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Education

Doctor of Philosophy
Department of Social Work and Social Administration,
The University of Hong Kong

Bachelor of Social Science (Major in Social Work)
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Graduated with 1st Class Honours

Employment

Associate Professor, Department of Social Work,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work,
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Research and Teaching Awards

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| 2015 | Exemplary Teaching Award in General Education
Senate Committee on General Education, CUHK
(Contribution: Developed and conducted a new GE course,
Living with grief: Understanding death, dying and bereavement.) |
| 2013 | The Young Researcher Award
Faculty of Social Science, CUHK |
| 2011 | Exemplary Teaching Award
Faculty of Social Science, CUHK |
| 2005 | Young Investigator Award for the research paper presented at
the 12th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress |

Professional Qualifications

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| 2013–present | Diplomate of Logotherapy, Viktor Frankl Institute of Logotherapy |
| 2011–13 | Academic Associate in Logotherapy, Viktor Frankl Institute of
Logotherapy |
| 2009–present | Fellow in Thanatology, Association for Death Education and
Counseling |

- 2007–2009 Certified in Thanatology, Association for Death Education and Counseling
- 1999–present Registered Social Worker (Hong Kong)

International exposure

- a) Editorial board of academic journals
- Consulting Editor, Health and Social Work (July 1 2014–Present)
 - Member, Editorial Board, Death Studies (November, 2020–Present)
 - Member, Peer Review Panel, Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work & Development (Jan, 2020– present)
 - Review Editor (member of the editorial board) of journals: Frontiers in Public Health, Frontiers in Psychiatry and Frontiers in Sociology (starting from January, 2021)
- b) Visiting scholar
- i) Department of Social Work, Education and Community Wellbeing, Northumbria University (Newcastle, the UK) (2022)
 - ii) Department of Sociology, Durham University (Durham, the UK) (2022)

List of publications

a) Peer-reviewed Journals

Chan W. C H., Leung G. S. M., Leung M. M. M., Lin M. K. Y., Yu C. T. K., Wu J. K.W. (2022). Facing the loss of siblings in childhood: Interactions and dynamics between bereaved siblings and their parents. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pedn.2022.07.003>.

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- Wang, Y., Liu, M., **Chan, W. C. H.**, Zhou, J., & Chi, I. (2021). Validation of the Quality of Dying and Death Questionnaire among the Chinese populations. *Palliative and Supportive Care*, 1-8. doi:10.1017/S1478951521001413
- Li, Y., **Chan, W. C. H.**, Chen, H., & Ran, M. (2021). Widowhood and depression among Chinese older adults: examining coping styles and perceptions of aging as mediators and moderators. *Aging & Mental Health*, 1-9.
- Chan, W. C. H.** (2020). Future provision of home end-of-life care: Family carers' willingness for caregiving and needs for support. *Palliative and Supportive Care*, 1-7. doi:10.1017/S1478951520001273
- Zheng, Z.H., Luo, Z.C., Zhang, Y., **Chan, W. C.H.**, Li, J.-Q., Pang, J., Jia, Y.-L., & Tang, J. (2020). Hospice care self-efficacy among clinical medical staff working in the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) isolation wards of designated hospitals: a cross-sectional study. *BMC Palliative Care*, 19(188). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12904-020-00692-0>
- Chan, W. C. H.**, Tin, A. F., & Yu, T. K. (2020). Professional quality of life, depression, and meaning in life among helping professionals: The moderating role of self-competence in death work, *Death Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/07481187.2020.1793431
- Chan, W. C. H.**, Chan, S. O., Wong, A. L. Y., & Ng, P. K. L. (2020). Communication with family concerning body donation in Hong Kong: What do we know? *Health & Social Care in the Community*, 28, 1817-1826. DOI: 10.1111/hsc.13008
- Chan, W. C. H.**, Tin, A. F., and Wong, A. L. Y. (2019). Moderating effects of meaning in life on the relationship between depression and self-competence in death work among helping professionals. *Death Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/07481187.2019.1671541
- Chan, W. C. H.**, Chan, S. O., Wong, A. L. Y., & Ng, P. K. L. (2019). Understanding family involvement in body donation in Hong Kong: A qualitative study of registered donors and bereaved family members. *Health & Social Care in the Community*, 28, 270-278. DOI:10.1111/hsc.12861
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