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EDUCATION

- 2025 (expected) Ph.D., Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Dissertation: *Reproducing Racial Commonsense regarding Asians in Social Interactions. Proposal defended on August 24th, 2022.*
- Comprehensive exams:
Sociology of Culture; International Migration (with distinction)
- 2019 M.A., Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Thesis: *Making Sense of Ethnic and Racial Positioning Away from Home: Chinese International Students in the United States and Japan.*
- 2016 M.A., Sociology, Columbia University
- 2013 B.A., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
Magna cum laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Structure; Social Interaction; Race; Culture; Methodology; Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis

PUBLICATIONS

- Zhang, Tianhao.** Conditional Acceptance. "Identifying the Unidentified Race: A Study of Normative Features of Commonsense Knowledge of Racism in Asian Members' Online Interaction." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.
- Zhang, Tianhao.** (2023) "Contesting Reports of Racism, Contesting the Rights to Assess." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 86(2):130–150.

Zhang, Tianhao, and Ryo Okazawa. (2023) “Managing Neutrality, Rapport, and Antiracism in Qualitative Interviews.” *Qualitative Research* 23(6): 1689-1713.

Zhang, Tianhao. (2022) “Accounting for Discrimination through Categorization Work: An Examination of the Target-of-discrimination Group Members’ Practices.” *Discourse & Society* 33(2): 264-286.

HONORS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2024 Research and Skill Development Funding, Department of Sociology, \$1000
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2024 Graduate Student Transportation Grant Award, the Grad School, \$3,000
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2023 Odum Award for Excellence, Department of Sociology, \$1000
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2013 Phi Beta Kappa
University of California, Los Angeles

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Zhang, Tianhao. (2024) “Constructing Shared Meanings and Experiences about being “Asian”.” Roundtable at the 119th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA). Montreal, Canada.

Zhang, Tianhao. (2024) “Dealing with issues of generalizing: A case study of on generalizing about being “Asian”.” Paper presented at the 2024 Conference of the International Institute for Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis (IEMCA). Seoul, South Korea.

Zhang, Tianhao. (2023) “Identifying the Unidentified Race: Normative Features of Racial Common Sense in Online Asian Communities’ Members’ Practices.” Paper presented at 118th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA). Philadelphia, PA.

Zhang, Tianhao. (2023) “Morality and Credibility of Friends and Family under Cross-Examination.” Paper presented at 18th International Pragmatics Conference (IPrA). Brussels, Belgium.

Okazawa, Ryo, and **Tianhao Zhang.** (2023) “Threat to Intersubjectivity as a Resource for Entertainment: Television Talk Shows with Foreign Language Speaking Guests.” Paper presented at International Conference on Conversation Analysis (ICCA). Brisbane, Australia.

Kowalski, Ken C; Lilly, Adam G; **Zhang, Tianhao.** (2022) “Meritocracy, Genetics, and the Political Framing of Stratification Research: A Survey Experiment about Redistribution Preferences.” Roundtable at the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA). Los Angeles, CA.

Zhang, Tianhao. (2021) “Accounting for Discrimination through Categorization Work: An Examination of Minority Group Members’ Practices.” Paper presented at the 116th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA). Virtual.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Sociological Perspectives (Summer 2020; Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Fall 2024 (for Correctional Educational Program))

Social Interaction (Fall 2021; Spring 2022; Fall 2022; Spring 2023; Fall 2024)

Teaching Assistant (Fall 2017 – Spring 2020)

Population Problems

Sociological Perspectives

Human Societies

Methods of Sociological Research

Societies and Genomics

Linear Regression (graduate-level)

SERVICE

Reviewer *Social Psychology Quarterly*
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
Social Forces

Societies Melvin Pollner Prize committee, ASA section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis, 2024

MEDIA

2023 Sage Sociology Podcasts. 2023. Social Psychology Quarterly - Contesting Reports of Racism, Contesting the Rights to Assess.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Animals and Society
Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology
Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Sociology of Culture

International Pragmatics Association

REFERENCES

Barbara Entwisle

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