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EDUCATION

- (In Progress) **Ph.D., Sociology** (Minor: Methods in Statistics and Data Science) | University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 **M.S., Sociology** | University of Wisconsin-Madison
Master's Thesis: "Beyond Assimilation: Incorporating Labor Force Exits into U.S. Male Immigrants' Earnings Trajectories."
Committee: Michal Engelman (chair), Jenna Nobles, Jason Fletcher
- 2016 **B.A., Sociology and German** *with first class honours* | The University of Hong Kong

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration and Immigrant Incorporation; Health, Aging and the Life Course; Race and Ethnicity; Children and Family

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - 20 Retirement and Disability Graduate Research Fellow | Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 - 19 Research Assistant for Jordan Conwell | Department of Sociology & Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 Mixed-Methods Researcher | Prototype Thinking Labs, San Francisco, California
- 2016 - 18 Research Assistant for Michal Engelman | Department of Sociology & Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2015 - 16 Research Assistant for David A. Palmer | Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong
- 2015 - 16 Research Assistant for Ben Simpfendorfer | Silk Road Associates, Hong Kong SAR

PUBLICATIONS

Engelman, Michal & **Leafia Zi Ye** (2019). The Immigrant Health Differential in the Context of Racial and Ethnic Disparities: The Case of Diabetes. *Advances in Medical Sociology, Volume 19: Immigration and Health*: 147-171.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Ye, Leafia Zi & Michal Engelman. “Mobility, Stagnation, or Attrition? Diverse Earning Trajectories In a Cohort of Foreign-Born Men.”

Ye, Leafia Zi & Michal Engelman. “Does Destination Matter? Geographic Patterns of Immigrant Health in the U.S.”

Ye, Leafia Zi & Josefina Flores-Morales. “Three Life Expectancies: Immigrants’ Longevity and Well-being in Later Life.”

Conwell, Jordan & **Leafia Zi Ye**. “Equally Wealthy and Wise? Race, Income and Wealth, and Children's Cognitive Development.”

Doren, Catherine, Jordan Conwell & **Leafia Zi Ye**. “Double Divergence: Marriage and its Economic Payoffs by Women’s Race and Education, 1960-2010.”

Conwell, Jordan, Catherine Doren & **Leafia Zi Ye**. “Racial Differences in Family Formation Within Maternal Education Groups and Their Implications for Children’s Developmental Outcomes.”

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 **Ye, Leafia Zi**. “Mobility, Stagnation, or Attrition? Diverse Earnings Trajectories in a Cohort of Foreign-born Men”. Paper Presentation, ISA RC28 Summer Meeting, Princeton, New Jersey.
- 2019 **Ye, Leafia Zi**. “Beyond Gradual Assimilation: U.S. Male Immigrants’ Working Life and Earnings”. Paper Presentation, Population Association of America, Austin, Texas.
- 2019 **Ye, Leafia Zi** & Michal Engelman. “Does Destination Matter? Geographic Patterns of Immigrant Health in the U.S.”. Paper Presentation, Population Association of America, Austin, Texas.
- 2018 **Ye, Leafia Zi**. “Beyond the Prime Years: U.S. Immigrants’ Earnings over the Life Course”. 30th Annual Colloquium on Aging, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2018 **Ye, Leafia Zi**. “Single Motherhood and Children’s Emotional-Behavioral Health: Does Migration Status Matter?”. Paper Presentation, XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 2018 Engelman, Michal & **Leafia Zi Ye**. “The Immigrant Health Differential in the Context of Racial and Ethnic Disparities: The Case of Diabetes”. Paper Presentation, Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado.

2018 **Ye, Leafia Zi.** “How Long Does One Dream the American Dream? Tracking Immigrants’ Earnings Trajectories Using Cohort Life Tables”. Poster Presentation, Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado.

SKILLS

Computing: Stata, Tableau Public – Advanced; Python, R, SAS, SPSS, Netlogo – Basic

Data Analysis: Hierarchical linear modeling, Demographic techniques (Lifetable, Standardization, Decomposition), Cluster analysis, Factor analysis, Multidimensional scaling – Advanced; Agent-based modeling, Natural language processing (TF.IDF, Sentiment Analysis, Naive Bayes Classifier, Probabilistic Topic Modeling) – Basic

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese – Native/Advanced; German – Conversational

HONORS & AWARDS

2019 Retirement and Disability Graduate Research Fellowship (\$50,000), Center for Financial Security Retirement and Disability Research Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison (funded by the Retirement and Disability Research Consortium at the U.S. Social Security Administration)

2018, 19 Student Research Grants Competition Travel Award (\$600), University of Wisconsin-Madison

2018, 19 Hauser Research Scholar Award (\$3,000), “Recipients are students with unusual potential for productivity in rigorous empirical research”, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2018, 19 Conference Travel Support, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2017-19 Conference Travel Award, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016 Welcome Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016 Dean’s Honour List, the University of Hong Kong

2015 Best Capstone Project Presentation Award, Department of Sociology, the University of Hong Kong

2015 Rosita King Ho Scholarship (HKD \$12,000), the University of Hong Kong

2014 Second Prize, The Third Inter-University German Speech Competition, Hong Kong SAR

2012 Zhiyuan Stipend Award (CNY ¥200,000), China Soong-Ching-ling Foundation

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2019 Graduate Research Fellows Program, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019 Member, Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Social Mobility, International Sociological Association
- 2016-17 Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016-17 Member, International Sociological Association
- 2016, 17 Member, American Sociological Association
- 2016 - Member, Population Association of America