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## Education

**Ph.D. in Sociology**, Washington University in St. Louis (*Expected 2030*)

**M.A. in Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences**, Columbia University (*2024*)

*M.A. Thesis*: “Diversity in US Legal Professions – An Empirical Analysis with MCCA Survey Data”

**B.A. in English**, Southeast University, China (*2022*)

## Research Interests

Labor Market Inequality; Gender, Race, and Class; Work and Occupations; Social Networks;  
Computational Social Science; Quantitative and Mixed Methods

## Awards, Honors and Membership

- Member, Missouri-Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), 2025
- Member, American Sociological Association, 2025
- Student Research Training Program, Southeast University, 2021 (¥8000)

## Working Paper

- “Diversity in US Legal Professions – An Empirical Analysis with MCCA Survey Data.”  
*Master’s Thesis, Columbia University*. Advisor: Prof. Yao Lu.
- “Evaluation Synthesis of the Joint SDG Fund’s Decentralized Independent Evaluations on Integrated Social Protection piloting the use of Machine Learning and Large Language Models.”  
with Heewoong Kim

## In-Progress Research

- “Adult Children’s Caregiving Responses to Parental ADL/IADL Needs: A Quantitative Analysis Using HRS Data (1996–2018).”

*Mentor Research Collaboration, Washington University in St. Louis.* with Dr. Patrick Ishizuka. In progress.

- “Gatekeeping high-paying industries: The role of higher education and social identities in occupational access”.  
*Course Project for Soc 524: Social Stratification, Washington University in St. Louis.* In progress.

## Publications

- Huang, X. (2021). *The policy feasibility analysis of paid father-specific parental leave policy in China: Discussion from the perspective of policy comparison.*  
In *Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Management, Economy and Law (ICMEL 2021)*.  
<https://doi.org/10.2991/aebmr.k.210909.014>

## Conference Presentations

- Huang, X. (2025, August). *Gatekeeping high-paying industries: The role of higher education and social identities in occupational access.*  
Presider and presenter, ASA Annual Meeting, Student Roundtable Section on Higher Education, Chicago, IL.
- Huang, X. (2023, February). *Will negative language use intensify group polarization on social media? A case study of US abortion debate on Twitter.*  
Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

## Teaching Experience

**Teaching Assistant**, *Natural Language Processing in the Social Sciences* (Graduate Level)

Columbia University, Spring 2023

- Assisted Prof. Patrick Houlihan with grading, coding consultations (Python), and student research design mentoring.

## Skills

**Programming:** Python (Advanced), R (Advanced), Stata (Advanced)

**Modeling & Analysis:** Social Network Analysis, Multilevel Modeling, Fixed Effects Models, Logistic Regression

**Text Analytics:** Natural Language Processing (NLP), Topic Modeling, Text Mining

**Other:** LaTeX