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EDUCATION

<i>Expected</i>	Ph.D. Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
<i>May 2026</i>	<i>Dissertation:</i> Intergenerational Dynamics and Inequality in Mid-to-Later Life <i>Committee:</i> Michael S. Rendall (Chair), Mónica L. Caudillo, Jie Chen, Taylor W. Hargrove, Liana C. Sayer
2025	<i>Comprehensive exam:</i> Demography (high pass)
2024	M.A. Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
2022	M.A. Sociology, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China
2020	B.A. Sociology, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

AREAS OF INTEREST

Health and Well-being, Family Demography, Aging and Life Course, Quantitative Methods

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Xiong, Yajie**, and Yaqiang Qi. 2025. "The Unequal Loop: Socioeconomic Status and the Dynamic Bidirectional Relationship between Physical and Mental Health" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 66(3), 410-427.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00221465241300303>
- Ruan, Hangqing, Melody Ge Gao, **Yajie Xiong**, and Philip N. Cohen. 2024. "Marital Status and Deaths from Alcohol, Drug Overdose, and Suicide in the United States: 2000–2021." *Socius* 10:23780231241275429. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241275429>
- Criss, Shaniece, Thu T. Nguyen, Sarah M. Gonzales, Brian Lin, Melanie Kim, Katrina Makres, Botamina M. Sorial, **Yajie Xiong**, Elizabeth Dennard, Junaid S. Merchant, and Yulin Hswen. 2024. "'HIV Stigma Exists' — Exploring ChatGPT's HIV Advice by Race and Ethnicity, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity." *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-024-02162-2>
- Xiong, Yajie** and Yaqiang Qi. 2023. "Gendered Social Roles and Mental Health in Life Course" *Chinese Journal of Population Science* 37(05): 35-50. (In Chinese)
- Qi, Yaqiang and **Yajie Xiong**. 2023. "Intercohort Upsurge of Cognitive Ability among the General Population in China." *Intelligence* 98:101752.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.intell.2023.101752>

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Xiong, Yajie**. "Cohort Changes of Intergenerational Transmission of Age at First Birth in China, 1941-1990" (Revise and resubmit at *Population Studies*).
- Xiong, Yajie**. "Intergenerational Domestic Support in China: The Upward Transfer of Housework Burdens and Gender Inequality" (Revise and resubmit at *Chinese Sociological Review*).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Xiong, Yajie**, Heide Jackson, and Michael Rendall. "Caregiver-stress or shared disadvantage in socio-demographic backgrounds? Explaining the greater likelihood of

acquiring cognitive impairment or dementia among older individuals living with a spouse with cognitive impairment or dementia.” Submitted to the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, May, 2026.

Xiong, Yajie. “Intergenerational Socioeconomic Mobility and Black-White Health Disparities in Middle Age: Differential Mobility Patterns or Differential Health Returns?” Submitted to the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, May, 2026.

Xiong, Yajie. “Tracing Health across Generations: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Intergenerational Transmission of Health.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August, 2025.

Xiong, Yajie, Michael Rendall, and Heide Jackson. “Another Hispanic Paradox? Longer Survival in the Household Population Among Older Hispanic Adults with Dementia.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, D.C. Washington, April, 2025.

Xiong, Yajie. “Changes in the Intergenerational Correlation of Age at First Birth in China.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, August, 2024.

Xiong, Yajie, Liana Sayer, and Yiran Zhang. “Intergenerational Support in Domestic Work: The Transmission and Persistence of Gender Inequality in China.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, April, 2024.

Xiong, Yajie and Yaqiang Qi. “Socioeconomic Status and the Interdependence between Physical and Mental Health among U.S. Older Adults.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August, 2023.

Ruan, Hangqing, Ge Gao, **Yajie Xiong** and Philip Cohen. “Marital Status and Deaths from Alcohol, Drug Overdose, and Suicide in the United States: 2000-2020.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April, 2023.

Xiong, Yajie. “The Parent-friendly Neighborhood: Neighborhood Resources and Parents' Mental Health.” International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Conference, Shanghai, China & online, November 20-21, 2021.

Xiong, Yajie and Yaqiang Qi. “The Socially Shaped Gender Inequality: Gendered Social Roles and Mental Health in the Life Course.”

- Annual Conference of the Chinese Sociological Association, Chongqing, China, July 16-18, 2021. (In Chinese)

- The 4th Youth Forum of Medical and Health Sociology, Nanjing, China, October 29, 2021. (In Chinese)

Xiong, Yajie and Yaqiang Qi. “Gender Differences in Cognitive Abilities in China: Age and Cohort Trends.” Paper presented at the

- Winter Forum of Social Stratification and Mobility of the Chinese Sociological Association, Nanjing, China & online, December 12, 2020. (In Chinese)

- The 2nd Congress of East Asian Sociological Association, Busan, Korea & online, October 29, 2021.

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

2025	Milton Dean Havron Social Sciences Award, University of Maryland (\$2,000)
2025	Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship, (\$5,000)
2024	Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$5,000)
2022	Outstanding Master Thesis, Renmin University of China
2021	Outstanding Paper Award, Chinese Sociological Association
2021	First-class Academic Merit Scholarship, Renmin University of China
2020	National Scholarship for Graduate Student, Renmin University of China
2020	Outstanding Graduate, Beijing Municipal Education Commission

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2024–2025 **Research Assistant** to Professor Michael Rendall
- Cleaning datasets (Medical Expenditure Panel Survey; National Health and Aging Trends Study; The Panel Study of Income Dynamics)
 - Literature review on family correlations in cognitive impairment
 - Performing relevant statistical analysis and composing research papers
- 2018–2021 **Research Assistant** to Professor Yaqiang Qi
- Reviewing the literature on health inequality in China
 - Performing statistical analysis and composing research papers on the “Flynn effect” and the rural-urban differences in cognitive abilities in China
 - Cleaning and merging data from the China Family Panel Studies (CFPS) and Chinese General Social Survey (CGSS)
 - Compiling health-related indicators in different Chinese social surveys

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Maryland University, College Park, Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Fall 2024 Health and Illness
- Spring 2024 Introduction to Research Methods in Sociology
- Fall 2023 Smart Machines and Human Prospects
- Spring 2023 Globalization, Winners and Losers
- Fall 2022 Introduction to Sociology

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Population Association of America
American Sociology Association
-Sections: Medical Sociology, Family, Sociology of Population

RELATED SKILLS

Stata; R; MPlus