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EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Michigan
2010 M.A. in Statistics, University of Michigan
2007 B.A. in Economics, Peking University

AREAS OF INTEREST

Marriage and family, fertility, ethnicity, migration, development, subjective well-being, child development, contemporary China, quantitative methods, mixed methods

APPOINTMENTS

August 2016 - present	Assistant Professor	Department of Sociology, NUS
August 2022 - present	Steering Committee Member	Centre for Family and Population Research, NUS
January 2015 - July 2016	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Asia Research Institute and the Centre for Family and Population Research, NUS
January - August 2014	Senior Research Associate	Peking University, China

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

Mu, Zheng and Nicol Lee Si Jie. Forthcoming. "A City of Two Tales: Educational Gradients of Discrimination Experiences among Internal Migrants in Beijing, China." *Population, Space, and Place*.

Mu, Zheng and Eunsil Oh. Forthcoming. "Valuation of Domestic Work: Construction of Stay-at-Home Motherhood among Elite Chinese Migrants in Singapore." *Gender, Work & Organization*. (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.13079>)

Mu, Zheng and Jean Wei-Jun Yeung. Forthcoming. "Internal Migration and Cohabitation in China: A Mixed-Method Study." *Sociological Perspectives*. (<https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214231180559>)

- Mu, Zheng.** 2023. "Premarital Cohabitation, Marital Dissolution, and Marital Quality in China." *Journal of Family Issues*. (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X231155>)
- Francis-Tan, Andrew M. and **Zheng Mu.** 2022. "Examining ethnicity: patterns of minority identification among children of interethnic marriages in China." *Demography* 59(4): 1431–1457. (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-10061919>)
- Liu, Hao and **Zheng Mu.** 2022. "Mate Selection in China: Trends and Determinants." *Family Relations*. (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12718>)
- Mu, Zheng** and Felicia F. Tian. 2022. "The Changing Patterns and Determinants of Stay-at-Home Motherhood in Urban China, 1982 to 2015." *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 53(1), 48-75. (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3138/jcfs-2021-0065>)
- Mu, Zheng.** 2021. Hui Muslims' Endogamy and Intermarriages: Marriage Markets, Islamic Culture, and Economic Growth. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 52(4), 540-568. (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3138/jcfs.52.4.02>)
- Mu, Zheng** and Shu Hu. 2021. "Unequal Childhoods in China: Parental Education and Children's Time Use." *Journal of Community Psychology*. (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22710>)
- Hu, Shu and **Zheng Mu.** 2021. "Extended Gender Inequality? Intergenerational Coresidence and Division of Household Labor." *Social Science Research*, 93, online (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2020.102497>).
- Hu, Shu and **Zheng Mu.** 2020. "Some Time Is Better Spent than Other Time: Chinese Adolescents' Time Use and Developmental Outcomes." *Child Indicators Research* 13: 1739–1765.
- Mu, Zheng** and Wei-Jun Jean Yeung. 2020. "Internal Migration, Marriage Timing and Assortative Mating: A Mixed-Method Study in China." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 46(14): 2914-2936.
- Yeung, Wei-Jun Jean and **Zheng Mu.** 2020. "Migration and Marriage in Asian Contexts." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 46(14): 2863-2879.
- Francis-Tan, Andrew M. and **Zheng Mu.** 2019. "Racial Revolution: Understanding the Resurgence of Minority Ethnic Identity in Modern China." *Population Research and Policy Review*, 38(5): 733–769.
- Mu, Zheng** and Jean Wei-Jun Yeung. 2018. "For Money or for a Life: A Mixed-Method Study on Migration and Time Use in China." *Social Indicators Research* 139: 347-379.
- Mu, Zheng** and Yu Xie. 2016. "Motherhood Penalty and Fatherhood Premium? Fertility Effects on Parents in China." *Demographic Research* 35: 1373–1410.
- Lai, Qing and **Zheng Mu.** 2016. "Universal Yet Local: The Religious Factor in Chinese Muslims' Perception of World Developmental Hierarchy." *Chinese Journal of Sociology* 2: 524-546.

Mu, Zheng and Qing Lai. 2016. "Micro-Macro Interactions in Ethnoreligious Homogamy among Hui Muslims in Contemporary China: The Roles of Residential Concentration and Aging." *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* 36: 88-105.

Mu, Zheng and Xiwei Wu. 2015. "Residential Concentration and Marital Behaviors of Muslim Chinese." *Chinese Journal of Sociology* 1: 177-200.

Mu, Zheng and Yu Xie. 2014. "Marital Age Homogamy in China: A Reversal of Trend in the Reform Era?" *Social Science Research* 44: 141-157.

Mu, Zheng and Yu Xie. 2014. "Fertility Effects on Parents' Subjective Well-being." *Sociological Studies* 174: 124-147 (in Chinese).

Book chapters:

Mu, Zheng and Shu Hu. 2018. "Origin and Transition of Singapore Families," in Wei-Jun Jean Yeung and Shu Hu (eds.), pp. 27-52, *Family and Population Change in Singapore*. Routledge.

Xie, Yu and **Zheng Mu**. 2014. "Chapter Eight: Conclusion" in *Wellbeing Development Report of China 2014* (in Chinese). Beijing: Peking University Press.

Editorial work on books

Mu, Zheng and Wei-Jun Jean Yeung. 2021. *Migration and Marriage in Asian Contexts*. Routledge: London.

Book reviews:

Mu, Zheng. 2020. Review of *Marrying Young in Indonesia: Voices, Laws and Practices*. Edited by Mies Grijns, Hoko Horii, Sulistyowati Irianto, and Pinky Saptandari. *Asian Journal of Social Science* 48 (5-6): 654-657.

Mu, Zheng. 2018. Review of *Marriage Migration in Asia: Emerging Minorities at the Frontiers of Nation-States*. Edited by Sari K. Ishii. *Asian Journal of Social Science* 46 (3): 388-391.

Translation:

Powers, Daniel A. and Yu Xie. 2008. *Statistical Methods for Categorical Data Analysis*, Second Edition. Howard House, England: Emerald. Translated to Chinese by Ren, Qiang, Xiwei Wu, **Zheng Mu**, and Qing Lai. 2009. 《分类数据分析的统计方法》（第2版）. 北京: 社会科学文献出版社.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2023 **Mu, Zheng**, Lake Lui, and Adam Cheung. “Understanding the Associations between Marriage and Fertility Intentions: A Comparative Quasi-Experimental Study in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Singapore.” Research on East Asian Demography and Inequality meeting, University of Tokyo (July 15-16).

Mu, Zheng and Jean Wei-Jun Yeung. “Interethnic Marriage and Marital Quality in Singapore: Mechanisms and Heterogeneities.”

- School of Sociology and Population Studies, Renmin University of China (June 20th)
- Population Association of Singapore, Singapore (May 11-12).

Mu, Zheng and Andrew M. Francis-Tan. “Follow father or mother? Understanding the monoethnic identification of bi-ethnic children in China.”

- NUS East Asia Institute Seminar (July 28).
- Population Association of America, New Orleans (April 13-15).

2022 **Mu, Zheng**. “Valuation of Domestic Work: Construction of Stay-at-Home Motherhood among Elite Chinese Migrants in Singapore.” 2022 International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Conference, online (December 16-17).

Cheng, Cheng and **Zheng Mu**. “Vicissitudes of Life: Changing Links Between Educational Assortative Mating and Life Satisfaction.” Population Association of America, online (April 6-9).

2021 **Mu, Zheng**. “Forced Coping Strategies or Voluntary Parenting Decisions: Stay-at-Home Motherhood among College-Educated Chinese Migrants in Singapore.” Workshop on Contested Asian Parenting in Intra-Asia Migration, NUS ARI (November 16-17).

Mu, Zheng and Andrew Francis-Tan. “Gender Patterns of Minority Identification among Children of Interethnic marriages in China.” ARI20 Anniversary Roundtable Series – Changing Family in Asia, NUS ARI (October 14-15).

Mu, Zheng, Qing Lai, and Yu Xie. “Being Modern to Be Traditional: State, Religion, and Chinese Muslims’ Cohabitation.” NUS CFPR Lunchtime Seminar Series (September 3rd).

Mu, Zheng and Andrew Francis-Tan. “Ethnic Identification in China: Policies, Gender, and Social Contexts.” Research on East Asian Demography and Inequality Seminar, Princeton University (July 14).

Mu, Zheng and Shu Hu. “Intergenerational Coresidence and Adult Children’s Subjective Wellbeing in China: A Gendered Life-Course Perspective.” NUS East Asia Institute Seminar (March 26).

2020 **Mu, Zheng**. “Premarital Cohabitation, Marital Dissolution, and Marital Quality in China.” Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore (November 19-20).

Mu, Zheng and Shu Hu. “Intergenerational Coresidence and Adult Children’s Subjective Wellbeing in China: A Gendered Life-Course Perspective.” Center for Social Research Seminar Series, Peking University (July 28).

- 2019 **Mu, Zheng** and Shu Hu. "Intergenerational Coresidence and Adult Children's Subjective Wellbeing in China: A Gendered Life-Course Perspective." International Workshop on Social Capital and Aging, National University of Singapore (December 27-28).
- 2018 Hu, Shu and **Zheng Mu**. "Extended Gender Inequality? Coresidence with Parents or Parents-in-law and Division of Domestic Labor." Spring Meeting of the International Sociological Association Research Committees RC28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, Seoul (May 25-27).
- Francis-Tan, Andrew M. and **Zheng Mu**. "Racial Revolution: Understanding the Resurgence of Minority Ethnic Identity in Modern China." International Sociological Association Research Committees RC06 (Family) and RC41 (Population) Conference, Singapore (May 17-19).
- 2017 Tian, Felicia F. and **Zheng Mu**. "The Rise of Stay-at-Home Mothers in Urban China: 1982-2013." Summer Meeting of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, New York (August).
- Mu, Zheng** and Wei-Jun Jean Yeung. "How Migration Influences Cohabitation and Divorce: A Mixed-Method Study in China." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago (April).
- 2016 **Mu, Zheng** and Wei-Jun Jean Yeung. "Migration and Marriage: Timing and Choices." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington D.C. (March).
- 2015 **Mu, Zheng** and Qing Lai. "Trends in Homogamy by Education, Ethnicity, and Birthplace in China: 1940-2005." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego (April).
- Mu, Zheng** and Qing Lai. "Unequal Childhoods in China: Parental Education, Children's Time Use, and Child Development." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego (April).
- Lai, Qing, **Zheng Mu** and Arland Thornton. "World Culture at the Individual Level: Individual Conformity to the Schema of National Development." The 4th Annual Conference of the Sociology of Development Section, Providence (March).
- 2014 Lai, Qing, **Zheng Mu** and Qiang Ren. "Regional Influence on Chinese Women's Fertility Desires: Development and Patriarchal Culture." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston (May).
- Mu, Zheng**. "Motherhood Penalty and Fatherhood Premium? Gender Disparities in Fertility Effects in China." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston (May).
- 2012 **Mu, Zheng**. "Motherhood Penalty and Fatherhood Premium? Gender Disparities in Fertility Effects on Labor Force Participation in China." Spring Meeting of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, Hong Kong (May).

- 2011 **Mu, Zheng** and Xiwei Wu. "Ethnic Assortative Mating across Marriage Markets: Marital Choices for Muslim Chinese." Spring Meeting of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, Essex, UK (April).
- 2010 **Mu, Zheng** and Yu Xie. "Trends in Marital Age Homogamy in China, 1960-2005: A Marriage Cohort Perspective." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, Texas (April).
- 2009 **Mu, Zheng** and Yu Xie. "Changing Patterns of Marital Age Homogamy in China: A Marriage Cohort Perspective." Spring Meeting of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, Beijing (May).
- Lai, Qing and **Zheng Mu**. "Family in Northwest China: A Comparative Study between Muslims and Han Majority." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, Michigan (April; Poster Presentation).
- PAA Poster Award

GRANTS

- 2022-24 Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Fund, S\$39,977, NUS
- 2021-24 MOE Tier-1 Grant, S\$137,181.26, NUS
- 2016-21 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Start-Up Grant, S\$40,000, FASS, NUS
- 2016 Conference Travel Grant, S\$1,442.30, Department of Sociology, NUS
- 2016 Academic Travel Grant, S\$1,939.67, Asia Research Institute, NUS
- 2015 Academic Event Funding, S\$20,000, Asia Research Institute, NUS
- 2015 Academic Research Fund, S\$4,140, Asia Research Institute, NUS
- 2015 CFPR Faculty Development Grant, S\$10,000, Centre for Family and Population Research, National University of Singapore
- 2012 Sociology Research Grant, \$500, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2008-10 Marshall Weinberg Endowment Grant, \$20,000, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan

SELECTED HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2013 Barbour Scholarship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan
- 2011 IRWG Graduate Student Award, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan
- 2010-11 Fourth-Year Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2009 CCS Endowment Award, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan
- 2008 Hughes Research Award, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan
- 2007-08 Quantitative Methodology Program Fellowship, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, International Sociological Association (Research Committee 28), International Chinese Sociological Association, Population Association of Singapore

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- 2023 Session co-organizer, “Flight from Marriage and Parenthood in Asia”, “Linked Lives: Intergenerational Relationships and Wellbeing”, XX ISA World Congress of Sociology
- 2023 Programme Committee, Annual Conference of Population Association of Singapore
- 2023 Proposal reviewer, Bristol University Press
- 2022- Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, NUS
- 2022- International Advisory Board, *Asian Population Studies*
- 2022- Steering Committee, Centre for Family and Population Research, NUS
- 2022- Outreach Committee, Department of Sociology, NUS
- 2022 Asian Graduate Student Fellowship Mentor, Asia Research Institute, NUS
- 2021- Guest Editor, *Gender, Work and Organization*
- 2021- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Marriage and Family*
- 2020-22 Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, NUS
- 2019- Associate Editor, *Journal of Child and Family Studies*
- 2019- Associate Editor, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*
- 2018 Programme Committee, Joint Conference for RC06 (Family) and RC41 (Population) 2018
- 2017-19 Guest Editor, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*
- 2017-19 Outreach Committee, Department of Sociology, NUS
- 2016 Co-Convenor, international conference “*Migration and Marriage in Asia*,” Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- 2016 Programme Committee, RC28 (Social Stratification and Mobility) Meeting 2016
- 2014- Occasional Referee: *Advances in Life Course Research*, *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*, *Asian Journal of Social Science*, *Asian Population Studies*, *Asian Women*, *American Sociological Review*, *BMC Geriatrics*, *Child Indicators Research*, *Child Development*, *China: An International Journal*, *Chinese Journal of Sociology*, *Chinese Sociological Review*, *Cities*, *Demographical Research*, *Demography*, *Development and Society*, *East Asia Forum*, *Ethnicities*, *European Journal of Population*, *Family Relations*, *Gender & Society*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Journal Community Psychology*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *PLoS ONE*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Population*, *Space and Place*, *Population Studies*, *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, *Social Forces*, *Social Inclusion*, *Social Indicators Research*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Studies (社会学研究)*, *The*

*China Quarterly, The Journal of Chinese Sociology, Women's Studies
International Forum*

2012

Admission Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

PHD STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Wang Yanwen (Sociology, ongoing, chair)
- Li Nanxun (Sociology, graduated in 2023, committee member)
- Liu Jinhua (Sociology, ongoing, committee member)
- Lim Chern Yin (Sociology, ongoing, committee member)
- Lu Shuya (Sociology, graduated in 2023, committee member)
- Ni Anni (Sociology, ongoing, committee member)
- Thawdar (Comparative Asian Studies, ongoing, committee member)
- He Jiajun Martin (NTU Sociology, ongoing, Qualifying Examination committee)