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I'm a fifth-year doctoral student broadly interested in social relationships, social networks, and health. In particular, I'm interested in how social networks (both online and interpersonal) influence biological processes to create individual variation in health from adolescence into adulthood.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

projected: May 2023

- Ph.D. in Sociology (started in August 2017)
 - M.A. in Sociology (obtained December 2019) - Thesis: *Socializing and Emotional Arousal: An Analysis Using Biological Signals and Self-Reported Surveys*
 - Comprehensive Exams: High Pass (Day 1: Health; Day 2: Social Relationships and Health)
- Population Research Center Graduate Trainee (Research Assistant: Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)
- Teaching Experience:
 - SOC 302 (Introduction to the Study of Society) – Fall 2017 (TA)
 - SOC 308S (Introduction to Health and Society) – Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Summer 2021 (TA)
 - SOC 317L (Introduction to Social Statistics) – Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021 (TA)

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

May 2016

- B.A. in Plan II Honors, B.A. in Sociology | Pre-med concentration
- Senior Thesis: *Sexual Violence and College Masculinities within the U.S. Higher Education System, with an Emphasis on Large Campuses such as the University of Texas at Austin* — named a Plan II Model Thesis (top 10-15 theses in a graduating class, as selected by the Plan II directors)

The University of Texas Health Science Center, Austin, TX

May 2016

- Graduate Certificate in Public Health
- Obtained through UT's School of Public Health in conjunction with the Plan II Public Health Program

ACADEMIC/WORK EXPERIENCE

Communications Manager / Quantitative Team Co-Lead, AAPI COVID-19 Project

March 2020 to present

- Handles communications and social media for a collaborative research effort examining the ongoing COVID-19 crisis as it impacts the lives of Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders in the United States
- Coordinates quantitative survey design and planning for longitudinal study
- Assists with grant proposals, writing, and analysis

Research and Planning Intern, Center for Public Policy Priorities, Austin, TX

June 2018 to August 2019

- Collected and managed data from state and federal agencies and other organizations for the KIDS COUNT Data Center and other data projects
- Assisted with policy analyses and writing for reports, data requests from stakeholders and media, and dissemination of CPPP materials
- Coordinated event planning for statewide release events, handling all administrative logistics and corresponding with vendors and speakers

Engagement Fellow, Texas Tribune, Austin, TX

January 2017 to May 2017

- Served as the first-ever engagement fellow for the Texas Tribune, a nonpartisan media organization focused on politics and Texas issues
- Managed the Tribune's social media channels (156,000+ followers on Twitter, 107,083 page likes on Facebook) during the afternoons, scheduling content for the evenings and weekends while focusing on increasing audience engagement through the use of new technologies like Facebook Live and Periscope
- Significantly increased the Tribune's presence on Snapchat and Instagram, pioneering the in-house usage of Stories to capture younger audiences

PUBLICATIONS

MANUSCRIPTS

2020 Kuo, Rachel, **Amy Zhang**, Vivian Shaw, and Cynthia Wang. 2020. "#FeministAntibodies: Asian American Media in the Time of Coronavirus." *Social Media + Society*. 6(4):205630512097836. doi: 10.1177/2056305120978364.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

2020 **Zhang, Amy**, Bridget J. Goosby, and Jacob Cheadle. "Leveraging Biosignals and Surveys to Understand Health Dynamics: A Case Study of Socializing and Emotional Affect in Real-Time."

Jelsma, Elizabeth, **Amy Zhang**, Bridget J. Goosby, and Jacob Cheadle. "Sympathetic Arousal Among Depressed College Students: Examining the Interplay between Psychopathology and Time Spent with Friends."

Susanna Y Park and **Amy Zhang**. "Imagining a Public Health 3.x: Creating "Digital Local Networks" to Tackle Structural Stigma as a Social Determinant of Health."

Kong, Xiaoqiang, **Amy Zhang**, et al. "Investigating relationships between phone use while driving behavior and drivers' socio-demographic characteristics – An interpretable machine learning approach."

Kong, Xiaoqiang, **Amy Zhang**, et al. "Work from Home in the Post-COVID World."

POLICY REPORTS

2021 ong, christina and **Amy Zhang**. (2021). *Research Report & Resources for Disentangling Anti-Asian Violence*. The AAPI COVID-19 Project. bit.ly/ACPMar2021Report

2019 Davis, Cassie, **Amy Zhang**, et al. (2019). *Dallas Equity Indicators: Measuring Change Toward Greater Equity in Dallas*. City of Dallas. bit.ly/3bmBkMe

2018 Tingle, Kristie, **Amy Zhang**, and Frances Diviney. (2018). *State of Texas Children 2018: The Road to a Brighter Future*. Center for Public Policy Priorities. bit.ly/2SnePxX

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021 "Leveraging Biosignals and Surveys to Understand Health Dynamics: A Case Study of Socializing and Emotional Affect in Real-Time." Population Association of America, May 6, 2021. (virtual due to COVID-19)

"Creating "Digital Local Networks" to Tackle Structural Stigma as a Social Determinant of Health," with co-author Susanna Y Park. American Sociological Association, August 6-10, 2021. (virtual due to COVID-19)

2020 "#FeministAntibodies: Asian American Media in the Time of Coronavirus." UT COVID-19 Conference, November 11, 2020. (virtual due to COVID-19)

"Leveraging Biosignals and Surveys to Understand Health Dynamics: A Case Study of Socializing and Emotional Affect in Real-Time." American Sociological Association, August 11, 2020. (virtual due to COVID-19)

INVITED TALKS

2021 "How Asians and Asian Americans Are Navigating the Pandemic: Findings from The AAPI COVID-19 Project." With Kara Takasaki. Ardea Partners, July 27, 2021.

"How AAPIs Are Cultivating Community Care: Findings From the AAPI COVID-19 Project." With christina ong and Justin Hu (undergraduate student). IMUSE Conference. MIT China Development Initiative. Virtual. January 28, 2021.

2020 "Processing the Pandemic: The AAPI COVID-19 Project, Findings, Methods, Community." With christina ong and Cynthia Wang. Harvard University, October 27, 2020.

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- 2021** Quoted in ““I don’t feel safe anymore”: Asian Texans grapple with racism after a gunman killed Asian women in Atlanta”. Texas Tribune, March 19, 2021. bit.ly/3vXighK
- 2020** Research profiled in “How the Model-Minority’ Stereotype Obscures Asian Americans’ Economic and Health Care Challenges”. Texas Standard, September 7, 2020. bit.ly/3mcePhr
- Interviewed (radio) with Vivian Shaw and Kara Takasaki for “Overlooked No More: How Asian Texans Shape the State”. Texas Standard National Public Radio, September 7, 2020. bit.ly/37z1USD

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2021** UT-Austin Department of Sociology Merit Award, \$1,500
- 2020** “Asian American and Pacific Islander Businesses and Workers During COVID-19: Recovery, Resilience, and Loss,” Quick Response Grant, Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder, \$3,000
- “Social impacts of COVID-19 on Asian American and Pacific Islander Families and Mental Health,” CONVERGE COVID-19 Working Groups for Public Health and Social Sciences Research Grant, Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder, \$1,000

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Texas Student Media Board At-Large Student Representative (June 2021-June 2023)

(elected position, as selected by the UT-Austin student body)

Vice President, Longhorn Westies (January 2020-present)

Occasional Reviewer for Journals: Social Media + Society

Member of:

- American Sociological Association

Sections: Asia and Asian America, Medical Sociology

- Population Association of America

SKILLS

PC/Macintosh: R, STATA, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, InCopy), Photo Mechanic, HTML, basic Javascript, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), content management in Drupal, Wordpress

Languages: English, Mandarin Chinese, working and conversational Spanish