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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Hunter College**

- 1/07-present Associate Professor -Tenured  
Department of Sociology,  
Hunter College and The Graduate Center (CUNY)
- Courses: Sociology of the Family, Qualitative Methods, The Asian American Family, Second Generation Children of Asian and Black Immigrants, The Peopling of New York, Families in Transition, Migration
- 2018-present Faculty Mentor CUNY Mellon Faculty Diversity Career Enhancement Initiative (CFDI) Oversee four Hunter College junior faculty members
- 2017 Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) - Distinguished Fellow on Interdisciplinary Study at Graduate Center
- 2014-present Mapping Asian American New York (MAANY Roosevelt House Working Group) organized panels and discussions on various Asian American topics
- 2008-13 Macaulay Honors College - Coordinator  
The Peopling of New York City Freshman seminar (standardized base curriculum across all sections of the Peopling of New York, working with all Hunter Faculty in conjunction with all CUNY faculty across campuses, recruited faculty to teach 7 sections)
- 9/2007-2/2011 Steering Committee COR-NIMH (Career Opportunities in Research Education and Training and National Institute of Mental Health). Appointed to assist in overseeing the program and in selecting Hunter student participants.
- 5/2004-5/2012 Department of Sociology Departmental Personnel and Budget committee Elected member of P&B, the department governing body overseeing personal and budget matters, including hiring.
- 2004-05 Woodrow Wilson National Foundation Fellowship- Junior Faculty Career Enhancement Fellow
- 2003-04 Gender Equity Program Associate
- 9/01-12/06 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Hunter College – CUNY

## **Graduate Center**

9/2007- present Graduate Center Department of Sociology

Courses: The Family, Migration and Immigration in NYC, ProSeminar  
Students: Hyein Lee (in process); Beiyi Hu (in process);  
Sarah D'Andrea (in process)  
Alice Tzou (Phd 2017); Tsedale Melaku (PhD 2016);  
Kuan-Yi Chen (PhD 2016); Jinwon Kim (Phd 2016)

## **DEGREES AWARDED**

1998 Columbia University Ph.D. with Distinction, Sociology  
Areas of concentration: immigration, race, ethnicity, the working poor,  
public policy, qualitative methods

1996 Columbia University M.Phil. Sociology  
Examinations: theory, race and ethnicity, quantitative methods

1984 Harvard University B.A. Applied Mathematics and Economics

## **DISSERTATION with distinction**

“Sewing Women: Immigrants and the New York City Garment Industry”  
A comparative study of Koreans who hire Mexicans and Ecuadorians and  
Chinese who hire Chinese in the contemporary garment industry.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOKS**

The Peer Effect: Long-Term Outcomes of Black, Latino, and Asian American Graduates of Stuyvesant High School (tentative title), with Syed Ali. Forthcoming.

Stalled Ambitions: Second Generation Asian Americans, Professional Work and Bamboo Ceilings (tentative title). New York: New York University Press. Forthcoming 2020; manuscript due June 2019. Under contract.

Sewing Women: Immigrants and the New York City Garment Industry. New York: Columbia University Press 2005 (reprint 2015).

Recognition for Sewing Women:

2007 Finalist - Elliot Liebow Book Award (CUNY Grad Center) for an  
Outstanding Work of Urban Ethnography

- 2006 Honorable Mention - Thomas and Znaniecki Annual Book Award for best book on Immigration- from the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA).
- 2006 Honoree for research that promotes the understanding of the lives of working people from the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW).

**PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS**

“The Backbone of Chinatown: Chinese Women and the Garment Industry 1950-2001.” in *Asian American and Pacific Islander Women's History: Local and Global Dimensions*. Edited by Shirley Hune and Gail Nomura. NYU Press. Forthcoming 2019.

“Chinatown, the Garment and Restaurant Industries, and Labor.” with Ken Guest. In *Labor's City*. Edited by Josh Freeman. New York: Columbia University Press. 2019.

“Beneath Each Layer of Cloth: Chinese Women in the New York City Garment Industry”, a chapter in *The Routledge Handbook of Asian American Studies*, edited by Cindy I-Fen Cheng, Routledge. 2017.

“Navigating the Road to Work: Second Generation Asian American Finance Workers.” With Hyein Lee. Harvard Kennedy School. *Asian American Public Policy Review*. Vol 26. 2016

“Asian American Second Generation, Bamboo Ceilings, and Affirmative Action,” *Contexts*, V15 N1 pp 70-73. 2016.

“The Transformation of Chinese America: New York vs. Los Angeles” by Min Zhou, Margaret M. Chin, and Rebecca Kim, a chapter in *New York and Los Angeles: The Uncertain Future* edited by Halle and Beveridge. Oxford University Press. 2013.

“Changing Expectations: Economic Downturns and Immigrant Chinese Women in New York City” a chapter in *Immigrant Women Workers in the Neoliberal Age* edited by Guevarra, Florez-Gonzalez, Chang, and Toro-Morn. University of Illinois Press. 2013.

“In the Factories and on the Streets: Studying Asian and Latino Garment Workers in NYC.” A chapter in *The Handbook of Research Methods in Migration*. Edited by Carlos Vargas-Silva. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd, 2012.

“The Right Hand and the Left hand: Contradictory Social Policies in the Lives of the Working Poor.” By Katherine Newman and Margaret M. Chin. A chapter in *American Democracy and the Pursuit of Equality* edited by Merlin Chowkwanyun and Randa Serhan. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers 2011.

“From the Field: Asian and Latino Immigrants in the New York City Garment Industry.” A chapter in *Researching Migration: Stories from the Field*. Sherrie Kossoudji, Louis DeSipio, and Manuel Garcia y Griego, eds. New York: SSRC Books. 2007.

“Moving On: Chinese Garment Workers after 9/11.” A chapter in Wounded City: The Social Impact of 9/11, edited by Nancy Foner. New York: Russell Sage Foundation 2005.

“Expanding Spheres: Men and Women in the late Twentieth –Century Garment Industry” A chapter in A Coat of Many Colors: Immigration, Globalization, and Reform in New York City’s Garment Industry, edited by Daniel Soyer. New York: Fordham University Press 2005.

“High Stakes: Time Poverty, Testing and the Children of the Working Poor,” Katherine Newman and Margaret M. Chin. *Qualitative Sociology*. Vol. 26, no. 1, Spring 2003.

“When Coethnic Assets Become Liabilities: Mexican, Ecuadorian, and Chinese Workers in the New York City Garment Industry,” A chapter in Migration, Transnationalization & Race in a Changing New York, edited by Hector Cordero-Guzman, Ramon Grosfoguel, and Robert Smith. Temple U. Press, Philadelphia. 2001.

#### ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

“What’s Going On with New York’s Elite Public High Schools?” with Syed Ali. The Atlantic. June 14, 2018. <http://bit.ly/SHSATElitePublic>

“Merit and the Admissions Debates at Harvard University and Stuyvesant High School” with Syed Ali. The Society Pages. June 27, 2018. <http://bit.ly/MeritAdmDebate>

“Tales from the Field: Research Methods and Approaches to Studying Community” John J. Chin, Margaret M. Chin, Tarry Hum, Peter Kwong, and Zai Liang. CUNY Forum 2017 Winter.

“Teaching Immigration Through Personal Connections” Diversity and Democracy: Civic Learning for Shared Futures. Association of American Colleges and Universities. Vol 13. No 1. 2010.

“High Stakes, Hard Choices,” Katherine Newman and Margaret M. Chin. *American Prospect*. July 13, 2002.

“Admissions Impossible: Report on Problems with Asian American College Admissions,” Ho, David and Margaret M. Chin. *Bridge Magazine*, Vol 8. No. 3, Summer 1983.

#### OPINION PIECES

“Here are Ten Reasons not to Fall for the Asian American Penalty Trap” with Oiyen Poon, Janelle Wong and Jerry Park, Medium Feb 2019. <http://bit.ly/NoAsAmPenalty>

“The Peer Effect” with Syed Ali, The Daily News. Feb 2019. <http://bit.ly/PeerEffect>

“The Importance of the Deferred Action Childhood arrivals Policy (DACA) Guest Posts with Hyein Lee. *Contexts Blog*. Sept 2017. <http://bit.ly/ContextsDACA>

Asian American and the First 100 Days of Trump, Margaret M. Chin and John Chin. *Roosevelt House Faculty Journal* Jan 20, 2017. <http://bit.ly/Trump100DaysJChinMChin>

Housing and Gentrification: The Changing nature of Chinatown. *Roosevelt House Faculty Journal* Feb 4, 2015. <http://bit.ly/ChinatownGentrification>

## **NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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| 2017    | Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) - Distinguished Fellow on Interdisciplinary Study at Graduate Center   |
| 2008-10 | Ford Foundation- research grants Low Wage, Migration & Gender Working Group  |
| 2008    | NSF Gender Equity Project Grant Writing Group  |
| 2007    | Finalist - Elliot Liebow Award (CUNY Grad Center) for an Outstanding Work of Urban Ethnography –for <u>Sewing Women</u>  |
| 2006    | Honorable Mention - Thomas and Znaniecki Annual Book Award for best book on Immigration- awarded to <u>Sewing Women</u> – from the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA). |
| 2006    | Honoree for the publication of <u>Sewing Women</u> and for research that promotes the understanding of the lives of working people from the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW)                                  |
| 2004-05 | Russell Sage Foundation Grantee: “Chinatown in Transition” continuation study grant.   |
| 2004-05 | Woodrow Wilson National Foundation Fellowship- Junior Faculty Career Enhancement Award.  |
| 2003-04 | Russell Sage Foundation Grantee: “Chinatown in Transition” study.  |
| Jul 02  | Russell Sage Foundation Grantee: “ Garment Workers after 9/11” study.  |
| 1998-99 | Social Science Research Council, International Migration Program, Post Doctoral Fellowship.  |
| 1994-96 | National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Research Grant  |

1991-94 American Sociological Association- National Institute for Mental Health, Minority Fellows Award

**NATIONAL, REGIONAL RESEARCH / EDITORIAL / CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE**

2017-present Scholar Advisor Committee *City of Workers, City of Struggle How Labor Movements Changed New York* exhibit. Advised on collecting artifacts and historic commentary that represent Asian and Latino workers in NYC. Museum of the City of New York. Funded by Puffin Foundation.

2012-2018 Scholar Advisor Committee *Under One Roof 1950s-1980s* exhibit and *Garment Shop Re-creation* exhibit (about Immigrant life especially Chinese Immigrant life including work in Garment shop based on my book Sewing Women) Tenement Museum of NY. Funded by National Endowment for the Humanities.

2009-2011 Book Editorial Committee - “ From Health Fair to Medical Home,” - A 40 year History of The Charles B. Wang Community Health Center

5/02-5/06 Social Effects After 9/11 Working Group Member, Russell Sage Foundation. Participated in discussions on the social, political and economic effects of 9/11 and advised on topics to include in Russell Sage book series on effects of 9/11 in New York City. Conducted study on the effects of 9/11 on Chinatown.

1/98-8/01 Assistant Research Scientist, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and Project Director of the *Working Poor under Welfare Reform Study*, with Dr. Katherine S. Newman as PI. MacArthur Foundation

- Coordinated all aspects of the project which was conducted in Washington Heights, Sunset Park and Fort Greene, New York City.
- Supervised and trained team of seven field researchers to conduct surveys, conduct open-ended interviews and to follow 12 families for 12 months in their daily routines.
- Responsible for research support, analyses/coding of the data using ATLAS.ti, and preliminary summaries and articles.
- Managed budget, transcription of tapes, data entry and storage.

Spr 2000 Consultant – Foundation for Child Development, New York City  
Wrote reviews of grant proposals on projects where immigrant and working poor children (including the undocumented) were subjects of research.

Fall 97 Consultant – The Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University  
*The Working Poor Under Welfare Reform Study*, worked for Dr. Katherine S. Newman. Researched and wrote summaries of articles, books and studies for project. Wrote sections of grant proposal for MacArthur Foundation funding of project.

- 3/94-  
6/95      Editorial Committee, Writer – CUNY Asian American Studies Initiative. Wrote edited parts of *Handbook for City University of New York Asian American Studies Initiative*. Booklet distributed to all CUNY faculty interests in Asian American Studies while I was a graduate student at Columbia.
- 1/93  
9/93      Researcher. *The Asian American Encyclopedia*. Marshall Cavendish 1994. Researched and wrote short entries for 6 volume encyclopedia. Editor: Franklin Ng.
- 9/90  
12/94      Researcher, Columbia University  
Worked with Dr. Seymour Spilerman on stratification issues in the workplace. Provided research support and computer statistical analysis.
- 6/90  
8/90      Researcher, Columbia University  
Worked with Dr. Karen Barkey. Conducted library research on topics of the formation of the state. Wrote summaries of articles and books.
- 1/90-  
1/91      Copy Editor and manuscripts coordinator. *Asian Americans: Comparative and Global perspectives*; Hune, Kim, Fugita, Ling, editors 1992. Coordinated and copy edited articles for conference journal from 1989 Association for Asian American Studies Conference.

## **NATIONAL & REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OFFICES HELD**

### **Book and Manuscript Reviewer (selected):**

Yale University Press, NYU University Press, Columbia University Press, University of California Press, Racial and Ethnic Studies, Social Forces, Contexts

### **Conferences and Panels Organized**

#### *American Sociological Association*

- 9/2013-14      Regular Session Organizer (over 200 sessions)
- 8/2011-13      International Migration Section for ASA 2013  
Organizer Academic Mini-Conference “Shaping the Future of Immigration Research” for over 600 attendees and 50 presenters
- 8/2010      International Migration Section Academic Roundtable Organizer (30 tables with 400 presenters)

1996 Race, Class and Gender Section Academic Roundtable Organizer (30 tables with 400 presenters)

***Eastern Sociological Society***

2014-2015 Academic Program Annual Conference Committee member; and Author meets Critics sessions organizer (15 Book sessions organized with 45 critics)

2007 Co-Chair and Academic organizer for the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual conference Programed Conference for over 1000 members with over 250 panels and 750 presenters.

***Association for Asian American Studies***

11/88 - Sixth National Conference;  
6/89 Hunter College (CUNY), New York, NY; June 1989  
Coordinated academic conference with over 500 attendees and 200 presenters.

**Offices Held**

***American Sociological Association***

2017-2020 Editorial Board - Contexts Magazine  
decide on themes for the journal each year, target faculty for submissions

8/2009- International Migration Section council member elected

1/2005 - Jessie Bernard Award (Career Award) Selection Committee member  
12/2007 2007 Co Chair, Jessie Bernard Award Selection Committee  
Led committee of 5 committee members to select Distinguished Feminist Scholar to be given the Jessie Bernard Award

1997-8 Student Representative; Asia/Asian American Section

***Eastern Sociological Society***

2015-2016 Vice President

2014-2015 Vice President Elect

Chair of Robin Williams Lecture and Site selection Committee  
Led two committees of 5 faculty reviewers; First to select annual well known senior faculty for Robin Williams award; Second to select where the Robin Williams named faculty will give annual lecture

2006- Executive Committee elected member

2009 2008 Robin Williams lecture and Site selection committee



Led two committees of 5 faculty reviewers; First to select annual well known senior faculty; Second to select where the faculty will give annual lecture  
2009 Chair, Career Merit Award Committee  
Led committee of 5 faculty reviewers to select distinguished career award in Sociology on the East Coast.

***Association for Asian American Studies***

1991-1992 Board Member – Graduate Student Representative

***Columbia University – New York City***

1996-1998 Senate Committee - Commission on the Status of Women  
Graduate Student Representative

**Institutional CUNY Service (additional)**

2001 - Hunter College (CUNY) – New York City  
present Department of Sociology: Recording Secretary, Library Committee, Grades Appeal Committee, Graduate Curriculum Committee, Tech Committee, Space Committee, Curriculum Committee

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS (2015-2019)**

- May 2019 “Affirmative Action and Asian Americans in Higher Education, the Workplace and Beyond,” Hosted by Mapping Asian American New York, Hunter College
- Apr 2019 Harvard Graduate School of Education Doctoral Colloquia in Culture and Institutions. Will give talk on “The Peer Effect in NYC Elite High Schools”
- Mar 2019 New York Historical Society: Women in Labor – “Chinese Garment Workers and the ILGWU since WWII”
- Mar 2019 Presidential Panel Eastern Sociological Conference, “NYC Elite High Schools” paper given with Syed Ali. Boston, MA
- Aug 2018 American Sociological Association – Asian/ Asian American invited session “The Limits of Asian Americans moving up the career ladder” Montreal Conference Center, Canada
- Apr 2017 Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) Fellow – presented “Playing the Professional Game: Second Generation Asian Americans and the Bamboo Ceiling.” Graduate Center NYC
- Apr 2016 92Y Talk on “Comparing Jewish and Chinese Sewing Women” NYC
- Apr 2016 Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) Superdiversity conference invited speaker GC/CUNY NYC talk on “The Changing Mission of Asian

American community Organizations in NYC: The Challenge and Opportunity of Super-Diversity” with Vivian Louie

- Mar 2016 NY Historical Society; Invited Presenter for Inaugural Women’s Center “Asian and Latino Garment Women workers – Work and Independence”
- Nov 2015 Lower East Side Tenement Museum. Tenement Talks. Bread Givers and Immigration Panel (“Immigrant Chinese Women”)
- Apr 2015 Roosevelt House Seminar: “Ceilings of Success Panel”
- Mar 2015 Roosevelt House Faculty Seminar, “Chinatown Gentrification” Panel
- Feb 2015 Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Panel Discussion on “The limits of Asian Americans in Professional Work”
- Jan 2015 Lower East Side Tenement Museum, Educators “Chinese and Puerto Rican Garment Workers”.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (selected)**

Appeared, spoke, quoted on BBC World News, Sinovision, CCTV, CUNY Television, NPR, WNBR, Voice of America, Times Higher Education, NY Daily News, NY Times, Boston Globe, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal

See Daily News and Medium articles (in Opinion Pieces - above)

December 2018 The Thought Project Podcast with Tanya Domi

<https://gc.cuny.edu/News/All-News/Detail?id=47521&fbclid=IwAR1uTJ8fdhZnkfB0MjxKBBSYvYkuE4VzNELs9tslLdlfZcnA0ZO-jUBxBVU>

October 29, 2018

Testified in Boston as part Amici represented by NAACP LDF in SFFA v. Harvard case.

October 1, 2018

One to One with Sheryl McCarthy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M584JvfHs6Q>  
CUNY TV episode on Affirmative Action at Harvard, and the SHSAT in New York City’s specialized high schools.

August 28, 2018

Clip on Sinovision’s “The Moment” discussing Holistic Admissions

<http://video.sinovision.net/?id=46262&cid=103>

August 17, 2018

Quoted in Boston Globe on the need to include the spectrum of diverse Asian Americans in voices on Affirmative Action

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2018/08/17/new-skirmish-harvard-admissions-case/o0I7kWyVeHRPd7FAywXanL/story.html>

August 1, 2018

Twitter Town Hall on Affirmative Action, Holistic Admissions  
#AsianAmericans #NotYourCover

July 30, 2018

Provided Coalition for a Diverse Harvard Declaration in the NAACP LDF Amicus Brief filing in support of Harvard for keeping Affirmative Action and Holistic Admissions

<http://www.naacpldf.org/amicus-filing-21-harvard-student-and-alumni-organizations-support-college-admissions-foster-diversity>

July 2018

Fifteen minute interview on Sinovision “Education for Asian Americans in NYC Specialized High Schools and Elite Colleges”

<http://video.sinovision.net/?id=45418&sts=1530924543981>

March 16, 2018

“Chinese Exclusion Act” film - Special Screening with Ric Burns and Li Shun Yu  
Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, NYC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmOW3G6Xguw>

Jan 2017

Asian American Life segment on Chinatowns

August 13, 2016

Margaret Chin quoted on immigrant narratives in a story about the LES Tenement Museum’s new exhibition.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/13/nyregion/once-home-now-a-museum-display-on-immigrant-life.html>

October 2013

JustPublics@365 Podcast by Heidi Knoblauch

Margaret M. Chin speaking on Garment Workers

<http://justpublics365.commons.gc.cuny.edu/2013/10/21/margaret-m-chin-garment-workers/>

## **LANGUAGES**

Chinese – Cantonese and Toisanese dialect – speaking fluency

French – reading knowledge

## **REFERENCES**

Herbert J. Gans, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology  
Columbia University, NY, NY 10027

Nancy Foner, Distinguished Professor of Sociology

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Phil Kasinitz, Professor of Sociology  
Graduate Center (CUNY) NY, NY 10016

Katherine Newman, Provost  
UMass Amherst, Amherst MA, 01003

Robert C. Smith, Professor of Sociology  
Baruch College, NY, NY 10010