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EDUCATION

- 2020–present **Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology**
Comprehensive exam: Family, Work
Ph.D. committee: Yue Qian (chair), Sylvia Fuller, Elizabeth Hirsh
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2019 **M.A., Sociology**
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, United States
- 2018 **B.A., Economics**
Peking University, Beijing, China

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Gender; Family; Work; Migration

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Fuller, Sylvia, **Manlin Cai**, and Donna Lero. Forthcoming. “The Work/Care Interface and Parents’ Mid-Pandemic Mental Health: Inequalities at the Intersection of Gender and High-Health-Risk Household Status.” *Society and Mental Health*.

Cai, Manlin. 2023. “[For the Sake of Parents? Marriages of Convenience between Lesbians and Gay Men in China.](#)” *LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 19(3): 211-227.

Cai, Manlin and Yue Qian. 2023. “[Digital Ethnic Enclaves: Mate Preferences and Platform Choices Among Chinese Immigrant Online Daters in Vancouver.](#)” *Canadian Review of Sociology* 60(1): 130-153.

Qin, Siqu, **Manlin Cai**, Sylvia Fuller, and Yue Qian. 2022. “[Gender, Parenthood and Employment During COVID-19: An Immigrant-Native Born Comparison in Canada.](#)” *Canadian Ethnic Studies* 54(3): 63-108.

Qian, Yue, Yang Shen, and **Manlin Cai**. 2022. “[Gendered Age Preferences for Potential Partners: A Mixed-Methods Study Among Online Daters in Shanghai.](#)” *Chinese Sociological Review* 54(3): 304-331.

– Featured in [Sixth Tone](#), [Ms-Muses \(in Chinese\)](#)

OP-EDS

Cai, Manlin and Yue Qian. 2023. "[Chinese immigrants look to digital Chinatowns to find love online.](#)" *The Conversation*.

– Reprinted by [UBC Magazine](#)

Cai, Manlin. 2021. "[Forget 'Leftover Women.' Let's Talk About the Women Being Left Out.](#)" *Sixth Tone*.

– Reprinted by [The World of Chinese](#)

MANUSCRIPT UNDER REVIEW

Lui, Lake, **Manlin Cai**, and Yue Qian. "Comfortably "Western.": How Chinese International Students Imagine Canada." Under review at *Canadian Ethnic Studies*.

MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATION

Cai, Manlin and Yue Qian. "When High Hopes Meet Harsh Realities: Online Dating Processes of Chinese Immigrants and Canadians." In Preparation for *Sociology*.

GRANTS

2023 Small Grant for Faculty-Graduate Student Research Collaborations, Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia (\$3,500)
Principal Investigator: Yue Qian

2021 Small Grant for Faculty-Graduate Student Research Collaborations, Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia (\$1,100)
Principal Investigator: Yue Qian

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2020–2024 Four-year Graduate Full-Tuition Fellowship, University of British Columbia (\$92,100)

2023 Conference Student Travel Grant, Canadian Sociological Association (\$350)

2022–2023 Centre for Migration Studies Fellow, University of British Columbia (\$500)

2022 Congress Graduate Merit Award, Canadian Sociological Association, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$500)

2021, 2023 Sociology Graduate and Patricia Marchak International Research Scholarship, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia (\$1491)

- 2020, 2022 Kurt and Anne Paulus Memorial Scholarship in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia (\$564)
- 2018–2019 Merit Based Scholarship, University of Chicago (\$10,500 USD)
- 2016 Academic Excellence Award, Peking University
- 2016 Meiyi Merit Based Scholarship, Peking University (¥4,000 CNY)
- 2015 Merit Student Award, Peking University
- 2015 Leo Koguan Academic Scholarship, Peking University (¥10,000 CNY)

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 “Searching for Partners Online: Partner Preferences and Dating Processes.” Guest Speaker for Diversity in Family Forms, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia
- 2022 “Partner Preferences and Online Dating in China and Canada: Evidence from Two Studies.” Guest Speaker for Social Demography, School of Sociology and Population Studies, Renmin University of China (Zoom)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Why searching for partners online is not efficient: The case of Canadian-born and immigrant Chinese online daters.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2022 “Digital Enclaves: Mate Preferences and Platform Choices Among Chinese Immigrant Online Daters in Vancouver.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association, Canada (Zoom)
- 2022 “Swipe Right, What Next?: Relationship Progression Among Chinese Online Daters in Vancouver.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association, Canada (Zoom)
- 2022 “Digital Enclaves: Mate Preferences and Platform Choices Among Chinese Immigrant Online Daters in Vancouver.” University of Cambridge Pembroke Workshop of “Chinese Migration, Diaspora, and Mobility,” United Kingdom (Zoom)
- 2021 “Matching on Immigration Status and Timing: Online Dating of Chinese Immigrants in Metro Vancouver.” The Chinese University of Hong Kong International Conference on Gender and (Im)mobility in Uncertain Times, Hong Kong (Zoom)

- 2021 “Matching on Immigration Status and Timing: Online Dating of Chinese Immigrants in Metro Vancouver.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association, Canada (Zoom)
- 2019 “Rethinking Marriage and Family: A Qualitative Study on How Lesbians, Gays, and Their Parents Perceive *xinghun* in China.” University of Chicago Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group, Chicago, IL, United States
- 2019 “Marriage of ‘Convenience’: A Qualitative Study on How Lesbians, Gays, and Their Parents Perceive *xinghun* in China.” University of Chicago MAPSS Academic Conference, Chicago, IL, United States

TEACHING

- 2021– Teaching Assistant, University of British Columbia
- Social Statistics I (2023–24 Winter Term 2)
 - Social Interaction and Culture (2023–24 Winter Term 1)
 - Inequality and Social Change (2022–23 Winter Term 2)
 - Survey Methods (2022–23 Winter Term 1)
 - Family Context of Human Development (2021–22 Winter Term 1–2, Summer Term 2; 2022–23 Summer Term 2)

SERVICE

- 2021–2022 Doctorate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia

AFFILIATIONS

Members:

- 2023– Work and Family Researchers Network
- 2021– Canadian Sociological Association
- 2020– American Sociological Association

REFERENCES

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