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EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Department of Sociology, The University of Georgia
- 2010 M.A., Department of Sociology, The University of Georgia
- 2001 M.A., Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University
- 1999 L.L.B., Division of Financial Law, College of Law, National Taiwan University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Determinants of Health and Aging; Criminology; Community Studies; Family Studies; Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (Structural Equation Modeling; Multilevel Modeling; Propensity Score Modeling; Marginal Structural Modeling; Item Response Modeling; Growth Mixture Modeling; Longitudinal Data Analysis; Dyadic Data Analysis)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022–present *Associate Professor*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2025–present *Co-director*, Center on Biological Embedding of Social Events and Relationships, University of Georgia
- 2018–2022 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2020–2022 *Chair*, Workgroup on Families, Communities, and Health, University of Georgia
- 2014–2018 *Assistant Research Scientist*, Center for Family Research, University of Georgia
- 2015–2018 *Adjunct Faculty*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2012–2013 *Research Statistician*, Center for Family Research, University of Georgia

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2026 *Editor's Choice Article*, The Journals of Gerontology: Series B
- 2026 *Distinguished Scholar*, Owens Institute for Behavioral Research, University of Georgia
- 2025 *Editor's Choice Article*, The Journals of Gerontology: Series A
- 2023 *Editor's Choice Article*, Journal of Family Psychology
- 2022 *Charles B. Knapp Early Career Scholar Award*, University of Georgia
- 2022 *Donal MacNamara Award*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2021 *Inclusive Voices Award* (awarded to team from Family and Community Health Study), American Association for Public Opinion Research
- 2014 *B. O. Williams Award for Dissertation Research*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2013 *Joan Petersilia Outstanding Article Award*, American Society of Criminology
- 2013 *Certificate of Excellence*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2012 *First Prize, Gene Carte Student Paper Award*, American Society of Criminology
- 2012 *The Best Graduate Student Paper Award*, Evolution, Biology & Society Section, American Sociological Association
- 2011 *B. O. Williams Award for Thesis Research*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

GRANT SUPPORT

External Funding:

1. “Neighborhood Stress and Mental Health: The Protective Role of Couple Relationship Functioning in Rural African American Communities.” Mental Research Institute. August 2025–July 2026. Total cost: \$20,000. Role: PI
2. “Adverse Childhood Experiences and Accelerated Epigenetic Aging in Adulthood: A Longitudinal Investigation of Resilience among Black Population.” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. R49CE003710-01. Aug 2024–July 2026. Total cost: \$40,066. Role: PI
3. “Stress, Weathering, and Blood-Based Biomarkers of Alzheimer’s Disease: A Longitudinal Study of Low Income, Aging African Americans II. National Institute on Aging. R01AG07738602. June 2025–May 2027. Total cost: \$1,694,238. Role: Co-PI.
4. “Stress, Weathering, and Blood-Based Biomarkers of Alzheimer’s Disease: A Longitudinal Study of Low Income, Aging African Americans I. National Institute on Aging. RF1AG07738602. April 2022–March 2025. Total cost: \$2,788,800. Role: Co-PI.
5. Visiting Scholar Fellowship, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica (Taiwan), 2024. Total cost: NTD 662,000 (\$22,066); declined.
6. “Contextual and Health Behavior Effects on Epigenetic Aging Among African Americans.” National Cancer Institute. R01CA220254-01A1. August 2018–July 2023. Subcontract: \$ 1,313,968. Role: Co-PI.
7. “Using a Randomized Prevention Trial to Understand the Health Benefits of Supportive Couple Relationships among Rural African American Adults.” National Institute on Aging. R01AG059260-06. July 2017–March 2023. Total cost: \$3,733,837. Role: Co-PI.
8. “Psychosocial Context and the Biological Clock: Changes in Weathering during Middle-Age.” National Institute on Aging. 5R01AG055393-03. April 2017–March 2022. Total cost: \$3,240,000. Role: Co-PI.
9. “Childhood Stressors and Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Adulthood: A Longitudinal Investigation of Divergent Explanatory Models.” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. R49CE003095-01. July 2019–July 2021. Total cost: \$40,663. Role: Co-PI.

Internal Funding:

1. “Workgroup on Families, Communities, and Health.” The University of Georgia, Office of Research. February 2019 – June 2021. Total cost: \$3,167. Role: PI.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS EDITED AND CO-EDITED:

1. **Lei, M.-K.** (2024). Encyclopedia of Adolescence (2nd edition), Volume Editor for “Volume 3: Risk, Resilience, and Well-being.” Editors-in-Chief: Wendy Troop-Gordon and Enrique Neblett. Elsevier. (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/referencework/9780323958202/encyclopedia-of-adolescence>)

2. **Lei, M.-K.**, *Weaver, R. D., & Ong, M.-L. *Understanding the Social Determinants of Health*. Edward Elgar Publishing. Book under contract (Dec 2027).

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*Indicates student co-author at the time this work was submitted:

Forthcoming

1. *Pinder, D. S., & **Lei, M.-K.** (in press). Beyond the strong Black woman: The protective role of Black identity centrality against depression in young Black women. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. doi: 10.1007/s40615-025-02843-6
2. *Collins, C., **Lei, M.-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (in press). Self-esteem, racial identity, and depression in the long-term impact of discrimination on health among Black Americans. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. doi: 10.1177/00221465261426038
3. Hermanowicz, J., & **Lei, M.-K.** (in press). Race and measurement of publication productivity using sociology as a case. *Innovative Higher Education*. doi: 10.1007/s10755-025-09832-x
4. McNulty, T. L., Bellair, P., **Lei, M.-K.**, & *Henry, A. (in press). Structural racism and the segregation of violence in ethnoracial neighborhoods. *Justice Quarterly*. doi: 10.1080/07418825.2026.2638370

2026

5. **Lei, M.-K.**, *Weaver, R. D., Beach, S. R. H., & Mielke, M. M. (2026). Racial discrimination accelerates age-related increases in serum neurofilament light chain among African American women: Examination of change from midlife to older adulthood. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B*, 81(5), gbag041. *Named Editor's Choice by the Journals of Gerontology: Series B*.
6. *Weaver, R. D., & **Lei, M.-K.** (2026). Comorbid diabetes and hypertension in early adulthood predict neurodegeneration in midlife: Insights across racial/ethnic groups using a blood-based biomarker of dementia risk. *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Behavior & Socioeconomics of Aging*, 2(1), e70069.
7. Beach, S. R. H., Carter, S. E., Ong, M.-L., Lavner, J. A., Kogan, S. M., Ehrlich, K., **Lei, M.-K.**, Simons, R. L., Adesogan, O., Gibbons, F. X., Gerrard, M., & Philibert, R. A. (2026). Childhood exposure to danger increases Black youths' alcohol consumption, accelerated aging, and cardiac risk as young adults: A test of the incubation hypothesis. *Development and Psychopathology*, 38, 156–171.
8. Simons, R. L., Ong, M.-L., **Lei, M.-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., *Lu, Y.-W., *Weaver, R., & Mielke, M. M. (2026). Diabetes and hypertension at midlife predict increases in biomarkers of dementia among Black Americans. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. 13, 1005–1012.

2025

9. **Lei, M.-K.**, & *Weaver, R. D. (2025). The buffering effect of social support on the link between biologically embedded childhood maltreatment and adult cardiovascular disease. *Social Science & Medicine*, 384, 118530.

10. **Lei, M.-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Simons, R. L., & Mielke, M. M. (2025). Cumulative socioeconomic status risk is associated with greater increase in serum neurofilament light chain levels among middle-aged Black adults. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series A*, 80(1), glae253. *Named Editor's Choice by the Journals of Gerontology: Medical Sciences*.
11. **Lei, M.-K.**, Ong, M.-L., Carter, S. E., Jenkins, A., & Beach, S. R. H. (2025). Relationship enhancement protects against relationship-quality associated weathering among Black adults in romantic partner relationships. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 39, 592–602.
12. **Lei, M.-K.**, Ong, M.-L., Simons, R. L., & Beach, S. R. H. (2025). Biological aging and its association with serum neurofilament light chain levels in middle-aged African Americans: A prospective observational study. *Aging Advances*, 2(1), 1–8.
13. Berg, M. T., *Riley, K., & **Lei, M.-K.** (2025). The heart of the matter: Neighborhood violent crime and deprivation, cardiometabolic disease, and the racial invariance thesis. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 48, 190–204.
14. McNulty, T. L., Bellair, P., & **Lei, M.-K.** (2025). The neglected role of concentration at the extremes in tests of the racial invariance thesis. *Race and Justice*, 15, 145–168.
15. Berg, M. T., *Riley, K., **Lei, M.-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2025). Incarceration exposure, biological aging, and depression symptoms in an African American sample of older adults. *Journal of Aging and Health*, 37, 395–405.
16. Weber, D. M., Lavner, J. A., Carter, S., Ong, M.-L., **Lei, M.-K.**, Philibert, R., & Beach, S. R. H. (2025). Relationship intervention moderates the association between substance use and biological aging among Black adults. *Health Psychology*, 44(9), 844–853.
17. *Wang, L., Xu, H., Simons, R. L., Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M.-K.**, Ong, M.-L., Philibert, R. A., Mielke, M. M., Sun, Y., Lu, Y., Chiang, C. W. K., Darst, B. F., & Ye, K. (2025). Association of blood biomarkers of dementia with African ancestry proportion in a longitudinal study of aging African Americans. *Neurology*, 105(5), e213976
18. Beach, S. R. H., Philibert, R. A., Ong, M.-L., **Lei, M.-K.**, & Ye, K. (2025). Elevated alcohol consumption and chronic inflammation predict cardiovascular risk among Black Americans: Examination of a dual-risk model using epigenetic risk markers. *Epigenomes*, 9(4), 40. doi: 10.3390/epigenomes9040040

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19. **Lei, M.-K.** & Beach, S. R. H. (2024). Testing whether protective parenting is a causal mediator of intervention effects on decreased delinquency using a randomized prevention trial. *Justice Quarterly*, 41, 870-891.
20. **Lei, M.-K.**, *Hanus, S. L., Simons, L. G., Simons, R. L., & Beach, S. R. H. (2024). Racial discrimination predicts subjective cognitive decline: Perceived relationship support buffers the association. *Social Science & Medicine*, 361, 117341.
21. *Batame, M. & **Lei, M.-K.** (2024). Exploring the impact of neighborhood characteristics on crime rates in the United States: A case study of homicide using the multilevel modeling analysis. *Springer Nature*

22. *Lee, C.-C., *Lu, Y.-W., & **Lei, M.-K.** (2024). Essential steps for latent growth curve modeling in Taiwanese panel study. *Contemporary Educational Research Quarterly*, 32, 73–99.
23. Philibert, R., **Lei, M.-K.**, Ong, M.-L., & Beach, S. R. H. (2024). Objective assessments of smoking and drinking outperform clinical phenotypes in predicting variance in epigenetic aging. *Genes*, 15, 869. doi: 10.3390/genes15070869
24. Simons, R. L., Ong, M.-L., **Lei, M.-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., *Zhang, Y., Philibert, R. A., Mielke, M. M. (2024). Racial discrimination during middle-age predicts higher serum phosphorylated tau and neurofilament light chain levels a decade later: A study of aging Black Americans. *Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*, 20, 3485–3494.

2023

25. **Lei, M.-K.**, Berg, M. T., Simons, R. L., & Beach, S. R. H. (2023). Specifying the psychosocial pathways whereby child and adolescent adversity shape adult health outcomes. *Psychological Medicine*, 53, 6027–6036.
26. **Lei, M.-K.** & Beach, S. R. H. (2023). Neighborhood disadvantage is associated with biological aging: intervention-induced enhancement of couple functioning confers resilience. *Family Process*, 62, 818–834.
27. Alinor, M., Simons, R. L., & **Lei, M.-K.** (2023). Racism Over Time: Experiences from a Panel Study of Black Americans. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 86, 379–398.
28. Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M.-K.**, Lavner, J. A., *Adesogan, O., Carter, S. E., Barton, A. W. (2023). Strengthening couple functioning promotes resilience to COVID-19-related stressors among Black Americans. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 37, 497–506. *Named Editor's Choice by Journal of Family Psychology*.
29. Simons, R. L., Ong, M.-L., Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M.-K.**, Philibert, R., & Mielke, M. M. (2023). Direct and indirect effects of socioeconomic status and discrimination on subjective cognitive decline: A longitudinal study of African American women. *The Journal of Gerontology, Series B*, 78, 799–808.
30. Hermanowicz, J., & **Lei, M.-K.** (2023). Organizational location and propensity for coauthorship in sociology. *Studies in Higher Education*, 48, 630–642.
31. Simons, R. L., Ong, M.-L., **Lei, M.-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., *Zhang, Y., Philibert, R., & Mielke, M. M. (2023). Changes in loneliness, BDNF, and biological aging predict trajectories in a blood-based epigenetic measure of cortical aging: A study of older Black Americans. *Genes*, 13, 842.

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32. **Lei, M.-K.**, Berg, M. T., Simons, R. L., & Beach, S. R. H. (2022). Neighborhood structural disadvantage and biological aging in a sample of black middle age and young adults. *Social Science & Medicine*, 293, 114654.
33. **Lei, M.-K.**, Lavner, J. A., Carter, S. E., *Adesogan, O., & Beach, S. R. H. (2022). Relationship

intervention indirectly buffers financial strain's effect on biological aging among Black adults. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 36, 501–512.

34. **Lei, M.-K.**, Gibbons, F. X., Gerrard, M., Beach, S. R. H., *Dawes, K. J., & Philibert, R. A. (2022). Digital methylation assessments of alcohol and cigarette consumption account for common variance in accelerated epigenetic aging. *Epigenetics: Official Journal of DNA Methylation Society*, 17(13), 1991–2005.
35. **Lei, M.-K.**, Brody, G. H., & Beach, S. R. H. (2022). Intervention effects on self-control decrease speed of biological aging mediated by changes in substance use: A longitudinal study of African American youth. *Family Process*, 61, 659–673.
36. *Zhang, Y., **Lei, M.-K.**, Simons, R. L., Beach, S. R. H., Carter, S. E. (2022). Childhood adversity and adult health: A dyadic analysis of Black American couples. *Health Psychology*, 41, 923–927.
37. Beach, S. R. H., Ong, M.-L., Gibbons, F. X., Gerrard, M., **Lei, M.-K.**, *Dawes, K., & Philibert, R. (2022). Epigenetic and proteomic biomarkers of elevated alcohol use predict epigenetic aging and cell-type variation better than self-report. *Genes*, 13(10), 1888.
38. *Hanus, S. L., Simons, L. G., **Lei, M.-K.**, Cobb, R. J., & Simons, R. L. (2022). Romantic relationship status, quality, and depressive symptoms among middle-aged and older Black women. *The Journal of Gerontology, Series B*, 77, 2126–2136.
39. Beach, S. R. H., Klopach, E., Carter, S. E., Philibert, R., Simons, R. L., Gibbons, F. X., Ong, M.-L., Gerrard, M., & **Lei, M.-K.** (2022). Do loneliness and per capita income combine to increase the pace of biological aging for Black adults across late middle age? *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19, 13421.
40. Simons, R. L., Ong, M.-L., **Lei, M.-K.**, *Klopach, E., Berg, M. T., Philibert, R., *Zhang, Y., & Beach, S. R. H. (2022). Unstable childhood, adult adversity, and smoking accelerate biological aging among middle-age African Americans: Similar findings for GrimAge and DunedinPoAm. *Journal of Aging and Health*, 34, 487–498.
41. Beach, S. R. H., Ong, M.-L., **Lei, M.-K.**, Carter, S. E., Simons, R. L., Gibbons, F. X., & Philibert, R. (2022). Methylation of FKBP5 is associated with accelerated DNA methylation aging and cardiometabolic risk: Replication in young-adult and middle-aged Black Americans. *Epigenetics: Official Journal of DNA Methylation Society*, 17, 982–1002.
42. Berg, M. T., Rogers, E., *Riley, K., **Lei, M.-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2022). Incarceration exposure and epigenetic aging in neighborhood context. *Social Science & Medicine*, 310, 115273.
43. Beach, S. R. H., Gibbons, F. X., Carter, S. E., Ong, M.-L., Lavner, J. A., **Lei, M.-K.**, Simons, R. L., Gerrard, M., & Philibert, R. A. (2022). Childhood adversity predicts Black young adults' DNA methylation-based accelerated aging: A dual pathway life history model. *Development and Psychopathology*, 34, 689–703.
44. Simons, R. L., Ong, M.-L., **Lei, M.-K.**, Klopach, E., Berg, M., *Zhang, Y., Philibert, R., Gibbons, F., & Beach, S. R. H. (2022). Shifts in lifestyle and socioeconomic circumstances predict change - for better or worse - in speed of epigenetic aging: A study of middle-aged Black women. *Social Science & Medicine*, 307, 115175.

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45. **Lei, M.-K.**, Lavner, J. A., Carter, S. E., *Hart, A. R., & Beach, S. R. H. (2021). Protective parenting behavior buffers the impact of racial discrimination on depression among Black youth. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 35(4), 457–467.
46. **Lei, M.-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2021). The association between neighborhood disorder and health: Exploring the moderating role of genotype and marriage. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(3), 898.
47. **Lei, M.-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Simons, R. L., & Ye, K. (2021). The impact of harsh parenting on the development of obesity in adulthood: An examination of epigenetic/gene expression mediators among African American youth. *Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine*, 8, 755458.
48. Berg, M. T., Rogers, E., **Lei, M.-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2021). Losing years doing time: Incarceration exposure and accelerated biological aging among African American adults. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 62(4), 460–476.
49. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M.-K.**, *Klopach, E., Berg, M. T., Zhang, Y.*, & Beach, S. R. H. (2021). (Re)setting epigenetic clocks: An important avenue whereby social conditions become biologically embedded across the life. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 62(3), 436–453.
50. Brody, G. H., Yu, T., Chen, E., Kobor, M., Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M.-K.**, ... Miller, G. E. (2021). Risky family climates presage increased cellular aging in young adulthood. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, 130, 105256.
51. Andersen, A. M., **Lei, M.-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., & Philibert, R. A. (2021). Inflammatory biomarker relationships with helper T cell GPR15 expression and cannabis and tobacco smoking. *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, 141, 110326.
52. Bellair, P. E., McNulty, T. L., Roscigno, V. J., & **Lei, M.-K.** (2021). Childhood material hardship and externalizing behavior. *Justice Quarterly*, 38, 454–478.
53. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M.-K.**, *Klopach, E., Beach, S. R. H., Gibbons, F. X., & Philibert, R. A. (2021). The effects of social adversity, discrimination, and health risk behaviors on the accelerated aging of African Americans: Further support for the weathering hypothesis. *Social Science & Medicine*, 282, 113169.
54. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M.-K.**, *Klopach, E., *Zhang, Y., Gibbons, F. X., & Beach, S. R. H. (2021). Racial discrimination, inflammation, and chronic illness among African American women at midlife: Support for the weathering perspective. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 8(2), 339–349.
55. Beach, S. R. H., Ong, M.-L., **Lei, M.-K.**, *Klopach, E., Carter, S. E., Simons, R. L., ... Ye, K. (2021). Childhood adversity is linked to adult health among African Americans via adolescent weight gain and effects are genetically moderated. *Development and Psychopathology*, 33(3), 803–820.

2020

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in childhood and adulthood. *Social Science & Medicine*, 246, 112794.

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58. **Lei, M.-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2020). A multilevel structural resilience model: When and for whom do neighborhoods really matter? *International Sociological Association eSymposium for Sociology*, 30, 1–12.
59. **Lei, M.-K.**, & *Klopach, E. T. (2020). Social and psychological consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak: The experiences of Taiwan and Hong Kong. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*, 12(S1), S35–S37.
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biological aging. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 60, 291–308.

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2018

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BOOK CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEW (* indicates student)

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OTHER CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

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INVITED LECTURE/WORKSHOPS

1. **Lei, M.-K.** (2026, November). *Cumulative socioeconomic status risk is associated with greater increase in neurological disorders among middle-aged Black adults*. Invited presentation at the *Journal of Gerontology, Series A: Medical Sciences* Editor's Choice Symposium, "From Pages to Paradigms," at the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting, National Harbor, MD.
2. **Lei, M.-K.** (2025, August). *Cyberbullying victimization and depression: The buffering effect of parental involvement*. Invited presentation at the 2025 International Conference on Survey Methodology, Application, and New Developments, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.

3. **Lei, M.-K.** (2022, April). Invited presentation: “How and for whom neighborhoods become biologically embedded and influence biological aging”, Biosocial Health Inequities Working Group, University of Texas at Austin.
4. **Lei, M.-K.** (2021, November). *How neighborhoods become biologically embedded and influence aging and health*. Invited lecture for Medicine, Education, and Development for Low-Income Families Everywhere (MEDLIFE), University of Georgia.
5. **Lei, M.-K.** (2016, July 20-26). Invited lecture, Workshop on Quantitative Methods and Sociological Research: Multilevel Modeling. Academia Sinica, Taipei.

SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (* indicates student):

1. **Lei, M.-K.** How much sample size for internal moderators? International Meeting of the Psychometric Society 2026, July 2026, Seoul, Republic of Korea.
2. **Lei, M.-K.**, McNulty T. L., Bellair, P. E., & Henry, A. K. “Concentration at the extremes and race/ethnic disparities in neighborhood violence: Evidence from the National Neighborhood Crime Study.” Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2023, Philadelphia, PA.
3. Clay-Warner, J., & **Lei, M.-K.** “State dependence effects in the continuity of health problems across the life course: The role of negative affect.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2023, Philadelphia, PA.
4. **Lei, M.-K.** “Leaving home and binge drinking in early adulthood.” Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2022, Atlanta, GA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR

2020 Fall, 2022 Spring	SOCI 3580: <i>Research Methods in Sociology</i>
2022 Spring	SOCI 4950: <i>Internship Experience</i>
2022 Fall, 2023 Fall	SOCI 4960R: <i>Undergraduate Research</i>
2018 Fall; 2025 Fall	SOCI 6620: <i>Analysis and Interpretation of Sociological Data I</i>
2019 Spring, 2020 Spring, 2021 Spring, 2022 Spring, 2023 Spring, 2024 Spring, 2025 Spring, 2026 Spring	SOCI 6630: <i>Analysis and Interpretation of Sociological Data II</i>
2025 Spring	SOCI 8040: <i>Sociology of the Life Course</i>
2025 Fall	SOCI 8200: <i>Seminar in Sociological Theory and Research (Research Design and Analysis)</i>
2022 Fall, 2024 Fall	SOCI 8620: <i>Categorical Data Analysis</i>
2019 Fall, 2023 Fall	SOCI 8630: <i>Empirical Model-Building in Social Research</i>
2021 Fall, 2024 Spring	SOCI 8640: <i>Introduction to Multilevel Modeling</i>

ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP

Supervision of Graduate Student Research:

a. Ph.D. Committee Chaired

- Rachael Dean Weaver, in progress

- b. Master's Thesis/Second-Year Paper Chaired
 - Katelyn Austin, Sociology, UGA, in progress
 - Rachael Dean Weaver, Sociology, UGA, 2026
 - Chih-Cheng Lee, Sociology, UGA, 2025
 - Chelsey Adams, UGA, 2021

Graduate Student Advisory Committee Membership:

- a. Ph.D. Committee Member
 - Dereika Pinder, Sociology, UGA, in progress
 - Brittany Belser, Sociology, UGA, in progress
 - Alexander Smith, Sociology, UGA, 2026
 - Chelsey Adams, Sociology, UGA, 2026
 - Stephanie Hanus, Sociology, UGA, 2026
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 - Yue Zhang, Sociology, UGA, 2024
 - Alyssa Brown, Sociology, UGA, 2023
 - Megan Steele, Sociology, UGA, 2022
 - David Woodring, Sociology, UGA, 2019
- b. Comprehensive Exam Committee Member
 - Dereika Pinder, UGA 2025
 - Natalia Pires De Vasconcelos, UGA 2025
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 - Ciara Peebles, Sociology, UGA, 2024
 - Keely Fox, Sociology, UGA, 2022
 - Shelby Clark, Sociology, UGA, 2022
 - Yue Zhang, UGA, 2023
 - Alyssa Brown, UGA 2021
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 - Yu Wen Lu, Sociology, UGA, 2025
 - Dereika Pinder, Sociology, UGA, 2024
 - Natalia Pires De Vasconcelos, Sociology, UGA, 2024
 - Olivia Francis, Sociology, UGA, 2024
 - Stephanie Hanus, Sociology, UGA, 2021
 - Alyssa Brown, Sociology, UGA, 2019
 - Rena Pulfer, Sociology, UGA, 2017

Undergraduate Advising and Mentorship:

- Kelly Luo (2023–2024), CURO student, author of “The Effects of Relationship Status on Epigenetic Aging,” published in the *Journal for Undergraduate Research Opportunities* (2024, pp. 32–36); recipient of the 2023 CURO Symposium Best Paper Award; CURO research fellowship.
- Korn Ethan (2023), CURO student and internship student, author of “It’s a Social Thing That Brings Us Together: A Qualitative Study of Peer Influence and Substance Use in College,” published in *The Classic Journal* (2023, 8[2]).

- Isabella Hurley (2022), author of “Guest Column: Exclusivity of UGA Greek Life Stems from Class Divisions,” published in *The Red & Black*.

Mentor, Georgia CTSA TEAMS Program

Mentor, *Translational Education and Mentoring in Science*, 2023–2024

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1. Service to Professional Societies, Governmental Organizations or Nongovernmental Agencies:
 - *Session Chair*, Novel Applications. International Meeting of the Psychometric Society, 2026
 - IPL expert, Inclusive Policy Lab, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), 2023–present
 - *Committee*, Donal MacNamara Award, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2023–2024
 - *Member*, Center for Translational and Prevention Science, NIDA Center of Excellence (P30 DA027827), 2014–present
 - *Session Chair*, Race, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice Processes. The Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, 2015
 - *Committee*, Outstanding Article Award Committee, American Society of Criminology, 2014–2015
 - *Session Chair*, Structural and Cultural Context and Crime. The Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, 2013
2. Editorships or Editorial Board Memberships for Journals or Other Learned Publications:
 - Editorial Board, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2023–2025
 - Volume Editor, *Encyclopedia of Adolescence*, 2022–2024
 - Associate Editor, *Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine*, 2021–present
3. Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer:
 - *Book Manuscripts: SAGE Publishing – Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences (QASS): The little green books*
 - Selected journal articles: *American Sociological Review*; *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*; *Criminology*; *Social Science & Medicine*; *Society and Mental Health*; *The Journals of Gerontology, Series A*; *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B*; *JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association)*
4. Grant Review Panel Member:
 - Social Sciences and Population Studies Section B, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 2017
5. Ad Hoc Grant Reviewer:
 - Injury Prevention Research Center, University of Iowa, 2018, 2022, 2023
6. External Evaluator of Promotion/Tenure Dossier: Evaluated a dossier for an assistant professor’s promotion and tenure at the University of Kentucky in 2023.
7. Service on Departmental, College, or University Committees:
 - *Co-Director*, Center on Biological Embedding of Social Events and Relationships, Owens Institute for

Behavioral Research, 2025–present

- *Executive Committee*, Center on Biological Embedding of Social Events and Relationships, Owens Institute for Behavioral Research, 2018–2025
- *Member*, Franklin College Awards Committee, Franklin College, 2023–present
- *Member*, Robert C. Anderson Graduate Student Research Awards, Office of Research, 2022–2024
- *Member*, Postdoctoral Research Award, Office of Research, 2022–2024
- *Team Lead*, Workgroup on Families, Communities, and Health, 2020–2022
- *Member*, Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, 2023–2024, 2025–2026
- *Member*, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, 2024–2026
- *Convener*, UGA Accelerate mentoring program (Dr. Peng), Faculty Affairs, 2024–2025
- *Member*, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Department of Sociology, 2021–2023
- *Member*, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, 2012, 2022, and 2024
- *Member*, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, 2018, 2020, and 2022
- *Chair*, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, 2019–2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Criminal Justice Science

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Association of Chinese American Professors