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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin – Madison   in progress
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
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

Social demography; family sociology; fertility; gender and sexuality; reproductive justice

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.

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.
(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.

Huimeng Zhao and Acton Jiashi Feng (equal authorship). "Who is making the second (and third) baby? Educational pairings and fertility in China" In manuscript, presented at PAA 2023 and ASA 2023.

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

Monica Grant and **Huimeng Zhao**. "Spousal Differences in Educational Attainment and Fertility Preferences: Evidence from Ethiopia, Malawi, and Uganda." In manuscript, presented at PAA 2023

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"Who is having the second baby? Educational pairings and fertility in China." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA., U.S.A., August 2023.

"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

Student Research Grants Competition   2023
    $600, UW-Madison

Conference Travel   2023
    $800, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison

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

Conference Travel   2022 – present
        $700-1000 USD annually, Center for Demography and Ecology, UW-Madison

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

Alpha Kappa Delta   2018
        International Sociology Honor Society Membership

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

Emerging Scholars Research Scholarship   2016
        $1,000 USD, Center of Excellence for Women in Technology, Indiana University

SERVICE

China Marriage and Family Reading Group (ReadCMF)   2022 – present
        Founder, committee, coordinator (with Acton Jiashi Feng and Man Zhang)
        Past discussions

The Sociology of Gender Brownbag (FemSem)   2023 – 2024
        Student Coordinator

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Annual Berkeley Workshop on Formal Demography   2023

SKILLS

Stata, R, GeoDa, MS Office Suite

LANGUAGES

Chinese (Mandarin): Native
English: Fluent