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Education

2016 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Minnesota
2007 M.Phil. in Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
2005 M.A. in Sociology, Peking University
2002 B.A. in Sociology and B.S. in Economics, Peking University

Professional Experience

2023-Now Associate Professor, Sociology, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
2017-2020 Research Fellow, Institute for Empirical Social Science Research (IESSR),
Xi'an Jiaotong University
2016-2023 Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
2014-2016 Instructor, Sociology, University of Minnesota
Instructor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
2010-2013 Research Assistant, Sociology, University of Minnesota
2009-2019 Summer School Instructor, Xi'an Jiaotong University
2008-2013 Teaching Assistant, Sociology, University of Minnesota

Refereed Publications

- Zhang, L. & Zheng, E. (2023). Intergenerational mobility through inhabited meritocracy: Evidence from civil service examinations of the early- and Mid-ming dynasty. *Canadian Review of Sociology/Revue canadienne de sociologie*, 1–27.
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- He, J., Montez de Oca, J., & Zhang, L. (2022). Why the Vault Became Superior to Other Events in Women's Artistic Gymnastics at the Olympics? *Science of Gymnastics Journal*, 14(2), 237-248.
- Dong, S., Chen, X., Zhang, L., & Cheng, C. (2021). Time Investment and Depth of Social Tie as Two Dimensions of Tie-strength (时间投入与关系深度——关系强度概念的二维视角及其意义). *Sociological Review of China*, 9(4), 239-256. (in Chinese)
- Xiao, Y., Bian, Y., & Zhang, L. (2020). Mental Health of Chinese Online Networkers under COVID-19: A Sociological Analysis of Survey Data. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 17(23), 8843.
- He, J., Montez de Oca, J., & Zhang, L. (2020). Why Team China suffered its worst performance in artistic gymnastics at Rio 2016? *International Journal of Sports Science & Coaching*, 15(5-6), 696-705.

- He, J., Zhong, B., & Zhang, L. (2019). Tradition and Transformation: The Future of Fictitious Lineage in Chinese Advantage Events (传统与转型：论我国优势项目运动队拟制宗族的未来走向). *Journal of Sports and Science*, 40(4), 46-52. (in Chinese).
- Zhang, L., & Bian, Y. (2019). Parental Love on Time: Class, Gender, and Timing in Homeownership Transfer. *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*, 36(1), 113-129.
- Bian, Y., Zhang, L., & Gao, Y. (2019). Social Bonding and Subjective Wellbeing: Findings from the 2017 ISSP Module. *International Journal of Sociology*, 50(1), 26-47.
- Mortimer, J., Zhang, L., Wu, C., Hussemann, J., & Johnson, M. (2017). Familial Transmission of Educational Plans and the Academic Self-Concept: A Three-Generation Longitudinal Study. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 80(1), 85-107 (Shortened version selected for SPQ SNAPS online).
- Hussemann, J., Mortimer, J., & Zhang, L. (2016). Exploring the Correlates of Parental Consent for Child Survey Participation: An Intergenerational Longitudinal Study. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 80(3), 642-665.
- Bian, Y., Huang, X., & Zhang, L. (2015). Information and Favoritism: The Network Effect on Wage Income in China. *Social Networks*, 40, 129-138.
- Bian, Y., Zhang, L., Yang, J., Guo, X., & Lei, M. (2015). Subjective Wellbeing of Chinese People: A Multifaceted View. *Social Indicators Research*, 121, 75-92.
- Bian, Y., & Zhang, L. (2014). Corporate Social Capital in Chinese *Guanxi* Culture. *Research in the Sociology of Organizations*, 40, 421-443.
- Mortimer, J., Zhang, L., Hussemann, J., & Wu, C. (2014). Parental Economic Hardship and Children's Achievement Orientations. *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, 5(2), 105-128.
- Bian, Y., & Zhang, L. (2013). *Guanxi* Culture and *Guanxi* Social Capital (论关系文化与关系社会资本). *The Journal of Humanities*, 2013(1), 107-133. (In Chinese).
- Bian, Y., Wang, W., Zhang, L., & Cheng, C. (2012). Sector-Crossing Social Capital and Its Impact on Wage Income (跨体制社会资本及其收入回报). *Chinese Social Sciences* No. 2, 110-126. (In Chinese).
- Bian, Y., & Zhang, L. (2008). Sociology in China. *Context*, 7(3), 20-31.

Book Chapters

- Bian, Y., Zhang, L., Wang, X. (forthcoming). Chapter 31 Macro-Institutional Change and Social Capital: The Dynamics of *Guanxi* Influence in China, 1978-2021. In *The Handbook on Inequality and Social Capital*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Bian, Y. & Zhang, L. (2023). Chapter 20 Economy and Social Capital, Markets and Social Networks. In Zafirovski, M. (ed.), *The Routledge International Handbook of Economic Sociology*. London, UK: Routledge (DOI: 10.4324/9780367817152-23).
- Bian, Y., Zhang, L., Li, Y., Hu, Y., & Li, N. (2018). Income Inequality and Class Stratification. In Wu, W & Frazier, M. (eds.), *The SAGE Handbook of Contemporary China*. Los Angeles: SAGE (pp. 1022-1042).

- Zhang, L. (2016). *Guanxi*-based Corporate Social Capital and Chinese Entrepreneurship. In Wong, J. & Hsung, R. (eds.), *Rethinking Social Capital and Entrepreneurship in Greater China*, London, UK; New York, USA: Routledge (pp. 36-55).
- Bian, Y., Zhang, L., Wang, W., & Cheng, C. (2015). Institution-Spanning Social Capital and its Income Returns in China. In Li, Y. (ed.), *Handbook of Methods and Applications in Social Capital*, Cheltenham, UK; Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar Publishing (pp. 344-357).
- Guo, X. & Zhang, L. (2013). Social Networks (社会网络). In Bian, Y. (ed.), *The Western China Report*, Beijing: China Social Sciences Press. (in Chinese)
- Ma, Z., Lin, G., & Zhang, L. (2010). Examining Cross-Border Marriage in Hong Kong: 1998-2005. In Lu, C. & Yang, W. (eds.), *Asian Cross-border Marriage Migration: Demographic Patterns and Social Issues*, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press (pp. 87-102).
- Zhang, L. (2007). Chapter 9 Assessing the Adequacy of Hierarchical Models (第9章 评价分层模型的恰当性). In Guo, Z. Translation of Bryk, A. *Hierarchical Linear Models: applications and data analysis methods 2nd Edition*, Beijing: Social Sciences Academic Press. (in Chinese).
- Zhang, L. (2004). Chapter 11, Chapters 19-23, and Appendix in Zhou, H. (ed.) *Basic Social Statistics and SPSS 11.0*, Beijing: Tsinghua University Press. (in Chinese).

Work in Progress

- Zhang, L. The Modes of Connectivity and the Inconsistency between Subjective and Objective Social Status.
- Zhang, L. & Guo, X. Income Reward to Institution-crossing Social Capital.
- Dong, S., Zhang, L., Chen, X., Cheng, C. On Quasi-weak Strong Ties and Strong-tie Bridges.

Presentations Since 2016

- Dong, S., Chen, X., Zhang, L., & Cheng, C. (2022). The Quasi-weak Strong Tie and A New Theory on Strong-tie Bridges. International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA), Cairns, Australia, July 12-16.
- Zhang, L. (2019). Rethinking the Income Reward of Institutional-crossing Social Capital. Annual Meeting of Chinese Sociological Association 2019 (中国社会学学会 2019 年学术年会), Kunming, China, July 13-15.
- Zhang, L. (2019). Income Reward to Institution Crossing Social Capital. International Symposium of 40 Years of Empirical Sociological Research (“中国社会学 40 年与实证社会学发展”国际学术研讨会), Xi'an, China, June 29-30.
- Zhang, L. & Bian, Y. (2018). Parental Love on Time: Class, Gender, and Timing in Homeownership Transfer. “Everyone Has a Place to Live”: International Symposium of China’s Housing Issues, Chengdu, China, July 4-6.
- Zhang, L. (2017). Bring *Guanxi* Ties Back in: Causal Effects of *Guanxi*-based Corporate Social Capital on Business Performance of Chinese Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises. International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA), Beijing, China, May 30-June 3.

Courses Taught (* for required course)

Teaching at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Graduate-level courses:

- Social Statistics (SOC 5020)*
- Proseminar in Sociology (SOC 5050)*
- Research Methods (SOC 5070)*
- Intro to Data Management (SOC 4010/5010)
- Advanced Statistics & Methods (SOC 5170/4170)*

Undergraduate level courses:

- Social Research Methods (SOC 3070)*
- Social Statistics (SOC 3170)*
- Statistics for CJ (CJ 3150)*

Teaching at the University of Minnesota as Graduate Instructor

2015 Empirical Analysis I (PA 5031, at Humphrey School of Public Affairs)
2014, Spring 2016 Basic Social Statistics (SOC 3811)*

Summer School Teaching at Xi'an Jiaotong University (Xi'an, China)

2019 Multiple Regression and Categorical Data Analysis
Causal Inference in Quantitative Social Capital Studies
2018 Multiple Regression and Categorical Data Analysis
2017 Multiple Regression – Basic and Intermediate Skills of Model Specifications
2015 Regression Models for Continuous and Categorical Response Variables
2013 Stats labs: Stata, R, Mplus
2012 Regression Diagnostics
2011 Analyzing Social Networks Data
Stats labs: LISREL, UCINET/Pajek/NetDraw, P/BP/MPNet
2010 Stats labs: Stata, SPSS
2009 Introduction to Stata

Service

Service for the Department

2023-Now Department Graduate Director
2022 Assistant Professor Search Committee
2022 Visiting Professor Search Committee
2020-Now Coordinator of Graduate Certificate in Advanced Research Methods
2019-Now Visiting Scholar Sub-committee
2019 MA Oral-exam Revision Sub-committee
2019 RPT Revision Sub-committee
2018-Now IT Sub-committee

Service for the University of Colorado System

2022-Now The UCCS Quantitative Faculty Advisor Consortium
2020-2023 Elected Representative of the Faculty Assembly
2017-2023 Committee on Racial and Ethnic Equity (CREE), Member

Service for the Professional Community

2023-Now	Member, Sequence Analysis Association
2019	Session commentator, Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Social Networks and Social Capital Panel
2018	Session commentator, Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Social Stratification Panel
2016-Now	Peer reviewer for the following academic journals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Journal of Sociology• American Sociological Review• Education Sciences• Healthcare• International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health• International Journal of Public Health• International Journal of Wellbeing• Journal of Housing and the Built Environment• Journal of Risk and Financial Management• Longitudinal and Life Course Studies• Management and Organization Review• Research in Social Stratification and Mobility• Social Research Methods Review (in Chinese)
2016-2017	Conference co-organizer, International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) XXXVI Sunbelt Conference (2017) at Beijing
2013-Now	Member, American Sociological Association

Recognitions

2023	Universal Design for Inclusive Teaching (UDIT) - Student Success Strategies
2022	Open Educational Resource (OER) Remixer
2022	Open Educational Resource (OER) Re-user
2017	Research Fellow and Outstanding Instructor Award in recognition of excellent summer-school teaching since 2009, Institute for Empirical Social Science Research (IESSR), Xi'an Jiaotong University, China
2016	Don Martindale Award in recognition of excellence in graduate scholarship, received at the 26 th Annual Sociology Research Institute (SRI) April 22, University of Minnesota
2015	Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, received at the 25 th Annual Sociology Research Institute (SRI) April 17, University of Minnesota
2013	Professional Development Travel Grant Award, University of Minnesota
2012	Best Paper Award (first prize), Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship Competition, Shaanxi Province, China for publication of Bian, Y., Wang, W., Zhang, L., Cheng, C. 2012. "Sector-Crossing Social Capital and Its Impact on Wage Income." <i>Chinese Social Sciences</i> No. 2, 110-126.
2006	Summer School Scholarship, University of Michigan – Peking University Joint Institute (Quantitative Analysis Laboratory, June 19-August 10)
2005-2007	Graduate Scholarship, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
2002-2003	<i>May-4th</i> Honor and Scholarship, Peking University