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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** University of Wisconsin – Madison 2021 –
Sociology
Affiliations: Center for Demography and Ecology
Center for Demography of Health and Aging
Collaborative for Reproductive Equity
- M.A.** University of Chicago 2020
Social Sciences (Sociology)
Thesis: “Exploring Fertility Desire and Flexibility in China”
Thesis Advisor: Professor Jenny Trinitapoli, Department of Sociology
- B.A.** Indiana University – Bloomington 2019
Sociology, Gender Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

population/demography; fertility; family sociology; gender and sexuality; abortion; contraception

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Trinitapoli, Jenny, Abdallah Chilungo, **Huimeng Zhao**, jimi adams, and Sara Yeatman. 2022. Visualizing Young Men’s Fertility Desires: A View from Balaka, Malawi.” *Socius* 8:23780231221094750. doi: [10.1177/23780231221094752](https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231221094752).

Murray, Dakota, Clara Boothby, **Huimeng Zhao**, Vanessa Minik, Nicolas Bérubé, Vincent Larivière, and Cassidy R. Sugimoto. 2020. “Exploring the Personal and Professional Factors Associated with Student Evaluations of Tenure-Track Faculty.” *PLOS ONE* 15(6):e0233515. doi: [10.1371/journal.pone.0233515](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0233515). (Altmetric’s 2020 Top 100 Articles)

ONGOING PROJECTS

Huimeng Zhao. "Flexible Fertility Preferences Under Low Fertility Context - Evidence from China." In manuscript, presented at PAA 2022.

Huimeng Zhao. "Politics of Population Control, Populationism, and Abortion Access in China." In preparation.

Monica Grant and **Huimeng Zhao.** "Changes in spousal differences in educational attainment and modern contraceptive use: Evidence from Ethiopia, Malawi, and Uganda." In manuscript, abstract admitted to ICFP 2022.

Huimeng Zhao and Acton Jiashi Feng (equal authorship). "Who is making the second (and third) baby? Educational pairings and fertility in China" In manuscript.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"Flexible Fertility Preferences Under Low Fertility Context - Evidence from China." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA., U.S.A., April 2022.

"Exploring Fertility Desire and Flexibility in China." *University of Chicago Master of Arts Program for Social Sciences Virtual Academic Conference*, Chicago, IL., U.S.A., June 2020.

"Fertility Desire in China." *The New School for Social Research Sociology Graduate Conference*, New York City, NY, U.S.A., April 2020 (abstract accepted, conference cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

"Are Great Researchers Terrible Teachers?" *National Conference on Undergraduate Research*, Oklahoma City, OK., U.S.A., April 2018.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Conference Travel 2022
\$1500 USD annually, Collaborative for Reproductive Equity, UW-Madison

Conference Travel 2022
\$700-900 USD annually, Center for Demography and Ecology, UW-Madison

University Scholarship 2019 – 2020
\$20,000 USD, Merit-based, University of Chicago

Alpha Kappa Delta 2018
International Sociology Honor Society Membership

Conference Trave 2018
\$1,000 USD, Competitive Awards and Research School, Indiana University

Emerging Scholars Research Scholarship

2016 – 2017

\$1,000 USD, Center of Excellence for Women in Technology, Indiana University

SERVICE

China Marriage and Family Reading Group

Founder, committee, coordinator (with Acton Jiashi Feng and Man Zhang)

2022

SKILLS

Stata, R, GeoDa, Tableau, MS Office Suite

LANGUAGES

Chinese (Mandarin): Native

English: Fluent

German: Novice reading (A1)