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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Sociology

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D., Sociology

2020

M.A., Statistics

2018

Peking University

Master of Translation and Interpreting (*with distinction*)

2012

Master Certificate in Human Rights (*jointly with Lund University, Sweden*)

2012

Shandong University

B.A., International Politics (*Best Senior Thesis*)

2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Stratification, Education, Mental Health, Children and Youth, Family, Environment,
Contemporary China, Quantitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Shen, Wensong. 2020. "A Tangled Web: The Reciprocal Relationship between Depression and Educational Outcomes in China." *Social Science Research*.

Wilde, Melissa, Patricia Tevington, and **Wensong Shen.** 2018. "Religious Inequality in America." *Social Inclusion* 6(2):107-126.

Shen, Wensong, Li-Chung Hu, and Emily Hannum. 2017. "Cumulative Adversity, Childhood Behavioral Problems, and Educational Mobility in China's Poorest Rural Communities." *Chinese Journal of Sociology* 3(4): 491-517.

Professional Report

Emily Hannum, Li-Chung Hu, and **Wensong Shen**. 2018. "Being Left-Behind in China: The Short- and Long-term Outcomes on Education, Well-being and Life Opportunities." *Background Paper for Global Education Monitoring Report 2019*. Paris, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

MANUSCRIPTS

Under Review

Wilde, Melissa, Haley Pilgrim, and **Wensong Shen**. "Blackness as Primacy – Unless You Worship in an Historically White Church : The Continuing Significance of Race for Black Americans' Political Views." R&R in *Religion*.

Shen, Wensong, Li-Chung Hu, and Emily Hannum. "Effect Pathways of Informal Family Separation on Children's Outcomes: Paternal Labor Migration and Long-term Educational Attainment of Left-behind Children in Rural China."

Wilde, Melissa, Patricia Tevington, and **Wensong Shen**. "Resisting the World: The Unique Effects of Education on Evangelicals' Attitude."

Xiaoying Liu, **Wensong Shen**, and Jianghong Liu. "Environmental Hazard Exposure and Children's Health."

In Preparation

Shen, Wensong. "The Psychological Adjustment Effect of Cultural Capital on Educational Achievement in Exam-oriented Education System."

Shen, Wensong, Hua-Yu Sebastian Cherg, Emily Hannum. "Early Promise, Maternal Expectations, and Their Long-term Implications for Educational Attainment."

Su, Ruolin, and **Wensong Shen**. "Unequal Suffering of War: Combat Participation, Regime Type, and Leaders' Health."

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal Reviewer

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| <i>American Sociological Review</i> | 2019 |
| <i>Sociology of Religion</i> | 2018 |
| <i>Social Science Research</i> | 2018-2020 |

Consultant and Survey Researcher

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| Guangdong Air Pollution and Child Development Survey Funded by the National Science Foundation Exploring the socioeconomic disparities in exposure and responses to air pollution | 2018- present |
| Gansu Survey of Children and Families A 15-year longitudinal study of the development of children in Gansu province Documenting changes in education, health, migration, employment, income, and family | 2014 |

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Shen, Wensong.** 2018. "The Mutual Relationship between Depression and Educational Outcomes: New Evidence from China." Paper presented at the 2018 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Sociology of Children and Youth Round Table. August 2018 (Philadelphia, PA, U.S.).
- Su, Ruolin, and **Wensong Shen.** 2017. "Unequal Suffering of War: Combat Participation, Regime Type and Leaders' Health." Paper presented at the 2017 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Regular Session on Disability, War/Social Conflict, and Inequality. August 2017 (Montreal, QC, Canada).
- Shen, Wensong.** 2017. "Unidirectional or Bidirectional: Rethinking the Relationship between Education Achievement and Mental Health among Children." Paper presented at the 2017 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Medical Sociology Round Table. August 2017 (Montreal, QC, Canada).
- Shen, Wensong,** Emily Hannum, and Li-Chung Hu. 2017. "The Long Shadow of Early Adversity? Childhood Behavioral Problems and Educational Mobility in China's Poorest Rural Communities." Paper presented at the Symposium on Education for the Countryside: Interrogating Social Mobility and Urbanization. July 2017 (Hong Kong, China).
- Shen, Wensong,** Emily Hannum, and Li-Chung Hu. 2017. "The Long Shadow of Early Adversity? Childhood Behavioral Problems and Educational Mobility in China's Poorest Rural Communities." Paper presented at the International Conference on Educational Quality and Justice. June 2017 (Linfen, China).
- Shen, Wensong.** 2017. "Too Good is Bad Too: How Does Educational Achievement Affect Children's Mental Health?" Paper presented at the 2017 Comparative and International Education Society Annual Meeting. March 2017 (Atlanta, GA, U.S.).
- Shen, Wensong.** 2016. "More or Less than Deserved: How Do People Perceive Income Inequality among Different Occupations in China?" Paper presented at the 2016 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Regular Session on Income Inequality and Mobility. August 2016 (Seattle, WA, U.S.).
- Shen, Wensong.** 2016. "Too Good is Bad Too: How Does Educational Achievement Affect Children's Mental Health?" Paper presented at the 2016 North American Chinese Sociologists Association Conference, Health Session. August 2016 (Seattle, WA).
- Shen, Wensong.** 2014. "Winners or Losers: How Do People Perceive Distributive Injustice among Different Occupations in China?" Paper presented at the 2014 North American Chinese Sociologists Association Conference, Session on Opportunity and Inequality in Employment and Occupational Attainment. August 2014 (San Francisco, CA, U.S.).
- Shen, Wensong,** and Emily Hannum. 2013. "Combining Economic and Social Capital: Do Family Credit Limits Affect Children's Educational Outcomes in Rural Communities?" Paper presented at the 2013 North American Chinese Sociologists Association Conference, Panel on New Perspectives on Human Capital. August 2013 (New York, NY, U.S.).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member

American Sociological Association
International Sociological Association (RC 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility)
Comparative and International Education Society
International Chinese Sociological Association

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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| Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania | 2019 |
| Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania | 2019 |
| Center for East Asian Studies Student Grant, University of Pennsylvania | 2019 |
| Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania | 2013- 2018 |
| President Gutmann Leadership Award, University of Pennsylvania | 2016, 2017 |
| SAS Dean's Travel Subvention, University of Pennsylvania | 2016, 2017 |
| Gertrude and Otto Pollak ASA Travel Award, University of Pennsylvania | 2016, 2017 |
| Center for the Study of Contemporary China Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania | 2017 |
| GAPSA Research Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania | 2017 |

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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