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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-College 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, Family, Gender, Community Effects

REFEREED ARTICLES (❖ Indicates graduate student co-author)

- Lei Lei. 2022. “The Impact of Community Socioeconomic Context on High School Attendance in China: A Generalized Propensity Score Approach.” *Sociology of Education* 95(1):61-88.
- Lei, Lei and Tse-chuan Yang. 2021. “Determinants and Health Implications of Individuals’ Activity Space Experiences.” *Population, Space and Place*: e2541.
- 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: 113982.
- Lei, Lei and Zhiyong Lin❖. 2021. “From Traditional and Socialist Work-unit Communities to Commercial-Housing: The Association between Neighborhood Types and Adult Health in Urban China.” *Chinese Sociological Review* 53(3): 254-284.
- South, Scott J. and Lei Lei. 2021. “Why are Fewer Young Adults Having Casual Sex?” *Socius* 7:1-12.
*Featured in *Yahoo News, HealthDay, Insider, U.S. News&World Report*
- Lei, Lei and Wei-hsin Yu. 2021. “What Does It Take to Get Ahead? Individual Characteristics,

- Community Contexts, and Stratification Beliefs among Youth in China.” *Social Forces* 100(2): 738-764.
- 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 Association Between Coresidence with Parents and Young Adults’ Residential Mobility and Migration in the United States.” *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 Neighborhood Context on Children’s Academic 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 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 United States.” *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.

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTER

Lei, Lei. 2016. "Mental Health Status of Migrant Workers in China: The Roles of Working Conditions, Residential Environment, and Victimization." Pp. 200-221 in *Confronting the Challenges of Urbanization in China* edited by Zai Liang, Steven F. Messner, Youqing Huang, and Chen Chen. New York: Routledge.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Lei, Lei and Zai Liang. "Social Networks, Wages, and Job Tenure among Migrant Workers in China: Heterogeneous Effects over Time and by Education."

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

Lei, Lei and Quan Mai. "Precarious Transitions: How Precarious Employment Shapes Parental Co-residence Among Young Adults."

WORK IN PROGRESS

Lei, Lei and Frederic Traylor. "How Does Religion Influence Parental Support to Young Adult Children?"

Lei, Lei and Youngjin Chae. "Separation from Parents during Childhood and Intergenerational Relationships in Adulthood."

Lei, Lei and Wei-hsin Yu. "Family Background, Neighborhoods, and School Choice in China."

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Lei, Lei. "Transportation Infrastructure, Community Context, and Women's Employment in India." Blog for Women's Empowerment Data for Gender Equality (WEDGE).

Lei, Lei, Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman. "The Impact of Transportation Infrastructure on Women's Employment in India." American Sociological Association Sociology of Development Section Policy Brief, Volume 5, Issue 4.

GRANT

Internal

2021-2022 "Religion and Parental Support in the Transition to Adulthood." Gretel Weiss Graduate Student-Faculty Collaboration Grant. Department of Sociology, Rutgers University. \$4,000.

2021-2022 COVID Impact on Scholarly Productivity Faculty Grant. Rutgers University. \$5,000.

External

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.

2021 “Human-centered Pandemic Modeling.” Predictive Intelligence for Pandemic Prevention Phase I: Development Grants. Lei Lei (Senior Personnel) PI: Vivek Singh. *Not funded.*

2022 “Rural/urban Health Disparities in Midlife: Life-course Neighborhood Exposures and Sociobehavioral Mechanisms.” NIH R01 (National Institute on Aging and National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities), Lei Lei (Senior Personnel) PI: Tse-Chuang Yang (University of Texas, Medical Branch). *Under Review.*

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 |
| 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 |
| 2009 | Best Student Award International Entrepreneurship Program, Tilburg University |
| 2008 | Tilburg University Scholarship |

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.” Princeton Research Network on Contemporary China Conference. Princeton, NJ. August 14, 2019.

“From Traditional and Socialist Communities to Commercial-Housing: The Association Between Neighborhood Types and Health in China.” Quantitative Application of Sociology Workshop, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University. February, 2019.

“The Impact of Community Socioeconomic Context on the Transition to High School in China: A Causal Analysis.” Education and Inequality workshop, Korean Millennials Research Lab, Department of Sociology, 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 Xialu Liu. “The COVID-19 Pandemic and Residential Mobility in the United States: Evidence from Google Trends Data.” *Accepted* at American Sociological Association annual conference. Los Angeles, CA. August 2022.

Lei, Lei and Frederic Traylor. “How Does Religion Influence Young Adults’ Coresidence with Parents?” Population Association of America annual conference. Atlanta, GA. April 2022.

Lei, Lei and Sonalde Desai. “Male Out-Migration and the Health of Left-Behind Wives in India: The Roles of Responsibility and Autonomy.” Population Association of America annual conference. Virtual. May 2021.

Lei, Lei and Quan Mai. “Nonstandard Employment and Young Adults’ Leaving and Returning to the Parental Home in the United States.” Population Association of America annual conference. Virtual presentation. May 2021.

Gillespie, Brian and Lei Lei. “Intergenerational Solidarity, Proximity to Parents When Moving to Independence, and Returns to the Parental Home.” Population Association of America annual conference. Virtual. May 2021.

Lei, Lei and Scott J. South. “Explaining the Decline in Young Adult Sexual Activity in the United States.” American Sociological Association annual conference. San Francisco, CA. Aug 2020. (Online presentation.)

Lei, Lei. “The Impact of Community Socioeconomic Context on the Transition to High

School in China: A Causal Analysis.” International Sociological Association-RC28 summer conference. Princeton, NJ. Aug 2019.

Lei, Lei and Scott J. South. “The Comforts of Home: The Effect of Coresidence with Parents on Young Adults’ Residential Mobility and Migration.” American Sociological Association annual conference. New York. Aug 2019.

Gillespie, Brian and Lei Lei. “Family Connectivity, Nest-leaving Distance, and Returns to the Parental Home.” The 10th International Population Geographies Conference. Loughborough, UK. July 2019.

Lei, Lei and Zhiyong Lin. “From Traditional and Socialist Communities to Commercial-Housing: The Association between Neighborhood Types and Health in China.” Urban China Research Network conference. Nanjing, China. June 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.” 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.” 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.” 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.” 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.” 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.” 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.” 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.” 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.” Population Association of America annual conference. San Diego, CA. May 2015.

Lei, Lei. “Understanding the Mental Health Status of Migrant Workers in China.” 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.” 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.” American Sociological Association annual conference. New York, NY. August 2013.

Lei, Lei. “Sons, Daughters and Intergenerational Support in China.” American Sociological Association annual conference. Denver, CO. August 2012.

Lei, Lei. “Schooling, Work and Idleness among Migrant Children in China.” American Sociological Association annual conference. Denver, CO. August 2012.

Lei, Lei. “Employment, Day Labor and Shadow Work Among Homeless Assistance Clients in the US.” Southwestern Social Science Association annual conference, Las Vegas, NV. March 2011.

Lei, Lei. “Household Labor Division, Decision Making and Marital Quality in Contemporary China.” Southwestern Social Science Association annual conference, Las Vegas, NV. March 2011.

Lei, Lei. “Son Preference in China: Why Is It Different Between Rural and Urban Areas?” American Sociological Association annual conference, Atlanta, GA. August 2010.

Lei, Lei. “Effects of Globalization and Public Policies on the Industrial Relations in the Port of Rotterdam, 1990-2008.” Southern Sociological Society annual conference, Atlanta, GA. April 2010.

Lei, Lei. “Do Immigrants Consume Less Energy Than Native-Born Americans?” Southwestern Social Science Association annual conference, Houston, TX. March 2010.

TEACHING

Rutgers University

Soc 541 Statistical Methods in Sociology I (Fall 2021)

Soc 542 Statistical Methods in Sociology II (Spring 2021)
Soc 570 Multilevel and Longitudinal Data Analysis (Spring 2020)
Soc 312 Introduction to Statistics in Sociology (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020,
Spring 2021, Fall 2021)
Soc 422 Seminar: Global Health: Sociological Perspectives (Spring 2019, Fall 2019)

University at Albany

Online course development
Global Migration and Transnationalism (Summer 2015)
Co-teacher
Statistics for Sociologists (Spring 2013)
Teaching Assistant
Statistics for Sociologists (2012, 2013)
Sociology of the Families (2011)
Sociology of Gender (2011)

University of Central Florida

Teaching Assistant
Birth, Death and Population Trends (2009, 2010)
Social Psychology (2009)

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

Undergraduate students

2021–2022, Catherine Sackey, Chair for Honors Thesis, Sociology, Rutgers University

Graduate students

2022–2023, Shibin Yan, Member of dissertation committee, Public Affairs, Rutgers
University - Camden
2021–2022, Frederic Traylor, Faculty-graduate student collaboration research project,
Sociology, Rutgers University
2021–2022, Youngjin Chae, First-year advisor, Sociology, Rutgers University
2019–2020, Changhye Ahn, Qualifying paper committee member, Sociology, Rutgers
University

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Editorial board:

Sociological Perspectives (2020-2022)

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

Chinese Sociological Review

Journal of Biosocial Science

Social Problems
Chinese Journal of Sociology
Social Currents

Sociological Forum
Sociological Perspectives

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| 2021 | Program committee member, 2022 Population Association of America conference |
| 2021 | Session organizer, 2022 Population Association of America conference |
| 2019 | Member, Graduate Student Research Paper Award committee, Section on Asia and Asian America, American Sociological Association. |
| 2018 | Discussant, panel on Family Diversity and Child Well-Being, Population Association of America |

University and Departmental Service

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| 2018–present | Co-Organizer, Quantitative Application of Sociology workshops |
| 2021 | Guest speaker, SAS Honors Colloquium |
| 2021 | Member, colloquium committee |
| 2020 | Guest lecturer, Anthro248: Anthropology of China. |
| 2020 | Member, graduate admission committee |
| 2019 | Member, review committee for the Anne Foner Dissertation Prize |
| 2018–2019 | Member, undergraduate committee |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association
 Population Association of America
 International Sociological Association-RC28

STATISTICAL PROGRAMS

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