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EDUCATION

- 2024 (expected) Ph.D., Sociology (with certificate in gender & sexuality studies), University of Chicago
Dissertation: *Indefinite Accomplishments: Gender, Childhood, and the Making of Difference*
Committee: Kristen Schilt (Chair), Kimberly Kay Hoang, Anna Mueller (Indiana University), Susan Gal (Anthropology)
- 2019 M.A. Sociology, University of Chicago
- 2017 B.A. (Highest Distinction), Sociology and Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

gender, sexuality, culture, family, childhood, theory, semiotics, ethnomethodology, qualitative method

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 **Yang, Yuchen.** “Gender Uncoupled: Asexual People Making Sense of High School Sex Talk.” *Sexualities* 26(3):372–387.
- 2022 **Yang, Yuchen.** “The Art Worlds of Gender Performance: Cosplay, Embodiment, and the Collective Accomplishment of Gender.” *The Journal of Chinese Sociology* 9: Article 9.
* SSSI Herbert Blumer Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in Symbolic Interaction, 2023
* ASA Body & Embodiment Section Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, 2023
- 2022 Winer, Canton, Megan Carroll, **Yuchen Yang**, Katherine Linder, and Brittney Miles. “I Didn’t Know Ace Was a ‘Thing’: Bisexuality and Pansexuality as Identity Pathways in Asexual Identity Formation.” *Sexualities* OnlineFirst.
- 2020 **Yang, Yuchen.** “What’s Hegemonic about Hegemonic Masculinity? Legitimation and Beyond.” *Sociological Theory* 38(4):318–333.
* ASA Sex & Gender Section Distinguished Article Award, 2022
* ASA Theory Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2021
* 2nd most downloaded article in *Sociological Theory*, 2021

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- R&R **Yang, Yuchen.** “Gender Uptake: Theorizing the Semiotics of (Un)Doing Gender.”
Under revision for resubmission to *American Sociological Review*.
* ASA EMCA Section Graduate Student Paper Award, 2023

In prep. “Towards Multiple Relations of Masculinities: Hegemony and Beyond.”
“‘Doing Gender’ as a Social Theory of Children.”

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023 Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis

2023 Herbert Blumer Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in Symbolic Interaction, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

2023 Honorable Mention for Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Body and Embodiment

2022 Distinguished Article Award, American Sociological Association Section on Sex and Gender

2021 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Theory

2019 Honors pass, Special field exam, UChicago Department of Sociology

2017 Departmental Citation Winner, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology

2017 Departmental Citation Winner, UC Berkeley Group in Asian Studies

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANTS

University of Chicago

2023 Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Dissertation Fellowship

2023 Provost Dissertation Completion Fellowship [declined][†]

2023 Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory Graduate Student Fund

2022 Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Residential Fellowship

2022 Society for Social Research Conference Travel Fund

2021 Council on Advanced Studies Graduate Student Research Grant

2021 Charles R. Henderson Fund Research Grant

2021 Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Research Pivot Grant

2020 Center for East Asian Studies Pre-dissertation Research Grant [declined due to Covid]

[†] One of the highest honors given to UChicago graduate students.

2019 Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Travel Grant

2018 Graduate Council Advanced Travel Fund

University of California, Berkeley

2016 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship

2015 Institute of International Studies Merit Scholarship

Others

2019 National Women's Studies Association Travel Grant and Conference Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talk (Online)

2021 "How Do Sociologists Study Masculinities? Frontier and Problems." Junior Social Theorists: Public Lecture Series (社会理论青年说), Feb. 28 [*In Chinese*, 790 attendees].

Conference Presentations (Selected)

2023 "Gender Uptake: Theorizing the Semiotics of (Un)Doing Gender." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Paper session: Critique of the Sign), Philadelphia, Aug. 21.

2023 "Positioning Positionality." Michigan Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, Chicago, May 12.

2022 "'Doing Gender' as a Social Theory of Children." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Paper session: Performance and Power in the History of Sociology), Los Angeles, Aug. 9.

2019 "Gender Uncoupled: Asexual People's Narratives of High School Sex Talks." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Paper session: Let's Talk about Sex), New York, Aug. 11.

2018 "Gender Revealed: The Collective Gender Performance in Gender-Crossing Cosplay." Queer Asia Conference, SOAS University of London, Jun. 27.

2017 "Cultural Capital Transmission in Non-nuclear Family: Evidence from China." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Portland, Apr. 7.

TEACHING & PEDAGOGY

Peer-Reviewed Teaching Resources

2021 **Yang, Yuchen.** "Doing and Undoing Gender Lesson Plan." *Gender & Society Blog: In*

the Classroom Teaching Modules.

Available at: <https://gendersociety.files.wordpress.com/2021/10/yang-yuchen-doing-and-undoing-gender-teaching-module-revised.pdf>

2020 **Yang, Yuchen**, Melissa Kinsella, and Jihmmy Sanchez. “Men and Masculinities Lesson Plan.” *Gender & Society Blog: In the Classroom Teaching Modules.*

Available at: <https://gendersociety.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/gs-masculinities-lesson-plan-yuchen-yang-melissa-kinsella-jihmmy-sanchez-1.pdf>

Pedagogical Training – Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning

2021 Course Design and College Teaching

Guest Lecture – UChicago

2022 “Extended Case Method” (Ethnography; Prof. Kristen Schilt; graduate seminar)

Teaching Assistantships – UChicago

2020 Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations I (Prof. Larissa Brewer-García)

2020 Global Society III: Research Practicum (Prof. Rene Flores)

2020 Global Society II: Population & Society (Prof. Jenny Trinitapoli)

2019 Global Society I: World Social Theory (Prof. Andrew Abbott)

Student-Run Courses - UC Berkeley (Democratic Education at Cal Program)

2017 Journey to China: Exploration behind Icons (Sponsored by Prof. Andrew Jones)

2016 Journey to China: Exploration behind Icons (Sponsored by Prof. Thomas Gold)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

American Sociological Association

2022–2024 Student representative, Sex & Gender Section

2022–2024 Co-chair, student concern committee, Sex & Gender Section

University of Chicago

2023 Panel moderator, Michicagoan Conference in Linguistic Anthropology

2021 Panel organizer, “Manning Up for the Nation: State, Media, and China’s Regulation against ‘Sissy’ Men,” Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality

2019–2020 Graduate student coordinator, East Asia Workshop: Politics, Economy, and Society

Journal & Editorial Service

2023–2024 Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*

2019–2023 Junior scholar advisory board member, *Gender & Society*

2019–2020 Manuscript board member, *American Journal of Sociology*

Ad hoc reviewer *American Journal of Sociology* (3); *Gender & Society* (3); *Men & Masculinities* (3); *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* (2); *Children & Society* (1); *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* (1)

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Chinese (Native), Japanese (Advanced)

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Conversation analytic transcription: ELAN

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

Sociologists for Women in Society

Midwest Sociological Society