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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2026 (expected) Ph.D. Sociology, Louisiana State University
- 2024 M.A. Sociology, Louisiana State University
- 2016 M.A. Public Administration, Beijing Normal University
- 2010 B.A. Law, Majored in Social Work, Capital Normal University

RESEARCH

Dissertation Topic

Community Ties, Structural Inequality, and Health: How Historical Legacy Shapes Reproductive Outcomes through Social Capital

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Yang, Xiaoxu, Paige Miller, Nana Osei Asiamah, and Wesley Shrum. 2025. "Positive Aspects of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States." *Sociological Imagination* 60(2), 86-95.
- Asiamah, Nana Osei, Paige B. Miller, Xiaoxu Yang, and Wesley Shrum. 2024. "Information Sources and Vaccination in the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Discover Public Health* 21(1):138.
- Yang, Xiaoxu, Wang Lin, Zhang Lei, Zhang Yue, Wang Zhuoyan, Xu Dan. 2009. "A survey of the Living Status of Unlicensed Peddlers in Beijing." *South China Population* 96(24), 27-33.

Book Chapter

- Yang, Xiaoxu. 2025. "Public Trust, Skepticism, and Collective Resistance: Exploring Early COVID-19 Responses in China." Pp. 203–218 in *COVID-19 Responses in Cultural and Political Context*, edited by Antony Palackal, N.B. Lekha, André Sica de Campos, Janaina Pamplona da Costa, and Wesley Shrum. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.

Research Projects

- 2024-present Independent study: Enduring Values: Density of Genealogy and Son Preference Across Modern China
- 2022 Research assistant, Assessing Adaptive Responses During COVID-19 Research Collaboration: A Study of Collaborative Contexts
- 2015-2016 Independent study student, Beijing Normal University, China
- 2009-2011 Research Assistant, Capital Normal University, China
- 2008-2009 Group Leader: Investigation on the living conditions of unlicensed peddlers in Beijing

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Conference Presentations

- Yang, Xiaoxu and Hope Xu Yan. "Enduring Values: Density of Genealogy and Son Preference Across Modern China". PAA 2025 Annual Meeting, Washington, April 2025; 120th ASA Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 2025

- Yang, Xiaoxu. “Collective Action and Advocacy: The Political Mobilization of Louisiana’s Chinese American Community Against Discriminatory Property Legislation.” Montreal, Canada. August 12, 2024.
- Yang, Xiaoxu. “More than Business: The Philosophy of a Part-time Grocer. Southwestern Social Science Association 103rd Annual Meeting”. New Orleans, Louisiana. April 20, 2024.
- Yang, Xiaoxu. “The Echo of Epidemic: Long-term Academic Achievements post School Closures”. Southern Sociological Society 87th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. April 5, 2024.
- Yang, Xiaoxu and Frederick Weil. “Legitimacy through Nationalism: the Evidence for the Retreat of Democracy from China”. XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia, June 30, 2023

Teaching

Instructor

- 2025 Summer Introduction to Statistics
- 2024 Fall Introduction to Sociology

Guest Teach

- 2021 Fall “Risk Society and Modern Times” Louisiana State University
- 2024 Spring “Social Change”, Louisiana State University

AWARDS

- 2025 Teaching Innovation Award, Sage Publishing, Sage College Publishing
(Nationally competitive recognition for excellence and creativity in teaching.)
- 2022/24 Graduate Student Association Travel Award, Louisiana State University
- 2010 Beijing Municipal Outstanding Graduate Awardee
- 2009-2010 First-class Academic Scholarships (twice), Capital Normal University

SERVICE

- Volunteer, Southern Sociological Society 87th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 4, 2024
- Session President, “Impact of Covid-19 on Achievement, Emotions, and Wellbeing”. Southern Sociological Society 87th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 5, 2024
- Session Chair, “Values in Transition and Development: New Findings from the World Values Survey”. XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia, June 28, 2023