

# Shania Kuo

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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, Aging and the Life Course, Race/Gender/Class, Sociology of Emotions, Sociology of 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]
- Kuo, Shania. “Embodying Counterspaces: An AsianCrit Perspective on Asian American Ethnic and Panethnic Affinity Groups.”

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP & MEDIA

- Kuo, Shania. 2023. “[Not Just a Monolith: Complicating Asian American Identity.](#)” *The Society Pages* – “*There’s Research on That!*”. (Selected “Best of 2023 - Best TROT”)
- Kuo, Shania. 2021. “[AAPI: Perpetual Outsiders.](#)” *Culture Magazine* p. 15-16.

## 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 Research 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)
- 2024-2028 **Sociology Fellowship**, University of Minnesota (\$14,000)
- 2027 **American Mosaic Project (AMP) Graduate Research Partnership Program**, University of Minnesota (\$4,000)
- 2025 **Sociology Summer Graduate Research Partnership Program**, University of Minnesota (\$4,000)
- 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 **Arthur O. Eve 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 Symposium, 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  
Spring 2023 Course: Introduction to Sociology  
Professor Assisted: Dr. Jaime Lee Kucinkas
- 2023 **Guest Lecturer.** “Asian American Identity: Asian American History and Contemporary Students.” Introduction to Sociology; Primary Instructor: Dr. Jaime Lee Kucinkas. Hamilton College. March 8.
- 2022 **Guest Lecturer.** “Theoretical Frameworks.” Sociology of Religion; Primary Instructor: Dr. Jaime Lee Kucinkas. Hamilton College. September 9.
- 2022 **Guest Lecturer.** “Asian American History: A Legacy of Anti-Asian Sentiment in the US.” Introduction to Sociology; Primary Instructor: Dr. Jaime Lee Kucinkas. Hamilton College. March 1.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – 2023      **Docent** | Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art, Clinton, NY  
2020 – 2022      **Senior Editor** | EGD Collective, New York, NY  
2019 – 2023      **Research Intern** | Library and Information Technology Services, Clinton, N  
2020                **Writing Tutor** | Hamilton College Higher Education Opportunity Program,  
Clinton, NY

## SERVICE

### To University of Minnesota

- 2023 – pres.      **Graduate Student Board Member.** *The Society Pages*, Department of  
Sociology.  
2023 – pres.      **Member.** BIPOC Mental Health 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 Studies Center  
2023 – pres.      **Member.** Aging Studies Interdisciplinary Group (ASIG). Center for Healthy  
Aging and Innovation, School of Public Health  
2023 – pres.      **Reviewer.** Grant Review Committee, Council of Graduate Students

### To Hamilton College

- 2022-2023      **Member.** Docent Hiring Committee. Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art.  
2021-2023      **Member.** Research Peer Tutoring Program Hiring Committee. Library and  
Information Technology Services.  
2023                **Panelist.** “First Year Experience: On-Campus Jobs.” First Year Experience  
Program, Dean of Students.  
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

### Software

ArcGIS, Dedoose, NVivo, Qualtrics, Stata, Zotero

### Languages

English (Fluent); Mandarin (Advanced Proficiency)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association; Asian American Studies, *University of Minnesota*; Community of Scholars Program, *University of Minnesota*; Phi Sigma Iota; QuestBridge; The Carework Network; The Leadership Alliance; The Life Course Center, *University of Minnesota*