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I am an MPhil candidate in Sociology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), where I am researching forced migration (asylum seekers and refugees) and immigrant integration. Currently, I also volunteer for Refugee Union, a refugee-led civil society group in Hong Kong, and have organised a number of service projects entitled “Love·Care·Boundaryless” (I·CARE Social Service Projects Scheme 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20), consisting of language classes, cultural tours, artwork and handmade workshops, and other educational activities, for over a hundred asylum seekers and refugees stranded in Hong Kong. I am honoured to receive the CUHK Outstanding Student Award in 2018.

Scholarships, Fundings, and Awards

Postgraduate Study (2019-2021)

Winner of Project Chrysalis (CUHK initiated English pitching workshop and competition)(HK1,500)	July 2020
I·CARE Social Service Projects Scheme 2019/20 Funding (HK\$41,063)	May 2020
Outstanding Performance Award for Students of I·CARE (Social Service) Programme (HK\$5,000)	August 2019
CUHK Postgraduate Studentship (HK\$216,300 per annum, approx. US\$27,730)	August 2019

Undergraduate Study (2016-2019)

I·CARE Social Service Projects Scheme 2018/19 Funding (HK\$35,400)	May 2019
Lee She Fan, Lee Wan Yim Fong Memorial Scholarship (HK\$10,000)	April 2019
Lam Ding Kwong Scholarship in Social Service (HK\$5,000)	November 2018
Hong Kong Outstanding Tertiary Students' Services Association Outstanding Service Award	November 2018
2018 CUHK Outstanding Student Award (Project “Love·Care·Boundaryless”)(Serving the Society)	October 2018
2018 CUHK Outstanding Student Award (Individual)(Serving the Society)	October 2018
I·CARE Social Service Projects Scheme 2017/18 Funding (HK\$10,000)	June 2018
CUHK Convocation Outstanding Services and Creativity Student Award (HK\$10,000)	May 2018
Chinese Christian Universities Alumni Association Scholarship for Outstanding Social Service (HK\$7,500)	April 2018
Lee She Fan, Lee Wan Yim Fong Memorial Scholarship (HK\$10,000)	April 2018
Honorary Mention in CUHK General Education Best Essay Award	September 2017

Publications

Original Research

Lam, Ka Wang Kelvin. Under Review. “Tendency of segmented assimilation? Understanding the diversified integration outcomes among Vietnamese boat people in Hong Kong from their perspectives.” *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*. (2019 Impact Factor: 2.298)

Short Articles

Lam, Ka Wang Kelvin. 2020. “‘Learning’ to be self-reliant: What does the COVID-19 pandemic mean to the refugee community in Hong Kong?” *Routed Magazine*. *Co-published with the University of Oxford’s Centre on Migration, Policy and Society* (available at: <https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/2020/learning-to-be-self-reliant-what-does-covid-19-mean-for-the-refugee-community-in-hong-kong/>)

Lam, Ka Wang Kelvin. Under Review. “Asylum seekers and refugees in Hong Kong in times of COVID-19 pandemic.” *Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration*. (Field Monitor Section)

Conference Papers

Lam, Ka Wang Kelvin. “Taking refuge in Asian’s global city: Connection between strain and criminality among asylum seekers and refugees in Hong Kong.” Paper accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting 2020. Washington, DC. *Cancelled due to COVID-19*	November 2020
Lam, Ka Wang Kelvin and Zhong Hua. “How do asylum seekers and refugees in Hong Kong cope with destitution in one of the world’s costliest cities?” Paper presented at the 115th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Critical Refugee Studies Roundtable). San Francisco, CA. *Virtual Engagement due to COVID-19*	August 2020
Lam, Ka Wang Kelvin and Zhong Hua. “How do asylum seekers and refugees in Hong Kong survive in one of the world’s costliest cities?” Paper presented at the Hong Kong Sociological Association 21st Annual Conference (Migration Section). Hong Kong.	November 2019

Research Experiences

Africa Centre Hong Kong

Research Intern

I conducted two research projects in this internship. The first project is about the coverage of Africans in Hong Kong among local Chinese medium newspapers and their perceptions of these contents. I located relevant news articles using WiseNews database, followed by interviewing 20 adult Africans in Hong Kong to collect data. The second project is a survey about the living experiences of Africans in Hong Kong. With reference to Hong Kong’s census and the integration framework developed by Alastair Ager and Alison Strang, I designed a questionnaire and collected 300 responses (10% of the population) using network sampling. The latter project is expected to continue once every two years. Research reports for these projects are currently in preparation and will be published on the Centre’s website and social media page upon completion and professional review.

Hong Kong
June to September
2020

Hong Kong Housing Authority

Term Enumerator

I conducted face-to-face interviews with the selected households living in public housing for a statistical survey conducted by the Housing Department annually.

Hong Kong
January to March
2020

Policy 21 Limited

Research Intern

I assisted data collection in government-led research projects which include “Urban Rehabilitation Survey”, “Family Survey 2017”, and “The Second Hong Kong Population-based Food Consumption Survey”. I also sourced information and drafted the “Literature Review” section for a research project initiated by the Company about the application of Blockchain technology in smart cities.

Hong Kong
June to December
2018

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Student Research Assistant

I served as Student Research Assistant in a programme entitled UNDERstanding and EMbracing diversity with evidence-based Impact Assessment (UNEMIA). It is founded by Professor Wong Hung of the Department of Social Work at CUHK with the aim to facilitate inter-group interactions by conducting social research for academia and civil society. I assisted data collection, data entry, and preliminary data analysis for research projects which include “Low-income Family Allowance Scheme Evaluation Survey”, “Feasibility of Food Recycling in Local Wet Markets Evaluation Survey”, and “Ma On Shan Asset-based Community Development Survey”. Having accumulated experiences, I also led groups of students, women, and elderlies to collect data on sites.

Hong Kong
June to October
2017

Teaching Experiences**The Chinese University of Hong Kong**

Teaching Assistant

I served as Teaching Assistant for undergraduate courses organised by the Department of Sociology at CUHK. These courses include “Social Problems in China” and “Sociology of Crime and Deviance. I mainly took charge of assisting administrative and teaching duties, for example, preparing course materials, leading tutorial sessions, marking assignments, and answering students’ inquiries.

Hong Kong
August 2019 to
July 2021

Service Experiences**Refugee Union**

Project Partner

I have organised three service projects entitled “Love·Care·Boundaryless” (Social Service Projects Scheme 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20) for asylum seekers and refugees stranded in Hong Kong with full funding support (HK\$86,400 or approx. US\$11,000 in total) from I-CARE Centre for Whole-person Development at CUHK. These projects consist of language classes, cultural tours, artwork and handmade workshops, and other educational activities, with the aims to actualise participants’ social and psychological well-being and to enhance public understanding of relevant issues. So far the projects have served more than a hundred asylum seekers and refugees in the city. I also manage the official webpage and social media pages for the Organisation.

Hong Kong
May 2018 to
Present

Principal Chan Free Tutorial World

Volunteer Teacher

I served as Volunteer Teacher for four years (June 2015 to May 2019), in which I provided one-on-one tuition services for free to students from underprivileged families. Later I had an internship at the headquarters of the Organisation for three months (June to August 2017), in which I co-organised activities such as orientation workshops for new volunteers, carnivals for Volunteer Teachers and students to strengthen their relationships, and busking performances for volunteer recruitment. Currently, I am a volunteer member of the committee, in which I assist event planning and execution and participate in decision-making in relations to volunteer services.

Hong Kong
June 2015 to
Present

Education**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**17th Annual Qualitative Research Summer Intensive

I took two courses which include “Mixed Methods: Bridging Qualitative and Quantitative Methods and Results” and “Advancing Data Collection & Analysis in Qualitative & Mixed Methods with Visual Data Displays” to advance my skills in conducting qualitative and mixed methods research.

North Carolina
July 2020

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Sociology

- Cumulative GPA: 3.75/4.0
- Department Newsletter Editorial Board (2019-2020)
- Student Representative (2019-2020)

Hong Kong
August 2019 to
July 2021

Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc) in Sociology

- With Honours
- Concentrated in Social Research; and Crime, Law, and Society
- CUHK Outstanding Student Award (2017-2018)
- President of the Society of Sociology at Chung Chi College (2016-2017)

September 2016 to
July 2019

Additional Skills

- Skilled in SPSS and STATA
- Research Ethics Training Certificates (Publication Ethics; and Survey and Behavioural Ethics) issued by CUHK
- Native in Cantonese, fluent in English and Putonghua