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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of California-Berkeley (2022 – present)
Qualifying Exam: Computational Method (David Harding), Social Theory (Robert Braun), Social Movement (Kim Voss), China (Kevin O'Brien)
- M.A. Sociology, University of California-Berkeley, 2025
Qualifying Paper: "The Platforms of Contention: How Algorithmic Organizations of Work Spark Militant Labor Movements in China's Gig Economy"
Committee: Robert Braun (Chair), Kim Voss
- M.Phil. Sociology and Demography, University of Oxford, 2022, Distinction.
Chair: Michael Biggs

PUBLICATIONS & WORK IN PROGRESS

David Su. (2025). "Gaming the Algorithm: Tactical Innovation and Collective Resistance in China's Platform Economy." Under Review at *Social Problem*.

- Winner, 2026 Thompson Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA's Organization, Occupation, and Work (OOW) Section.
- Winner, 2026 Meyer Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Student Paper Award, ASA's Collective Behavior and Social Movement (CBSM) Section.
- 2026 Herbert Blumer Prize, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley.

David Su. (2025). "The Platforms of Contention: Algorithmic Organization of Work and Gig Worker Strikes in Post-Pandemic China." *In progress*.

- The Dr. C.F Koo and Cecilia Koo Chair Fellowship for Outstanding Graduate Students, Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley.

Su Z*, Xu P*, and Duan W (2026). "Embedded Inequality: Personal Network Support and Mental Health during COVID-19." *Network Science* 14, 1-18.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/nws.2026.10031>. (* Joint First Author)

Wenjie Duan & **David Su.** (2020). "The Impact of Fertility Control Policy in Different Stages on Children's Quality of Life in Adulthood: Relationship and Mechanism (in Chinese)." *Population & Development (Renkou Yu Fazhan)* 26 (05):2-21.

FELLOWSHIP & AWARD

- Thompson Graduate Student Paper Award, Organization, Occupation, and Work Section of the American Sociological Association 2026
- Meyer Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Student Paper Award, Collective Behavior and Social Movement Section of the American Sociological Association 2026

- The Herbert Blumer Prize, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley 2026
- The Dr. C.F Koo and Cecilia Koo Chair Fellowship for Outstanding Graduate Students, Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley (\$10000) 2026
- Teaching Effectiveness Award, University of California, Berkeley 2025
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley 2025
- Simpson Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Global, International and Area Studies, UC Berkeley (\$4500) 2025
- Graduate Student Fellowship, Center for Jewish Study, UC Berkeley (\$2200) 2025
- Summer Research Fellowship, California-China Climate Institute, Law School UC Berkeley, and the California State Government (\$7500) 2024
- Berkeley Fellowship, The Graduate Division, UC Berkeley (Full-year support) 2024-2025
- Conference and Research Travel Grants, The Graduate Division, UC Berkeley 2023
- Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship, International House, UC Berkeley (Full-year support and \$5000) 2022-2023
- Student Travel and Research Grants, St Antony's College, Oxford University 2021

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Gaming the Algorithm: Collective Resistance in China’s Platform Economy”, Paper Presented at Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Conference, Hong Kong, Dec 2025.

“Trees of Life: The Structure of the Clandestine Jewish Rescue Networks during the Holocaust”. Paper Presented at Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Nazism and the Holocaust Session, Chicago, IL, Nov 2025

“The Platforms of Contention: How Algorithmic Organization of Work Sparks Militant Labor Movements in China’s Gig Economy”, Paper Presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Organizations, Occupations, and Work, Future of Work Panel, Chicago, IL, Aug 2025.

“Embedded Inequality: Personal Network Support and Mental Health During COVID-19”, Paper Presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Asia and Asian American, Roundtable, Los Angeles, CA, Aug 2022.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Graduate Student Instructor

Graduate Statistics I, Department of Sociology (SOC271B)	Fall, 2023, Fall 2025
Graduate Statistics II, Department of Sociology (SOC271C)	Spring, 2024, Spring 2026

Mentor, Social Science Research Pathways, IRLE, UC Berkeley	2023-2025
Senior Honor Thesis, Department of Sociology	2023-2024

Co-Editor, Critical Mass, the newsletter for the Collective Behavior and Social Movement Section, American Sociological Association	2023-2026
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Occasional reviewer for: *European Journal of Sociology, Social Problems, Social Indicators Research, International Journal of Comparative Sociology*

Languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, English.