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EMPLOYMENT

Aug 2026-	Assistant Professor Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University
2024-2026	Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Sociology, Rice University

EDUCATION

Aug 2024	Ph.D., Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD Dissertation: “ <i>The Worst of Times? Aging with Limited Family Ties in the United States</i> ” Committee: Feinian Chen, Mónica L. Caudillo, Philip N. Cohen, Liana C. Sayer, and Jie Chen Comprehensive Examinations: Social Inequality and Mobility; Demography
Dec 2020	M.A., Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Jul 2018	M.A., Sociology, Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China
Jul 2015	B.A., Social Work (<i>With the Highest Distinction</i>), Central University of Finance and Economics Beijing, China

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Aging and the Life Course	Medical Sociology	U.S./China/Mexico
Social Stratification and Inequality	Family Demography	Quantitative Methods

FUNDING GRANTS

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- NIA** Demography & Economics of Aging Coordinating Center (DECC) Cross-Center Collaborative Pilot Grant.
“*Exposure to Community Violence and Cognitive Health among Older Adults in Mexico.*” Mónica L. Caudillo,
Jingwen Liu, Jennifer Ailshire, & Miguel Arce Rentería.
- **Funded \$50,000/year**; July 2026 to June 2028
 - Originated the project idea and played a central role in proposal design

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Mair, Christine A., **Jingwen Liu**, and Rosie Anderson. 2026. Family Structure, “Kinlessness”, and Cognitive Function by Region and Urbanicity. *Health and Place*. Forthcoming.
- Liu, Jingwen**. 2025. An Epidemic of Social Isolation? Age and Cohort Trends of Social Connectedness Among Older Adults, 2004-2018. *Social Science Research*. 131, 103212. [\[link\]](#)
- Liu, Jingwen**. 2024. Racial/Ethnic Differences in Living Arrangements, Distant Relations, and Later-Life Mental Health. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 86(2): 309–330. [\[link\]](#)
- **ASA Best Student Paper Award** from the Sociology of Mental Health Section, American Sociological Association, 2025

- Caudillo, Mónica L., Seungwan Kim, Jaemin Lee, and **Jingwen Liu**. 2024. Racial-Ethnic Disparities in Dyadic Pregnancy Intentions Preceding Births in the United States. *Population Research and Policy Review*. 43 (13): 1–14. [\[link\]](#)
- Liu, Jingwen** and Zhiyong Lin. 2024. Race/Ethnicity, Nativity, and Gender Disparities in Mental Health Trajectories from Mid- to Later-Life: A Life Course-Intersectional Approach. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. 11: 3544–3560. [\[link\]](#)
- Liu, Jingwen** and Feinian Chen. 2022. Intergenerational Caregiving Patterns, Living Arrangements, and Life Satisfaction of Adults in Mid and Later Life in China. *Research on Aging*, 44(7-8): 545–559. [\[link\]](#)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Liu, Jingwen**. Unequal Loss: Bereavement Trajectories and Later-Life Health Disparities in China. Major Revision in *Demography*.
- Liu, Jingwen**, Christina J. Diaz, and Stephanie M. Koning. Racial/Ethnic Differences in Bidirectional Dynamic Relationships Between Multigenerational Coresidence and Parenting Stress. Under Review.
- Diaz, Christina J., **Jingwen Liu**, Jenifer Bratter, and Moses O. Biney. Loving Institutions? How the U.S. Military, Schools, and Prisons Shape Intermarriage Patterns. Under Review.
- **PAA Best Poster Award**, Population Association of America, 2025

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Liu, Jingwen**. Fewer but Better? Cohort Changes in Social Relationship Availability and Quality from Mid to Later Life. (Full draft available).
- Liu, Jingwen**, Feinian Chen, and Mónica L. Caudillo. Family Trajectories and Mental Health in Later Life: Contextualizing Sequences of Marital Status and Living Arrangements. (Full draft available)
- **PAA Best Poster Award**, Population Association of America, 2023
- Koning, Stephanie M., **Jingwen Liu**, Jeromy Langhans, and Timothy J. Grigsby. Stress and Cannabis Use Among Adults Living with Children and Gender Differences: Findings from the 2021-2023 National Survey of Drug Use and Health. (Full draft available)
- Caudillo, Mónica L., Constanza Hurtado, and **Jingwen Liu**. Change and Stability in Local Violence and Family Formation During the Mexican War on Drugs, 2000-2019. (Full draft available)

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2025 | ASA Best Student Paper Award
Sociology of Mental Health Section, American Sociological Association |
| 2025 | PAA Best Poster Award
Population Association of America |
| 2024 | Graduate Student Role Model Award
Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park |
| 2023 | PAA Best Poster Award
Population Association of America |
| 2023 | Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000)
The Graduate School, University of Maryland, College Park |
| 2023 | Dr. Ramon Henkel Quantitative Research Award (\$4,000)
Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park |

- 2022 Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000)
The Graduate School, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2022 Suzanne Bianchi Summer Research Fellowship (\$4,000)
Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2021 Dean's Fellowship (\$2,500)
Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2021 Dean's Research Initiative (\$200)
Behavioral & Social Sciences College, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2019 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (\$5,000)
Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2015 Outstanding Team Leader Award for CHARLS 2015 Wave Fieldwork
China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study, Peking University, Beijing, China

INVITED TALKS

- Racial/Ethnic Differences in Living Arrangement, Distant Relations, and Later-Life Mental Health
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University, 2026
 - Department of Sociology, Colorado State University, 2026
 - Department of Sociology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2026
 - Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Texas, El Paso, 2026
 - Department of Sociology, Texas State University, 2025
 - Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, 2024
- Unequal Exposure to Kin Loss Across the Life Course: Implications for Health Disparities in China
- STAPH (Sociologists Talk about Public Health) Seminar, Department of Sociology, Rice University, 2025

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCES

Undergraduate-Level Courses

North Carolina State University

2026 Instructor of Record: *SOCI 300 Social Research Methods*

Rice University

2026 Instructor of Record: *SOCI 377 Health Disparities in the United States*

University of Maryland, College Park

- 2021 Teaching Assistant: *SOCY 105 Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems* (Virtual due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Teaching Assistant: *SOCY 105 Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems* (Virtual due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Teaching Assistant: *SOCY 441 Social Stratification and Inequality* (Virtual due to COVID-19)
- 2019 Teaching Assistant: *SOCY 100 Introduction to Sociology*
- 2019 Teaching Assistant: *SOCY 110 Logic of Social Inquiry*
- 2018 Teaching Assistant: *SOCY 230 Sociological Social Psychology*

Graduate-Level Courses

University of Maryland, College Park

- 2024 Lab Instructor and Teaching Assistant: *SOCY 602 Statistics for Sociological Research II*
- 2023 Lab Instructor and Teaching Assistant: *SOCY 602 Statistics for Sociological Research II*

2022 Lab Instructor and Teaching Assistant: *SOCY 601 Statistics for Sociological Research I* (Hybrid due to COVID-19)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Aug 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, NY
Racial/Ethnic Differences in the Dynamic Bidirectional Relationship between Multigenerational Coresidence and Parenting Stress
- May 2026 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, St. Louis, MO
Stratified Safety Nets: Race/Ethnicity in the Dynamic Bidirectional Relationship between Multigenerational Coresidence and Parenting Stress
Unequal Loss: Bereavement Trajectories and Later-Life Health Disparities in China
- Nov 2025 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA
Unequal Exposure to Kin Loss Across the Life Course in China
- Aug 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL
Stratified Loss: Bereavement Trajectories and Later-Life Health Disparities in China
- Apr 2025 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C.
Stratified Loss: Loving Institutions? How the U.S. Military, Schools, and Prisons Shape Intermarriage Patterns
- Nov 2024 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Seattle, WA
The Pandemic as A Great Unequalizer: Rural-Urban Divide in COVID-19 Concerns and Older Adults' Mental Health in China
- Apr 2024 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Columbus, OH
Racial/Ethnic Differences in Social Support from Children, Extended Family, and Friends: Universal but Uneven Declines across Cohorts among Older Adults
- Aug 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA
Age and Cohort Trends in Religious Participation and Volunteering among Middle-Aged and Older Americans: Gender and Racial/Ethnic Differences
- Apr 2023 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA
Family Trajectories and Older Wellbeing: Contextualizing Sequences of Marital Status and Living Arrangements
The Epidemic of Social Isolation for Older Americans? An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis, 2004-2020
- Apr 2022 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Atlanta, GA
Moving Beyond Living Arrangement: The Moderating Role of Social Support and Neighborhood Cohesion in Shaping Depressive Symptoms in Middle and Later Life
Race Paradox in Mental Health Trajectories from Middle to Later Life: The Intersecting Consequences of Gender, Nativity, and Social Networks
Acute and Cumulative Effects of Local Violence on Marriage Formation During the Mexican War on Drugs, 2000-2019

- Nov 2021 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Virtual due to Covid-19
Spillover Effects of Retirement on Physical and Mental Health of a Spouse or Partner:
Do Gender and Sexuality Matter?
- Aug 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual due to Covid-19
Marital Status and Depressive Symptoms among the Middle-Aged and Older
Adults: The Moderating Effects of Living Arrangements
- Nov 2020 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Virtual due to Covid-19
Caregiving Patterns, Living Arrangements, and Life Satisfaction of Middle-Aged and Older
Adults in China's Four-Generation Families
- Aug 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual due to Covid-19
Perceived Discrimination, Allostatic Load, and Racial Inequalities in Later Life
- Apr 2020 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Canceled due to Covid-19
The Intergenerational Allocation of Time and Money among the Sandwich Generation in
China
- Jul 2018 The 4th Asian Population Association Conference, Shanghai, China
Life Satisfaction of Only Children and Non-Only Children Among Chinese College Students:
A Family Capital Perspective

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Peer Review for Journal Manuscripts

- 2026 *Social Forces; Demographic Research; Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
- 2025 *Demography; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Social Science & Medicine; The Gerontologist; Population, Space, and Health; Journal of Aging and Social Policy*
- 2024 *Social Science Research; Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities; Innovation in Aging; Aging and Mental Health; Psychology in the Schools; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; Journal of Comparative Family Studies*
- 2023 *Journal of Gerontology Series B: Social Sciences; Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities; Journal of Aging and Social Policy; Research on Aging; Rural Sociology; Psychology in the Schools; Health and Social Care in the Community*

Services to the Academic Community

- 2026 Session Chair, Population Association of America, St. Louis, MO
- 2025 Roundtable Presider, American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL
- 2025 Poster Judge, Population Association of America, Washington D.C.
- 2025 Session Chair, Population Association of America, Washington D.C.
- 2024 Session Moderator, Time Use Conference, College Park, MD
- 2024 Abstract Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations, Bellevue, WA
- 2024 Abstract Reviewer, Gerontological Society of America, Seattle, WA
- 2023 Roundtable Presider, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 Session Moderator, Time Use Conference, College Park, MD
- 2023 Abstract Reviewer, Gerontological Society of America, Tampa, FL
- 2022 Abstract Reviewer, Gerontological Society of America, Indianapolis, IN

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2024- International Sociological Association
- 2024- International Chinese Sociological Association
- 2024- National Council on Family Relations
 - Families and Health Section, Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Families Section
- 2022- Sequence Analysis Association
- 2019- Maryland Population Research Center
- 2019- American Sociological Association
 - Medical Sociology Section, Sociology of Mental Health Section, Aging and the Life Course Section, Population Section, Family Section, Asia and Asian America Section
- 2019- Population Association of America
- 2019- Gerontological Society of America
- 2018- Asian Population Association

STATISTICAL SOFTWARES

STATA, R, SAS

LANGUAGE

English, Chinese