

# Yi Wang

Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
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## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

### Higher Education

2019      **PhD**, Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis  
**Supporting Areas / Minor:** Gerontology  
**Thesis:** Neighborhood environment, social participation, and well-being among older adults in the U.S.

### Professional and Academic Positions

2019-present      **Assistant Professor**, School of Social Work, University of Iowa  
2012-2019      **Research Assistant**, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis  
2013-2019      **Teaching Assistant**, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis  
2012      **Graduate Student Assistant**, Center for Aging, Washington University in St. Louis

### Honors and Awards

2018      **Outstanding Student Poster Award**, Social Research, Policy, and Practice Section, Gerontological Society of America  
2017 - 2018      **Social Work Health Care Education and Leadership Scholars HEALS Doctoral Fellowship**, the National Association of Social Work Foundation and New York Community Trust  
2015 – 2016      **Attachment Program Scholarship**, Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
2010 – 2011      **William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship**, Washington University in St. Louis  
2009 – 2010      **George Warren Brown School MSW Scholarship**, Washington University in St. Louis  
2007 – 2008      **National Scholarship**, Ministry of Education, China

### Memberships

2016 - Present      Society for Social Work and Research, Member  
2013 - Present      Gerontological Society of America, Member

### Areas of Research Interest

Neighborhood environment and health disparities in later life  
Minority aging  
Social determinants of health  
Cross-cultural and comparative studies

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**SCHOLARSHIP**
**Publications**
*Refereed Articles*

27. Qin, W., Nguyen, A., **Wang, Y.**, Hamler, T., & Wang, F. (2023). Everyday discrimination, neighborhood perceptions, and incidence of activity limitations among middle-aged and older African Americans. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbad001>
26. Ma, Y., Leung, P., **Wang, Y.**, & Wang, L. (2022). Psychological resilience, activities of daily living, and cognitive functioning among older male Tekun adults in rural long-term care facilities in China. *Social Work in Health Care*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2022.2147628>
25. Kang, N., **Wang, Y.**, Chen, G., Guo, C., Zhang, Z., Mei, D., Morrow-Howell, N., & Wang, D. (2022). Functional outcomes of Tai Chi exercise prescription in women with knee osteoarthritis. *Sports Medicine and Health Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.smhs.2022.10.001>
24. **Wang, Y.**, Guo, M., Liu, J., Lou, Y., Carter, K., Dong, X. (2022). Neighborhood environment and depressive symptoms among Chinese older immigrants in the U.S.: The mediation effects of coping resources. *The Gerontologist*. DOI: [10.1093/geront/gnac065](https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnac065)
23. Guo, M., **Wang, Y.**, Xu, H., Li, M., Wu, B., & Dong, X. (2022). Ethnic enclaves, social capital, and psychological well-being of immigrants: The case of Chinese older immigrants in Chicago. *Aging & Mental Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13607863.2022.2084506>
22. **Wang, Y.**, Wong, R., Amano, T., Shen, H.W. (2022). Associations between volunteering and cognitive impairment: The moderating role of race/ethnicity. *Health & Social Care in the Community*. DOI: [10.1111/hsc.13847](https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.13847)
21. Wong, R., **Wang, Y.** (2022). Role of neighborhood physical disorder and social cohesion on racial and ethnic disparities in dementia risk. *Journal of Aging and Health*. DOI: [10.1177/08982643221101352](https://doi.org/10.1177/08982643221101352)
20. Guo, M., **Wang, Y.**, Xu, H., Li, M., Wu, B., Dong, X. (2021). Is living in an ethnic enclave associated with cognitive function? Results from the Population Study of Chinese Elderly in Chicago. *The Gerontologist*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnab158>
19. Guo, M., **Wang, Y.**, Liu, J., Stensland, M., Dong, X. (2021). Coping repertoires and psychological well-being of Chinese older immigrants in the United States. *Aging and Mental Health*.
18. Bern-Klug, M., Carter, K., **Wang, Y.** (2021). More evidence that federal regulations perpetuate unrealistic nursing home social services staffing ratios. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 1-21.
17. Lee, Y. J., Braun, K. L., Wu, Y. Y., Hong, S., Gonzales, E., **Wang, Y.**, Hossain, M. D., Terada, T. M., Browne, C. V. (2021). Neighborhood social cohesion and the health of Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander older adults. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.
16. Liu, H., Li, Y., **Wang, Y.**, Morrow-Howell, N., Lou, V., Shen, H.-w. (2021). within-couple dissimilarities in functional impairment as determinants of spousal care arrangement among older married couples. *Research in Nursing & Health*, 44(2), 365-375.
15. Zhang, Q., **Wang, Y.**, Yu, N., Ding, H., Li, D., Zhao, X. (2021). Metabolic syndrome predicts incident disability and functional decline among Chinese older adults: Results from the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study. *Aging Clinical and Experimental Research*.
14. Hooley, C., **Wang, Y.**, Hodge, D. (2021). Clergy-provided mental health services: A strategy for addressing disparities in scale-up efforts. *Advances in Social Work*, 20(3), 778-800.
13. Li, Y., **Wang, Y.**, Morrow-Howell, N. (2020). Neighborhood and health among Chinese older adults: Beyond the urban and rural Dichotomy. *The Gerontologist*, 61(3), 403-412.
12. Qin, W., **Wang, Y.**, Cho, S. (2020). Neighborhood social cohesion, physical disorder, and daily activity limitations among community-dwelling older adults. *Archives of Gerontology and*

*Geriatrics.*

11. Shen, H.-W., **Wang, Y.**, Wong, R., Amano, T. (2020). Resource and network predictors of multiple volunteering cessations: Implications for social policy and practice. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 48, 189-195.
10. Wang, D., Wu, J., Morrow-Howell, N., Kang, N., Zhang, R., Chen, Y., **Wang, Y.**, Chen, G. (2018). Analysis on the physical activity status of urban elders and environmental factors in China. *Journal of Xi'an Physical Education University*, 35(03), 300-308.
9. Taylor, H. O., **Wang, Y.**, Morrow-Howell, N. (2018). Loneliness in senior housing communities. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 61(6), 623-639.
8. Gonzales, E., Shen, H.-W., Perry, T., **Wang, Y.** (2018). Intersections of home, health, and social engagement in old age: Formal volunteering as a protective factor to health after relocation. *Research on Aging*, 41(1), 31-53.
7. **Wang, Y.**, Chen, Y.-C., Shen, H.-W., Morrow-Howell, N. (2018). Neighborhood and depressive symptoms: A comparison of rural and urban Chinese older adults. *The Gerontologist*, 58(1), 68-78.
6. Chen, Y.-C., **Wang, Y.**, Cooper, B., McBride, T. (2018). A Research note on challenges of cross-national aging research: An example of productive activities across three countries. *Research on Aging*, 40(1), 54-71.
5. Shen, H.-W., Delston, J., **Wang, Y.** (2017). Does a sense of benevolence influence volunteering and caregiving among older people? *Social Work Research*, 41(3), 155-166.
4. **Wang, Y.**, Gonzales, E., Morrow-Howell, N. (2017). Applying WHO's age-friendly communities framework to a national survey in China. *Journal of gerontological social work*, 60(3), 215-231.
3. Gonzales, E., Marchiondo, L., Tan, J., **Wang, Y.**, Chen, H. (2017). The aging semantic differential in Mandarin Chinese: Measuring attitudes toward older adults in China. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 60(3), 245-254.
2. Gonzales, E., Shen, H.-W., **Wang, Y.**, Martinez, L., Norstrand, J. (2016). Race and place: Exploring the intersection of inequity and volunteerism among older black and white adults. *Journal of gerontological social work*, 59(5), 381-400.
1. Morrow-Howell, N., **Wang, Y.** (2013). Productive engagement of older adults: Elements of a cross-cultural research agenda. *Ageing International*, 38(2), 159-170.

**Referred Book Chapters**

4. **Wang, Y.**, Amano, T., & Carter, K. (2021). Productive engagement among older workers. In E. F. Fideler & E. Fideler. *The Rowman & Littlefield Handbook on Aging and Work* (pp.249-265). Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
3. Ma, Y., **Wang, Y.**, & Tang, B. (2021). Practice and implications of dementia home care in the U.S.: Based on experience of an NGO in Missouri. In Y. Liu. *Blue Book of Elderly Health: Annual Report on Elderly Health in China (2020-2021)* (pp. 359-374). Beijing: Social Sciences Academic Press (China).
2. Morrow-Howell, N., **Wang, Y.**, Amano, T. (2019). Social participation and volunteering in later life. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Psychology*. Oxford.:  
<https://oxfordre.com/psychology/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190236557.001.0001/acrefore-9780190236557-e-404>
1. Morrow-Howell, N., **Wang, Y.** (2013). The productive engagement of older African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans. *Handbook of Minority Aging* (pp. 351-365). New York, NY: Springer Publishing Co.  
<https://geriatrics.stanford.edu/productive-engagement-older-african-americans-hispanics-asians-and-native-americans>

## Conference Presentations

### *National*

- 2023 2023 Annual Conference of Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), *Ethnic and methodological concerns with machine learning predicting cognitive functioning among Hispanics, Blacks, and Whites in later life: Implications for equity research and big data*. Symposium paper presentation. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: Gonzales, E., Bao, F., **Wang, Y.**, Whetung, C.
- 2022 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Recent adversity and life satisfaction among Chinese older adults: Role of gender and neighborhood cohesion*. Nov. 2-6, Indianapolis, IA. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Ma, Y., Guo, M.
- 2022 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Hopelessness among middle-aged and older Adults: A comparison of native whites, native minorities, and immigrants*. Nov. 2-6, Indianapolis, IA. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: Guo, M., **Wang, Y.**, Carter, K.
- 2022 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Formal and informal volunteering among older adults: Associations with health outcomes across sexual orientations*. Nov. 2-6, Indianapolis, IA. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: Frey, J., Shen, H.W., **Wang, Y.**
- 2022 American Public Health Association (APHA) 2022 Annual Meeting, *Role of neighborhood physical disorder and social cohesion on racial and ethnic disparities in dementia risk*. Nov. 7-9, Boston, MA. Peer-Reviewed/Referred Presenters/Authors: Wong, R., **Wang, Y.**
- 2021 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Marginal effects of multiple years of volunteering on objective and subjective measures of cognition*. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Wong, R., Amano, T., Shen, H.W.
- 2021 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Is living in an ethnic enclave associated with better cognitive health of older immigrants? Results from PINE*. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: Guo, M., **Wang, Y.**, Xu, H., Li, M., Wu, B., Dong, X.Q.
- 2021 American Public Health Association (APHA) 2021 Annual Meeting and Expo, *Role of neighborhood physical disorder and social cohesion on racial/ethnic disparities in dementia risk*. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: Wong, R., **Wang, Y.**
- 2021 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), *Neighborhood social cohesion, physical disorder, and daily activity limitations among older adults*. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: Qin, W., **Wang, Y.**
- 2020 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting, *How does neighborhood environment influence dementia onset?: Evidence from the National Aging and Trends Study*. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Qin, W.
- 2020 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Understanding the pathways of neighborhood environmental influences on health outcomes among U.S. Chinese older immigrants*. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.** Guo, M., Liu, J., Carter, K.
- 2020 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Adversity, coping repertoire, and psychological well-being of Chinese older immigrants in the United States*. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: Guo, M., **Wang, Y.**, Liu, J., Stensland, M., Dong, X.Q.
- 2020 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Discrimination & protective factors to cognitive health: Testing NIA's health disparities framework*. SRPP Presential Symposium, Presenters/Authors: Gonzales, E., Whetung, C., Lee, Y., **Wang, Y.**
- 2020 Iowa Aging Summit, *Immigration, changing Social Context, and aging: The case of Chinese older adults in the United States*. Iowa City, Iowa, Presenters/Authors: Guo, M., **Wang, Y.**
- 2019 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Neighborhood environment and health among Chinese older adults: Beyond the urban*

- and rural dichotomy*. Austin, Texas, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: Li, Y., **Wang, Y.**, Morrow-Howell, N.
- 2018 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), *Neighborhood environment, volunteering, and life satisfaction among older adults in South Korea: A general structural equation model*. Washington D.C., Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Park, S., Lee, S.
- 2018 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Correlates and health outcomes of long-term volunteering: Evidence from 16 years of the Health and Retirement Study*. Boston, Massachusetts, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Shen, H.-W., Wong, R., Amano, T.
- 2016 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Importance of proximity to resources for social participation among older adults: Evidence from Hong Kong*. New Orleans, Louisiana, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Lou, W.Q., Lum, T., Morrow-Howell, N.
- 2015 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Race and place: Exploring the intersection of racial disparities and civic engagement*. Orlando, Florida, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: Gonzales, E., Shen, H.-W., **Wang, Y.**, Norstrand, J.
- 2015 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Does a sense of benevolence influence volunteering and caregiving among older people?* Orlando, Florida, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: Gonzales, E., Shen, H.-W., Delston, J., **Wang, Y.**
- 2015 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), *Depression among community-dwelling older adults in China: A multilevel approach*. New Orleans, Louisiana, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Chen, Y.C.
- 2014 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Effects of community age-friendliness on activity engagement among older adults in urban China: A multilevel perspective*. Washington D. C. Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.** Chen, Y.C., Shen, H.W., Morrow-Howell, N.
- 2013 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting, *Age-friendly communities in rural and urban China: Applying the WHO framework to a national China survey*. New Orleans, Louisiana, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Gonzales, E. Morrow-Howell, N.

### ***International***

- 2017 The 21<sup>st</sup> IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, *Activity engagement among older adults living in the community*. San Francisco, California, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Herbers, S., Morrow-Howell, N., Baum, C., Widener, B.
- 2017 The 21<sup>st</sup> IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, *Environment, volunteering, and life satisfaction among older adults in South Korea*. San Francisco, California, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Park, S., Lee, S.
- 2017 The 21<sup>st</sup> IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, *Communities and depression among community-dwelling older adults in China: A multilevel perspective*. San Francisco, California, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Chen, Y.C., Shen, H.-W., Perry, T.
- 2013 The 20<sup>th</sup> IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, *Age-friendly communities in rural and urban China*. Seoul, Korea, Peer-Reviewed/Refereed Presenters/Authors: **Wang, Y.**, Morrow-Howell, N.
- 2011 Productive Aging in China: Evidence-Based Practice and Policy International

Conference. *Productive engagement of older adults: Elements of a cross-cultural research agenda*. Peking University, Beijing, China. Presenters/Authors: Morrow-Howell, N., **Wang, Y.**

## TEACHING

### Courses Taught at the University of Iowa

Aging Matters: Intro to Gerontology (Undergraduate level course)  
Human Behavior in the Social Environment (BSW required course)  
Introduction to Social Work Research (BSW required course)

### Courses Taught at Washington University in St. Louis

MSW Research Specialization Seminar I (MSW course, role: Instructor)  
MSW Research Specialization Seminar II, SAS Lab (MSW course, role: Instructor)  
When I'm 64 (Undergraduate level course, role: Teaching fellow and Discussion Leader)  
Generalized Linear Modeling (Doctoral level course, role: Teaching Assistant)  
Theories and Issues on Aging (MSW course, role: Teaching Assistant)  
Geriatric Interdisciplinary Teams (Graduate level course, role: Teaching Assistant)  
Social Welfare Policies and Services (MSW course, role: Teaching Assistant)

### Invited Lectures

2021 Fall *Population Aging and Ageism, Discrimination, Oppression, & Diversity*, University of Iowa, School of Social Work  
2021 Spring *Issues in Aging, Social Justice and Social Welfare class*, University of Iowa, School of Social Work  
2020 Fall *Demographic Changes and Population Aging, Social Justice and Social Welfare class*, University of Iowa, School of Social Work  
2019 Fall *Buddhism's Belief on Death, Death and Dying class*, University of Iowa, School of Social Work  
2016 *Aging and environment: Age-friendly communities and aging in place*. Mid-America Chinese Association annual meeting. University of Missouri-St. Louis, MO, USA.  
2016 *Productive engagement in later life and age-friendly communities*. Center for Applied Social and Economic Research, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong.  
2015 *Volunteering: Productive engagement in later life*. Population Institute, Peking University, Beijing, China.

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## SERVICE

### Profession

#### *Guest Reviewer of Journals*

*Aging & Mental Health* (2019, 2020, 2022<sup>4</sup>)  
*BJM Open* (2018, 2020)  
*Chinese Sociological Review* (2020)  
*Geriatrics* (2020)  
*Geriatric Nursing* (2019)  
*Health and Place* (2021)  
*Health & Social Care in the Community* (2019, 2022)  
*International Journal of Circumpolar Health* (2019)

*International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* (2018, 2019, 2020)

*Journal Cities* (2019)

*Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* (2021, 2022)

*Journal of Gerontological Social Work* (2016, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022<sup>2</sup>)

*Journal of Population Aging* (2019)

*Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* (2022)

*Research on Aging* (2016)

*Sage Open* (2020)

*Social Science & Medicine* (2018, 2019)

*The Gerontologist* (2016, 2020, 2021<sup>2</sup>, 2022<sup>2</sup>)

*Urban Science* (2018)

### ***Reviewer of Conferences***

Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting (2013-2022)

IAGG World Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology (2017)

### ***Reviewer of Awards***

Grand Challenges for Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award (2023)

## **Department**

2022 Fall	Doctoral Studies Committee, Member
2022 Fall	Faculty Retreat Planning Committee, Member
2021 Spring	Assessment Committee for the Curriculum Revision, Member
2020 – Present	Faculty Development Seminar, Organizer
2020 – 2021	Faculty Search Committee for Field Instructor, Member
2020 Fall	Faculty Search Committee for Lecturer Position, Member
2019 Fall	Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee, Attendee

## **University**

2019 - Present	Curriculum and Advisory Committee of the Aging and Longevity Studies Program, Member
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## **Professional Development Activities**

2021 Fall	Structural Equation Modeling using Stata, Web course, StataCorp
2019 Fall	Write Winning Grant Proposals training sessions, University of Iowa