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Education

Brandeis University

Sociology, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: *Aging Across Borders: The Case of Older Taiwanese Immigrants in the United States and their Return Counterparts in Taiwan*

Committee Members: Karen V. Hansen (chair), Wendy Cadge, Nazli Kibria, Sara Shostak, Mary C. Waters

Brandeis University

Joint M.A., Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies

National Taiwan University

M.A., Graduate Institute of Journalism

National Tsing-Hua University

B.A., Linguistics

Academic Employment

2014-present	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University
2013-2014	Postdoctoral Fellow, Nanyang Technological University
2012-2013	Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica
2011-2012	Visiting Instructor, Sociology Department, College of William and Mary

Areas of Research

International Migration; Globalization; Families and Inequalities; Race and Ethnicity; Aging and Life Course Studies; Asian and Asian American Studies; Qualitative Research Methods

Publications (Peer-reviewed Journal Articles)

2016	Ken Chih-Yan Sun and Jill Smith. "Parenting, Uncertainty and Expert Advice: How Privileged American Families Work with Private Counselors in their Children's College Race." <i>Symbolic Interaction</i> , forthcoming.
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- 2016 Karen V. Hansen, **Ken Chih-Yan Sun**, and Debra Osnowitz. "Immigrants as Settler Colonists: Boundary Work between Dakota Indians and White Immigrant Settlers." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, forthcoming.
- 2016 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. "Negotiating the Boundaries of Social Membership: The Case of Aging Return Migrants to Taiwan." *Current Sociology*, forthcoming.
- 2016 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. "Managing Transnational Ambivalence: How Stay-behind Parents Grapple with Family Separation Across Time." *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, forthcoming. (Special Themed Issue Entitled: "Ageing in Transnational Contexts.")
- 2016 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. "Professional Remittances: How Aging Taiwanese Returnees Seek to Contribute to the Homeland." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, forthcoming.
- 2016 Jill Smith and **Ken Chih-Yan Sun**. "Privileged American Families and Independent Academic Consultants They Hired." *Sociological Forum*, 31(1): 159-180. **(Equal contribution)**
- 2014 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. "Reconfigured Reciprocity: How Aging Taiwanese Immigrants Transform Cultural Logics of Elder Care." *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 76(4): 875-889.
- 2014 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. "Transnational Healthcare Seeking: How Aging Taiwanese Return Migrants Think about Homeland Public Benefits." *Global Networks* 14(4): 533-550.
- 2014 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. "Transnational Kinscription: A Case of Parachute Kids and Their Parents in Taiwan." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 40(9): 1431-1449.
- 2013 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. "Rethinking Migrant Families from a Transnational Perspective: Experiences of Parents and Their Children." *Sociology Compass* 7(6): 445-458.
- 2013 **Ken Chih-Yan Sun** and Wendy Cadge. "How Do Organizations Respond to New Immigrants? Comparing Two New England Cities." *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* 11(2): 157-177. **(Corresponding author)**
- 2012 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. "Fashioning Reciprocal Norms of Elder Care: A Case of Immigrants in the United States and their Parents in Taiwan." *Journal of Family Issues* 33(9): 1240-1271.
- 2011 Karen V. Hansen and **Ken Chih-Yan Sun**. "Locating

- Transnational Norwegians: Exploring Nationalism, Language, and Labor Markets in early Twentieth Century North Dakota.”
Norwegian-American Essays 13: 73-108.
- 2008 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. “Masculinity and Work Practices of Photojournalists in Taiwan.” *Chinese Journal of Communication Research* 13: 75-115 (in Chinese).
- 2007 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. “Discourse, Power and Maintenance of Occupational Sex Segregation of a Photojournalist’s Work in Taiwan.” *Journal of Mass Communication Research* 91: 125-169 (in Chinese).

Other Publications (Book Chapters)

- 2016 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. “Changing Notions of Home: How Aging Taiwanese Return Migrants Rethink Their Relationship to the Homeland Across the Lifecycle,” Pp. 126-138 in *Rethinking Home: Transnational Migration and Older Age*, edited by Katie Walsh and Lena Näre. New York: Routledge.
- 2016 Ken Chih-Yan Sun. “Constructing Networks of Elder Care across Borders: The Experiences of Taiwanese Immigrants in the US and their Parents in the Homeland,” in *Aging and Elder Care in East Asia: Beyond Filial Piety*, edited by Jeanne L. Shea and Hong Zhang. New York: Berghahn, Forthcoming.

Works in Progress

- Aging across Borders: How Older Taiwanese Immigrants and Returnees Manage Care in Daily Lives (Book Manuscript in Progress)
- “Crowding Out Dad: How Kin Support Shapes American and Canadian Men’s Use of Paternal Leaves.” With Erin Rehel (Being Prepared for *Social Forces*)
- “Envisioning a Masculine Body: Masculinity, Body Politics and the Work of Photojournalists in Taiwan” (Being Prepared for *Feminist Studies*)

Honors and Awards

- 2014 Distinguished Postdoctoral Research Award, National Science Council. Paper titled “Transnational Healthcare Seeking: How Aging Taiwanese Return Migrants Think about Homeland Public Benefits”
- 2011 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, Youth, Aging, and the Life Course (YALC) Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems. Paper titled “Remaking the Culture of Elder Care: The

- Case of Aging Taiwanese Americans”
- 2010 Distinguished Student Scholarship Award, Honorable Mention, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association. Paper titled “Fashioning the Ethics of Aging in the Transnational Social Field: A Case of Immigrants in the United States and their Parents in Taiwan”
- 2009 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, Youth, Aging, and the Life Course (YALC) Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems. Paper titled “Negotiating the Ethics of Care in the Transnational Field: A Case of Immigrants in the U.S. and their Parents in Taiwan”
- 2009 Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Brandeis University
- 2009 Isak Kazes Prize for Distinguished Graduate Student, Women’s and Gender Program, Brandeis University
- 2009 Berkowitz Award, Sociology Department, Brandeis University. Paper titled “Overseas Kinships and Parenting within Transnational Families: Comparing Taiwanese American Families with Taiwanese Parachute Kids’ Families”
- 2008 Sachar Award, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Brandeis University. Paper titled “Medicalizing Depression in the Transnational Field: A Case Study of Taiwan”
- 2005 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, Chinese Communication Society. Paper titled “Unbearable Heaviness of Work? Gendering a Photojournalist’s Work in Taiwan”

Fellowships and Grants

- 2016-18 Early Career Scheme, the University Grant Committee (Hong Kong’s equivalent of National Science Foundation in the United States) (834,000 HKD)
- 2016-2017 Faculty Research Grant, Hong Kong Baptist University (148,680 HKD)
- 2014-17 Start-up Grant, Hong Kong Baptist University (100,000 HKD, approximately 12,893 USD)
- 2013 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Nanyang Technological University
- 2013 Travel Grant for Outstanding Postdoctoral Researchers, Foundation for the Advancement of Outstanding Scholarship (8,0000 TWD, approximately 2500 USD)

- 2013 Travel Grant for International Conferences, National Science Council (80,000 TWD, approximately 2,500 USD)
- 2012 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica
- 2011 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica (declined)
- 2010-11 Andrew Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 2011 Provost's Dissertation Support Award, Brandeis University (1,000 USD)
- 2011 Research Circle Grant, Brandeis University (1,000 USD)
- 2010 Phoebe and Dr. Donald Giddon Grant for Research on Women and Health, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Brandeis University (500 USD)
- 2010 Visiting Associate, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica
- 2009 Dissertation Fellowship, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation
- 2009 Dissertation Fellowship, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica (declined)
- 2009 Grant for Graduate Research in Women's and Gender Studies, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Brandeis University. Project titled: "Mothering and Transnational Kinship Networks: Comparing Parents-Present and Parents-Absent Taiwanese American Families" (500 USD)
- 2009 Mellon-Sachar Dissertation Research Grant, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Brandeis University. Project titled: "Managing the Emotional Experiences of 'Growing Old' in the Transnational Field: A Case of Aging Ethnic Chinese Population in the U.S and Taiwan" (5,000 USD)
- 2008 Global Brandeis Fund, the Office of Global Affairs, Brandeis University. Project titled, "Colloquium on Transnational Family Theory and Method" (with Professor Karen V. Hansen) (3,000 USD)
- 2005-2009 Teaching Fellowship, Brandeis University
- 2003 Research Grant, Women's and Gender Studies Program, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan. Project titled: "Unbearable Heaviness of Work? Gendering a Photojournalist's Work in Taiwan" (20,000 TWD, approximately 624 USD)

Invited Talks and Colloquia

- 2015 "Aging across Borders: How Older Taiwanese Immigrants and

- Returnees Manage Care in Daily Lives.” Colloquium. Anthropology Department, Chinese University of Hong Kong. (November 27)
- 2015 “Reconfiguring Reciprocity: How Older Taiwanese Immigrants and Returnees Reconstruct Intergenerational Reciprocity.” Colloquium. Sociology Department, University of British Columbia. (November 10)
- 2015 “Second Gendered Transition? How Aging Taiwanese Immigrants Negotiate Spousal Relationships.” Voices and New Approaches in China Gender Studies Workshop, Fairbank Center, Harvard University. (March 6)
- 2014 “Transnational Health Care Seeking: How Older Taiwanese Returnees Remake Consider Their Homeland Public Benefits.” Colloquium. Sociology Division, Nanyang Technological University. (May 9)
- 2014 “Aging in the Transnational Social Field: How Older Taiwanese Immigrants and Returnees Manage Care in Later Lives.” Colloquium. Sociology Department, National Taipei University. (March 4)
- 2014 “Aging Across Borders: How Older Taiwanese Immigrants and Returnees Make Home Transnationally.” Colloquium. Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica. (March 3)

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2016 Remaking Gender and Intimacy: Changing Power Dynamics between aging Taiwanese Americans and their Spouses. Presented in the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association.
- 2016 Immigrants as Settler Colonists: Boundary Work between Dakota Indians and White Immigrant Settlers. Presented in the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association. (With Karen V. Hansen and Debra Osnowitz)
- 2015 Crowding Out Dad: How Kin Support Influence the Configuration of Fatherhood. Presented in the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association. (With Erin Rehel)
- 2015 Shadow Privilege: How Independent Educational Consultants Help Advantaged Families to Negotiate Access to Higher Education. Presented in the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association. (With Jill Smith)

- 2015 Intimacies of Racialization: Everyday Citizenship among Dakota Indians and Scandinavian Immigrants. Presented in the Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society. (With Karen. V. Hansen and Debra Osnowitz)
- 2014 Going Home to Contribute: How Aging Taiwanese Return Migrants Engage in Home-country Development. Presented in the 11th International Etmu Days Conference, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 2013 Transnational Healthcare Seeking: How Aging Taiwanese Return Migrants Think About Homeland Public Benefits. Presented in the Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association.
- 2013 Logics of Social Right: How Senior Taiwanese Immigrants Think About Public Benefits Available in the United States. Presented in the Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2012 Transforming Cultural Logics of Care: How Aging Returnees in Taiwan Think About Intergenerational Reciprocity. Presented at International Symposium for Young Sociologists, Kobe University, Japan.
- 2012 Remaking Reciprocal Rules of Geriatric Care: The Case of Aging Taiwanese Immigrants. Presented at the Annual Meeting of 2012 Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2011 The Encounter between Post-1965 Immigrants and Organizations in New Destinations: Comparing Two New England Cities. Presented at the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association (with Wendy Cadge)
- 2011 Remaking Reciprocal Rules of Geriatric Care: The Case of Aging Taiwanese Immigrants. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2010 Transnationalizing Norwegian Immigration: Exploring the Cross-border Connections in early Twentieth Century North Dakota. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. (with Karen V. Hansen)
- 2009 Overseas Kinships and Parenting within Transnational Families: Comparing Taiwanese American Families with Taiwanese Parachute Kids' families. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 2009 Negotiating the Ethics of Elder Care in the Transnational Field: A Case of Immigrants in the U.S. and their Parents in Taiwan.

- Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2008 Negotiating Filial Piety across National Borders: A Case of Taiwanese Transnational Families. Presented at the Colloquia on Transnational Families: Theory and Method, Brandeis University.
- 2008 Working like a “Man”: Gender, Masculinity and a Photojournalist’s Work in Taiwan. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 2008 The Changing Meaning of ‘Home:’ How Han Chinese Immigrants Negotiate Boundaries between “Us” and “Them.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2007 Negotiating the Sexual Boundaries in Workplaces: The Case Study of Photojournalists’ Work in Taiwan. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2006 The Mutual Shaping of Asian Men’s Bodies and Medical Technology A Case Study of the Development of Viagra in Taiwan. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2005 Bring the Body Back in: the Gendering of Photojournalists’ Practice and Identities. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Chinese Communication Society. Taipei, Taiwan.

Teaching Experiences: Instructor

Hong Kong Baptist University (all the courses are taught in English):

- Work and Families in Comparative Perspectives (Fall 2014)
- Contemporary Sociological Theories (Spring 2015 and Spring 2016)
- Children, Youth and Aging (Fall 2015 and Spring 2017)
- Sociology of Culture (Spring 2016)
- Introduction to Sociological Thinking and Writing (Fall 2016)
- Honors Project Workshops (Fall 2015 and Fall 2016)

College of William and Mary:

- Freshman Seminar: Families and Inequalities (Fall 2011)
- Families and Kinship (Spring 2012)
- American Society: International Migration (Fall 2011 and Spring 2012)
- American Society: Gender, Race and Class (Summer 2012)

Teaching Experiences: Assistantships

Order and Change in Society (Spring 2009 and Spring 2007 for Professor David Cunningham), (Spring 2006 for Professor Peter Conrad)
Sociology of Body and Health (Fall 2008 for Professor Sara Shostak)
Health, Community and Society (Fall, 2007 for Professor Peter Conrad)
Sociology of Religion (Spring 2008 for Professor Wendy Cadge)
Globalization and Media (Fall 2006 for Professor Laura Miller)
War and Possibilities of Peace (Fall 2005 for Professor Gordon Fellman)

Professional Activities

Association Memberships

American Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems,
Eastern Sociological Society, American Anthropological Association

Professional Organization Services

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| 2016 | Discussant, the Session in the Hong Kong Conference of the Society for East Asian Anthropology (American Anthropological Association), "Migrant Mobilities and Identities in East Asia: Ethnographic Inquiries into Subjectivities and Experiences." |
| 2014 | Organizer (with Erin Rehel), the Regular Session of Families Section in the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, "Families, Inequalities and Globalization." |
| 2011 | Moderator, the Session in the Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society, "Immigration, Poverty and Welfare." |
| 2010 | Discussant, the Regular Session of Families Section in the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, "Marriage, Divorce and Well-being in a Global Context." |

Journals

Reviewer: *Journal of Marriage and Family*; *Journal of Family Issues*; *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Sociological Inquiry*; *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*; *Journal of Family Studies*; *Journal of Population Studies*; *Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology*; *Sojourner*; *Mass Communication Research*

Services to Hong Kong Baptist University

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| 2015-2016 | MA Global Society Program Management Committee (PMC) |
| 2015-2016 | Departmental Examination Committee |

2015-2016	Student External Studies Committee
2015-2016	Faculty Mentor for International Students
2014-2015	Scholarly Activities Committee
2014-2015	Distribution Requirement for Complementary Studies Program & General Education Program
2014-2015	Departmental Examination Committee
2014-2015	One-semester Off Campus Program
2014-2015	Vetting Committee for Undergraduate Summer Research Program & Travelling Allowance for Postgraduate Overseas Attachment Program

Research Advising

MPhil Thesis Committee Member:

Huan Ma (Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor (Hong Kong Baptist University):

Siu Cheong Li (Sociology) (2015-2016)

Chongmin Yang (Sociology) (2015-2016)

Cho Yi Chang (Sociology) (2015-2016)

Chun Yun Chan (Sociology) (2015-2016)

Wing Leong Tse (Sociology) (2015-2016)

Ju Lin Yu (Sociology and China Studies) (2015-2016)

Ting Hin Ma (Sociology) (2014-2015)

Chung Kay Ching (Sociology) (2014-2015)

Becky Liu (Sociology) (2014-2015)

Cheung Ching Man (Sociology) (2014-2015)

Languages

Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, English, Cantonese, and Taiwanese (written, spoken and reading)

References

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Gender Studies

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