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EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Ph.D., Sociology, 2003
M.S., Statistics, 1999
M.A., Sociology, 1996

Peking University

B.S. Information Science, 1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Utah

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, 2008 – present
Graduate Director, Department of Sociology, 2008 – present
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, 2003 - 2008

Korea University

Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2004 summer

University of Chicago

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, 2003 spring
Biostatistician, Department of Health Studies, 1999-2003

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS

Cancer Control and Population Sciences (CCPS) Travel Award, 2009
Selected to be a member of National Children Study's Neighborhood Characteristics Working Team, 2008
Invited panel participant for "Can Physical Activity and Exercise Prevent Drug Abuse? Promoting a Full Range of Science to Inform Prevention," sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), 2008
College of Social Behavioral Science Superior Research Award, University of Utah, 2008
OYCF-Ford Teaching Fellowship, 2007-2008
College of Social Behavioral Science Superior Research Finalist Award, University of Utah, 2007
National Poverty Center Travel Award, 2007
Add Health Users Conference Travel Award, 2006
NSF Sponsored Space Workshop Fellowship, 2006
National Poverty Center Summer Workshop on Poverty Fellowship, 2005

RAND/NIA Summer Institute on Aging Fellowship, 2005
Park Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2002-2003
Century Scholarship, University of Chicago, 1995-1999

SELECTED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (*PEER REVIEWED*)

Wen M, Lauderdale DS & Kandula N. “The ethnic neighborhoods in multi-ethnic America, 1990--2000: Ethnoburbs and a resurgence of ethnicity?” *Social Forces*: In press.

Wen M, VanDuker H. & Olson L. 2009. “Social contexts of regular smoking in adolescence: Toward a multidimensional ecological model” *Journal of Adolescence* 32:671-692.

Kandula NR, **Wen M**, Jacobs E & Lauderdale DS. 2009. “Smoking Prevalence in Asian Americans: Does Living in an Asian Neighborhood Matter?” *American Journal of Public Health* 99(5):885-892.

Wen M & Wang G. 2009. “Personal, social, and ecological factors of loneliness and life satisfaction among rural-urban migrants in Shanghai, China” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 50(2): 155-182.

Wen M & Zhang XY. 2009. “The contextual effects of the built and the social environment of urban neighborhoods on physical activity: A multilevel study in Chicago” *American Journal of Health Promotion* 23(4):247-254.

Wen M. 2008. “The effect of family structure on children’s health and well-being: Evidence from the 1999 National Survey of America’s Families” *Journal of Family Issues* 29(11): 1492-1519.

Wen M, Kandula N & Lauderdale DS. 2007. “Leisure-time walking in a multiethnic population: What difference does the neighborhood make?” *Journal of General Internal Medicine* 22(12): 1674–80

Wen M, Browning CR & Cagney KA. 2007. “A multi-level study of neighborhood environment and its relationship to physical activity in adulthood” *Urban Studies* 44(13): 1-18.

Wen M. 2007. “Racial and ethnic differences in general health status and limiting health conditions among American children: Parental reports in the 1999 National Survey of America’s Families” *Ethnicity and Health* 12(5): 401-422.

Hlubodky FJ, Ratain MJ, **Wen M**, Daugherty CK. 2007. “Complementary and alternative medicine among advanced cancer patients enrolled in phase I trials: A study of prognosis, quality of life, and preferences for decision making” *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 25(5): 548-553.

Wen M, Hawkey L & Cacioppo J. 2006. “Objective and perceived neighborhood environment, individual SES and psychosocial factors, and self-rated health: An analysis of older adults in Cook County, Illinois” *Social Science & Medicine* 63(10): 2575-2590.

Wen M & Christakis NA. 2006. “Prospective effect of community distress and subcultural orientation on mortality following life-threatening diseases in later life” *Sociology of Health and Illness* 28(5): 558-582.

Lauderdale DS, **Wen M**, Jacobs EA, Kandula N. 2006. “Immigrant perceptions of discrimination in healthcare: The California Health Interview Survey 2003” *Medical Care* 44(10): 914-20.

Kandula NR, **Wen M**, Jacobs EA & Lauderdale DS. 2006. "Low rates of colorectal, cervical, and breast cancer screening in Asian Americans compared with non-Hispanic whites: Cultural influences or access to care?" *Cancer* 107(1): 184-192.

Wen M & Christakis NA. 2005. "Neighborhood effects on post-hospitalization mortality: A population-based cohort study of the elderly in Chicago" *Health Services Research* 40(4): 1108-1127

Wen M, Cagney KC & Christakis NA. 2005. "Effect of specific aspects of community social environment on the mortality of individuals diagnosed with serious illness" *Social Science & Medicine* 61: 1119-1134

Li Q & **Wen M**. (Equal authorship). 2005. "The immediate and lingering effects of armed conflict on adult mortality: A time-series cross-national analysis" *Journal of Peace Research* 42:471-492
-- Reprinted in *The Demography of Armed Conflict* edited by Brunborg H, Tabeau E & Urdal H. 2006. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer

Cagney KC, Browning CR & **Wen M**. 2005. "Race and the self-assessment of health at older ages: What difference does the neighborhood make?" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 60B(4): S181-S190

Cagney KC, Browning CR & **Wen M**. 2005. "Racial disparities in self-rated health at older ages and the dangers of obfuscating neighborhood effects research?" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 60B(4): S193-S194

Wen M, Browning CR & Cagney K. 2003. "Poverty, affluence, and income inequality: Neighborhood economic structure and its implications for health." *Social Science & Medicine* 57: 843-860.

Browning CR, Cagney KA, & **Wen M**. 2003. "Explaining variation in health status across space and time: Implications for race and ethnic disparities in self-rated health." *Social Science & Medicine* 57(7): 1221-1235.

Helft PR, Hlubocky F, **Wen M** & Daugherty CK. 2003. "Associations among awareness of prognosis, hopefulness, and coping in advanced cancer patients (ACP) participating in phase I clinical trials." *Journal of Supportive Care in Cancer* 11(10): 644-651.

Luo Y & **Wen M**. (Equal authorship). 2002. "Can we afford better health? A study of the health differentials in China." *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine* 6(4):471-500.

Lauderdale DS, Thisted RA, **Wen M** & Favus MJ. 2001. "Bone mineral density and fracture among prevalent kidney stone cases in the Third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey." *Journal of Bone and Mineral Research* 16: 1893-1898.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Cagney KA & **Wen M**. 2007. "Social capital and aging-related outcomes" in *Social Capital and Health* edited by Kawachi, Subramanian & Kim. New York, New York: Springer.

Wen M. 2008. "Research on neighborhood contexts and health" in *Public Health: Evidence from Western Societies* in the series of *The Trends of Western Philosophy and Social Sciences* edited by Dong. Beijing, China: Renmin University Press.

INVITED WRITING

Wen M. 2007. "Unequal access to health care among children and adolescents in California" *Access to Care*

BOOK REVIEW

Wen M. 2005. *The Starting Gate: Birth Weight and Life Chances* (Conley D, Strully KW & Bennett NG 2003) *American Journal of Sociology* 110(5):1509-1511.

BOOK REVIEW ESSAY

Wen M. 2006. *Health and Inequality* (Curtis S 2004) *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 31(5): 1024-1029.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Wen M & Gu D. "The effects of childhood, adulthood, and community socioeconomic status on healthy longevity among older people in China" *Demography* (Revise and Resubmit)

Day J & **Wen M.** (Equal authorship). "Social capital and adolescent mental well-being: The role of family, school and neighborhood" *Journal of Adolescent Health* (Revise and Resubmit)

Wen M, Fan J, Jin L, Wang G. "Neighborhood effects on self-rated health, chronic conditions, and mental well-being among migrants and native residents in Shanghai, China"

Wen M. "Participation in religious services and parental and child well-being: Findings from the National Survey of America's Families"

Zimmer Z, **Wen M & Kaneda T.** "A multi-level analysis of urban/rural and socioeconomic differences in functional status transition among older Chinese"

Zhang KC & **Wen M.** "Social capital and work among rural-to-urban migrant workers in Shanghai, China"

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Wen M, Jin L & Kowaleski-Jones L. "Social capital and adolescent substance use"

Wen M & Maloney T. "Neighborhood contexts and overweight and obesity among documented and undocumented immigrants and natives in Utah"

Zhang KC & **Wen M.** "Job search channels and outcomes: A comparative analysis of migrants and natives in urban China"

Wen M & Lin D. “Relative poverty, family socialization and child development in rural China.”

Zhang XY & **Wen M**. “Modeling neighborhood effects on physical activity: A multilevel spatial mixture model analysis”

Wen M. “A comparison of health behaviors of rural-to-urban migrants, urban-to-urban migrants, and local urban residents in Shanghai, China”

Wen M & Zhang XY. “Neighborhood health care access and health behaviors: A nationwide multi-level study”

Wen M. “Racial and ethnic disparities in adolescent smoking: Evidence from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health”

Wen M & Zhang XY. “The built environment and collective efficacy”

Jin L & **Wen M**. “Marital status and health in contemporary China: A longitudinal approach”

Jin L, **Wen M** & Wang G. “Social networks, social support and mental health: A comparison of migrants and local residents in Shanghai”

Zhang XY & **Wen M**. “Community deprivation, minority concentration and human-made toxic environment: A national ecological analysis in the US”

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Wen M. 2008. “Social environmental factors of mental health among rural-to-urban migrants in Shanghai, China” at the Sociology Department Brownbag Series, University of Utah on April 30, 2007.

Wen M. 2008. “Neighborhood contexts and physical activity” at the IPIA Health Policy Group Seminar, University of Utah on April 28, 2007.

Wen M. 2007. “Low rates of cancer screening in Asian Americans compared with Whites: Evidence from California” at the research seminar for the Huntsman Cancer Institute Cancer Control and Population Sciences group on March 21, 2007

Wen M & Gu D. 2007. “The effects of childhood, adulthood, and community socioeconomic status on healthy longevity among older people in China” at the IPIA Policy at the Podium Seminar Series, University of Utah scheduled on March 12, 2007

Day J & **Wen M**. 2007. “Social capital and adolescent mental well-being: The role of family, school and neighborhood” at the Sociology Department Brownbag Series, University of Utah on January 24, 2007

Wen M, VanDuker H. & Olson L. 2006. “Social contexts of regular smoking in adolescence: Towards a multidimensional ecological model” at the Department of Psychology Brownbag Series, University of Utah scheduled on December 6, 2006

Wen M, Kandula N & Lauderdale DS. 2006. “The social and demographic characteristics of ethnic neighborhoods in America: Trend from 1990 to 2000” at the Sociology Department Brownbag Series, University of Utah on November 29, 2006

Wen M. 2005. “Adolescent smoking: Evidence from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health” at the Intermountain Injury Research Center, Department of Pediatrics, University of Utah on December 9, 2005

Wen M. 2005. “Racial and ethnic disparities in child well-being” at the Pediatrics Colloquium Series, Department of Pediatrics, University of Utah on September 16, 2005

Wen M. 2004. “Neighborhood environment and survival following serious diseases: Evidence from multi-level studies on Chicago Medicare Beneficiaries” at the Geography Colloquium Series, Department of Geography, University of Utah on March 12, 2004

Wen M, Hawkey L & Cacioppo J. 2004. “Neighborhood socioeconomic status and perceived neighborhood environment: How does residence affect health in early old age?” at the Consortium of Utah Demographers Seminar, University of Utah on January 23, 2004

INVITED TALK

Wen M. 2009. “Neighborhood effects on self-rated health, chronic conditions, and mental well-being among migrants in Shanghai, China” at Shanghai Forum, Shanghai, China

Wen M. 2008. “Neighborhood built and social environments and physical activity” at the National Institute of Drug Abuse, Bethesda, MD, USA

Wen M. 2008. “Mental well-being of rural-to-urban migrants in Shanghai” at Shanghai Forum, Shanghai, China

Wen M. 2008. “Neighborhood effects on physical activity in the City of Chicago and State of California in the USA” at Center of Migration Studies, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China

Wen M. 2007. “Neighborhood economic structure and self-rated health: A multi-level study in Chicago, USA” at the Institute of Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

Wen M. 2007. “Neighborhood environment, psychosocial factors, and self-rated health” at the Institute of Population and Labor Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

Wen M. 2005. “Quantitative sociology and sociology of health” at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Inner Mongolia University of Technology, Huhehaote, China

Wen M. 2003. “Neighborhood environment and individual health” at the Urban Futures Seminar, University of Teesside, UK

Wen M. 2003. “A multilevel study of neighborhood influences on individual health in Chicago” at the departmental seminar in the Department of Geography, University of Durham, UK

Wen M. 2003. "Effects of civil and interstate wars on human life expectancy and mortality: A time series cross-national analysis" at the IUSSP Seminar on the Demography of Conflict and Violence, held in Oslo, Norway, November 8-11, 2003)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Wen M, Jin L & Kowaleski-Jones L. 2009. "Social capital and adolescent substance use" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in San Francisco, California.

Chang KC & **Wen M.** 2009. 2009 "Social Capital and Work among China's Rural-to-Urban Migrants" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in San Francisco, California.

Wen M. 2009. "Participation in religious services and parental and child well-being: Findings from the National Survey of America's Families" *Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting* in Detroit, Michigan.

Wen M & Maloney T. 2009. "Neighborhood contexts and overweight and obesity among documented and undocumented immigrants in Utah" *Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting* in Detroit, Michigan.

Wen M, Jin L & Kowaleski-Jones L. 2009. "Social capital and adolescent substance use" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in San Francisco, California.

Zhang KC & **Wen M.** 2009. "Social capital and work among migrant workers in Shanghai, China" *North American Chinese Sociologists Association Mini-Conference* in San Francisco, California.

Wen M & Wang G. 2008. "Personal, social, and ecological factors of loneliness and life satisfaction among rural-urban migrants in Shanghai, China" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in Boston, MA

Jin L & **Wen M.** 2008. "Marital status and health in contemporary China: A longitudinal approach" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in Boston, MA

Wen M & Wang G. 2008. "Personal, social, and ecological factors of loneliness and life satisfaction among rural-urban migrants in Shanghai, China" *Migration, Rights & Identities: Examining the Range of Local and Global Needs* in Salt Lake City, UT

Wen M & Zhang XY. 2007. "Neighborhood health care access and health behaviors: A nationwide multi-level study" *North American Primary Care Research Group Annual (NAPCRG) Meeting* in Vancouver, Canada

Wen M. 2007. "Environmental correlates of physical activity" *Rocco C. & Marion S. Siciliano Forum, Research Summit: Revisiting the Call to Action on Obesity*, Mini-Conference in Salt Lake City, UT

Wen M & Gu D. 2007. "The health effects of childhood, adulthood, and community SES among older people in China" *WCAAS & SWCAS Conference* in Salt Lake City, UT

Wen M & Gu D. 2007. "The health effects of childhood, adulthood, and community SES among older people in China" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in New York City, NY

Day J & **Wen M.** 2007. "Social capital and adolescent mental well-being: The role of family, school and neighborhood" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in New York City, NY

Wen M. & Zhang XY. 2007. "The contextual effects of the built and the social environment of urban neighborhoods on physical activity: A multilevel study in Chicago" *The 4th International Conference on Population Geographies* in Hong Kong

Wen M. 2007. "Family structure and child well-being in the USA" *The 3rd Chinese Demographers' Front Forum* in Beijing, China

Wen M. & Zhang XY. 2007. "The contextual effects of the built and the social environment of urban neighborhoods on physical activity: A multilevel study in Chicago" *Active Living Research Annual Conference (sponsored by the RWJ foundation)* in Coronado, CA

Wen M. & Zhang XY. 2007. "Neighborhood environment and physical activity." *Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting* in New York City, NY

Zhang XY & **Wen M.** 2007. "Community deprivation, minority concentration, and human-made toxic environment: A national ecological analysis in the US" *Second National Conference on USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) Health-Related Research* in Reston, VA

Wen M, Kandula N & Lauderdale DS. 2006. "The social and demographic characteristics of ethnic neighborhoods in America: Trend from 1990 to 2000" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in Montreal, Canada

Wen M, VanDuker H. & Olson L. 2006. "Social contexts of regular smoking in adolescence: Towards an ecological model" *Add Health Users Conference* in Bethesda, Maryland

Wen M, Kandula N & Lauderdale DS. 2006. "Leisure-time walking in a multiethnic population: What difference does the neighborhood make?" *Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) Annual Meeting* in Los Angeles, CA

Wen M, VanDuker H. & Olson L. 2006. "What determine adolescent smoking and why do white adolescents smoke more? Evidence from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health" *Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting* in Los Angeles, CA

Lauderdale DS, **Wen M,** Jacobs EA, Kandula N. 2006. "Immigrant perceptions of discrimination in healthcare: The California Health Interview Survey 2003" *Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting* in Los Angeles, CA

Zhang XY, **Wen M** & Christoffel KK. 2006. "Physical activity: The interaction of neighborhood amenities with individual characteristics in Chicago neighborhoods" *Active Living Research Annual Conference (sponsored by the RWJ foundation)* in Coronado, CA

Zhang X, Tu W & **Wen M.** 2006. "Spatial and temporal clusters of narcotics activities and their relationship to social and built environments: A case study of Chicago" *Symposium on Geography and Drug Addiction* sponsored by the Association of American Geographers (AAG) and National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA): Chicago, IL.

Wen M. 2005. "Race, ethnicity, and health: How do class, family structure, and healthcare factors contribute to the link in American children?" *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference* in Washington, D. C.

Wen M. 2005. "Race, ethnicity, and health: How do class, family structure, and healthcare factors contribute to the link in American children?" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in Philadelphia, PA

Wen M. 2005. "Single-parent family structure, child development, and child well-being" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in Philadelphia, PA

Wen M, Browning CR & Cagney K. 2005. "Community social environment and physical activity in adulthood" *Active Living Research Annual Conference (sponsored by the RWJ foundation)* in Coronado, CA

Wen M, Hawkey L & Cacioppo J. 2004. "Neighborhood environment, individual resources, and health in older adults: Chicago Health, Aging, and Social Relations Study (CHASRS)" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in San Francisco, CA

Wen M & Christakis NA. 2004. "The role of neighborhoods in race and poverty disparities in post-hospitalization mortality: A population-based cohort study of the elderly in Chicago" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in San Francisco, CA

Wen M & Christakis NA. 2004. "Community subcultural orientation and mortality following life-threatening diseases in older life" *Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting* in Boston, MA

Li Q & Wen M. (Equal authorship). 2004. "Effects of civil and interstate wars on human life expectancy and mortality: A time series cross-national analysis" *Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting* in Boston, MA

Wen M, Cagney K & Christakis NA. 2003. "Community effects on disease progression: A survival analysis for seriously ill older people" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in Atlanta, GA

Jin L & Wen M. 2003. "Community effects on infant birth weight and prenatal care in China" *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in Atlanta, GA

Cagney K, Browning C & Wen M. 2003. "The reciprocal relationship between social organization and aggregate health status" *The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting* in San Diego, CA

Wen M, Browning C & Cagney K. 2002. "Neighborhood economic structure and social processes: Implications for health." *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in Chicago, IL

Cagney K, Browning C & Wen M. 2001. "Race and self-rated health at older ages: the role of neighborhood context." *The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting* in Chicago, IL

Wang Y & Wen M. 2001. "Gender differences in the effects of social networks on mortality among elderly people in the United States." *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in Anaheim, CA

Wen M & Luo Y. 2000. "Income inequality and adult physical health: Evidence from China." *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting* in Washington D. C.

INTERNAL GRANT

College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah (Project Initiative Grant)

04/2004 — 05/2005 (\$4,000)

Community Social and Environmental Factors and Physical Activity in Adulthood

College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah (IPIA Seed Grant)

02/2008 — 05/2009 (\$6,000)

Mental and physical health outcomes and access issues: A comparative study of rural-to-urban migrants and urban residents in Shanghai, China.

College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah (Project Initiative Grant)

07/2009 — 07/2010 (\$4,000)

Cancer health disparities by race, ethnicity, immigrant status, legal status, and urbanity in Utah: The role of neighborhood contexts

College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah (TACC Fellowship)

07/2009 — 07/2010 (\$5,000)

Teaching Online Sociology

EXTRAMURAL GRANT

NIH/NCI R01

07/01/2001 — 08/30/2004 (\$1 million)

Ethics and Clinical Trials in Advanced Cancer Care

Role: Co-investigator (Principal Investigator: Daugherty C, University of Chicago)

American Cancer Society

07/01/2004 — 06/30/2006 (\$220,000)

Multilevel Analysis of Cancer Related Risk Factors in Asian Americans

Role: Co-investigator (Principal Investigator: Lauderdale D, University of Chicago)

Annie E. Casey Foundation (administered by APPAM)

07/01/2004 — 07/31/2006 (\$20,000)

Race, Ethnicity, and Health in Young Children and Adolescents

Role: Principal Investigator

Primary Children Medical Care Foundation

03/01/2005 — 12/30/2007 (\$41,142)

Social Inequalities and Adolescent Risk Behaviors: Toward an Ecological Model

Role: Principal Investigator

NIH/NIA P01

07/01/2002 — 08/31/2007 (\$7 million)

Social Isolation, Loneliness, Health and the Aging Process

Role: Consultant (Principal Investigator: Cacioppo J, University of Chicago)

NIH/NIA R01

07/01/2004 — 6/30/2008 (\$570,000)

Neighborhood Context and the Health of Older Adults

Role: Consultant (Principal Investigator: Cagney K, University of Chicago)

NIH/NICHD R03

06/01/2006 — 05/31/2008 (\$149,000)

The Effects of Community Social and Built Environment on Physical Activity

Role: Principal Investigator

Primary Children Medical Care Foundation & Department of Pediatrics

07/15/2006 — 06/30/2008 (\$20,000)

The contingent meaning of social capital for adolescent risk behavior

Role: Principal Investigator

Russell Sage Foundation

07/15/2008 — 08/30/2010 (\$238,401)

Integration of the undocumented and documented in a new destination: Utah

Role: Co - Principal Investigator

PENDING GRANT

NIH/NCI R01

12/01/2009 — 12/31/2011

Neighborhood Built and Social Environment and Physical Activity and Weight Status

Role: Principal Investigator

NIH R01 (Challenge grant)

12/01/2009 — 12/31/2011

Misclassification and measurement errors in identifying racial health disparities in patients with Type 2 diabetes

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate level: Sociology of Health (online and offline), Race, Ethnicity and Health, Social Epidemiology,
Health and Society, Social Determinants of Health

Graduate level: Medical Sociology Seminar

MEMBERSHIP

Member, American Sociological Association

Member, Population Association of America

Member, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population

Member, North American Chinese Sociologist Association

SERVICES

Review manuscripts for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Demography*, *Population Studies*, *Social Forces*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, *Health & Place*, *Journal of Health & Social Behavior*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Urban Studies*, *Feminist Economics*, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, and *Nova Publisher*.

Service within the University of Utah:

- Mentor graduate students on their master papers or demography designation papers
- Mentor graduate students on their dissertation research
- Seminar presentations at several departments and centers
- Serve on the board of Behavioral and Health Program, CSBS, University of Utah
- Serve on the University Statistics Committee
- Serve on the department's executive committee
- Serve on the department's graduate policy committee
- Help with the department's graduate admission committee
- Coordinate for the Population & Health focus in the department
- Review internal research grants
- Help organize *China Symposium in Health and Health Care* (work with John Francis and others; attend meetings and contribute ideas)
- Attend meetings held by the Asian Studies Program
- Invite and host guest speakers for the Asian Studies Program

Services outside the University of Utah:

- Give invited presentations abroad (i.e., U.K., Norway, and China)
- Review research grant proposals
- Review applications for OYCF Teaching Fellowship
- Organize and preside a session for 2007 and 2009 *North American Chinese Sociologists Association Mini-Conference* (chair and discussant)
- Preside a session for the 2007 3rd *Chinese Demographers' Front Forum* in Beijing, China
- Organize and preside a regular session 'Health and Well-Being' in Medical Sociology for the 2008 *ASA Annual Meeting* in Boston, MA

Media contacts

Interviewed by reporter *Clive Thomson* regarding urban neighborhoods and health and cited in his article "Why New Yorkers Last Longer?" that appeared in the *New York Magazine* on August 20, 2007. The announcement of this media coverage also appeared in the November issue of *Footnotes* (a publication sponsored by the American Sociological Association) in 2007.

Had a study (Wen et al. *Urban Studies*, 2008) on neighborhood effects on physical activity profiled in a *New York Times* article and a *HealthDay News* article on March 25, 2008. In addition, the article received widespread coverage online and in daily newspapers and radio across the country.