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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, 2017 – present
Social Welfare (Minor in Public Affairs); Faculty Advisor: Lawrence Berger
- M.S.W. Columbia University, New York, NY, 2016
Concentration: *Social Policy and Practice*; Faculty Advisor: Irwin Garfinkel
- M.S. University College London, London, UK, 2014
Urban Studies (Community Participation in City Strategies; Urban Policy)
- B.A. Zhejiang University of Media and Communications, Hangzhou, CHN, 2013
Communication Studies *Cum Laude, Dean's List (2010-2013)*
- Visiting Student University of California Riverside, Riverside, CA, Sept 2011–Dec 2011
Media and Political Communications

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Poverty; Safety net programs; Low-income working families; Child maltreatment prevention; Economic instability; Family and child well-being; Workplace and well-being.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATION

Cai, Yixia and Martin Evans. 2018. "Informal transfers in comparisons of income distribution: Lessons from rich and middle-income countries." *Journal of Income Distribution*, 26: 1-20.

MANUSCRIPT UNDER REVIEW

Cai, Yixia and Timothy Smeeding. 2019. "Deep and extreme child poverty in rich and poor nations: Lessons from Atkinson for the fight against child poverty."

WORK IN PROGRESS

Cai, Yixia, Christopher Wimer and Lawrence Berger. "When jobs disappear or become unstable: Income dynamics and economic well-being among urban households."

Cai, Yixia, Irwin Garfinkel, Kathryn Neckerman, and Christopher Wimer. "Housing assistance, poverty, and material hardship: Evidence from New York City."

Cai, Yixia. "The effects of housing assistance on risk of child maltreatment."

Wang, Julia, Yixia Cai and Qin Gao. “How effective are public safety net programs in reducing poverty risks?”

Cai, Yixia, Martin Evans and Janet Gornick. “Maternal employment growth and child poverty”

MEMO/REPORT AND OTHER PUBLICATION

“Poverty and child maltreatment: Literature summary” 2019. Report to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (with Lawrence Berger, Kristen Slack, Jessica Pac, and Anna Walther).

“A review of out-of-home placement prevention programs.” 2019. Report to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (with Lawrence Berger and Kristen Slack).

“Father engagement in prevention programs.” 2019. Memo to the Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (with Kristen Slack).

“Child sexual abuse prevention programs: A literature review.” 2018. Report to the Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (with Kristen Slack).

Cai, Yixia and Xinxiang Li. 2013. “Chinese Well-Being: 2012.” *Publication Reference*, 15: 33-36. (In Chinese)

Cui, Bo and Yixia Cai. 2012. “Exploring the Dynamics of Copyright Values.” *Southeast Communication*, 7: 1-4. (In Chinese)

The Happy Chinese: Dialogue with Young Entrepreneurs. Hangzhou: Zhejiang People’s Publishing House. April 2013. Editorial Assistant. ISBN: 978-7213054129

PRESENTATIONS

Cai, Yixia, Christopher Wimer, and Lawrence Berger. “When Jobs Disappear or Become Unstable: Income Dynamics and Economic Well-Being among Urban Households.”

- Population Association of America, Austin, TX. 2019.
- Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA. 2019.

Wang, Julia, Yixia Cai, and Qin Gao. “How Effective are Public Safety Net Programs in Reducing Poverty Risks? A Comparative Study of Taiwan and Southeast China.”

- Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA. 2019.
- East Asian Social Policy Research Network Annual Conference, Japan. 2017.

Cai, Yixia and Timothy Smeeding. “Extreme Child Poverty in Rich and Poor Nations: Lessons from Atkinson for the Fight against Child Poverty.” Paper presented at LIS/LWS Users Conference – The legacy of Tony Atkinson in Inequality Analysis, Luxembourg. 2018.

Cai, Yixia, Irv Garfinkel, Kathryn Neckerman, and Chris Wimer. “Examining the Effects of Housing Programs on Housing Deprivation, Poverty and Material Hardship Among Low-Income Households.”

- Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC. 2018.
- Urban Affair Association, Minneapolis, MN. 2017.

- Population Association of America, Chicago, IL. 2017.

Cai, Yixia and Martin Evans. “Exploring the Role of Inter-Household Transfers in Comparisons of Monetary Welfare and its Distribution.” Biennial meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, New York, NY. 2017.

Cui, Bo and Yixia Cai. “Spatial Perception and Identity Recognition of New Migrants in China: A Case Study of Xiasha District, Hangzhou City.” Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA. 2016.

AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018 – present	Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2019	Graduate School Student Travel Grants, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2017	Columbia Population Research Center Travel Grants, Columbia University
2012-2013	China Guangsha Media Scholarship (awarded an external scholarship for students who demonstrate academic achievement in mass media studies)
2012-2013	Research assistantship, ZUMC, a project funded by the Ministry of Education of China – Division of Social Science
2011-2012	Undergraduate Innovative Research and Practice Grant from ZUMC (Project ID: CX2011CY003)
May 2012	Leadership Award (<i>Bear Award</i>) from University of California, Riverside and U.S. International Education Association
May 2012	Culture Ambassador Award from University of California, Riverside
April 2012	Second Prize in CCTV Star of Outlook English Talent Competition, Hangzhou Final (college level)
2010-2011	University Scholarship in ZUMC

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017 – present	<p>Project Assistant to Drs. Lawrence Berger and Kristen Slack, Child Welfare research group. School of Social Work and Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.</p> <p>Worked on a randomized controlled trial on income transfers and child maltreatment prevention. Mainly responsible for linkage between survey data and an extensive array of administrative data on child protection service involvement, earnings, and participations in social program.</p>
2018-2019	<p>Research Assistant to Dr. Timothy Smeeding. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison WI.</p> <p>Worked on the measurement of deep child poverty and assessed the redistributive effects from a comparative perspective.</p>

- 2015-2017 Research Assistant to Drs. Irwin Garfinkel and Christopher Wimer. NYC Robin Hood Poverty Tracker research group. Columbia Population Research Center, Columbia University, New York, NY
Collaborated with a research team and mainly worked on areas related to precarious housing and economic deprivations among low-income New Yorkers.
- 2016-2017 Research Intern, U.S. Office of LIS Cross-National Data Center (housed in Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality)/Joint projects with UNICEF Policy and Research Division. New York, NY
Worked on topics related to monetary welfare and child poverty in middle-income countries.
- 2012-2013 Research Staff Assistant, Migration and Urban Communication Lab. ZUMC, Hangzhou, CHN. 2012 – 2013.
Assisted a research team to examine public political discourse to better understand the role that media plays in urban life. Contributed research and writing for the chapter “Urban–Rural Integration and Interactive Communication” of the book *City Communication: Space-Oriented Approach*, published by Communication University of China Press (June 2014), ISBN: 9787565708176.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant/Principal Instructor for two discussion sections, Introduction to Social Policy. University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Social Work.
- Summers Teaching Assistant, Program Evaluation in Social Services.
2016, 2017 Columbia University, School of Social Work.

SOCIAL SCIENCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Oct 2016 – Dec 2016 America’s Poverty online course (funded by the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality)
- June 2016 Annual research workshop on socioeconomic inequalities: “Inequality by the Numbers” (funded by the Luxembourg Income Study Center and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York), New York, NY
- Nov 2013 Woolwich Social Housing Regeneration Development, led by the Survey of London (field work), London, UK
- Nov 2012 Selected for Social Psychological Studies in Urbanization conference, workshop on working parents and their children in low-income urban settings (student representative), Hangzhou, CHN
- 2010– 2012 Communication and Cultural Industry Innovation (trainee), Hangzhou, CHN

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- Jan 2015 – Aug 2015. Social Worker, Hamilton Madison House – Head Start Child Development, New York, NY.
Conducted intake interviews and assessments with parents and provided enrollment assistance; Compiled and maintained 250 case files to keep track of children’s development; Assisted in organizing class committee meetings for parents and teachers; Collaborated to develop training workshops for parents.
- Spring 2014 Community-Based Research Practicum, Just Space Network, London, UK.
A project focusing on assessing the community’s needs, especially affordable housing issues, and educating local residents about the community’s development in Southall, London; Mapped the community premises in Southall; Coordinated and conducted interviews with key community representatives; Developed paper-based communications about planning strategies for local residents and produced a documentary.
- Jan 2012 – Nov 2012 Project Assistant, Department of International Cooperation, Zhejiang Publishing United Group, Hangzhou, CHN.
Collaborated with a team on planning, execution, and media publicity for the 2012 London Book Fair; Participated in the Chinese and Western Children’s Illustration Forum and Exhibition hosted in the British Museum; took charge of translating news release for this forum.
- May 2011 – Aug 2011 Editorial Assistant, Orient Publishing Centre, China Publishing Group, Shanghai, CHN.
Provided new-media publicity for *The Wheel of Time* series (Chinese version) and the 2011 Shanghai Book Fair.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2012-2013 Student Representative, International Communication and Volunteer Association, ZUMC
- 2011-2012 Vice President, Academic Forum for Media Diversity, ZUMC
- 2010-2011 Peer Mentor, School of Journalism and Communications, ZUMC

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Society for Social Work and Research
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Society of the Study of Economic Inequality
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Population Association of America
Urban Affairs Association