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## EMPLOYMENT

- 2019– Associate Professor of Sociology and Demography, The University of Pennsylvania  
Faculty Associate, Population Studies Center  
Faculty Associate, Center for the Study of Contemporary China  
Faculty Associate, Center for East Asian Studies
- 2015–2019 Assistant Professor of Sociology and the College, The University of Chicago  
Founding Member, Committee on Quantitative Research Methods in Social,  
Behavioral, and Health Sciences  
Member, Committee on Geographical Sciences  
Faculty Associate, Center for the Economics of Human Development  
Faculty Associate, Population Research Center  
Faculty Associate, Center on Demography and Economics of Aging  
Faculty Associate, Center for East Asian Studies

## EXTERNAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2019– Faculty Affiliate, International Max Planck Research School for Population,  
Health, and Data Science
- 2019– Faculty Affiliate, Population Research Center, The University of Chicago
- 2017– Faculty Affiliate, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group,  
The University of Chicago

## EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2013 M.S., Statistics, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2010 M.Phil., Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- 2008 B.A. (Highest Academic Honors), Renmin University of China

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Social Stratification and Mobility, Demography, Population Studies, Family, Quantitative Methodology, China and East Asia

## PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

15. Hawkey, Louise, Boyan Zheng, and **Xi Song**. 2020. "Loneliness and Behavioral Consequences of Negative Wealth Shock in Older Adults." *Social Science & Medicine*.
14. Xie, Yu, Christopher Near, Hongwei Xu, and **Xi Song**. 2020. "Heterogeneous Treatment Effects on Children's Cognitive/Non-Cognitive Skills: A Reevaluation of an Influential Early Childhood Intervention." *Social Science Research*. 86:102389.
13. **Song, Xi**, Catherine G. Massey, Karen A. Rolf, Joseph P. Ferrie, Jonathan L. Rothbaum, and Yu Xie. 2020. "Long-Term Decline in Intergenerational Social Mobility in the United States, 1850–2015." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 117(1):251–258.
  - 2019 IPUMS USA Research Award
12. **Song, Xi** (with Siwei Cheng; equal authorship). 2019. "Linked Lives, Linked Trajectories: Intergenerational Association of Intragenerational Income Mobility." *American Sociological Review*. 84(6): 1037–1068
11. **Song, Xi** and Robert D. Mare. 2019. "Shared Lifetimes, Multigenerational Exposure, and Educational Mobility." *Demography* 56(3): 891–916.
10. Brand, Jennie E., Ravaris Moore, **Xi Song**, and Yu Xie. 2019. "Parental Divorce Is Not Uniformly Negative for Children's Educational Attainment." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 116(15): 7266–7271.
9. Brand, Jennie E., Ravaris Moore, **Xi Song**, and Yu Xie. 2019. "Why Does Parental Divorce Lower Children's Educational Attainment? A Causal Mediation Analysis." *Sociological Science* 6: 264–292.
8. Jarvis, Benjamin F. and **Xi Song**. 2017. "Rising Intragenerational Occupational Mobility in the United States, 1969–2011." *American Sociological Review* 82(3): 568–599.
  - International Sociological Association RC28 Significant Scholarship Award
7. **Song, Xi** and Cameron D. Campbell. 2017. "Genealogical Microdata and Their Significance for Social Science." *Annual Review of Sociology* 43: 1.1–1.25.
6. **Song, Xi** and Robert D. Mare. 2017. "Short-Term and Long-Term Educational Mobility of Families: A Two-Sex Approach." *Demography* 54(1): 145–173.

5. **Song, Xi**. 2016. “Diverging Mobility Trajectories: Grandparent Effects on Educational Attainment in One- and Two-Parent Families.” *Demography* 53(6): 1905–1932.
  - American Sociological Association Family Section Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention
4. **Song, Xi**, Cameron D. Campbell, and James Z. Lee. 2015. “Ancestry Matters: Patrilineage Growth and Extinction.” *American Sociological Review* 80(3): 574–602.
3. **Song, Xi** and Robert D. Mare. 2015. “Prospective Versus Retrospective Approaches to the Study of Intergenerational Social Mobility.” *Sociological Methods and Research* 44(4): 555–584.
2. **Song, Xi** and Yu Xie. 2014. “Market Transition Revisited: Changing Regimes of Housing Inequality in China, 1988-2002.” *Sociological Science* 1: 277–291.
1. Wu, Xiaogang and **Xi Song**. 2014. “Ethnic Stratification in China’s Economic Transition: Evidence from Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.” *Social Science Research* 44: 158–172.

## NON-PEER REVIEWED PAPERS

Xie, Yu and **Xi Song**. 2010. Chapter 1 Basic Concepts in Statistics; Chapter 2 Statistical Estimation and Inference; Chapter 3 Simple Regression; Chapter 5 Multiple Regression edited by Yu Xie, *Regression Models in Social Sciences*. Social Sciences Academic Press, Beijing, China (in Chinese).

## WORKING PAPERS

Brand, Jennie E., Ravaris Moore, **Xi Song**, and Yu Xie. 2017. “Unequal Families, Unequal Effects: How Parental Divorce Differentially Impacts Children’s Educational Attainment.” California Center for Population Research Working Paper Series PWP-CCPR-2017-010.

**Song, Xi**. 2014. “Heterogeneous Grandparent Effects: The Effect of Grandparents’ Education on Grandchildren’s Education in One-Parent and Two-Parent Families.” California Center for Population Research Working Paper Series PWP-CCPR-2016-013.

Mare, Robert D. and **Xi Song**. 2014. “Social Mobility in Multiple Generations.” California Center for Population Research Working Paper Series PWP-CCPR-2016-014.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

2020	Campaign for Community, University of Pennsylvania
2018–2019	Visualization for Understanding and Exploration (VUE), Research Computing Center, University of Chicago
2016–2018	Social Science Division Pilot Grant, University of Chicago.
2015–2018	Faculty Research Grant, East Asian Studies, University of Chicago

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2019	IPUMS USA Research Award
2019	International Sociological Association RC28 Significant Scholarship Award in Social Stratification
2015	Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, Section on Family, American Sociological Association
2014–2015	Departmental Fellowship (UCLA Sociology Department)
2014	Training Scholarship, Workshop on Agent-Based Modeling (CCPR)
2014	Travel Grant (UCLA Sociology Department)
2013	Research Grant (UCLA Center for the Study of Women)
2013	Stanford Biodemography Workshop Scholarship
2010–2011	Departmental Fellowship (UCLA Sociology Department)
2009	Research Travel Grant (HKUST)
2008–2010	Postgraduate Student Fellowship (HKUST)
2008	Best Thesis Award (Renmin University of China)
2007–2010	University of Michigan–Peking University Joint Institute Scholarship
2007	PetroChina Scholarship
2006	Xiaotong Fei Scholarship
2004–2008	First Class Academic Honors (Renmin University of China)

## TEACHING

*Graduate Course, University of Pennsylvania*  
Sociology 612, Categorical Data Analysis

*Undergraduate Course, University of Pennsylvania*  
Sociology 010/301, Social Stratification

*Graduate Course, University of Chicago*  
Sociology 30005, Statistical Methods of Research 2  
Sociology 40204, Categorical Data Analysis  
Sociology 40212, Demographic Techniques

*Undergraduate Course, University of Chicago*  
Sociology 13200, Social Science Inquiry II

## SELECTED INVITED TALKS

2020	Brown University, Population Studies and Training Center
2019	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Fok Ying Tung Research Institute
2019	Princeton University, Princeton Research Network on Contemporary China

2019 Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology

2019 McGill University, Department of Sociology

2018 University of Chicago, Social Science Division Council Meeting

2018 UCLA, California Center for Population Research

2018 University of Chicago, Center for the Economics of Human Development

2018 University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Sociology

2018 Peking University, Department of Sociology

2018 Zhejiang University, Department of Sociology

2018 Princeton University, Princeton Research Network on Contemporary China (PRCC)

2018 New York University, Department of Sociology

2018 Tel Aviv University, Department of Sociology, Israel

2018 Haifa University, Department of Sociology, Israel

2018 Harvard University, Social Demography Seminar

2018 University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology

2017 Princeton University, Office of Population Research

2017 University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Sociology

2017 Northwestern University, Department of Preventive Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine

2016 University of Chicago, Center for Health Statistics, School of Public Health Sciences

2016 Columbia University, Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality

2016 University of Chicago, Workshop on Quantitative Methods in Education, Health, and the Social Sciences (QMEHSS)

2015 University of Chicago, Population Research Center

2014 University of California–Berkeley, Department of Demography

2014 University of Michigan, Department of Sociology

2014 University of Chicago, Department of Sociology

2014 Northwestern University, Department of Sociology

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**Song, Xi.** 2020. “A Demographic Approach to the Analysis of Social Mobility” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington DC.

**Song, Xi.** 2019. “Multigenerational Social Mobility” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

**Song, Xi** and Yinxian Zhang. 2018–2019. “Perceived Inequality in China” Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Princeton University, NJ; Princeton Research Network on Contemporary China; Annual Meeting of the International Chinese Sociological Association, Princeton University, NJ.

Hawkley, Louise, Boyan Zheng, and **Xi Song.** 2019. “Loneliness and Behavioral Consequences of Negative

- Wealth Shock in Older Adults” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Austin, TX.
- Song, Xi**, Emma Xiaolu Zang, Kenneth C. Land. 2018. “Intergenerational Income Dynamics and Mobility” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Song, Xi**, and Robert D. Mare. 2018. “Intergenerational Coresidence, Family Transitions, and the Transmission of Inequality across Generations in the United States” Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Yonsei University, South Korea.
- Song, Xi**, Emma Xiaolu Zang, Kenneth C. Land. 2017. “Intergenerational Associations of Income Dynamics: A Group-Based Heterogeneity Approach” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL.
- Song, Xi**, Karen Rolf, Joseph Ferrie, Catherine Massey, and Yu Xie. 2017. “Trends in Intergenerational Mobility in the United States” Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, University of Cologne, Germany; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL.
- Brand, Jennie, Ravaris Moore, **Xi Song**, and Yu Xie. 2017. “How Does Parental Divorce Impact Children’s Educational Attainment?” Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, University of Cologne, Germany; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL.
- Song, Xi** and Robert D. Mare. 2017. “Demographic Transitions, Multigenerational Co-residence, and the Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality” Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, University of Cologne, Germany.
- Jarvis, Benjamin F. and **Xi Song**. 2016. “Trends in Intragenerational Mobility.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA; Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Bern, Switzerland.
- Song, Xi** and Siwei Cheng. 2016. “Intergenerational Association of Intragenerational Income Mobility.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC; Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Bern, Switzerland.
- Mare, Robert D. and **Xi Song**. 2015–2016. “The Changing Demography of Multigenerational Relationships.” Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC; The Donald J. Bogue Demography Workshop, Population Research Center, the University of Chicago; Evolutionary Demography Society, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; The first ECSR Thematic Workshop: Demography and Inequality, Berlin, Germany.
- Campbell, Cameron D., James Z. Lee, and **Xi Song**. 2015. “A Historical Perspective on Multigenerational Stratification.” Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

- Song, Xi.** 2015. "Grandparent Effects on Educational Attainment in One- and Two-Parent Families." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL; Department of Demography, University of California, Berkeley; Department of Sociology, University of Chicago; Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
- Song, Xi.** 2014. "Educational Mobility in Three Generations: Single-Parent and Grandparent Effect." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA; Research Committee on The Demographic Reproduction of Social Stratification at the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan.
- Song, Xi** and Robert D. Mare. 2013. "Educational Mobility in Multiple Generations: A Two-Sex Approach." Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Trento, Italy; Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY; Stanford Workshop in Biodemography.
- Bianchi, Suzanne M., Judith A. Seltzer, and **Xi Song.** 2013. "Money and Time Transfers from Parents to Adult Children in the United States: New Evidence on Between and Within Family Differences from the June 2012 Survey of Consumer." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA; Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Trento, Italy.
- Song, Xi** and Robert D. Mare. 2012. "Retrospective Versus Prospective Approaches to the Study of Social Mobility." Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Hong Kong.
- Song, Xi,** Cameron D. Campbell, and James Z. Lee. 2012. "Descent Line Growth and Extinction from a Multigenerational Perspective." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA.
- Mare, Robert D. and **Xi Song.** 2011–2012. "Stratification in Multiple Generations." Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Iowa City, IA; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA; Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Hong Kong.
- Wu, Xiaogang and **Xi Song.** 2010. "Ethnic Stratification in China's Labor Market: Evidence from Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region." Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Haifa, Israel.
- Wu, Xiaogang and **Xi Song.** 2010. "Gender and Employment During China's Labor Market Transition, 1982–2002." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, TX.
- Song, Xi.** 2009. "The Shift of Housing Inequality and Its Regional Variations in Reform Era China." Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the ISA, Beijing, China.
- Song, Xi.** 2009. "Values and Modes of Conflict Resolution: A Portrait of the Chinese New Middle Class." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

## ADVISING

### University of Pennsylvania

#### Dissertation Chair

In progress     Alexander Adames

#### Dissertation Committee

In progress     Treva Tam

In progress     Weilong Li

### University of Chicago

#### Dissertation Committee

In progress     Linzhuo Li, Power of “Hot-Styles”

2019             Yinxian Zhang, The Nature of the Public Sphere in China (Postdoc, Harvard University;  
Assistant Professor, Queens College)

#### MA Committee Chair

2017–2018     Kai Feng, Gender Cultures, Division of Household Labor, and Fertility Preference

2017–2018     Boyan Zheng, The Determinants of Parenting and Its Effects on Children’s Cognitive  
Development from a Multigenerational Perspective

2016–2017     Taylor Aquino, Race/Ethnic Differences in Adolescent Risk-Taking Behaviors

2016–2017     Eleanor Koh Ching Ern, Do Grandparents Matter? A Study of Multigenerational Income  
Mobility in the United States

2016–2017     Kailey White, Parental Involvement in College Planning and the Likelihood of College  
Enrollment

2016–2017     Xia Zheng, Is Political Capital Still Important for Socioeconomic Attainment? Evidence  
from China Three Decades after the Market Transition

## DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### University of Pennsylvania

#### *University-Wide*

2019–2020     SAS Strategic Planning Working Group  
SAS Data-Driven Discovery Working Group  
SAS China Working Group

#### *Department of Sociology*

2019–2020     Computing Committee



## University of Chicago

### *University-Wide*

- 2015–2019 Faculty Mentor, Specialized Training Program in the Center on Demography and Economics of Aging, NORC at the University of Chicago
- 2015–2019 Faculty Sponsor, East Asia Workshop
- 2018 Faculty Coordinator, Demography Workshop

### *Department of Sociology*

- 2016–2017 Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2017 Placement Committee
- 2015–2017 Prelim Exam Committee on Family
- 2015–2017 Prelim Exam Committee on Population
- 2016 Special Field Exam Chair

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

### **American Journal of Sociology**

- 2016–2018 Associate Editor
- 2015–2019 Editorial Board

### **Chinese Sociological Review**

- 2020– Editorial Board

### **Sociological Methodology**

- 2020–2022 Editorial Board

### **Research in Social Stratification and Mobility**

- 2019– Associate Editor
- 2017– Editorial Board

### **American Sociological Association**

- 2019 Mentoring Committee, Section on Aging and the Life Course
- 2018 Session Organizer, Regular Session on Quantitative Methodology
- 2018 Session Chair, New Statistical Methods in Social Science Research
- 2016 Session Discussant, Multigenerational Mobility
- 2016 Nominations Committee, Section on Inequality, Poverty and Mobility

### **Population Association of America**

- 2018 Session Organizer, Intra- and Intergenerational Social Mobility
- 2018 Session Organizer, Intergenerational Mobility: Processes and Mechanisms

- 2018 Session Chair, Multigenerational Attainment Processes and Inequality
- 2017 Session Chair, Biodemography Across the Life Course
- 2017 Session Discussant, Processes and Mechanisms of Intergenerational Mobility
- 2017 Session Discussant, Statistical Methods in Demographic Research
- 2013 Session Chair, Contextual and Network Influences on Educational Outcomes

**International Sociological Association**

- 2020 Committee Member, RC28 Significant Scholarship Award
- 2018 Session Chair, Mobility in Historical Populations, ISA-RC28 Spring Meeting, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea
- 2017 Session Chair, Gender and Labor Markets, ISA-RC28 Summer Meeting, Columbia University, New York
- 2016 Session Chair, Employment and Labor Market II, ISA-RC28 Summer Meeting, Bern, Switzerland

**International Chinese Sociological Association**

- 2019– Board Member

**Occasional Referee**

*Advances in Life Course Research; American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; British Journal of Sociology; Chinese Sociological Review; Demography; Demographic Research; European Journal of Population; European Research Council; European Sociological Review; Housing Studies; Israel Science Foundation; Journal of Family Studies; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Journal of Political Economy; PLOS ONE; Population and Development Review; Population Research and Policy Review; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Research in Social Stratification and Mobility; Research in the Sociology of Education; Science Advances; Social Currents; Social Forces; Social Problems; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Social Science History; Social Science Research; Social Science and Medicine; Sociological Methods and Research; Sociological Methodology; Sociological Science; Sociology of Education; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Socius; The Sociological Quarterly*