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## Education

- 2022– Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University  
Qualifying Exams: Social Stratification, Social Organization, Gender, Family  
Qualifying Paper Committee: Xiang Zhou (Chair), David Pedulla, Christina Ciocca Eller  
Doctoral Trainee in Demography and Population Sciences, Center for Population and Development Studies  
Graduate Student Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science
- 2022 M.A., Sociology, National Taiwan University
- 2020 Visiting Student, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 2019 B.A., Sociology, National Taiwan University

## Research Interests

Economic Inequality, Social Stratification, Education, Gender and Work, Quantitative Methods, Organization, Social Demography, Social Policy

## Working Papers

1. **Jen-Chen Chao**, Ang Yu, and Felix Elwert. “How do Secondary Schools Contribute to Socioeconomic Achievement Gaps? Evidence from Taiwan.”

## In-Progress Research

1. “Changing Distributions and Economic Rewards of College Majors and the Slowing Convergence of the Gender Wage Gap: 2003—2021.” Qualifying paper.
2. “Consolidating Effects of Educational Attainment and Family Structure on Income Inequality in the U.S.” with Xiang Zhou.
3. “Causal Effects of Parental Leave Policies on Women’s Employment.” in preparation.

4. “Is Citizenship Always a Privilege? Examining the Moderating Role of Immigration Integration Policies on Health Disparities.” with Terrence Chen, Li Hsu, I-Lun Shih.

## Selected Conference Presentations

1. **Jen-Chen Chao**, Terrence Chen, Li Hsu, I-Lun Shih. 2024. “Is Citizenship Always a Privilege? Examining the Moderating Role of Immigration Integration Policies on Health Disparities.” Poster at the Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, Columbus, OH.
2. **Jen-Chen Chao**, Ang Yu, and Felix Elwert. 2023. “Are Schools the Great Equalizer in a Stratified School System? Evidence from Taiwan.” Oral Presentation at the Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA.
3. **Jen-Chen Chao** and Janet Chen-Lan Kuo. 2021. “Gender Differences in the Pattern of Mate Selection Preferences among Taiwanese Young Adults.” Oral Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Population Association of Taiwan, Taipei, Taiwan.

## Awards and Honors

2024	Travel Grant, Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University (\$1500)
2023	Institute for Quantitative Social Science Travel Grant, Harvard University (\$750)
2022	Scholarship of Government Sponsorship for Overseas Study (Demography), Ministry of Education, Taiwan (\$200,000) (Declined)
2019–2020	Study Abroad Scholarship for Future Scholars in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Ministry of Education, Taiwan (\$40,000)
2018	Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Performance, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University

## Teaching Experience

2024 Fall	Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Quantitative Research Methods, Department of Sociology, Harvard University
2024 Fall	Quantitative Advisor, Department of Sociology, Harvard University
2020, 2021	Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Method, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University
2021	Teaching Assistant, Qualitative Research Method, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University

## Summer Trainings

- 2021 Social Simulation Workshop, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica
- 2021 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, National Chengchi University
- 2019 Sociological Quantitative Research Workshop, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica

## Professional Affiliations

- 2022– American Sociological Association
- 2022– Population Association of America

## Professional Service

- 2023–2024 Program Development Committee for Doctoral Traineeship in Demography and Population Sciences, Harvard University
- 2023–2024 Social Chair of Graduate Student Organization, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

Reviewer: *Population Research and Policy Review*

## Skills

- Languages: Mandarin Chinese (Native), Taiwanese Hokkien (Conversational), Japanese (Intermediate), Korean (Beginner)
- Software: R, STATA, LaTeX, Python