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EDUCATION

2020–2025 (Expected)	Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada Comprehensive exams: Family, Work Ph.D. committee: Yue Qian (chair), Sylvia Fuller, Elizabeth Hirsh
2019	M.A., Sociology University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, United States
2018	B.A., Economics Peking University, Beijing, China

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender; Family; Work; Migration; Quantitative Methods; Qualitative Methods; Mixed Methods

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Fuller, Sylvia, **Manlin Cai**, and Donna Lero. Online first. "[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*.

Lui, Lake, **Manlin Cai**, and Yue Qian. 2024. "[Comfortably 'Western': How Chinese International Students Imagine Canada](#)." *Canadian Ethnic Studies* 56(2): 157-176.

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.

- Featured in [EconoTimes](#), [Phys.org](#), [Beijing Bulletin](#), [Toronto Telegraph](#), [Winnipeg Free Press](#), [Yahoo News](#), [Philippine Canadian Inquirer](#), [The University of British Columbia Magazine](#), [Gender Talk](#) (Vietnam), [News Break](#), [Foreign Affairs New Zealand](#)

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.

OP-EDS

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

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

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

Cai, Manlin and Yue Qian. "'So Much Work for so Little Return': The Process and Emotional Costs of Online Dating." Revise and Resubmit.

Fuller, Sylvia, **Manlin Cai**, Andrea Doucet, Anna Kurowska, Richard Petts, Thordis Reimer, and Donna Lero. "Irregular Work Schedules and Gender Divisions of Domestic Labour." In Progress.

Cai, Manlin. "Workplace Authority in China: Gender, Parenthood, and Work sectors." In Progress (Full Draft Available).

- 2024 Canadian Population Society Student Paper Award
- 2024 Canadian Sociological Association Work, Professions, and Occupations Research Cluster Best Student Paper Award

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lectures:

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)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of British Columbia:

2021– Work and Inequality (2024–25 Winter Term 1)
Social Statistics I (2023–24 Winter Term 2)
Social Interaction and Culture (2023–24 Winter Term 1)
- Taught two tutorials per week
Inequality and Social Change (2022–23 Winter Term 2)
- Taught two tutorials per week
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; 2023–24 Summer Term 2)

Undergraduate Research Assistants Mentored by Me:

2023–2024 Bella Qianyu Zhang
2023 Yuri Rongruo Chang
2022–2023 Doris Li

GRANTS

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

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

HONOURS AND AWARDS

International/National-level:

2024 Canadian Population Society Student Paper Award (\$500)

2024 Canadian Sociological Association Work, Professions, and Occupations Research Cluster Best Student Paper Award (\$100)

2024 Canadian Sociological Association Conference Student Travel Grant (\$500)

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

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

University-level:

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

2020–2024 Department of Sociology Graduate Student Research Scholarship, University of British Columbia (\$2,790)

2024 Dean of Arts Graduate Student Research Award, University of British Columbia (\$1,000)

2024 Graduate Student Travel and Research Dissemination Fund, University of British Columbia (\$500)

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024	“Workplace Authority in China: Gender, Parenthood, and Work sectors.” Work and Family Researchers Network, Montreal, QC, Canada
2024	“Workplace Authority in China: Gender, Parenthood, and Work sectors.” Annual Conference of Canadian Population Society, Montreal, QC, Canada
2024	“Workplace Authority in China: Gender, Parenthood, and Work sectors.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association (Zoom)
2024	“Gender, Transition to Parenthood, and Workplace Authority in Urban China.” International Doctoral Symposium, “Global Perspectives on Social Problems, Policy and Practice,” Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, China
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
2023	“To Come, to Stay: Migration Decision-making of Chinese International Students in (Imaginary) Canada.” UBC Centre of Migration Studies Grad Student Power Hour, Vancouver, BC, Canada
2022	“Digital Enclaves: Mate Preferences and Platform Choices Among Chinese Immigrant Online Daters in Vancouver.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association (Zoom)
2022	“Swipe Right, What Next?: Relationship Progression Among Chinese Online Daters in Vancouver.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association (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” (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 (Zoom)
- 2021 “Matching on Immigration Status and Timing: Online Dating of Chinese Immigrants in Metro Vancouver.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association (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

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Session Organizer at Professional Conference:

2024, “Confronting Work-Family Inequalities Under Precarity.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association (With Lesley Frank, Yue Qian, and Jason Webb)

Session Presider at Professional Conference:

2024, “Confronting Work-Family Inequalities Under Precarity.” Annual Conference of Canadian Sociological Association (With Jason Webb)

Ad Hoc Reviewer for Journals:

Community, Work & Family
PLOS ONE

Service to the Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia:

2024–2025, Graduate Student Representative on Family Sociology Hiring Committee
2024–2025, Graduate Student Liaison to the Distinguished Speakers Series
2021–2022, Doctoral Student Representative

AFFILIATIONS

Member:

2024– Canadian Population Society
2023– Work and Family Researchers Network
2021– Canadian Sociological Association

REFERENCES

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