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Education

- 2025
(expected) PhD in Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN, USA
Dissertation Title: Networks, Culture, and the Job Search Process: A Longitudinal Interview Study of STEM Graduate Students
Dissertation Committee: Dina Okamoto (Chair), Koji Chavez, Art Alderson, Jess Calarco (Wisconsin), Sameer Srivastava (Berkeley Haas)
- 2015 MA in Sociology, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, USA
- 2013 Bachelor of Management in Public Administration, Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2022 Liang, Yingjian. 2022. "Different Time Frames, Different Futures: How Disadvantaged Youth Project Realistic and Idealistic Futures." *Social Problems*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spac053>.
* 2021 John Seidler Graduate Student Paper Award, North Central Sociological Association

Works in Progress

- Liang, Yingjian. "Job Search as Cultural Adaptation." (Working Paper)
* 2024 Edgar Schein Best Student Paper Award, Culture Connect Conference, UC Berkeley
- Liang, Yingjian. "Why Do Some People Embrace Bad Jobs While Others Disengage from Them?" (Manuscript available upon request)
- Liang, Yingjian, Anna Mueller, and Seth Abrutyn. "The Relational Origin of Organizational Resilience." (Manuscript available upon request)

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2024 "Connecting Directly or Via Brokers: The Network Process of Social Mobility"

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada
- 2024 “Job Search as Cultural Adaptation”
International Sociological Association, RC28 Annual Meeting, Providence, RI
European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS) 60th Colloquium, Milan, Italy
Culture Connect Conference, UC Berkeley
- 2023 “Job Search as Cultural Adaptation”
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia
- 2023 “The Relational Origin of Organizational Resilience”
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2022 “Asian American Panethnicity and Social Comparison” (with Dina Okamoto and Shelley Rao)
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 “Making Bad Jobs Worthwhile: How Educational Experiences Shape Precarious Workers’ Identity Work Strategies.”
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Online
Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Online
- 2019 “Making Bad Jobs Worthwhile: How Educational Experiences Shape Precarious Workers’ Identity Work Strategies.”
Tobias Center for Innovation in International Development Research Symposium, Indiana University
- 2019 “Career Plans and Job Search Strategies: International Students Navigating the Transition to Work.”
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York, NY
Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society Symposium, Indiana University
- 2016 “Culture, Gender, and Social Transformation: Imagined Futures of Rural Youth in China.”
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

Grants

- 2024 Research Seed Grant (\$5000, with Koji Chavez and Kate Weisshaar), Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, Indiana University

- 2024 GPSG Travel Grant (\$500), Graduate and Professional Student Government, Indiana University
- 2023 John Mohr Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$1250), ASA Culture Section
- 2023 Grant in Aid of Graduate Research (\$1000), University Graduate School, Indiana University
- 2022 Graduate Student Research Grant (\$2000), Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, Indiana University
- 2022 Grant for Research (\$1423), Midwestern Sociological Society
- 2022 Grant in Aid of Graduate Research (\$1000), University Graduate School, Indiana University
- 2021 Graduate Student Research Grant (\$700), College Arts and Humanities Institute, Indiana University
- 2020 Graduate Student Research Grant (\$500), Asian American Studies Program, Indiana University
- 2020 GPSG Research Grant (\$1000), Indiana University Graduate & Professional Student Government
- 2019 Stryker Research Grant (\$700), Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2019 Graduate Research Grant (\$2000), Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, Indiana University
- 2018 Graduate Research Grant (\$4789), Tobias Center for Innovation in International Development, Indiana University
- 2016 Lee Student Support Fund (\$143.5), Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2015 Summer Research Grant (\$250), The New School for Social Research

Awards and Fellowships

- 2024-25 Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$25,000), College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University
- 2024 Edgar Schein Best Student Paper Award (\$2000), the 6th Culture Connect Conference, UC Berkeley
- 2022-23 Lindesmith-Mullins Fellowship (\$20,000), Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2021 The Medici Summer School
- 2021 John Seidler Graduate Student Paper Award, North Central Sociological Association
- 2020 Schuessler Scholarship for Study at ICPSR (\$3200), Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2015-16 The University Fellowship (full tuition), The New School for Social Research
- 2013-15 The NSSR Provost's Scholarship (half tuition), The New School for Social Research

Research Experience

2021-22 Research Assistant, “Asian American Boundary Comparison.” PI: Dina Okamoto
2021-22 Research Assistant, “Social Worlds & Youth Wellbeing.” PI: Anna Mueller
2019 Research Assistant, “Social Networks and Parenting.” PI: Jessica Calarco

Teaching Experience

Instructor

2021-23 Research and Internship Experiences
2021 Work in the New Economy
2020-21 Introduction to Sociology

Teaching Assistant

2020 Race and Ethnic Relations, Prof. Hye Young Kwon
2019 Medicine in America, Prof. Elaine Hernandez
2019 Sociology of Childhood, Prof. Hye Young Kwon
2018 Introduction to Sociology, Dr. Christine Von Der Haar

Service and Prior Professional Work

External

2022 Assistant Editor, American Sociological Review
2019 Presider, Roundtable on Sociology of Education, American Sociological Association
Annual Meeting

Internal

2021-22 Member, Personnel Committee
Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2019-20 Member, Social Committee
Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2019-20 Member, Conference Planning Committee, Conference on Bridging Academia and
Activism, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

Prior professional work

2017-18 Research Associate, 21st Century Education Research Institute, Beijing, China

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
International Sociological Association
Academy of Management