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POSITION

Assistant Professor (Jan 2023 - Present)
Research Assistant Professor (Jan 2022 - Dec 2022)
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Demography – Office of Population Research, Princeton University, 2021
Graduate Certificate in Statistics and Machine Learning
Dissertation: Sex Ratio Imbalances in China
Committee: Arun S. Hendi (Chair), Noreen Goldman, and Alícia Adserà
M.A., Demography – Office of Population Research, Princeton University, 2019
M.A., Economics – National School of Development, Peking University, 2016
Advisor: Yi Zeng
B.A., Economics – Yuanpei College, Peking University, 2013
Major: Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

VISITING SCHOLAR

Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany (Jan - Feb 2015)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration; Marriage and family;
Sex ratio imbalance; Population aging; Gender equality
Population/Household projections.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

5. Fu, X. **Xiong, W.** (2025). Co-Ethnic Networks in Ethnic Minority's Migration Destination Choices. *Population, Space and Place*, 31(7).
4. **Xiong, W.** (2023). Love is Elsewhere: Internal Migration and Marriage Prospects in China. *European Journal of Population*, 39(6).
3. **Xiong, W.** (2022). Dynamics between Regional Sex Ratios at Birth and Sex Ratios at Prime Marriageable Ages in China. *Population and Development Review*, 48(2), 545-578.

2. **Xiong, W.** (2021). Does the Shortage of Marriageable Women Induce the Trafficking of Women for Forced Marriage? Evidence from China. *Violence Against Women*, 28(6-7), 1441-1463.
1. **Xiong, W.** (2021). Evidence of Son Preference in the Child Trafficking Market for Illegal Adoption in China. *Journal of Human Trafficking*.

Book Chapter

1. **Xiong, W.**, Gu, D., and Zeng, Y. (2021). Single-Age-Specific Life Tables (ages 0-105) by Sex and Urban/Rural Areas Based on the Sixth National Population Census of China. In Zeng (Ed.), *Studies on Influencing Factors of Healthy Aging and Effective Interventions in China* (pp.298-327). Beijing: Science Press.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal reviews: *Demography, Demographic Research, European Journal of Population, International Journal of Population Studies, International Migration Review, Journal of International Development, Journal of Human Trafficking, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Population Economics, PNAS, Population Research and Policy Review, Urban Studies*

TEACHING

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), Instructor

Categorical Data Analysis (UGOD5700), Fall 2025

Applied Demography (UGOD5200), Fall 2023

Critical Thinking and Data Literacy in Social Science (UCUG1000), Fall 2023-25

Professional Development in Innovation, Technology, and Social Responsibility (SOCH6780), Fall 2022-2023