**Yaqi "Sam" Yuan**
***Curriculum vitae***

School of History and Sociology
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## EDUCATION

2020 **Ph.D., Sociology**, University at Buffalo, SUNY

2014 **M.A., Political Science**, Hunan University, China

2010 **B.A., English Language Studies**, Hunan Agricultural University, China

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2023 - Assistant Professor, School of History and Sociology, Georgia Institute of Technology

2020 - 2023 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Quantitative Research, Mixed Methods, Cross-national Studies, Health Policy, Sociology of Aging and the Life Course

## PUBLICATIONS

*denotes a student coauthor

2026 **Yuan, Yaqi,** Rui Huang*, and Yulin Yang. "Racial-Ethnic Differences in Healthcare Experience Among Middle-Aged and Older Adults in the United States: Evidence from Four Waves of the Health and Retirement Study. Online First. *The Journal of Aging and Health*. https://doi.org/10.1177/08982643261492103

2025 **Yuan, Yaqi**. "Navigating High Staff Turnover: How Organizational Hierarchy Shaped Assisted Living Facility Employees' Emotional Responses During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World.* https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/23780231251350173

2025 **Yuan, Yaqi**. "Understanding the Experience of Employees in Assisted Living Facilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case Study." *Social Science & Medicine*, 370, 117803.

2024 **Yuan, Yaqi,** Shun Yuan Yeo* and Kristen S. Lee. "Social Engagement Among Older Women in Singapore during the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Aging*

*Studies*, 71, 101286. (Honorable mention for MAXQDA #ResearchforChange Grants Program 2022)

2024 **Yuan, Yaqi,** Shun Yuan Yeo*, and Kristen S. Lee. "Different roles of interpersonal trust and institutional trust in motivating older adults to receive COVID-19 vaccines in Singapore." *Social Science & Medicine*, 340, 116475.

2022 **Yuan, Yaqi** and Kristen S. Lee. "General Trust in Physicians and General Trust in the Health Care System – A Multilevel Analysis of 30 Countries. *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 63(3), 91-104.

2022 **Yuan, Yaqi**, Kristen S. Lee, and Yunmei Lu, "Public Support for Government Intervention in Health Care in the United States from 1984 to 2016." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World.* https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/23780231211072394

2022 Lee, Kristen S., Julie Artis, **Yaqi Yuan**, and Sibo Zhao, "Family Structure and Children's Cognitive Development." *Families, Relationships and Societies*,11(3), 412- 431.

2021 **Yuan, Yaqi**. "Public Satisfaction with Health Care System in 30 Countries: the Effects of Individual Characteristics and Social Contexts." *Health Policy*, 125(10), 1359 -1366.

**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION**

In progress **Yuan, Yaqi**, Rui Huang*, and Yulin Yang. "The Association between Socioeconomic Status and Overall Satisfaction with Healthcare with the Mediation Role of Healthcare Experiences and Conditions Among Older Adults in the U.S." Manuscript available.

In progress **Yuan, Yaqi**. "Political Polarization and Public Support for Government Intervention in Health Care from 2016 to 2022 in the United States: A Mixed Methods Approach."

In progress **Yuan, Yaqi** and Zhiyong Lin. "Organizational Hierarchy, Work Environment, and Job Satisfaction in Dementia Care Setting."

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology

- Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2025)
- Research Methods (Fall 2024; Fall 2025)
- Seminar: Sociology of the Life Course (Spring 2024)
- Sociological Theory (Fall 2023; Fall 2024; Spring 2026)
- Sociology of Health and Illness (Spring 2026)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Wake Forest University

- Principles of Sociology (Fall 2020 to Spring 2023)
- Sociological Theory (Fall 2020; Spring 2023)
- Research Methods in Sociology (Fall 2021; Spring 2022)
- Seminar: Sociology of the Life Course (Spring 2021)

Lecturer, Singapore Institute of Management (UB-SIM Program)

- Classical Sociological Theory (Fall 2019: Two Sections)
- Law and Society (Fall 2019)
- Sociology of the Life Course (*online*) (Summer 2020: Two Sections)

Instructor, University at Buffalo, SUNY

- Basic Statistics for Social Science (Spring 2020)
- Introduction to Sociology (*online*) (Winter 2019; Summer 2019)
- Social Research Methods (Fall 2018; Spring 2019)

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2024 Grants to Enhance and Advance Research and Scholarship (GEARS) Program, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Georgia Institute of Technology ($15,000)

Spring 2024 Course Instructor Opinion Survey Honor Roll, Georgia Institute of Technology

Faculty Development Funds, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Georgia Institute of Technology ($3,000)

2022 Faculty Development Funds, Wake Forest University ($1,000)
Provost's Fund for Faculty Travel, Wake Forest University ($1,000)

2021 Faculty Development Funds, Wake Forest University ($2,000)

2020 Faculty Development Funds, Wake Forest University ($1,000)

2019 Adeline Gordon Levine Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

2018 Dissertation Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University at Buffalo, SUNY ($6,000)

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2026 **Yuan, Yaqi** and Zhiyong Lin. "Organizational Hierarchy, Work Environment, and Job Satisfaction in Dementia Care Setting". Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 7 – 11.

2025 **Yuan, Yaqi**, Rui Huang*, and Yulin Yang. "The Association between Socioeconomic Status and Overall Satisfaction with Healthcare with the Mediation Role of Healthcare Experiences and Conditions Among Older Adults in the U.S."

Annual Meeting of the American Gerontological Society, Boston, MA, November 12 – 15.

**Yuan, Yaqi**, Rui Huang*, and Yulin Yang.“Racial/ethnic Differences in Health Care Satisfaction Among Older Americans: An Analysis Using the Health and Retirement Study. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 8 – 12.

**Yuan, Yaqi**. “Emotional Labor in Assisted Living Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC, April 9 – 12.

2024 **Yuan, Yaqi**. “Challenges and Silver Linings for Staff at Assisted Living Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 9-13.

**Yuan, Yaqi** and Shun Yuan Yeo*. “Public Opinion of Singaporean Government Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Feminist Perspective.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 9-13.

**Yuan, Yaqi,** Shun Yuan Yeo* and Kristen S. Lee. “Older Women's Work from Home Experiences in Singapore Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic Through a Feminist and Life Course Lens.” Work and Family Researchers Network Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, June 19-22.

2023 **Yuan, Yaqi,** Shun Yuan Yeo* and Kristen S. Lee. ““Remember, We Are Obedient Singaporeans”: Older Adults’ Motivation to Receive COVID-19 Vaccines in an Authoritarian State.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 17-21.

2022 **Yuan, Yaqi,** Shun Yuan Yeo* and Kristen S. Lee. “Social Engagement and Social Support Among Older Women During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Singapore.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA. August 5-9.

2019 **Yuan, Yaqi**. “Citizens Trust in Physicians – the Moderating Effects of Health Care System.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY. August 10-13.

2018 **Yuan, Yaqi**. “Public Satisfaction with Health Care System in 31 Countries: The Effects of Individual Characteristics and Social Context.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 11-13.

2018 **Yuan, Yaqi**. “Public Support for Government Intervention in Health Care in the United States from 1986 to 2016.” Eastern Sociological Association Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD February 22-25.

2016 **Yuan, Yaqi**. "Relationship between Mothers' Employment and Children's Obesity in Urban China." Eastern Sociological Association Annual Conference. Boston, MA March 17-20.

**INVITED TALKS**

2025 Understanding Emotional Labor and Role Conflict Among Assisted Living Facility Employees During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Guest lecture at the Department of Sociology and Demography, The University of Texas at San Antonio

2024 *The Well-Being of Older Women in Singapore During the COVID-19 Pandemic*, Guest lecture at Singapore Institute of Management.

*The Well-Being of Older Women in Singapore During the COVID-19 Pandemic*, Invited talk at University at Buffalo Global Conference, Singapore.

2023 *A Brief Introduction to Quantitative Research Method in Sociology*, Guest lecture at Georgia Institution of Technology, School of History and Sociology

*Understanding Public Opinion of Health Care System/s Through the Sociological Imagination*, Guest lecture at University at Buffalo, Department of Sociology

**MENTORED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

2021 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Wake Forest University ($4,000)
**Yuan, Yaqi** and Ruixin Ma*. "Data Visualization of Public Support of Government Intervention in Health Care During the Trump Administration"

**RESEARCH SKILLS**

Methods: Multilevel Modeling
Software Packages: Stata R HLM SPSS NVivo MAXQDA

**ADDITIONAL METHOD AND PEDAGOGICAL TRAININGS**

2025 ICPSR "Mixed Methods Research: Combining Quantitative and Qualitative Data and Strategies" Workshop, University of Michigan

2024 ICPSR "Monitoring the Future" Workshop (competitive), University of Michigan

The Community of Practice on Transformative Teaching, Georgia Institute of Technology

2022 ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan

- Introduction to the Health and Retirement Study (funded by Michigan Retirement and Disability Research Center, University of Michigan)

Striving Towards Anti-Racist Teaching in the South Workshop (by invitation-only), Southern Sociological Society

2020 Center for Educational Innovation, University at Buffalo, SUNY
- Designing Experiences
- Learning Paradigms
- Teaching Effectively

2018 Summer Research Institute, University at Buffalo, SUNY
- Introduction and Application of Propensity Score Analyses

2017 ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan
- Longitudinal Data Analysis (workshop)
- Structural Equation Models with Latent Variables(workshop)
- Categorical Data Analysis (workshop)
- Introduction to R Statistical Computing Environment(lecture)

**SERVICE**

*University Service at Georgia Tech*

HSOC Awards Committee Member, 2023 to present
IAC IT Advisory Committee Member, 2024 to present
The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Faculty Advisor, 2024 to present
Swifties at GT Faculty Advisor, 2026 to present
HSOC Faculty Advisory Committee Member, 2024 to 2026

*Professional Conference Service*

Session Organizer & Presider, Public Opinion, American Sociological Association, 2025
Session Presider, Media and Social Movements, American Sociological Association, 2025
Session Presider, Older Adults, Structures and Agency, American Sociological Association, 2024
Round-table Presider, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 2024
Program Committee Member, Southern Sociological Society, 2024
Session Presider, Public Opinion Session, American Sociological Association, 2023
Round-table Presider, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2023
Round-table Presider, Aging and the Life Course Section, American Sociological Association, 2023
Graduate Student Volunteer, East Sociological Society, 2016

*Service to the Discipline*

Early-Career Review Board Member for *Social Science Research,* 2025 to present
Occasional Peer Reviewer for:
*Health Policy*, *Social Problems, The Journal of Aging & Social Policy, The Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Social Science & Medicine, Chinese Sociological Review, The Journal of Aging and Health*

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociology Association
Southern Sociological Society