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EDUCATION**Ph.D. Candidate | with distinction | in Social Work** (2003 - present)

University of Southern California, CA, U.S.A.

Dissertation Chair: Iris Chi, DSW

Dissertation topic: Health Status Change of Chinese Older Adults over the Past Decade: Effects of Ecological Context

Qualifying Exam Completed with Distinction September 2006

“Family support and health services utilization among Chinese Older Adults”

Master of Social Work (2000 - 2002)

The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, PRC.

Hong Kong Department of Social Work and Social Administration

Master’s Thesis: Chinese Face Concept and Mental Health of Care givers with Relatives Suffering from Mental Illness

Bachelor of Arts in English (1995 -1999)

Yunnan University, Kunming, PRC

Department of Foreign Language

Bachelor’s Thesis: (Translation) Pearson, Veronica and Ning, Sin Ping (1997) ‘Family Care In Schizophrenia’ in Nancy Rhind and Cecilia Chan (eds.) Social Work in Health Care: The Hong Kong Scene Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.

RESEARCH INTERSETS

My main research focus is to understand how different socio-economic contexts as well as individual characteristics influence individual health outcomes and the population disparities in health achievements. Particular attention was given to the impact of income inequality, social investment and health care system on individual health outcomes. I also examined the relationships between social support in relation to health and health service utilization in old age.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2004 - 2006 Research Assistant to Dr. Iris Chi, Golden Age Association Frances Wu Chair for Chinese Elderly, School of Social Work, University of Southern California.

Research projects I was involved include:

- * Health and health care among Chinese American in California
- * Health and health access among older adults in China

Besides the research work, I also helped Prof. Iris Chi to initiate and organize the first Chinese Gerontological Study Interest Group at annual scientific conference of Gerontological Society of America.

2000 - 2003 Research Assistant to Dr. Cecilia Chan, Professor and Director, Center on Behavioral Health, Department of Social Work & Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong.

Research projects I was involved include:

- * Psychosocial care to breast cancer patient
- * Bereavement, death and dying
- * Woman's issues

2001-2002 Principle Investigator. "Chinese Face Concept and Mental Health of Care givers with Relatives Suffering from Mental Illness." Master's Thesis Research, The University of Hong Kong.

PUBLICATIONS***Peer-reviewed journals***

Krochalk, P. C., Li, YW., Chi, I. (2008). Widowhood and self-rated health among Chinese elders: the impact of economic situation. *Australian Journal of Aging*. 27(1), 26-32.

Li, YW., Aranda, P.M., Chi, I. (2007). Health and life satisfaction of ethnic minority older adults in mainland China: Effects of financial strain. *The International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, 64(4), 361-380.

Li, YW., Chi, I., Zhang, K., Guo, P. (2006). Comparison of health services use by Chinese urban and rural older adults in Yunnan province. *Geriatrics & Gerontology International*, 6 (4), 260-269.

Papers under review

Li, YW., Chi, I. (2006). Family support and health services utilization among Chinese elderly. Research on Aging. (Revise and resubmit)

Li, YW., Chi, I. (2007). Ecological effects on functional health in Chinese elders. In Bywaters, P., Napier, L. (Eds). *Social Work and Global Health Policy and Practice*. International Federation of Social Workers. (Revise and resubmit)

Manuscripts in Preparation

Li, YW., Liu, JF., Krochalk, P. C., Chi, I. Family dynamics and self-rated health among Chinese widowed elders. *Aging and Society*.

Li, YW., Urban socio-economic development and life satisfaction among older adults in China: a contextual analysis. *Social Science & Medicine*.

Li, YW., Social investment on public goods and well-being among Chinese elders. *Journal of Social Service Research*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Cheung, K., Chan, C., Fu, W., Chow, Amy., Li, YW., Cheung, G. (2005). Letting Go' and 'Holding On' Grieving and Traditional Death Rituals in Hong Kong. In C.L.W. Chan, Chow, A.Y.M. (Ed.), *Death, Dying and Bereavement: A Hong Kong Chinese Experience* (p. 65~86). Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.

Lee, S., Li, YW. (2002). Psychosocial care to terminal cancer patient, National Psychosocial care to Cancer Patient Symposium of China (p. 16~23). Shanghai.

BOOKS

Li, YW., Deng, L. (2004). (*Book translation*) *Strength Perspective in Social Work Practice* (*Dennis Saleebey*) Shanghai: China Southeast Institute of Technology Press.

Li, YW., (to be finished by 2010) (*Book contract*) *Social Work Research Method*. Shanghai: People's Press.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Li, YW. Chi, I. *Functionally disabled elderly in China: health, family support and health services use*. Paper accepted for presentation at the Gerontological Society of American (GSA) Annual Scientific Conference, San Francisco, CA. November 16-21. 2007.

Li, YW. Chi, I. *Ecological Effects on the Self-Rated Health of Chinese Elders*. Paper accepted for presentation at the Gerontological Society of American (GSA) Annual Scientific Conference, San Francisco, CA. November 16-21. 2007

Li, YW, Chi, I, Krochalk, P. *The Economic Impact of Widowhood on Self-rated Health among Chinese Elders*. Paper presented at the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. Oct 26-31 2007.

Li, YW. Chi, I. *Health differentials among older adults in China: the ecological effect*. Paper presented at International Social Work Conference on Health and Mental Health. Hong Kong, Dec 10~14, 2006.

Li, YW. Chi, I. *Changing family support and health services utilization among Chinese elders*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of American (GSA) Annual Scientific Conference, Dallas, TX. November 17-24. 2006

Li, YW. Chi, I. *Changing family support and health services utilization among older adults in China*. Paper presented at APRU Doctoral student annual conference, Singapore, July 16~23, 2006.

Li, YW. Aranda, M P. Chi, I. *The relationship of financial strain to life satisfaction and health outcomes among ethnic minority and majority elders in mainland China*. Paper presented at International conference of social science, Hawaii, May 31 – June 3, 2006.

Li, YW. Chi, I. Zhang, K. Guo, P. *Comparison of health services utilization among urban and rural elders in China*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of American (GSA) Annual Scientific Conference, Orlando, FL. November 17-24 2005.

Li, YW. *Health access for rural elderly in Mainland China: what we have known*. Poster presented at the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Conference, New York. Feb 16-19 2005.

Lee, S and Li, YW. *Psychosocial care to terminal cancer patient*. Paper presented at the First National Psychosocial care to Cancer Patient Symposium of China. April 2002, Shanghai.

ADVANCED TRAINING

July 11-14, 2007 RAND Summer Institute	The Mini-Medical workshop and Workshop on Aging RAND Santa Monica, CA
March 31, 2007 The 26 th Annual Workshop in Applied Statistics	Advances in Latent Variable Modeling (by Bengt Muthén) University of California, Los Angeles
June 22-26, 2006 Advanced Training Institute	Structural Equation Modeling in Longitudinal Research (by John J. McArdle) University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA

REVIWER ACTIVITIES

Invited Reviewer for Personality and Individual Differences

TEACHING INTERESTS

I have experience in teaching social work research and social policy in health care. Besides, I also have participated in curriculum design for courses such as Health program evaluation, Social work practice with elderly and Positive aging: an eastern approach. Through tutoring MSW students on weekly basis, I gained extensive experience in teaching.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall, 2007 **Curriculum designer**
University of Southern California

School of Social Work

I worked with Prof. Iris Chi to propose a new course SOWK 599: Eastern Approach to Successful Aging in China. This course combines traditional pedagogy with experiential learning through one week intensive training on campus and two weeks' field visit and field project in another country. I was involved in the whole process from conceptualization of the course to syllabus design, course evaluation and publicity of the course to university wide students, etc.

Fall, 2007 Invited Lecturer

University of Southern California

School of Social Work

* SW632: Program planning and evaluation in health care

Worked on the course syllabus and taught one session on quantitative data analysis.

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Spring, 2006 & 2007 Invited Lecturer

University of Southern California, CA

School of Social Work

* SW636: Social Policy: Health Care

Introduced students the topics such as prevention at society level, HIV/AIDS and Chronic illness, aging population and health trend.

2006 Teaching Assistant Fellow

USC Center for Excellence in Teaching

University of Southern California, CA

* Collaborated with CET faculty and staff toward the development of TA training material with a focus particularly on the chapter of Assessment and Evaluation.

Fall, 2006 Invited Lecturer

University of Southern California, CA

School of Public Policy and Development

* Social welfare in US

Trained a group of high-level senior officials from China on social welfare development and program in US

Spring, 2005 & 2006 Invited lecturer

University of Southern California, CA

School of Social Work

* SW562: Social Work Research

I taught independently sessions on research methodology, including conceptualization of research problems, literature review, research design, sampling, measurement, data collection and data analysis.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2003-present Program Manager

China Program, University of Southern California

The overarching goal of this project is to encourage a better understanding of the challenges facing a changing China and nurture a learning environment through community and government outreach, multidisciplinary teacher training, curriculum development, public symposia, seminars, comparative research to facilitate leadership development and improve the quality of life in the United States and China. I am mainly responsible for the following work:

- * Coordinated with Chinese counterparts and university wide faculty and scholars to engage in the scholarly exchange process;
- * Participated in research grant writing and research sponsored by the USC/Chinese program.
- * Supervised student assistants who worked for the USC / Chinese program;

2002 - 2003 Resident Tutor

Starr Hall and Simon K.Y, Lee Hall, the University of Hong Kong.

Assisted warden in administration of the undergraduate hall affair; provided proper counseling to students in need; coordinated educational and recreational programs and activities for students; organized orientation programs for incoming students.

2000 Project Officer

Sichuan Integrated Health Program, the Salvation Army, Hong Kong and Macau Command, Yunnan office.

I was responsible for the following projects:

- * Supervised the implementation of the health program which included building up a district hospital, training 288 village mid-wives and HIV/AIDS education among local health workers and drinking water supply program, etc;

- * Coordinated and guided the emergency relief work during the Yunnan Earthquake in Jan 2000 and rehabilitation work of building a home for elderly in that county;
- * Assisted senior project officer in designing and drafting a comprehensive development project for Pan He County, Yunnan which was mainly composed of agriculture development, drinking water supply, primary education, etc

1999 – 2000 Field Translator

MSF (Medecin Sans Frontieres) –Holland, Sichuan HIV/STD Assistant program, Sichuan, PRC
Provided oral and written translation for project coordinator; assisted in HIV/AIDS education and health survey among local health workers; took part of administration and logistic work.

1999 Welfare Worker

The Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong, GuangZhou office, PRC
Assisted center-in-charge in the operation of Guangzhou office; took part in various recreational and rehabilitation programs offered to psychiatric patients and their family members

1998 – 1999 Field Investigator

Save the Children Fund (UK), Kunming, PRC
Participated in the base-line survey of the street children in Kunming; conducted in-depth interview on the living environment and pattern of street children.

HORNORS AND AWARDS

- 2007- 2009 Theodore and Wei-Hui Chan Fellowship, University of Southern California
- 2006- 2007 Scholarship for Doctoral Students, USC School of Social Work
- 2006 Provost Travel Award for the Asian Pacific Rim Universities Doctoral Students
Conference in Singapore, University of Southern California
- 2006 Scholarship for Educational Trip, USC School of Social Work
- 2004-2006 Scholarship for Doctoral Students, USC School of Social Work
- 2003 Champion Fund-Raiser for “Ride for Tomorrow”, Backpacker Association of
Hong Kong.
- 2002 Best Placement Performance, Department of Social Work and Social
Administration, the University of Hong Kong

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2003 - 2004 The Salvation Army, Glendale, CA
Helped with kitchen in homeless shelter and Christmas basket program.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2003 till now Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
2003 till now Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
2006 till now Society of Social Work Research (SSWR)

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