

# Ming Wen

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## EDUCATION

University of Chicago  
Ph.D., Sociology, 2003  
M.S., Statistics, 1999  
M.A., Sociology, 1996

Peking University  
B.S. Information Science, 1989

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015 – Present Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Utah

2013 – Present Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Utah

2008 – 2013 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Utah

2008 – 2012 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of Utah

2003 – 2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Utah

2013 – Present Faculty Affiliate, Center on Aging, University of Utah

2006 – Present Faculty Affiliate, Asian Studies Program, University of Utah

2003 – Present Faculty Affiliate, Cancer Control and Population Sciences (CCPS), Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah

1999-2003 Biostatistician, Department of Health Studies, University of Chicago

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS

2015 College of Social Behavioral Science Senior Superior Research Award Winner, U. of Utah

2013 College of Social Behavioral Science Senior Superior Research Award Finalist, U. of Utah

2012 College of Social Behavioral Science Senior Superior Research Award Finalist, U. of Utah

2010 ASA Travel Award Grant (SES-0852624) for ISA sponsored by the NSF

2009 Cancer Control and Population Sciences (CCPS) Travel Award

2008 College of Social Behavioral Science Junior Superior Research Award Winner, U. of Utah

2007 OYCF-Ford Teaching Fellowship

- 2007 College of Social Behavioral Science Junior Superior Research Finalist Award, University of Utah
- 2007 National Poverty Center Travel Award
- 2006 Add Health Users Conference Travel Award
- 2006 NSF Sponsored Space Workshop Fellowship
- 2005 National Poverty Center Summer Workshop on Poverty Fellowship
- 2005 RAND/NIA Summer Institute on Aging Fellowship
- 2003 Robert E. Park Memorial Lectureship for Undergraduate Teaching, University of Chicago
- 1995-99 Century Scholarship, University of Chicago

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Determinants of Health & Well-Being; Social Psychology; Child Development; Aging

## SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

(\* Co-authored with students)

93. **Wen M** & Ren Q. "Cognitive and psychological health implications of living alone among middle-aged and older adults in China" *Asian Population Studies*: Forthcoming
92. Reynolds MM, Beagley M, Fax AM, **Wen M**, Varner M & Smith K. "Is less more? Examining the relationship between food assistance generosity and childhood obesity" *Social Science & Medicine: Population Health*: Forthcoming
91. \*Fan JX, **Wen M** & Li K. 2020. "Associations between Obesity and Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status: Variations by Gender and Family Income Status" *Social Science & Medicine: Population Science* 10: In press
90. \*Yang Y & **Wen M**. 2020. "Parental dissatisfaction, health, and wellbeing among older Chinese adults: The mediating role of self-esteem and feeling useless" *Journal of Family Issues*: In press
89. \*Ye Z, **Wen M**, Lin D & Wang W. 2020. "Subjective family socioeconomic status and positive youth development in China: The mediating role of school social capital" *International Journal of Psychology* 55(2): 173-181
88. Wu G & **Wen M**. 2020. "Police officer stress in China: Rural-urban disparities" *Policing: An International Journal*: Forthcoming
87. \*Li K, **Wen M**, Reynolds M & Zhang Q. 2019. "WIC participation and breastfeeding after the 2009 WIC revision: A propensity score approach" *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 16:2645
86. \* **Wen M**, Ren Q, Korinek K & Trinh HN. 2019. "Living in skipped generation households and happiness among middle-aged and older grandparents in China" *Social Science & Research* 80:145-155
85. \*Li K, **Wen M** & Fan J. 2019. "Neighborhood racial diversity and metabolic syndrome: 2003-2008 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey" *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 21(1):151-160
84. Kowaleski-Jones L, **Wen M** & Fan JX. 2019. "Unpacking the paradox: testing for mechanisms in the food insecurity and BMI association" *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*. 14(5):683-697

83. \* He L, Zhang X, Wang H, Liang S, **Wen M** & Lin D. 2018. "Analysis of the prevalence of screen time behavior among the local and migrant children in Beijing and its influencing factors." *Chinese Journal of School Health* 39(7):1004-1007 (Chinese Language)
82. Chai W, Fan JX & **Wen M**. 2018. "Association of individual and neighborhood factors with home food availability: Evidence from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)" *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* 118(5):815-823
81. Wan N, **Wen M**, Fan JX, Tavake-Pasi OF, McCormick S, Elliott K & Nicolosi E. 2018. "Physical activity barriers and facilitators among U.S. Pacific Islanders and the feasibility of using mobile technologies for intervention: A focus group study with Tongan Americans" *Journal of Physical Activity & Health* 15(4):287-294
80. **Wen M**, Fan JX, Kowaleski-Jones L & Neng W. 2018. "Rural-urban disparities in obesity in the United States: The role of individual and neighborhood factors" *American Journal of Health Promotion* 32(2):400-408
79. \* Nguyen QC, Sajjadi M, McCullough M, Pham M, Nguyen TT, Yu W, Meng H, **Wen M**, Li F, Smith KR, Brunisholz K & Tasdizen T. 2018. "Neighborhood looking glass: 360 degree automated characterization of the built environment for neighborhood effects research" *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health* 72(3):260-266
78. \*Nguyen QC, Brunisholz KD, Yu W, McCullough M, Hanson H, Litchman ML, Li F, Wan Y, VanDerslice JA, **Wen W** & Smith KR. 2017. "Twitter-derived neighborhood characteristics associated with obesity and diabetes" *Scientific Reports - Nature* 7:16425
77. \*Nguyen QC, McCullough M, Meng HW, Paul D, Li D, Kath S, Loomis G, Nsoesie EO, **Wen M**, Smith KR, Li F. 2017. "Geotagged U.S. tweets (2015-2016) as predictors of county-level health" *American Journal of Public Health* 107(11):1776-1782
76. \*Li K, **Wen M** & Henry K. 2017. "Ethnic density, immigrant enclaves, and Latino health risks: A propensity score matching approach" *Social Science & Medicine* 189:44-52
75. \*Herget KA, Stroup A, Smith K, **Wen M** & Sweeney C. 2017. "Unstaged cancer: Long-term decline in incidence by site and by demographic and socioeconomic characteristics" *Cancer Causes Control*. 28(4): 341-349
74. **Wen M**. 2017. "Social capital and adolescent substance use: The role of family, school and neighborhood contexts" *Journal of Research on Adolescence* 27(2): 362-378
73. Li M, Xue H, Wang W, **Wen M** & Wang Y. 2017. "Increased obesity risks for being an only child in China: findings from a nationally representative study of 19,487 children" *Public Health* 153:44-51.
72. Li M, Xue H, **Wen M**, Wang W & Wang Y. 2017. "Nutrition and physical activity related school environment/policy factors and child obesity in China: A nationally representative study of 8573 students in 110 middle schools" *Pediatric Obesity*: 12(6):485-493.
71. Kowaleski-Jones L, Fan JX, **Wen M** & Hanson HA. 2017. "Neighborhood context and youth physical activity: Differential associations by gender and age" *American Journal of Health Promotion* 31(5):426-434
70. **Wen M**, Zheng Z & Niu J. 2017. "Psychological distress of rural-to-urban migrants in two Chinese cities: Shanghai and Shenzhen" *Asian Population Studies* 13(1):5-24
69. Chai W, Fan JX, **Wen M**. 2016. "Association of individual and community factors with C-reactive protein and 25-hydroxyvitamin D: Evidence from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)" *Social Science and Medicine: Population Science* 2: 889-896

68. \*Yang Y & **Wen M.** 2016. "Correlates of parental satisfaction: A study of later-life family relationships in China" *International Journal of Population Studies* 2(1)
67. \*Nguyen QC, Li D, Meng HW, Kath S, Nsoesie E, Li F & **Wen M.** 2016. "Building a national neighborhood dataset from geotagged twitter data for indicators of happiness, diet, and physical activity" *Journal of Medical Internet Research* 2(2):e158
66. \*Nguyen QC, Kath S, Meng, HW, Li P, Smith KR, VanDerslice JA, **Wen M** & Li F. 2016. "Leveraging geotagged Twitter data to examine neighborhood happiness, diet, and physical activity" *Applied Geography* 73:77-88
65. \*Wei DY, Xiao W, **Wen M** & Wei R. 2016. "Walkability, land use and physical activity" *Sustainability* 8:65
64. Lagisetty PA, **Wen M**, Choi H, Heister M, Kanaya AM & Kandula NR. 2016. "Neighborhood social cohesion and prevalence of hypertension and diabetes in a South Asian population" *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 18(6):1309-1316
63. \*Trinh H & **Wen M.** 2016. "Social engagement and use of hypertensive medication among adults in China" *Journal of Biosocial Science* 48(6):806-19
62. \*Hill TD, Trinh HN, **Wen M** & Hale L. 2016. "Perceived neighborhood safety and sleep quality: A global analysis of six countries" *Sleep Medicine* 18:56-60
61. Fan JX, **Wen M** & Kowaleski-Jones L. 2016. "Tract- and county-level income inequality and individual risk of obesity in the United States" *Social Science & Research* 55:75-82
60. \***Wen M** & Li K. 2016. "Parental and sibling migration and high blood pressure among rural children in China" *Journal of Biosocial Science* 48(1):129-142
59. Gu D, Zhu H & **Wen M.** 2015. "Neighborhood-health links: Differences between rural-to-urban migrants and natives in Shanghai" *Demographic Research* 33:499-524
58. **Wen M** & Su D. 2015. "Correlates of leisure-time physical activity participation among Latino children and adolescents with acanthosis nigricans" *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 17(5):1330-1336
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56. \*Yang Y & **Wen M.** 2015. "Psychological resilience and the onset of activity of daily living disability among older adults in China: A nationwide longitudinal analysis" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 70(3):470-480
55. Fan JX, **Wen M** & Kowaleski-Jones L. 2015. "Sociodemographic and environmental correlates of active commuting in rural America" *Journal of Rural Health*: 31(2):176-285
- 54.\***Wen M**, Su S, Li X & Lin D. 2015. "Positive youth development and problem behavior among adolescents in rural China: The role of parental migration" *Social Science & Medicine*: 132:261-269
53. \*Li K & **Wen M.** 2015. "Substance use, age at migration, and length of residence among adult immigrants in the United States" *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 17(1):156-64
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50. \*Li K, **Wen M** & Henry KA. 2014. "Residential racial composition and black-white obesity risks: Differential effects of neighborhood social and built environment" *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 11(1):626-42
49. **Wen M**. 2014. "Participation in religious services and parental and child well-being: Findings from the National Survey of America's Families" *Journal of Religion and Health* 53(5):1539-61
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47. **Wen M** & Maloney TN. 2014. "Neighborhood socioeconomic status and body mass disparities by race/ethnicity, immigrant status, and legal status: Evidence from the Utah Population Database" *Economics and Human Biology* 12:120-131
46. Su D, **Wen M** & Markides KS. 2013. "Is self-rated health comparable between non-Hispanic whites and Hispanics? Evidence from the health and retirement study" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 68(4):622-32
45. Fan JX, Kowaleski-Jones L & **Wen M**. 2013. "Walking or dancing: Patterns of physical activity by cross-sectional age among U.S. women" *Journal of Aging Health* 25(7):1182-1203
44. Kowaleski-Jones L & **Wen M**. 2013. "Community and child energy balance: Differential associations between neighborhood environment and overweight risk by gender" *International Journal of Environmental Health Research* 23(5):434-45
43. \*Li K & **Wen M**. 2013. "Racial and ethnic disparities in leisure-time physical activity in California: Patterns and mechanisms" *Race & Social Problems* 5(3):147-156
42. Fan JX, **Wen M**, Jin L & Wang G. 2013. "Disparities in healthcare utilization in China: Do gender and migration status matter?" *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* 34(1):52-63
41. \*Nathenson S & **Wen M**. 2013. "Religiousness, physical activity and obesity among older cancer survivors: Results from the Health and Retirement Study 2000-2010" *International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society* 2(3):129-144
40. \*Wang F, **Wen M** & Xu Y. 2013. "Population-adjusted street connectivity, urbanicity and risk of obesity in the U.S." *Applied Geography* 41:1-14
39. **Wen M**, Kowaleski-Jones L, & Fan JX. 2013. "Ethnic-immigrant disparities in total body and abdominal obesity in the United States" *American Journal of Health Behavior* 37(6):807-818
38. **Wen M**, Zhang XY, Harris C, Holt J & Croft J. 2013. "Spatial access to local public parks and neighborhood socio-demographic characteristics in the United States: A nationwide ecological analysis" *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* 45(1):18-27
37. **Wen M** & Kowaleski-Jones L. 2012. "The built environment and risk of obesity in the United States: Racial-ethnic disparities" *Health & Place* 18: 1314-1322
36. **Wen M** & Gu D. 2012. "Air pollution shortens life expectancy and health expectancies at old ages: The case of China" *Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences* 67(11):1219-2939

35. Jin L, **Wen M**, Fan JX & Wang G. 2012. "Trans-local ties, local ties and psychological well-being among rural-to-urban migrants in Shanghai" *Social Science & Medicine* 75(2):288-296
34. **Wen M** & Lin D. 2012. "Child well-being in rural China: Children left behind by their migrant parents and children of non-migrant families" *Child Development* 83(1):120-136
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32. **Wen M** & Gu D. 2011. "The effects of childhood, adulthood, and community socioeconomic status on healthy longevity among older people in China" *Demography* 48: 153-181
31. **Wen M** & Maloney T. 2011. "Latino residential isolation and the risk of obesity in Utah: The role of neighborhood socioeconomic, built-environmental, and cultural context" *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 13:1134-1141
30. Chang KC, **Wen M** & Wang G. 2011. "Social capital and work among rural-to-urban migrant workers in Shanghai, China" *Asian Population Studies* 7(2): 275-293
29. Su D, Richardson C, **Wen M** & Pagán JA. 2011. "Cross-border utilization of health care: Evidence from a population-based study in South Texas" *Health Services Research* 46(3):859-876
28. Wang G, Su X & **Wen M**. 2011. "Living conditions of migrant workers in cities and their impacts on health: A case of Shanghai" *Population Research* 35(2):60-72
27. **Wen M**, Fan JX, Jin L & Wang G. 2010. "Neighborhood effects on self-rated health, chronic conditions, and mental well-being among migrants and native residents in Shanghai, China" *Health & Place* 16: 452-460
26. Zimmer Z, **Wen M** & Kaneda T. 2010. "A multi-level analysis of urban/rural and socioeconomic differences in functional status transition among older Chinese" *Social Science & Medicine* 71:559-567
25. **Wen M**, Lauderdale DS & Kandula N. 2009. "The ethnic neighborhoods in multi-ethnic America, 1990--2000: Ethnoburbs and a resurgence of ethnicity?" *Social Forces* 88(1):425-460
24. **Wen M**, VanDuker H. & Olson L. 2009. "Social contexts of regular smoking in adolescence: Toward a multidimensional ecological model" *Journal of Adolescence* 32:671-692
23. **Wen M** & Wang G. 2009. "Demographic, psychological, and social environmental factors of loneliness and satisfaction among rural-to-urban migrants in Shanghai, China" *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 50(2): 155-182
22. **Wen M** & Zhang XY. 2009. "Contextual effects of built and social environments of urban neighborhoods on exercise: A multilevel study in Chicago" *American Journal of Health Promotion* 23(4):247-254
21. Kandula NR, **Wen M**, Jacobs E & Lauderdale DS. 2009. "Smoking prevalence in Asian Americans: Does living in an Asian neighborhood matter?" *American Journal of Public Health* 99(5):885-892
20. **Wen M**. 2008. "The effect of family structure on children's health and well-being: Evidence from the 1999 National Survey of America's Families" *Journal of Family Issues* 29(11): 1492-1519
19. **Wen M**, Kandula N & Lauderdale DS. 2007. "Walking for transportation or leisure: What difference does the neighborhood make?" *Journal of General Internal Medicine* 22(12):1674-80

18. **Wen M**, Browning CR & Cagney KA. 2007. "A multi-level study of neighborhood environment and its relationship to physical activity in adulthood" *Urban Studies* 44(13): 1-18
17. **Wen M**. 2007. "Racial and ethnic differences in general health status and limiting health conditions among American children: Parental reports in the 1999 National Survey of America's Families" *Ethnicity & Health* 12(5):401-422
16. Vohra PD, Johnson JK, Daugherty CK, **Wen M** & Barach P. 2007. "Housestaff and medical student attitudes toward medical errors and adverse events" *Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety* 33 (8), 493-501
15. Hlubocky FJ, Ratain MJ, **Wen M**, Daugherty CK. 2007. "Complementary and alternative medicine among advanced cancer patients enrolled in phase I trials: A study of prognosis, quality of life, and preferences for decision making" *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 25(5):548-554
14. **Wen M**, Hawkey L & Cacioppo J. 2006. "Objective and perceived neighborhood environment, individual SES and psychosocial factors, and self-rated health: An analysis of older adults in Cook County, Illinois" *Social Science & Medicine* 63(10): 2575-2590
13. **Wen M** & Christakis NA. 2006. "Prospective effect of community distress and subcultural orientation on mortality following life-threatening diseases in later life" *Sociology of Health and Illness* 28(5):558-582
12. Lauderdale DS, **Wen M**, Jacobs EA, Kandula N. 2006. "Immigrant perceptions of discrimination in healthcare: The California Health Interview Survey 2003" *Medical Care* 44(10): 914-20
11. Kandula NR, **Wen M**, Jacobs EA & Lauderdale DS. 2006. "Low rates of colorectal, cervical, and breast cancer screening in Asian Americans compared with non-Hispanic whites: Cultural influences or access to care?" *Cancer* 107(1): 184-192
10. **Wen M** & Christakis NA. 2005. "Neighborhood effects on post-hospitalization mortality: A population-based cohort study of the elderly in Chicago" *Health Services Research* 40(4):1108-1127
9. **Wen M**, Cagney KC & Christakis NA. 2005. "Effect of specific aspects of community social environment on the mortality of individuals diagnosed with serious illness" *Social Science & Medicine* 61:1119-1134
8. Li Q & **Wen M**. (Equal authorship). 2005. "The immediate and lingering effects of armed conflict on adult mortality: A time-series cross-national analysis" *Journal of Peace Research* 42:471-492  
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6. Cagney KC, Browning CR & **Wen M**. 2005. "Racial disparities in self-rated health at older ages and the dangers of obfuscating neighborhood effects research?" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 60B(4):S193-S194
5. **Wen M**, Browning CR & Cagney K. 2003. "Poverty, affluence, and income inequality: Neighborhood economic structure and its implications for health." *Social Science & Medicine* 57:843-860
4. Browning CR, Cagney KA, & **Wen M**. 2003. "Explaining variation in health status across space and time: Implications for race and ethnic disparities in self-rated health" *Social Science & Medicine* 57(7):1221-1235
3. Helft PR, Hlubocky F, **Wen M** & Daugherty CK. 2003. "Associations among awareness of prognosis, hopefulness, and coping in advanced cancer patients (ACP) participating in phase I clinical trials." *Supportive Care in Cancer* 11(10):644-651

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## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Lin D, Li X, Su S, **Wen M**, Qiu P. 2016. "Effects of rural-to-urban migration on mental health of adult migrants and migrant children in the urban destinations" in *Migrant and Health*. Geneva, Switzerland: the United Nations.

**Wen M.** 2009. "Research on neighborhood contexts and health" in *Public Health: Evidence from Western Societies in the series of The Trends of Western Philosophy and Social Sciences* edited by Dong W. Beijing, China: Renmin University Press.

Cagney KA & **Wen M.** 2007. "Social capital and aging-related outcomes" in *Social Capital and Health* edited by Kawachi I, Subramanian & Kim. New York, New York: Springer.

## **INVITED WRITINGS**

**Wen M.** 2009. "Disparities in health status and behavior among rural migrants and urban natives in Shanghai" Shanghai World Expo Publication

**Wen M.** 2007. "Unequal access to health care among children and adolescents in California" *Access to Care*

## **BOOK REVIEW ESSAY**

**Wen M.** 2006. *Health and Inequality* (Curtis S 2004) *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 31(5):1024-1029.

**Wen M.** 2005. *The Starting Gate: Birth Weight and Life Chances* (Conley D, Strully KW & Bennett NG 2003) *American Journal of Sociology* 110(5):1509-1511.

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

(\* *Co-authored with current or former students*)

\*Ahmmad Z, **Wen M** & Li K. "Self-rated health disparities among Asian Americans: Mediating roles of education level and household income"

\* Andersen J, Scoggins D, Michaud T, **Wen M**, Wan N & Su D. "Racial disparities in diabetes management outcomes: Evidence from a remote patient monitoring program for type 2 diabetic patients" *Telemedicine and e-Health*: Forthcoming

\* Kamimura et al. & **Wen M.** 2020. "The awareness of cancer risk and healthy lifestyle among non-refugees compared to refugees resettled in the United States" *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*: Forthcoming

\*Korinek K, **Wen M** & Trinh HN. "Playing mah-jong together? A multilevel analysis of social engagement among Chinese middle-age and older Adults"

\*Yang Y & **Wen M.** "Offspring's filial discrepancy and parental depressive symptoms: A mixed-methods study" *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*: Revise & Resubmit



Yi SS, Kanaya AM, **Wen M**, Russo R & Kandula N. “Associations of neighborhood factors and activity behaviors: The Mediators of atherosclerosis in South Asians Living in America (MASALA) Study” *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.  
Revise & Resubmit

\***Wen M**, Ye Z, Lin D & Wang W. “Preliminary development of a multidimensional positive youth development scale for young rural and urban adolescents in China”

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

(\* *Co-authored with students*)

\*Prasad R, Adkins D & **Wen M**. “The prospective effects of marijuana use in adolescence on illicit drug use in middle age”

\* Roberson M & **Wen M**. “The prospective effects of insomnia in adolescence and mental health in adulthood: The moderating role of social capital”

**Wen M** & Wang W. “Educational aspiration and self-efficacy among adolescents in China”

**Wen M**, Lin D & Wang W. “Rural-urban disparities in positive development among Chinese early adolescents”

**Wen M**, Wan N, Su D & Wang W. "Income, home environments and health among young adolescents in China”

**Wen M** & Ren Q. “Poverty and cognitive status among middle-aged and older Chinese”

**Wen M** & Lin D. "Perceived discrimination and positive youth development among rural-to-urban migrant children in Beijing, China"

\*Yang Y, **Wen M** & Sonia Salari. “Mistreatment and psychological resilience among older Chinese adults: The moderating role of social support”

### **EXTRAMURAL GRANT**

NIH R03

07/01/2017—06/30/2019 (\$150,000; total cost)

Food Assistance, Diet, and Body Weight Status among WIC Eligible Children

Role: Consultant (Principal: Zhang Q, Old Dominion University)

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Scholar Grant

07/01/2016—06/30/2017 (\$30,000; direct cost)

Youth Development in China: The Role of Rural-Urban Origin and Residence

Role: Principal Investigator

NIH/NCI R01

01/01/2010 — 12/31/2014 (\$1.2 million; total cost)

Neighborhood Built and Social Environment and Physical Activity and Weight Status

Role: Principal Investigator

Russell Sage Foundation

07/15/2008 — 08/30/2010 (\$238,401; total cost)

Integration of the undocumented and documented in a new destination: Utah

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

NIH/NICHD R03  
06/01/2006 — 05/31/2008 (\$147,332; total cost)  
The Effects of Community Social and Built Environment on Physical Activity  
Role: Principal Investigator

Primary Children Medical Care Foundation & Department of Pediatrics  
07/15/2006 — 06/30/2008 (\$20,000; total cost)  
The contingent meaning of social capital for adolescent risk behavior  
Role: Principal Investigator

NIH/NIA P01  
07/01/2002 — 08/31/2007 (\$7 million; total cost)  
Social Isolation, Loneliness, Health and the Aging Process  
Role: Statistician (Principal Investigator: Cacioppo J, University of Chicago)

Primary Children Medical Care Foundation  
03/01/2005 — 12/30/2007 (\$41,142; total cost)  
Social Inequalities and Adolescent Risk Behaviors: Toward an Ecological Model  
Role: Principal Investigator

Annie E. Casey Foundation (administered by APPAM)  
07/01/2004 — 07/31/2006 (\$20,000; total cost)  
Race, Ethnicity, and Health in Young Children and Adolescents  
Role: Principal Investigator

American Cancer Society  
Multilevel Analysis of Cancer Related Risk Factors in Asian Americans  
Role: Co-investigator (Principal Investigator: Lauderdale D, University of Chicago)

NIH/NCI R01  
07/01/2001 — 08/30/2004 (\$1 million; total cost)  
Ethics and Clinical Trials in Advanced Cancer Care  
Role: Co-investigator (Principal Investigator: Daugherty C, University of Chicago)

## **INTERNAL GRANT**

Funding Incentive Seed Grant, University of Utah  
01/01/2015 – 12/31/2016 (\$35,000)  
Positive Youth Development in China: The Role of Rural-Urban Origin and Residence  
Role: Principal Investigator

CSBS Interdisciplinary Research Pilot Program  
08/01/2015 – 10/01/2016 (\$9,200)  
A Pilot Study Promoting Physical Activity among Tongans in Salt Lake City, Utah  
Role: Co-PI (Lead PI: Neng Wan in Geography, CSBS)

CSBS Interdisciplinary Seed Grant  
08/01/2015 – 10/01/2016 (\$6,020)  
Family and Community Migration, Social Resources and Health: China and the U.S.  
Role: Co-PI (Lead PI: Kim Korinek)

The Center on Aging, University of Utah (Pilot Grant)  
05/31/2014 – 05/31/2015 (\$19,900)  
Filial piety and health of older adults in China: A mixed-method study  
Role: Principal Investigator

College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah (Project Initiative Grant)  
07/2009 — 07/2010 (\$4,000)  
Cancer health disparities by race, ethnicity, immigrant status, legal status, and urbanity in Utah: The role of neighborhood contexts  
Role: Principal Investigator

College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah (TACC Fellowship)  
07/2009 — 07/2010 (\$5,000)  
Teaching Online Sociology  
Role: Principal Investigator

College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah (IPIA Seed Grant)  
02/2008 — 05/2009 (\$6,000)  
A comparative study of rural-to-urban migrants and urban residents in Shanghai, China.  
Role: Principal Investigator

College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah (Project Initiative Grant)  
04/2004 — 05/2005 (\$4,000)  
Community Social and Environmental Factors and Physical Activity in Adulthood  
Role: Principal Investigator

## **INVITED TALK**

Wen M. 2018. "Disparities in physical activities and obesity in the United States" College of Law/Politics and Public Management, Guangxi Normal University, China (May 8)

Wen M. 2017. "Disparities in physical activity and obesity in the United States: The role of individual and neighborhood factors" Department of Sociology, Renmin University of China (June 8)

Wen M. 2017. "Social determinants of health" Zhejiang University of Technology, China (June 1)

Wen M. 2016. "Positive youth development in China: The role of rural-to-urban migration" Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University, Utah (December 2)

Wen M. 2016. "Living in skipped generation households and health and well-being among middle-aged and older adults in China: A nationwide study" Healthy and Resilient Aging Conference, University of Hawaii (Sep 14)

Wen M. 2016. "Adolescent development in the face of rural-to-urban migration in China" East Asia Institute at Columbia University (April 4)

Wen M. 2015. "Youth development in China: The role of rural-urban origin and residence" Keynote speech at the International Conference on Inequality and Sustainability in China and Asia jointly sponsored by The Asia Center, the Confucius Institute, and the Institute for Public and International Affairs, University of Utah (Sep 10)

Wen M. 2014. "Disparities in physical activity and obesity: The role of individual and neighborhood factors" Keynote speech at the research retreat on minority health and health disparities jointly sponsored by University of Nebraska-Lincoln and University of Nebraska Medical Center

Wen M. 2013. "Parental migration, social support, and positive child development in rural China" Transnational Child Raising Arrangements between Africa and Europe Conference, Maastricht, the Netherlands (March 27)

Wen M. 2011. "Disparities in health care utilization in Shanghai, China: Do gender and migration status matter?" Shanghai Forum, Shanghai, China (May 26)

Wen M. 2011. "Racial/ethnic disparities in objectively measured obesity in the USA: The role of individual and neighborhood factors" Invited Speaker Series at the South Texas Border Health Disparities Center, University of Texas, Pan American (April 15)

Wen M. 2011. "Neighborhood effects on health: A study of residential segregation and obesity" Sociology Seminar Speaker for the School of Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts, University of California, Merced (February 28)

Wen M. 2010. "Neighborhood built and social environment and physical activity and weight status" Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) GeoSWG Grand Rounds in Atlanta, Georgia (August 16)

Wen M. 2010. "Labor market outcomes of rural-to-urban migrants in Shanghai" Shanghai Forum, Shanghai, China (May 30)

Wen M. 2010. "The effects of childhood, adulthood, and community socioeconomic status on healthy longevity among older people in China" Distinguished Lecture Series in the Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (April 19)

Wen M. 2009. "Neighborhood effects on self-rated health, chronic conditions, and mental well-being among migrants in Shanghai, China" Shanghai Forum, Shanghai, China (May 28)

Wen M. 2008. "Neighborhood built and social environments and physical activity" at the National Institute of Drug Abuse, Bethesda, MD, USA (June)

Wen M. 2008. "Mental well-being of rural-to-urban migrants in Shanghai" Shanghai Forum, Shanghai, China (May)

Wen M. 2008. "Neighborhood effects on physical activity in the City of Chicago and State of California in the USA" at Center of Migration Studies, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China (July)

Wen M. 2007. "Neighborhood economic structure and self-rated health: A multi-level study in Chicago, USA" at the Institute of Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China (June)

Wen M. 2007. "Neighborhood environment, psychosocial factors, and self-rated health" at the Institute of Population and Labor Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China (June)

Wen M. 2005. "Quantitative sociology and sociology of health" at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Inner Mongolia University of Technology, Huhehaote, China (July)

Wen M. 2003. "Neighborhood environment and individual health" at the Urban Futures Seminar, University of Teesside, UK (December)

Wen M. 2003. "A multilevel study of neighborhood influences on individual health in Chicago" at the departmental seminar in the Department of Geography, University of Durham, UK (December)

Wen M. 2003. "Effects of civil and interstate wars on human life expectancy and mortality: A time series cross-national analysis" at the IUSSP Seminar on the Demography of Conflict and Violence, Oslo, Norway (Nov 8-11)

## **SELECT SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

*(since 2010)*

Yang Y & Wen M. 2015. "Parental dissatisfaction, health and wellbeing among older adults in China: The mediating role of self-esteem and feeling useful." Geriatrics Research Update Conference, University of Utah (February 9).

Yang Y & Wen M. 2015. "Parental satisfaction and health and life satisfaction among older adults in Linxi County, China: A mixed-method study" the Consortium for Research on China and Asia (CROCA) Forum, University of Utah (April 3)

Wen M. 2011. "Depressive symptoms of migrant workers in Shenzhen and Shanghai: A comparative analysis" the Mekong Conference on Challenges to Human Development, University of Utah (April 29).

Wen M & Immigration Research Group. 2011. "Integration of the undocumented and documented in a new destination Utah" at the IPIA Policy at the Podium Seminar Series, University of Utah (February 11).

Wen M. 2011. "Residential segregation and obesity among Latinos and non-Latinos in Utah" Huntsman Cancer Institute CCPS External Advisory Board Meeting (February 7).

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

*(since 2010)*

Wen M & Weidong Wang. 2019. "Rural-to-urban disparities in developmental outcomes among young adolescents in China" Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (April 20)

Wen M & Qiang Ren. 2019. "Cognitive and psychological health implications of living alone among middle-aged and older adults in China." Population Association of America Annual Meeting in Austin, TX (April 12)

Li K, Wen M, Reynolds MM & Zhang Q. 2018. "Participation and breastfeeding among U.S. children: A propensity score matching analysis." Population Association of America Annual Meeting in Denver, CO

Yang Y & Wen M. 2018. "Social support protects against the negative effects of abuse on psychological resilience in a sample of older Chinese adults" International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Conference (Aug 10)

Wen M. 2017. "College-education aspiration and cognitive self-efficacy among adolescents in China: The role of rural-urban origin and residence." Population Association of America in Chicago, IL (April 28)

Wen M. 2017. "Positive youth development in China: The role of rural-urban origin and residence" Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA (Feb 25)

Wen M. 2016. "Positive youth development of urban native children and migrant children in Beijing" The 33<sup>rd</sup> International Geographical Congress in Beijing, China (August 23)

Li K & Wen M. 2015. "A propensity score approach to examining ethnic density, immigrant concentration, and Latino health risks" Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting in San Diego (May 2).

Wen M, Fan JX & Kowaleski-Jones L. 2014. "Adolescent physical activity and spatial distance to parks in the United States" National Social Science Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada (April 14).

Wen M, Fan JX & Kowaleski-Jones L. 2013. "Adolescent physical activity and spatial distance to parks in the United States" 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference in Long Beach, California (June 18).

Wen M. 2012. "Mental impairment of rural-to-urban migrants in Shenzhen and Shanghai, China" North American Chinese Sociologist Association in Denver, Colorado (August 16).

Wen M. 2012. "Ethnic-immigrant Disparities in total body and abdominal obesity in the United States" European Population Conference in Stockholm, Sweden (June 15).

Li K & Wen M. 2012. "Racial and ethnic disparities in leisure-time physical activity in California: Patterns and mechanisms" Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco (May 3)

Kowaleski-Jones L, Fan JX & Wen M. 2012. "Community and child physical activity: Differential associations by gender and age" Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco (May 4)

Wen M. 2012. "Spatial disparities in the distribution of parks and green spaces in the United States" Plenary Speaker at Active Living Research Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA (March 12)

Wen M & Kowaleski-Jones L. 2011. "Racial and ethnic disparities in objective and subjective obesity: The role of individual and neighborhood characteristics" Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting in Washington DC. (March 31)

Wen M & Gu D. 2011. "Air pollution shortens life expectancy and health expectancy for older adults: The case of China" Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting in Washington DC. (April 1)

Wen M & Kowaleski-Jones L. 2011. "Validity of self-reported adult height, weight and body mass index" American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV (August 22)

Wen M, Kowaleski-Jones L & Zhang XY. 2010. "Residential segregation and obesity in the United States: Findings from the 2003-2004 NHANES" American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia (August 17).

Kowaleski-Jones L & Wen M. 2010. "Neighborhood socioeconomic status and built environment and obesity" American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia (August 17).

Wen M & Maloney T. 2010. "Residential segregation and Obesity among Latinos and Non-Latinos in Utah" ISA World Congress of Sociology in Gothenberg, Sweden (July 14).

Wen M, Zhang XY & Holt J. 2010. "Spatial access to local public parks and neighborhood socio-demographic characteristics in the United States: An ecological analysis" The 9th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences in Honolulu, Hawaii (June 2).

Zimmer Z, Wen M & Kaneda T. 2010. "A multi-level analysis of urban versus rural differences in functional status transition among older Chinese" REVES Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark (May).

## **COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH**

Undergraduate courses: Research Methods; Social Epidemiology; Sociology of Health; Race, Ethnicity and Health; Contemporary Chinese Society, Medical Sociology Seminar

Graduate courses: Population Principles Seminar; Medical Sociology Seminar; Contemporary Chinese Society

## **COURSES TAUGHT ELSEWHERE**

Undergraduate courses: Social Determinants of Health (spring 2003; University of Chicago; (summer 2007; Beijing Normal University); Health and Society (summer 2004; Korea University)

Graduate course: Writing Academic Papers in English (summer 2015; Beijing Normal University)

## **MEMBERSHIP**

American Sociological Association (ASA); Population Association of America (PAA); Member, International Chinese Sociological Association (ICSA)

## **SERVICE**

### Service to the Department:

- Chair (2015 - present)
- Graduate Director (2008 - 2012)
- Graduate mentoring (2003 - present)
  - Dissertation committee: Current or previous Chair or Co-Chair of 9 dissertation committees and member of 16 additional dissertation committees.
  - Master's paper committee: Current or previous Chair or member of Master's paper committee for more than two dozens of students
  - Demographic Certificate Project: advisor of one demographic certificate project
- Undergraduate mentoring (2019-present)
  - UROP faculty mentor for one student
- Graduate Committee, Member (2003-2014)
- Population & Health program, Coordinator (2004-2012)
- Development Committee, Member (2009-present)
- Executive Committee, Member (2008-2015), Chair (2015-present)
- Professional Development Forum, Coordinator (2008-2012)
- Faculty Search Committee, Member (2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2007-2008, 2009-2010, 2012-2013, 2013-2014)
- Faculty Search Committee, Co-Chair (2015-2016)
- Search Committee for Department Chair, Member (2011-2012)
- Social Development Planning Committee, Member (2012-2013; 2015-present)
- RPT Committee, Member (2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2012-2015)
- RPT Committee, Chair (2009-2010)

### Service to the College or University:

- FLAS Scholarship Committee for Asia Center (2020)
- Academic Senate (2013 –2016)
- Search committee
  - Search Committee for the Associate Vice President (AVP) for faculty (2019)
  - College of Social and Behavioral Health Dean Search Committee (2013-2014)
  - College of Dental Health Dean Search Committee (2014-2015)
- Guest lectures or presentations
  - Guest lectures in spring of 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2018, 2019 on Chinese society for Asian Studies Program capstone course
  - Guest lecturer for Population Health seminar at Medical School on Social Determinants of Health in January 2018
  - Guest lecture in March, 2013 on social determinants of health for FP MD 6504 Clinical and Behavioral Aspects of Preventive Medicine in Preventive Medicine (Instructor: Dr. Hannah Edwards)
  - Guest lecture in May, 2013 on the built environment and health for NURS 7510 - Social Context of Medicine & Public Health in “Executive Format” to our MS to DNP students in the College of Nursing (Instructor: Dr. Deanna Kepka)

- Invited presentation in May, 2013 on working with Chinese students in the classroom at a Summer Institute for faculty that the International Center is partnering with CTLE (Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence) to present.
- Consortium of Utah Demographers, Seminar Presenter (2003) & Participant (2004-current)
- Institute for Public and International Affairs, Member and Affiliated Faculty (2006-current)
- Behavioral Science and Health Degree Program, Advisory Committee (2003-current)
- Asian Studies Program, Member and Affiliated Faculty (2006-current)
- Funding Incentive Seed Grant Program, Reviewer (2007)
- Interdisciplinary Research Seed Grant Review Committee, Member (2009-2011)
- Cancer Control Population Sciences (CCPS), Huntsman Cancer Center, Member & Affiliated Faculty (2008-current)
- Consortium for Research on China and Asia, Seminar Presenter (2010, 2011) & Participant (2009-current)
- CSBS Superior Research Committee, Chair (2009)
- CSBS Superior Research Committee, Member (2010-2011)
- China Symposium in Health and Health Care, Organizer(2008)

Service to the Profession:

- Deputy Editor: *Journal of Social and Health Behavior* (Nov 2019 – present)
- Editorial board: *Journal of Social and Health Behavior* (June 2018 – Nov 2019)
- National Institutes of Health:
  - Ad hoc reviewer of six study sections reviewing NIH R01, R21, R03 grant applications (2011-2018)
    - Special Emphasis Panel meeting “Cancer-Related Behavioral Research Through Integrating Existing Data” and “Intervening with Cancer Caregivers to Improve Patient Health Outcomes and Optimize Health Care Utilization” (ZRG1 RPHB-R (56) R), June 2018
    - Special Emphasis Panel meeting “Member Conflict: Community Influences on Health Behavior (ZRG1 HDM W (03)), Nov 2017
    - “Social Science and Population Studies Panel B (SSPB) study section” in Santa Monica, CA in February 2013
    - “CIHB (community influences on health behavior) study section meeting” in San Francisco in February 2012
    - “Effects of the Social Environment on Health: Measurement, Methods and mechanisms (R01) RFA” in Washington DC in June 2011
    - “Social Science and Population Studies: Second Panel” in Washington DC in September 2011
  - Standing member for Community Influences on Health Behavior (CIHB), 2013-2017
- Food and Health Bureau (FHB), the Government of the Hong Kong
  - Grant reviewer (2018)
- National Science Foundation ad hoc grant proposal reviewer (2005, 2019)
- Faculty research mentors for four graduate students at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- Faculty tenure and promotion review (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF) Teaching Fellowship, Reviewer (2007, 2008)
- Conference session organizer, presider, or discussant:
  - Co-organizer for the Conference on 21st Century Asian Migration and Incorporation in Spring 2020 (postponed)
  - Organizer, presider and discussant for session on "Chinese Youth Development" at the Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society in Philadelphia, PA in February 2017



- Organizer, presider and discussant for session on "Child and Adolescent Health and Wellbeing in China" at the Biennial Meeting of Society for the Study of Human Development in Providence, RI in October 2017
- Discussant of a session of The 4<sup>th</sup> International Academic Conference of Sun Yat-sen Center for Migrant Health Policy in 2012, 'Social security and migrant health,' in Guangzhou, China
- Organizer of three sessions of Population Association of America in 2012, including 'Residential Segregation and Health,' 'Neighborhood and Contextual Influences on Health,' and 'Place Effects on Mortality in Developing Countries,' in San Francisco, CA
- Discussant of a session of Population Association of America in 2012, 'Neighborhood and Contextual Influences on Health,' in San Francisco, CA
- Organizer and presider of a section session 'Health and Well-Being' in Medical Sociology for the 2008 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Boston, MA
- Presider of a session for 2007 and 2009 North American Chinese Sociologists Association Mini-Conference
- Presider of a session for the 2007 3<sup>rd</sup> Chinese Demographers' Front Forum in Beijing, China
- Manuscript Reviewer (select journals):
  - American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Demography, Social Forces, Social Problems, American Journal of Epidemiology, Journal of Gerontology Social Sciences, Population Studies, Journal of Health & Social Behavior, Social Science & Medicine, Social Science Research, Ethnicity & Disease, Canadian Journal of Sociology, Health & Place, Social Science Quarterly, Urban Studies, Feminist Economics, Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Cityscape
- Media Coverage:
  - In November 2013, phone interviewed by a Wall Street Journal reporter Andrew Browne, based in Beijing, on left-behind children in rural China (triggered by a recent publication (Wen & Lin, Child Development, 2012))
  - An article (Wen & Kowaleski-Jones, Ethnicity & Disease, 2012) was featured on Health Behavior News Service ([www.hbns.org](http://www.hbns.org)), Science Daily (<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/01/120127162418.htm>), and in Shape Magazine. The article was also featured on other websites (e.g., [www.demodirt.com](http://www.demodirt.com))
  - Interviewed by reporter Clive Thomson regarding urban neighborhoods and health and cited in his article "Why New Yorkers Last Longer?" that appeared in the New York Magazine on August 20, 2007. The announcement of this media coverage also appeared in the November issue of Footnotes (a publication sponsored by the American Sociological Association) in 2007.
  - A study (Wen et al. Urban Studies, 2007) on neighborhood effects on physical activity sparked extensive media interest. A short New York Times article published on March 25 titled, "Exercise: Tying Neighborhoods to Fitness Efforts," focused exclusively on this article. The article was also profiled in a Health Day News article published on March 25, 2008. In addition, the article received widespread coverage online and in daily newspapers and radio across the country.