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EDUCATION

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Ph.D., in Sociology (Expected Jan 2026)

M.A., Sociology, 2022

Minor in Demography, 2022

New York University, New York City, NY

M.A., Applied Quantitative Research, 2019

Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China

B.A., English Language and Literature, 2017

Visiting student, Barnard College, Columbia University, 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Stratification & Mobility, Gender, Spatial Inequality, Quantitative & Computational Methods

Dissertation:

The Geography of Stratification and Constrained Migration: Uneven Opportunities and Spatial Sorting in U.S. Labor Markets

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Zheng, Haowen, Siwei Cheng. 2025. "Social Rigidity Across and Within Generations: A Predictive Approach"

Sociological Methods and Research [\[Online first\]](#)[\[Replication package\]](#)

Zheng, Haowen, Kim A. Weeden. 2023. "How Gender Segregation in Higher Education Contributes to

Gender Segregation in the U.S. Labor Market" *Demography*, 60(3), 761-784. [\[Open access link\]](#)[\[Replication package\]](#)[Media coverage: [Cornell Chronicle](#)]

Zheng, Haowen. 2020. "The Only-child Premium and Moderation by Social Origin: Educational Stratification in Post-reform China." *Chinese Journal of Sociology*, 6(3): 384-409. [\[Open access link\]](#)

- Master's Award for Academic Achievement in the Social Sciences, New York University

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Zheng, Haowen. [paper on life course, internal migration, and gender] [Under Review]

- Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Population Section
- Kerckhoff Award, Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28)
- Robin M. Williams, Jr. Best Paper Award, Cornell sociology department (given annually for the best graduate student paper)

Zheng, Haowen. “Why 'Equal Pay for Equal Work' Doesn't Work: The Persistence of Gender Segregation in Occupations.” (Invited book chapter in *Women and Work: History, Issues, Trends*, edited by S.M. Jones. NYC: Bloomsbury USA.) [Under Review]

Zheng, Haowen, Robert Andersen, Anders Holm, and Kristian B. Karlson. [paper on education and social mobility] [Under Review]

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	ASA Student Forum Travel Award Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Population Section Excellence in Teaching, Cornell Sociology department
2024	Robin M. Williams, Jr. Best Paper Award, Cornell Sociology department Kerckhoff Award (RC28)
2023, 2019	Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
2023	NYU-Shanghai CISER Computational Social Science Institute Scholarship Cornell University Sociology Department Workshop Grant
2022-2025	Cornell Population Center Travel Grant Cornell University Graduate School Travel Grant Cornell University Sociology Department Travel Grant Center for the Study of Inequality Graduate Student Travel Award
2019	Center for the Study of Inequality Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University Master's Award for Academic Achievement in the Social Sciences, New York University
2018	Data Science for Social Good Summer Fellowship, University of Washington
2017	Outstanding Undergraduate Student Thesis Award, Beijing Foreign Studies University

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Zheng, Haowen. "Occupational Restructuring and the Decline of Internal Migration by College Status, 1980-2019"

- RC28 Summer Meeting, UCLA, August 2025

- The 17th Annual Sociology Research Symposium, Cornell University, March 2025
- Center for the Study of Inequality Discussion Group, Cornell University, March 2025

Zheng, Haowen. “How Demographic Changes Drive Internal Migration Decline Among Heterosexual Couples: A Cohort-Based Approach”

- American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, August 2025

Zheng, Haowen, Robert Andersen, Anders Holm, and Kristian B. Karlson. “Is College Really ‘the’ Equalizer: New Evidence from Models that Correct for Unobserved Heterogeneity”

- American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, August 2025
- The 2nd Annual Sociological Science Conference, Cornell University, June 2025
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington DC, April 2025

Zheng, Haowen. “Competitive Income Trajectories: Gender Inequality in the Life Course Effects of Family Migration among Married Couples”

- American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, August 2024
- RC28 Spring Meeting, Shanghai, China, May 2024
- Center for the Study of Inequality Discussion Group, Cornell University, April 2024

Zheng, Haowen, Siwei Cheng, “Social Rigidity Across and Within Generations: A Predictive Approach”

- New Methods to Measure Intergenerational Mobility Conference, University of Chicago, Nov 2023
- American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, August 2023
- Center for the Study of Inequality Discussion Group, Cornell University, March 2023

Rich, Peter, **Haowen Zheng** and Christian Sprague. “Inequality in the Competition for Access to High-Achieving and High-Growth Schools Across Metropolitan Area Housing Markets”

- American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, August 2023
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 2023
- RC28 Summer Meeting, Notre Dame, IN, August 2022

Zheng, Haowen, Kim A. Weeden, “How gender segregation in higher education contributes to gender segregation in the U.S. labor market”

- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2022
- Center for the Study of Inequality Discussion Group, Cornell University, August 2021
- International conference “Rethinking gender: Economic and social costs of gender inequality” Kyiv School of Economics. Virtual. April 2021

Zheng, Haowen, “The Only-child Premium and Moderation by Social Origin: Educational Stratification in Post-reform China,” ICSA (International Chinese Sociological Association) Annual Conference, New York City, NY, August 2019

TEACHING & MENTORING

Spring 2025 Teaching Assistant, Social Inequality (undergraduate), Prof. Kim Weeden
 Fall 2024 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate), Prof. Joseph Sullivan
 Spring 2023 Guest lecturer, Studying Social Inequality with Data Science (undergraduate), Prof. Ian Lundberg
 Spring 2023 Course Design Institute Certificate, Center for Teaching Innovation, Cornell University
 2023 – 2024 Student mentor for a first-year graduate student at Cornell Sociology
 Fall 2022 Teaching Assistant, Controversies about inequalities (undergraduate), Prof. Joseph Sullivan
 2021 – 2022 Student mentor for a first-year graduate student at Cornell sociology
 Spring 2022 Active Learning Institute Certificate, Center for Teaching Innovation, Cornell University
 Fall 2021 Teaching Assistant, Social Statistics (undergraduate and graduate), Prof. Barum Park

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental

2023 – 2024 Student representative, Graduate Student Admissions Committee
 Fall 2023 Brownbag presenter: “Writing a dissertation prospectus and qualifying paper”
 Fall 2023 First-year professional seminar presenter: “RAing and making time for your own research”
 2020 – 2021 Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) Recruitment and Mentoring officer

Disciplinary

Reviewer for *Demography*, *Social Science Research*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Socius*, *Spatial Demography*, *Chinese Journal of Sociology*

2025 RC28 Summer Meeting at UCLA section chair “Wealth, Wages, and Well-Being”
 PAA section chair “Contextual, Institutional, and Policy Determinants of Intergenerational Mobility”
 2024 ASA Sex and Gender section roundtable “Gender and the Economy” presider
 2023 ASA IPM (Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility) section mentor match program committee member

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, International Sociological Association
 Research Committee on Social Stratification 28 (RC 28), International Chinese Sociological Association (ICSA)

REFERENCES

Kim Weeden (chair & collaborator)
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