population Association of Singapore Annual Meeting

2023 Session Chair, "Marriage," Population Association of Singapore Annual Meeting

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>Demography</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>Journal of Population Research</i> <i>Marriage & Family Review</i> <i>Migration Studies</i> <i>Oxford Review of Education</i> <i>Personal Relationships</i> <i>Population Research and Policy Review</i> <i>Research in Social Stratification and Mobility</i> <i>Sage Open</i> <i>Social Science Research</i>
Membership	American Sociological Association Population Association of America Population Association of Singapore RC28 Social Stratification and Mobility

REFERENCES

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CV of Failures

ACADEMIC JOURNAL REJECTIONS

Wang, Yanwen. “Ethnic Boundaries and Inter-marriage in Post-Socialist Mongolia.”

2026/05 Desk rejected by *Population Research and Policy Review*

2026/05 Desk rejected by *Population Studies*

Wang, Yanwen, and Zheng Mu. “Asymmetric Assimilation: Inter-marriage and Ethnic Disparities in Women’s Full-Time Homemaking in China.”

2026/05 Desk rejected by *Population and Development Review*

2026/03 Appealed, Rejected after review by *Social Forces*

2025/11 Rejected after review by *Social Forces*

Kornrich, Sabino, **Yanwen Wang,** and Luca Maria Pesando. “The Norm of Parental Involvement in the United States is Shared and Unconditional.”

2026/05 Desk rejected by *Nature Communications*

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, 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 Inter-marriage 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