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Department of Anthropology and Sociology
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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2025-present	Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Ball State University
2022-2025	Professor, Department of Sociology, Ball State University
2013-2023	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Ball State University
2008-2013	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Ball State University
2006-2008	Post-doctoral Fellow, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

EDUCATION

2006	Ph.D.	Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington
2002	M.A.	Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington
1999	M.A.	English Literature and Linguistics, Beijing Normal University, China
1996	B.A.	English Literature and Linguistics, Beijing Normal University, China

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology
Aging and the Life Course
Social Inequalities/Social Stratification
Sociology of Mental Health
Minorities and Migration
Quantitative Methods

COURSES

Principles of Sociology	(SOC 100)	Applied Social Statistics	(SOC 382)
Sociology of Health and Illness	(SOC 341)	Aging and the Life Course	(SOC 431)
Sociology of Mental Health	(SOC 433)	Graduate Seminar	(SOC 699)

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

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Xu, Jun, **Fang Gong**, and Wei Zhao. 2024. "Socioeconomic Status, Physical Inactivity, and BMI in Transitional Urban China: Contextualizing the Theory of Fundamental Causes." *International Journal of Physical Activity and Health* 3(2): Article 5.

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Gong, Fang, Jun Xu, Kaori Fujishiro, and David T. Takeuchi. 2011. "A Life Course Perspective on Migration and Mental Health Among Asian Immigrants: The Role of Human Agency." *Social Science & Medicine* 73:1618-1626.

Fujishiro, Kaori, Jun Xu and **Fang Gong**. 2010. "What Exactly Does Occupation Represent as an Indicator of Socioeconomic Status? Exploring Occupational Prestige and Health." *Social Science & Medicine* 71: 2100-2107.

Fujishiro, Kaori, **Fang Gong**, Sherry Baron. C. Jeffery Jacobson Jr., Sheli DeLayney, Michael Flinn and Donald, E. Eggerth. 2010. "Translating Questionnaire Items for a Multi-Lingual Worker Population: The Iterative Process of Translation and Cognitive Interviews with English-, Spanish-, and Chinese-Speaking Workers." *American Journal of Industrial Medicine* 53: 194-203.

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Pavalko, Eliza, **Fang Gong** and J. Scott Long. 2007. "Women's Work, Cohort Change, and Health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 48: 352-368.

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Alegría, Margarita, David Takeuchi, Glorisa Canino, Naihua Duan, Patrick Shrout, Xiao-Li Meng, William Vega, Nolan Zane, Doryliz Vila, Meghan Woo, Mildred Vera, Peter Guarnaccia, Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, Stanley Sue, Javier Escobar, Keh-Ming Lin, and **Fang Gong**. 2004. "Considering Context, Place and Culture: the National Latino and Asian American Study." *International Journal of Methods in Psychiatric Research* 13:208-220.

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PRESENTATIONS

Xu, Jun and **Gong, Fang**. 2025. "Beyond the Model Minority: An Intersectional Approach to Everyday Discrimination Among Asian Americans." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Gong, Fang and Jun Xu. 2025. "Perceived Everyday Discrimination Among Asian Americans: An Intersectional Analysis of Gender and Ethnicity." Lexington, KY.

Xu, Jun and **Gong, Fang**. 2023. "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Cardiovascular Disease in the United States." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Gong, Fang and Jun Xu. 2022. "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Usual Source of Medical Care in the United States." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Gong, Fang. 2020. "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care Access in the United States: Findings from the National Health Interview Survey." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Virtual).

Gong, Fang and David T. Takeuchi. 2014. "Immigrant Status and Mental Health" in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*, edited by W. C. Cockerham, R. Dingwall, and S. R. Quah. Wiley-Blackwell.

Gong, Fang, Jun Xu, and Wei Zhao. 2019. "Social Conditions, Physical Activity, and BMI in Transitional China." International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

Xu, Jun, Wei Zhao, and **Fang Gong**. 2019. "The Transfer of Human and Political Capital to Health Capital in Transitional Urban China." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

Gong, Fang, Jun Xu, and Wei Zhao. 2019. **"**The Associations between Multidimensional SES and Health Behavior in Urban China." North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH.

Jun Xu, Wei Zhao, and **Fang Gong**. 2018. "Inequalities, Institutional Transformations, and Infirmities in Urban China." International Chinese Sociology Association, Princeton, NJ.

Gong, Fang and Jun Xu. 2017. "Ethnic Differences in Mental Health Among Asian Americans." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
Sun, Wenjie, Jun Xu and **Fang Gong**. 2015. "Racial Differences in Individual and Contextual Predictors of Physical and Mental Health." American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Fang Gong and Jun Xu. 2015. "Psychosocial Factors and Mental Health among Asian Americans." American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Gong, Fang, Jun Xu and David Takeuchi. 2013. "Racial and Ethnic Differences in Perceptions of Discrimination." American Sociological Association, New York City, NY.

Xu, Jun and **Fang Gong**. 2011. "Social and Cultural Correlates with Perceptions of Discrimination among Chinese Americans." North American Chinese Sociologist Association, Las Vegas, NV.

Xu, Jun and **Fang Gong**. 2011. "Revisiting the Relationship between Socioeconomic Status and Self-Reported Health in International Context." American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.

Kysar-Moon, Ashleigh and **Fang Gong**. 2011. "Life Course and Cumulative Disadvantage Theories: A Longitudinal Analysis of Disability and Adolescent Risk-Taking Behavior. North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Cleveland, OH.

Gong, Fang. 2010. "Contexts of Migration and Mental Health among Asian Immigrants." American Sociological Associations Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA.

Fujishiro, Kaori, Jun Xu, and **Fang Gong**. 2010. "What Does 'Occupation' Represent as an Indicator of Socioeconomic Status?: Exploring Occupational Prestige and Health." American Sociological Associations Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA.

Ayala, Linda, Sherry Baron, Laura Stock and **Gong, Fang**, 2008. "Using Participatory Methods to Develop Intervention Programs and Social Marketing for Homecare Workers." American Public Health Associations Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA.

Gong, Fang, 2007. "Gender Differences in 12-Month Psychiatric Disorders: Socioeconomic Status and Migration Factors." American Sociological Associations Annual Meetings, New York City, NY.

Gong, Fang. 2007. "Premigration Factors and Mental Health among Asian Immigrants." American Public Health Associations Annual Meetings, Washington D.C.

Gong, Fang, Laura Stock, Sherry Baron. 2007. "Partnership for Safety: A Participatory Research Project with Homecare Workers and Consumers." American Public Health Associations Annual Meetings, Washington D.C.

Gong, Fang and Sherry Baron. 2007 "Health and Safety for Home Healthcare Workers: Politics, Policy, and Public Health for a Unique Worker Population" American Public Health Associations Annual Meetings, Washington D.C.

Gong, Fang. 2007. "Healthy Immigrant Effect among Asian Americans: Duration and Migration Selectivity." American Sociological Associations Annual Meetings, New York City, NY.

Gong, Fang. 2007. "The Health Impacts of Subjective and Objective Status among Asian Immigrants." 11th Biennial Centers for Disease Control Symposium on Statistical Methods, Atlanta, GA.

Gong, Fang. 2005. "Perceived Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Mental Health Among Chinese Americans: A Longitudinal Analysis of Multiple Outcomes." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA.

Pavalko, Eliza, **Fang Gong** and J. Scott Long. 2005. "A Changing Health Gap: Cohort Differences in the Health Effects of Women's Labor Force Behavior." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA.

Gong, Fang. 2003. "Perceptions of Racial and Ethnic Discrimination among Chinese Americans: The Influences of Childhood and Adult Socialization." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA.

Gong, Fang and Sue-Je Gage. 2002. "Help Seeking Behavior Among Filipino Americans: A Cultural Analysis of Face and Language." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL.

Gong, Fang and Jun Xu. 2002. "Stress and Depression Among Chinese Americans: A Structural Equation Model." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL.

Cappell, Charles, Tom Hypoya and **Fang Gong**. 2000. "Computer Based Training in Quantitative Reasoning and Analyses." American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, DC.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Fang Gong (PI) and Jun Xu (Co-PI). 2019. "Institutional Transformation and Health Disparity in Transitional Urban China." Collaborative grant proposal with Wei Zhao, University of North Carolina at Charlotte submitted to the National Science Foundation, August 2019. ($94,419; unfunded)

Zhao, Wei (Co-PI), Fang Gong (Co-PI), and Jun Xu. 2018. "Health Disparities in Transitional Urban China: Reconceptualization and Reassessment." Grant proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation, August 2018. ($300,000; unfunded)

Junior Faculty Research Grant for project "Contexts of Migration and Mental Health Status among Asian Americans," Ball State University, 2009-2010, $8,500.

Contract with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the project "Homecare Worker Intervention Project," CDC, 2008-2009, $24,800.

New Faculty Start-up Grant for the project "Workplace Discrimination and Health among White and Minority Women," Ball State University, 2008-2009, $1,000.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2017	Diversity Research Award, the Office of Institutional Diversity, Ball State University
2011	The Excellence in Research Award from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Behavioral and Social Science Working Group for the paper "What Does 'Occupation' Represent as an Indicator of Socioeconomic Status?: Exploring Occupational Prestige and Health" published in *Social Science Medicine* 71:2100-07 (with Kaori Fujishiro and Jun Xu).
2011	Alice Hamilton Award, Honorable Mention, for health and safety intervention materials entitled "Caring for yourself while caring for others: Practical tips for homecare workers," The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (with Sherry Baron et al.).
2004-2005	Departmental Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2001-2002	Graduate School Fellowship, Indiana University
2000	Outstanding Graduate Research Paper Award, Sociology Department, Northern Illinois University
2000	University Fellowship, Northern Illinois University
1996-1999	Outstanding Graduate Student Award for three consecutive academic years (the highest honor for graduate students), Beijing Normal University

1992-1996 Outstanding Academic Scholarship (highest distinction) for four consecutive academic years, Beijing Normal University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Reviewer

Acta Sociologica
Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research
American Journal of Public Health
BMC-Nutrition
Ethnic and Racial Studies
Gender and Health
International Journal of Anthropology and Ethnology
Journal of Family Issues
Journal of Health and Social Behavior
Journal of Health Psychology
Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
Journal of Immigrant Health
Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs
Racial and Social Problems
Social Forces
Social Indicators Research
Social Problems
Social Psychology Quarterly
Social Science & Medicine
Social Science Research
Sociological Focus
Sociological Forum
Society and Mental Health
The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse
The Sociological Quarterly

Committee Work

Discipline

2023-present North Central Sociological Association, Council member
2023-present North Central Sociological Association Student Paper Award Committee, chair
2018-2022 North Central Sociological Association Student Paper Award Committee, member

University

2025-2026 University Promotion and Tenure Committee, CSH Alternate
2021-2023 University Assessment Committee, member
2021-2023 HLC (Higher Learning Commission) Executive Steering Committee – Criterion One Subcommittee, member
2020-2023 Asian American and Pacific Islander Faculty and Staff Association (AAPIFSA), cofounder, steering committee member, and secretary
2020-2023 University Student Financial Assistance Committee, member

Fall 2019 University Senate, substitute member
Fall 2019 Faculty Council, substitute secretary
2016-2017 State-wide Transfer Single Articulation Pathway (TSAP), BSU Sociology representative

College (College of Sciences and Humanities CSH)

2024-2025 College Promotion and Tenure Committee, member
2021-2025 College Inclusive Excellence Committee, member
2023-2024 College Inclusive Excellence Committee – Teaching Award Subcommittee, member
2021-2022 College Promotion and Tenure Committee, member
2021-2022 College Promotion and Tenure Committee – Social Sciences Subcommittee, Secretary
2020-2021 College Inclusive Excellence Planning Taskforce, member
2021-2022 College Faculty Learning Community – DFW Project, member
2017-2018 College Centennial Scholar Committee, member
2017-2018 College Promotion and Tenure Committee, member

Department

2024-present Assessment Coordinator
2013-present Promotion and Tenure Committee, member
2025-2026 Salary Committee, member
2008-2025 Undergraduate Committee, member
2024-2025 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Chair
2021-2023 Salary Committee, member
2021-2022 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Chair
2021-2022 Sociology SOC100 Reader Committee, member
2018-2019 Contract Faculty Search Committee, member
2018-2019 Faculty Search Committee, member
2017-2018 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Chair
2017-2018 Salary Committee, member
2016-2017 Salary Committee, Chair
2016-2017 Faculty Search Committee, member
2015-2017 Research Committee, member
2012-2015 Director of the Undergraduate Studies
2014-2015 Advisor of the Undergraduate Studies
2012-2013 Search Committee, member
2011 Fall Acting Director of the Undergraduate Studies
2010-2012 Advisor of the Undergraduate Studies
2009-2011 AKD (International Sociology Honor Society) Faculty Co-Advisor
2008-2011 Social Activity Committee, member
2008-2010 Salary Committee, member