

## Lei Lei

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### EMPLOYMENT

- 2018 – present    Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University  
Affiliate faculty, Institute for Health, Rutgers University
- 2016 – 2018      Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Maryland Population Research Center,  
University of Maryland-Collage Park

### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Sociology, University at Albany-SUNY, 2016  
M.S. in Biostatistics, University at Albany-SUNY, 2016  
M.A. in Applied Sociology, University of Central Florida, 2011  
M.Sc. *Cum Laude* in Human Resource Studies, Tilburg University, The Netherlands, 2009  
B.A. in Sociology, Chu Kochen Honors College, Zhejiang University, China, 2008

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health, Life Course, Children and Family, Gender, Community Effects

### PUBLICATIONS

- Lei, Lei and Sonalde Desai. 2021. “Male Out-Migration and the Health of Left-Behind Wives in India: The Roles of Remittances, Household Responsibilities, and Autonomy.” *Social Science & Medicine* 280.
- Lei, Lei and Zhiyong Lin. 2021. “From Traditional and Socialist Communities to Commercial-Housing: The Association between Neighborhood Types and Health in China.” *Chinese Sociological Review*.
- South, Scott J. and Lei Lei. 2021. “Why are Fewer Young Adults Having Casual Sex?” *Socius*.
- Lei, Lei and Wei-hsin Yu. 2021. “Individual Characteristics, Community Contexts, and Stratification Beliefs among Youth in China.” *Social Forces*.
- Gillespie, Brian and Lei Lei. 2021. “Intergenerational Solidarity, Proximity to Parents When Moving to Independence, and Returns to the Parental Home.” *Population Space and Place* 27(2): e2395.
- Lei, Lei and Scott J. South. 2021. “Explaining the Decline in Young Adult Sexual Activity in the United States.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 83(1):280-295.

- Lei, Lei, Sonalde Desai, and Feinian Chen. 2020. "Fathers' Migration and Nutritional Status of Children in India: Do the Effects Vary by Community Context?" *Demographic Research* 43(20):545-580.
- Lei, Lei and Scott J. South. 2020. "The Comforts of Home: The Effect of Coresidence with Parents on Young Adults' Residential Mobility and Migration." *Population Space and Place* 26(5):e2323.
- Lei, Lei, Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman. 2019. "The Impact of Transportation Infrastructure on Women's Employment in India." *Feminist Economics* 25(4):94-125.
- Yang, Tse-Chuan, Lei Lei, and Aysenur Kurtulus. 2018. "Neighborhood Ethnic Density and Self-rated Health: Investigating the Mechanisms through Social Capital and Health Behaviors." *Health & Place* 53:193-202.
- Lei, Lei. 2018. "The Effect of Neighborhoods on Children's Educational Achievement in China: Exploring Mediating Mechanisms." *Social Science Research* 72:240-257.
- Lei, Lei. 2017. "The Impact of Community Context on Children's Health and Nutritional Status in China." *Social Science & Medicine* 179:172-181.
- Lei, Lei. 2016. "Mental Health Status of Migrant Workers in China: The Roles of Working Conditions, Residential Environment, and Victimization." in *Confronting the Challenges of Urbanization in China* edited by Zai Liang, Steven F. Messner, Youqing Huang, and Chen Chen. New York: Routledge.
- Lei, Lei and Scott J. South. 2016. "Racial and Ethnic Differences in Leaving and Returning to the Parental Home: The Role of Life-Course Transitions, Socioeconomic Resources, and Family Connectivity." *Demographic Research* 34:109-142.
- South, Scott J. and Lei Lei. 2015. "Failures to Launch and Boomerang Kids: Contemporary Determinants of Leaving and Returning to the Parental Home." *Social Forces* 94(2): 863-890.
- Lei, Lei. 2013. "Sons, Daughters and Intergenerational Support in China." *Chinese Sociological Review* 45(3):26-52.
- \* Paul Meadows Excellence in Research Award, Honorable Mention, Department of Sociology, University at Albany
- Lei, Lei. 2013. "Employment, Day Labor and Shadow Work among Homeless Assistance Clients in the U.S." *Journal of Poverty* 17(3):253-272.
- Lei, Lei and Heili Pals. 2011. "Son Preference in China: Why Is It Stronger in Rural Areas?" *Population Review* 50(2):27-46.

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

Lei Lei. “The Impact of Community Socioeconomic Context on the Transition to High School in China: A Generalized Propensity Score Approach.”

Lei, Lei and Tse-chuan Yang. “The Health Implications of Contextual Exposure: The Third Way between Residential Neighborhood and Activity Space.”

Lei, Lei and Xialu Liu. “The COVID-19 Pandemic and Residential Mobility in the United States: Evidence from Google Trends Data.”

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Lei, Lei and Quan Mai. “Nonstandard Employment and Young Adults’ Leaving and Returning to the Parental Home in the United States.”

Lei, Lei and Wei-hsin Yu. “How Do Families Enroll their Children in Good Schools in China?”

## **GRANT**

2019-2021 “Male Absence Due to Migration and the Health of Left-Behind Wives in India.” NIH R03 1R03HD098377-01, Lei Lei (Principal Investigator), \$155,000.

2018 “Solo Male Migration and the Health of Left-Behind Wives in India.” Rutgers Global Health Institute Seed Grant. Lei Lei (Principal Investigator). Not funded.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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| 2016        | Allen E. Liska Dissertation Award, Department of Sociology, University at Albany                             |
| 2015 – 2016 | Dissertation Research Fellowship Award, University at Albany (\$1,000)                                       |
| 2015        | Paul Meadows Excellence in Research Award (Honorable Mention), Department of Sociology, University at Albany |
| 2015        | Professional Development Fund, School of Public Health, University at Albany                                 |
| 2014        | Professional Development Award, Graduate Student Employees Union, University at Albany                       |
| 2008        | Tilburg University Scholarship   |
| 2009        | Best Student Award International Entrepreneurship Program, Tilburg University                                |

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Why are Fewer Young Adults Having Casual Sex?” Rutgers Center for Chinese Studies, Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ. March 30, 2021.

“Social Positions, Community Context, and Stratification Beliefs among Youth in China.” Paul and Marcia Wythes Center on Contemporary China, Princeton University. Princeton, NJ. December 11, 2019.

“From Traditional and Socialist Communities to Commercial-Housing: The Association between Neighborhood Types and Health in China.” (with Zhiyong Lin) Princeton Research Network on Contemporary China Conference. Princeton, NJ. August 14, 2019.

“The Impact of Community Socioeconomic Context on the Transition to High School in China: A Causal Analysis.” Korean Millennials Research Lab, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. November 2018.

“Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status and Children’s Education, Health, and Attitudes in China.” Rutgers Center for Chinese Studies, Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ. October 2018.

“Parental Migration and Children’s Well-being in China and India.” Panelist for MPRC Special Workshop: Global Perspectives on How Families Shape Children's Outcomes. Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. April 2018.

“The Impact of Male Migration on the Health of Left-behind Wives and Children in India.” Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. October 2017.

“Does Economic Development Empower Women? Village Transportation Infrastructure and Women’s Work Participation in India.” 3rd IZA Research Conference: New Research on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, the World Bank. Washington D.C. October 2017.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Lei, Lei and Sonalde Desai. “Male Out-Migration and the Health of Left-Behind Wives in India: The Roles of Responsibility and Autonomy.” Accepted at the American Sociological Association annual conference. Virtual. May 5-8, 2021.

Lei, Lei and Quan Mai. “Nonstandard Employment and Young Adults’ Leaving and Returning to the Parental Home in the United States.” Accepted at the American Sociological Association annual conference. Virtual. May 5-8, 2021.

Gillespie, Brian and Lei Lei. “Intergenerational Solidarity, Proximity to Parents When Moving to Independence, and Returns to the Parental Home.” Accepted at the American Sociological Association annual conference. Virtual. May 5-8, 2021.

Lei, Lei and Sonalde Desai. “Male Out-Migration and the Health of Left-Behind Wives in India: The Roles of Responsibility and Autonomy.” Accepted at the American Sociological Association annual conference. San Francisco, CA. Aug 8-11, 2020. (Session canceled due to COVID-19)

- Lei, Lei and Scott J. South. "Explaining the Decline in Young Adult Sexual Activity in the United States." Presented at the American Sociological Association annual conference. San Francisco, CA. Aug 8-11, 2020. (online presentation.)
- Gillespie, Brian and Lei Lei. "Intergenerational Solidarity, Proximity to Parents When Moving to Independence, and Returns to the Parental Home." Accepted at the Population Association of America annual conference. Washington D.C. April 2020. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- Lei Lei. "The Impact of Community Socioeconomic Context on the Transition to High School in China: A Causal Analysis." Presented at the International Sociological Association-RC28 summer conference. Princeton, NJ. Aug 15-17, 2019.
- Lei, Lei and Scott South. "The Comforts of Home: The Effect of Coresidence with Parents on Young Adults' Residential Mobility and Migration." Presented at the American Sociological Association annual conference. New York. Aug, 2019.
- Lei, Lei and Zhiyong Lin. "From Traditional and Socialist Communities to Commercial-Housing: The Association between Neighborhood Types and Health in China." Presented at the Urban China Research Network conference. Nanjing, China. June 2019.
- Gillespie, Brian and Lei Lei. "Family Connectivity, Nest-leaving Distance, and Returns to the Parental Home." Presented at the 10th International Population Geographies Conference. Loughborough, UK. July 2019.
- Lei, Lei and Sonalde Desai. "Fathers' Migration and the Health of the Left-behind Children in India: Exploring the Role of Gender and Context." Presented at the Population Association of America annual conference. Austin, TX. April 2019.
- Lei, Lei and Tse-chuan Yang. "The Health Implications of Contextual Exposure: The Third Way between Residential Neighborhood and Activity Space." Presented at the Population Association of America annual conference. Austin, TX. April 2019.
- Lei, Lei and Zhiyong Lin. "From Traditional and Socialist Communities to Commercial-Housing: The Association between Neighborhood Types and Health in China." Presented at the International Chinese Sociological Association conference. Princeton, NJ. August 2018.
- Lei, Lei and Sonalde Desai. "Husbands' Migration and the Health of the Left-behind Wives in India." Presented at the Population Association of America annual conference. Denver, CO. April 2018.
- Lei, Lei. "The Impact of Community Context on Children's Health and Nutritional Status in China." Presented at the Population Association of America annual conference. Chicago, IL. April 2017.

- Lei, Lei, Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman. “Does Economic Development Empower Women? Village Transportation Infrastructure and Women’s Work Participation in India.” Presented at the Population Association of America annual conference. Chicago, IL. April 2017.
- Lei Lei. “The Effect of Neighborhoods on Children’s Educational Achievement in China: Exploring Mediating Mechanisms.” Presented at the Population Association of America annual conference. Washington D.C. April 2016.
- Lei, Lei and Zai Liang. “Social Network, Wage, and Job Tenure of Migrant Workers in China.” Presented at the American Sociological Association annual conference. Chicago, IL. August 2015.
- Lei, Lei and Scott J. South. “Leaving and Returning Home in Young Adulthood: Explaining Racial and Ethnic Differences.” Presented at the Population Association of America annual conference. San Diego, CA. May 2015.
- Lei, Lei. “Understanding the Mental Health Status of Migrant Workers in China.” Presented at the American Sociological Association annual conference. San Francisco, CA. August 2014.
- South, Scott J. and Lei Lei. “Failures to Launch and Boomerang Kids: Contemporary Determinants of Leaving and Returning to the Parental Home.” Presented at the Population Association of America annual conference. Boston, MA. May 2014.
- Lei, Lei and Samantha Friedman. “The Influence of Gender, Marital Status, and the Presence of Children on Locational Attainment, 2009.” Presented at the American Sociological Association annual conference. New York, NY. August 2013.
- Lei, Lei. “Sons, Daughters and Intergenerational Support in China.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual conference. Denver, CO. August 2012.
- Lei, Lei. “Schooling, Work and Idleness among Migrant Children in China.” Presented at the American Sociological Association annual conference. Denver, CO. August 2012.

## TEACHING

- 2018 – present **Department of Sociology, Rutgers University**  
 Soc 312 Introduction to Statistics for Sociologists  
 (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021)  
 Soc 422 Seminar: Global Health (Spring 2019, Fall 2019)  
 Soc 570 Multilevel and Longitudinal Data Analysis (Spring 2020)  
 Soc 542 Statistical Methods in Sociology II (Spring 2021)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Occasional referee:

*American Sociological Review*

*Demography*

*Social Forces*

*Social Science Research*

*Journal of Marriage and Family*

*Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

*Journal of Family Issues*

*Journal of Gerontology-Social Sciences*

*Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*

*Chinese Sociological Review*

*Journal of Biosocial Science*

*Social Problems*

*Chinese Journal of Sociology*

*Social Currents*

*Sociological Forum*

*Sociological Perspectives*

Editorial board: *Sociological Perspectives* (2020-2022)

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

### Department of Sociology, Rutgers University

Graduate admission committee (2020)

Undergraduate committee (2018, 2019)

Organizer for quantitative application of sociology workshops (2018, 2019, 2020)

Review committee for the Anne Foner Dissertation Prize (2019 spring)

## NATIONAL SERVICE

2020 – 2022 Editorial board for *Sociological Perspectives*

2018 Discussant for panel on Family Diversity and Child Well-Being at Population Association of America annual meeting, Boston, MA.

2019 Committee for Graduate Student Research Paper Award, Section on Asia and Asian America, American Sociological Association.

2021 Program committee for 2022 conference of the Population Association of America

2021 Session organizer for 2022 conference of the Population Association of America

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association

Population Association of America

International Sociological Association-RC28

## STATISTICAL PROGRAMS

Stata, SAS, R, SPSS, LISREL, ArcGIS, Mplus