

**Xueqian Cheng****Curriculum Vitae**Atlanta, US | [xueqian.cheng@emory.edu](mailto:xueqian.cheng@emory.edu)**EDUCATION****Emory University, US** 2025 -  
PhD in Sociology**University of Cambridge, UK** 2023  
MPhil in Sociology, Marginality and Exclusion track**Fudan University, China** 2022  
MA in Demography**Renmin University of China, China** 2019  
BA in Public Affairs Management, concentration in Population Studies**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Demography; Gender; Kinship; Intergenerational Mobility; Family Dynamics; Life Course Studies

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE****Research Collaborator** 2024.11 -

Project: Kinship Networks and the Transformation of Birth Policies in China, 1950s to Present

Collaborators: Prof. Xi Song and Prof. Hal Caswell

- ⑩ Initiating a study on how evolving birth policies in China have influenced the size and structure of kinship networks, employing the UN's 2024 Revision of World Population Prospects (WPP) and formal demography models of kinship developed by Caswell and Song

**University of Cambridge, Department of Sociology | Graduate Researcher** 2023

Thesis: Anticipation Towards Reproduction: Heterosexual Married Women's IVF Experiences and Fertility Desires in Urban China in the 2020s

Advisor: Dr. Marcin Smietana

- ⑩ Interviewed 10 Chinese women about their in vitro fertilization (IVF) experiences and reproductive plans and conducted a thematic analysis of 20-hour recordings in Atlas.ai
- ⑩ Analyzed how experiences of medically assisted reproduction affect fertility desires and argued for the importance of investigating fertility behaviors in medical settings to understand their dynamics

**Fudan University, Institute of Population Studies | Graduate Researcher** 2020-2022

Thesis: Intertwined Lives: How Life Events Shaped Migration Patterns in Chinese Birth Cohorts, 1935-1974

Advisor: Professor Zhen Zhang

- ⑩ Examined how key life events affect migration and distinguish between short-term and long-term effects, based on a life-history analysis with mixed effects logistic regression models in R
- ⑩ Analyzed cohort differences to evaluate the differential impacts of significant social events across groups

**Renmin University of China, Department of Demography** 2021

Research Assistant to Professor Xiangjing Meng

Project: Ethnic Migrants' Living Conditions in Guizhou's Poverty Alleviation Relocation Program

- ⑩ Designed the questionnaire on family life and interviewed 20 migrant families
- ⑩ Authored a report analyzing the life challenges and reproductive labor dynamics among ethnic-minority female migrants

**Fudan University, Institute of Population Studies | Graduate Researcher** 2020

Project: Do Older Children Leave Home Earlier: Birth Parity and Timing of Leaving Home in China

- ⑩ Inferred the causal relationship between birth parity and the timing of first migration with a life-history analysis using the parametric g-formula and propensity score matching in R

**Renmin University of China, Department of Demography** | Undergraduate Researcher **2018-2019**

Thesis: Does the Quantity of Children Lower their Quality in Chinese Families?

- ⑩ Conducted an instrumental variables estimation on longitudinal data to test a classical theory in family economics based on China's data and analyzed gender inequalities reflected by the effects

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- ⑩ **Cheng, Xueqian.** "Beyond Family Obligations: Reproductive Labor in IVF and Family Dynamics during the COVID-19 in China." Reproductive Justice in a (Post-)COVID World: Transnational Protest and Resistance, University of Cambridge, UK. **2023**

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Department of Sociology, Fudan University**

**2020-2021**

Teaching Assistant - Social Statistics and Software Application – Two semesters

- ⑩ Tutored 40 students in 8 group discussions to conduct independent research based on survey data
- ⑩ Graded weekly assignments and final exams on social statistics and the Stata application

**Department of Sociology, Fudan University**

**2019**

Teaching Assistant - The Political Economy of China – One semester

- ⑩ Designed weekly discussions for 30 exchange students from universities in Europe and the USA
- ⑩ Produced a summary video with the recordings of 10 lectures and 8 presentations

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Fudan University, Institute of Population Studies**

**2020**

Research Assistant to Professor Zhen Zhang

- ⑩ Processed census data in the data lab of the National Bureau of Statistics of China
- ⑩ Analyzed the employment data in censuses and produced charts and diagrams for the final report

**Serious Gossips of Demography (*yansu renkouxue bagua*)**

**2018-2020**

Writer and Editor

- ⑩ Wrote and edited articles about demographic research in an accessible way to the public, published on the most influential social media in population studies in China

**China Longitudinal Aging Social Survey (CLASS), Renmin University of China**

**2018**

Lead Interviewer

- ⑩ Led a group of 10 interviewers to conduct 70 interviews with respondents in a Korean ethnic group
- ⑩ Coordinated daily with senior administrators to report progress and address challenges

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

Best Graduate Student Thesis Award, Fudan University, 2022

Fellowships for Academic Achievements, Fudan University, 2019-2021

Undergraduate Research Grants, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, 2017

Academic Excellence Scholarships, Renmin University of China, 2015-2018

## **SKILLS**

**Data Analysis:** Advanced in R and Stata; Intermediate in Python, ATLAS.ai, and LaTeX

**Languages:** English (proficient), Mandarin Chinese (native), French (basic), Japanese (basic)