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EDUCATION

- 2023 – Pres. **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**
Ph.D., Sociology
- 2023 **Hamilton College**
B.A., Sociology, *honors*
B.A., Chinese Language and Literature, *honors*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Asia and Asian America, Family and Caregiving, Identity, Inequality and Stratification, Life Course, Race/Gender/Class, Sociology of Emotions, Sociology of Mental Health

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Kuo, Shania. “‘Asian American’ the Floating Signifier: Ascribing and Redefining Racial and Ethnic Identity at Elite Predominantly White Institutions.” [draft available upon request]

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP & MEDIA

Kuo, Shania. 2023. “Not Just a Monolith: Complicating Asian American Identity.” *The Society Pages* – “There’s Research on That!”.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 **Graduate School Diversity Office Summer Institute**
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Supervisor: Dr. Teresa Toguchi Swartz
- 2022 – 2023 **Independent Study and Senior Thesis**
Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
Supervisor: Dr. Jaime Lee Kucinkas
- 2022 **Changing Cities Research Lab Assistant**
Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Principal Investigator: Dr. Jackelyn Hwang

- 2021 **Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center Summer Research Fellow**
Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
Principal Investigator: Dr. Mahala Dyer Stewart
- 2020 – 2021 **Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center Winter Research Fellow**
Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
Principal Investigator: Dr. Jaime Lee Kucinskas

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024-2028 **Beverly & Richard Fink Summer Research Fellowship**, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota (\$24,000)
- 2024, 2026 **American Mosaic Project Edelstein Summer Fellowship**, Edelstein Family Foundation, University of Minnesota (\$10,000)
- 2023-2024 **Diversity of Views & Experience (DOVE) Fellowship**, Graduate School Diversity Office, University of Minnesota (\$25,000)
- 2023 **Summer Research Institute**, Graduate School Diversity Office, University of Minnesota (\$4,000)
- 2022-2023 **Casstevens Research Scholar**, Dean of Faculty Office, Hamilton College (\$300)
- 2023 **Kirkland Endowment Travel Funding for Research and Creative Work for Women Students**, Kirkland Endowment Advisory Committee, Hamilton College (\$250)
- 2022 **Casstevens Research Scholar**, Dean of Faculty Office, Hamilton College (\$500)
- 2022 **Summer Research-Early Identification Program (SR-EIP) – Stanford University**, The Leadership Alliance (\$4,000)
- 2022 **Summer Levitt Research Fellowship**, Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, Hamilton College (\$4,000, declined)
- 2021 **Summer Levitt Research Fellowship**, Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, Hamilton College (\$4,000)
- 2020-2021 **Winter Levitt Research Fellowship**, Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, Hamilton College (\$2,400)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019-2023 **Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) Scholar**, Hamilton College
- 2019-2023 **QuestBridge Scholar (Finalist)**, QuestBridge
- 2023 **The Kirkland Alumnae Prize Scholarship**, Hamilton College (\$750)
- 2023 **The David J. Gray Senior Prize in Sociology**, Hamilton College
- 2022-2023 **The John P. and Marguerite McMaster Scholarship in Sociology**, Hamilton College (\$26,000)
- 2022 **Critical Language Scholarship - Mandarin**, U.S. Department of State (declined)
- 2021-2022 **The Milton J. Walters Scholarship**, Hamilton College (\$27,000)

2018 *QuestBridge Prep Scholar*, QuestBridge

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Stewart, Mahala Dyer and Shania Kuo. **“This Year Has Been a Black Pit”: White Mothers' Accounts of Pandemic Induced Work-Family Tensions.** American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 18.
- 2023 **“Asian American’ as a Floating Signifier: Ascribing and Redefining Racial and Ethnic Identity at a PWI.”** Central New York Sociology Symposium, Hartwick College Department of Sociology, Criminology & Human Services. April 1.
- 2022 **“Being Asian American: Asian American as a Panethnic Label and Floating Signifier.”** New York 6 Liberal Arts Consortium, Colgate University. November 5.
- 2022 **“Asian Students’ Racial Sense-Making: Experiencing the Double Pandemic within Predominantly White Institutions.”** Stanford School of Humanities and Science, Stanford University (Poster). August 12.
- 2022 **“Asian Students: Racial Sense-making During a Double Pandemic.”** The Leadership Alliance National Symposium (Virtual). July 27.
- 2021 Presenter. **“Internalized Paternal Exclusion From the Inside Out: How Has COVID Changed It?”** Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, Hamilton College. October 6.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2022, Teaching Assistant | Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
Fall 2022, Course: Introduction to Sociology
Spring 2023 Professor Assisted: Dr. Jaime Kucinkas
- 2023 Guest Lecturer. **“Asian American Identity: Asian American History and Contemporary Students.”** Introduction to Sociology; Primary Instructor: Jaime Kucinkas. Hamilton College. March 8.
- 2022 Guest Lecturer. **“Asian American History: A Legacy of Anti-Asian Sentiment in the US.”** Introduction to Sociology; Primary Instructor: Jaime Kucinkas. Hamilton College. March 1.

STUDENT SUPPORT

- 2019 – 2023 Research Intern | Library and Information Technology Services, Clinton, N
2020 Writing Tutor | Hamilton College Higher Education Opportunity Program, Clinton, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 – 2023 **Docent** | Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art, Clinton, NY
2020 – 2022 **Senior Editor** | EGD Collective, New York, NY

SERVICE

To University of Minnesota

2023 – pres. **Graduate Student Board Member.** *The Society Pages*, Department of Sociology.
2023 – pres. **Member.** BIPOC Mental Collective Planning Team. Community of Scholars Program, Graduate School Diversity Office
2023 – pres. **Member.** Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Writing Group. Race, Indigeneity, Disability, Gender & Sexuality Initiative
2023 – pres. **Member.** Aging Studies Interdisciplinary Group (ASIG). Center for Healthy Aging and Innovation, School of Public Health
2023 **Reviewer.** Grant Review Committee, Council of Graduate Students

To Hamilton College

2023 **Panelist.** “First Year Experience: On-Campus Jobs.” First Year Experience Program, Dean of Students .
2022-2023 **Member, DEI Representative.** Docent Hiring Committee. Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art.
2021-2023 **Member.** Research Peer Tutoring Program Hiring Committee. Library and Information Technology Services.
2022 **Member.** Faculty Hiring Student Feedback Group. Department of Sociology.
2022 **Invited Student Representative.** Sociology Department External Review. Department of Sociology.
2020 **Mentor.** Peer Mentoring Program at Hamilton College. Matriculate.

SKILLS

Languages

English (Fluent); *Mandarin* (Advanced Proficiency)

Software

ArcGIS, Dedoose, NVivo, Qualtrics, Stata, Zotero

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; Carework Network; Phi Sigma Iota; QuestBridge; The Leadership Alliance