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## EMPLOYMENT

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2018- Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Department of Social Sciences  
Texas A&M University – San Antonio

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## EDUCATION

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2018 Ph.D., Sociology, Michigan State University  
2015 M.A., Sociology, Michigan State University  
2011 B.A., Sociology and Political Science, Hope College

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Health and Medicine; Aging and the Life Course; Marriage and Family; Gender and Sexuality; Quantitative Methods

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

2019 Liu, Hui, **Shannon Shen**, and Ning Hsieh. “A National Dyadic Study of Oral Sex, Relationship Quality, and Well-Being among Older Couples.” *The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. 74(2):298-308.

2018 **Shen, Shannon.** “For Better or For Worse: Nonstandard Work Schedules and Self-Rated Health across Marital Status.” *Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research* 13:225-243.

2016 Liu, Hui, Linda J. Waite, **Shannon Shen**, and Donna Wang. “Is Sex Good for Your Health? A National Study on Partnered Sexuality and Cardiovascular Risk Among Older Men and Women.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 57(3):276-296.

2016 Liu, Hui, Linda J. Waite, and **Shannon Shen**. “Diabetes Risk and Disease Management in Later Life: A National Longitudinal Study of the Role of Marital

Quality.” *The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. 71(6):1070-1080.

2016 Liu, Hui, Corinne Reczek, Samuel C. Mindes, and **Shannon Shen**. “The Health Disparities of Same-Sex Cohabitors at the Intersection of Race-Ethnicity and Gender.” *Sociological Perspectives*. 60(3):620-639.  
\*Honorable mention for the Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspective Award, Pacific Sociological Association, 2018

*Invited Policy Briefs and Book Reviews*

2016 Liu, Hui, Linda Waite, **Shannon Shen**, and Donna Wang. Policy Brief: “Is Sex Good for Your Health?” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 57(3):275.

2015 **Shen, Shannon**, and Hui Liu. “Wives, Husbands, and Lovers: Marriage and Sexuality in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Urban China by Deborah S. Davis and Sara L. Friedman-Book Review” *International Journal of Sociology of the Family* 41(1): 60-62.

*Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications*

2019 Liu, Hui, **Shannon Shen**, and Ning Hsieh. “How Oral Sex is Good for Older Couples.” *OUPblog: Oxford University Press’s Academic Insights for the World*. February 14, 2018. <https://blog.oup.com/2019/02/oral-sex-older-couples/>

2016 Liu, Hui, and **Shannon Shen**. “Can Marital Quality Affect Your Risk of Getting Diabetes or How Well You Manage It?” *OUPblog: Oxford University Press’s Academic Insights for the World*. November 14, 2016. <https://blog.oup.com/2016/11/marriage-quality-diabetes-risk/>

2016 **Shen, Shannon**, and Hui Liu. “Same-Sex Marriage and Race and Ethnicity.” Pp. 291-99 in *People of Color in the United States: Contemporary Issues in Education, Work, Communities, Health, and Immigration*. Vol. 2, *Employment, Housing, Family, and Community*, edited by P. B. Jackson, M. Adem, and P. X. Ruf. Santa Barbara: CA: Greenwood Press.

2014 **Brenneman, Shannon**, and Hui Liu. “Marital Division of Labor” in *The Social History of the American Family: An Encyclopedia*. Editors: Marilyn J. Coleman and Lawrence H. Ganong. SAGE Publications, Inc.

*Manuscripts Under Review*

Liu, Hui, Zhenmei Zhang, Seung-won Choi, and **Shannon Shen**. “Age at First Marriage and Physical Health in Later Life.” Revise & Resubmit from *Sociological Perspectives*.

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**FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

2019 Editor’s Choice: “A National Dyadic Study of Oral Sex, Relationship Quality, and Well-Being among Older Couples.” *Journal of Gerontology Series B*

2018 Honorable mention for the Distinguished Contribution to Sociological Perspectives Award, Pacific Sociological Association

2018 Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$7,000), Michigan State University

2017-18 Pearl J. Aldrich Graduate Student Research Award (\$1,320), Michigan State University

2017-18	Education Opportunity Fellowship (\$3,000), Michigan State University
2017	Graduate Office Fellowship Travel Award (\$1,650), Michigan State University
2017	International Studies & Programs Travel Award (\$200), Michigan State University
2017	Emerging Scholar, ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course
2016	John L. McAdoo Dissertation Award (\$500), Michigan State University
2016	Comprehensive Exam Completion Award (\$800), Michigan State University
2016	Graduate Office Fellowship Travel Award (\$1,650), Michigan State University
2015-16	Education Opportunity Fellowship (\$3,000), Michigan State University
2015	Graduate Office Fellowship Travel Award (\$1,600), Michigan State University
2014	Graduate Office Fellowship Travel Award (\$1,000), Michigan State University
2013-14	Appreciation of Service Award, Michigan State University

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-	Co-PI, Texas A&M University-San Antonio Research Council Grant: "Jaguar Freshman health and Wellness Study." PIs: Vicky Elias and Sukho Lee
2017-18	Research Assistant, Michigan State University Sparrow/MSU Center for Innovation and Research Grant: "Partnered Sexuality and Cardiovascular Health among Older Adults." PI: Hui Liu.
2014-18	Research Assistant, Michigan State University National Institute on Aging K01 Grant: "How Does Marriage Get Under the Skin? An Integrative Social and Biological Approach." PI: Hui Liu.
2015	Democratic Deliberations Facilitator, Michigan State/University of Michigan National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH R01 Grant: "Public Preferences for Addressing Donors' Moral Concerns about Biobank Research." PI: Tom Tomlinson and Ray De Vries.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught at Texas A&M University – San Antonio:

*Social Problems*  
*Sociology Capstone*  
*Myths and Reality of Marriage and Family*

Courses taught at Michigan State University:

*Family and Society*  
*Introduction to Sociology*  
*Social Problems (TA)*  
*Africa: Social Science Perspectives (TA)*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2019      **Shen, Shannon.** “Disease-Afflicted Older Adults: Can Marital Quality Help or Hinder Their Sexual Frequency?” Population Association of America. Austin, TX. (Upcoming)

2018      **Shen, Shannon.** “Chronic Disease Burden, Sexual Frequency, and Sexual Dysfunction in Partnered Older Adults.” Population Association of America. Denver, CO.

2017      **Shen, Shannon.** “Chronic Disease, Sexual Frequency, and Sexual Satisfaction: A Dyadic Analysis of Older Couples.” American Sociological Association. Montréal, Canada.

2017      Liu, Hui, **Shannon Shen**, and Ning Hsieh. “A National Dyadic Study of Oral Sex, Marital Quality and Psychological Well-being among Older Couples.” American Sociological Association. Montréal, Canada.

2017      **Shen, Shannon.** “I Can’t Get No Satisfaction: Chronic Disease and Sexual Satisfaction among Older Couples.” International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics. San Francisco, CA.

2017      Liu, Hui, Zhenmei Zhang, **Shannon Shen**, Seung-won Choi, and Yan-Liang Yu. “Age at First Marriage and Physical Health in Later Life.” Population Association of America. Chicago, IL.

2016      **Shen, Shannon.** “Chronic Disease and Sexual Quality among Older Couples.” NSHAP Data Users Conference. Chicago, IL.

2016      Liu, Hui, Linda J. Waite, **Shannon Shen**, and Donna Wang. “Is Sex Good for Your Health? A National Study on Partnered Sexuality and Cardiovascular Risk among Older Men and Women.” Population Association of America. Washington, D.C.

2015      **Shen, Shannon.** “How Much Sugar Helps Medicine Go Down? Social Exchanges and Diabetes Management among Older Adults.” American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.

2015      Liu, Hui, Linda J. Waite, and **Shannon Shen.** “Marital Quality and Diabetes in Later Life.” Population Association of America. San Diego, CA.

2014      **Shen, Shannon.** “An Institutional Problem: Race and Health Disparities.” Michigan Sociological Association. Muskegon, MI.

2014      Liu, Hui, and **Shannon Brenneman.** “Sexuality and Cardiovascular Risk among Older Adults.” Gerontological Society of America. Washington, D.C.

2014      Liu, Hui, and **Shannon Brenneman.** “Sexuality and Cardiovascular Risk Among Older Adults.” Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences. Honolulu, HI.

2014      **Brenneman, Shannon.** “For Better or for Worse: The Effects of Nonstandard Work Schedules on Self-Reported Health across Marital Status.” Population Association of America. Boston, MA.

2013      **Brenneman, Shannon.** “Trends in Income Sufficiency: Considering Gender and Work Variables Before and After the Recession.” Michigan Sociological Association. Saginaw, MI.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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2017      “Success in Graduate School,” Professional Development Seminar, MSU Department of Sociology

2016      “Medicine, Health, and Society Graduate Student Showcase,” MSU Department of Sociology

2013      “Sociology Collective Responds to Proposed Graduate Admissions Changes,” MSU Sociology Department Meeting

## **AD HOC REVIEWER**

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*American Sociological Review*  
*Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research*  
*Health Psychology*  
*Sexual and Relationship Therapy*  
*Sociological Perspectives*  
*The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Social Sciences*

## **SERVICE**

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2019      Sociology Lecturer Search Committee

2018-      Alpha Kappa Delta Advisor, Texas A&M University – San Antonio

2017-      Sociology of Aging and the Life Course Newsletter Co-editor

2015-16      Sociology Graduate Hearing Board Representative, Michigan State University

2014-15      Sociology Advisory Committee Representative, Michigan State University

2013-14      Sociology Collective Leader, Michigan State University

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association (Sections: Family, Aging and the Life Course, Medical Sociology)

Population Association of America

Gerontological Society of America