

# Jun Zhou

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Ph.D., Sociology 2020-  
Certificate in Science, Technology & Society Studies

### University of Chicago

M.A., Sociology 2019

### University College London

M.A., with Distinction, Gender and Development 2017

### University of Electronic Science and Technology of China

B.A., English Literature, *summa cum laude* 2016

## APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

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2024-25 Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

2016 Exchange Student, Gender Studies, UCLA

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Political Economy, Gender and Sexuality, Work and Labor, Algorithms and AI, Social Theory

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Zhou, Jun. "Construct Replaceability: Authenticity Regime and the Unequal Reception of AI in Emotional Work." *Work & Occupations*, special issue on AI, Power, and Transformation. [Minor Revision]

- **2025 Grad Student Paper Award** in LaborTech Research Network (Honorable Mention)
- **2025 Best Student Paper Award** in American Sociological Association Communication, Information Technology, & Media Sociology Section
- **Early Career Workshop Award**, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, July 2026

Zhou, Jun. "Doing Data, Doing Gender: How Gendered AI is Produced through Optimization Loop." *Big Data & Society*, special issue on AI Encoding Identities. [Minor Revision]

## PAPER UNDER REVIEW

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Zhou, Jun. "Boundary Labor: Performing Work-family Separation in Blurred Workplaces"

- **2025 Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award**, American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section
- **2022 Best Student Paper in Economic Sociology and Entrepreneurship Award**, American Sociological Association Economic Sociology Section
- **2022 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award for Research on Women and Work**, Sociologists for Women in Society
- **2022 McGuigan Prize for Best Graduate Essay in Women's and Gender Studies**, University of Michigan
- **2020 Raymond Fogelson Award for Best Master Thesis in the Ethnological and Historical Sciences**, University of Chicago

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Zhou, Jun. "Selling Live: Metrics Architecture and the Reorganization of Service Work in China" (manuscript available)

Zhou, Jun and Tiantian Liu. "Mushrooms at the End of Algorithms: How Livestreaming E-commerce Bypasses Rural Farmers in China's Poverty Alleviation" (writing in progress)

Zhou, Jun and Mengyang Zhao. "Verify You Are Human: The Automation Proof Paradox Under the Specter of AI" (writing in progress)

## BOOK REVIEW

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2024 Zhou, Jun. "Refashioning Race: How Global Cosmetic Surgery Crafts New Beauty Standards." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 10(1), 175-176.

## AWARDS & HONORS

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2025 Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Sex & Gender Section  
2025 Grad Student Paper Award, LaborTech Research Network (Honorable Mention)  
2025 Best Student Paper Award, ASA CITAMS Section  
2025 Early Career Workshop Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics  
2025 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Sociology Department, University of Michigan  
2024 Best Ethnographic Photo Award, The International Institute, University of Michigan  
2022 Best Student Paper in Economic Sociology and Entrepreneurship Award, ASA Economic Sociology Section  
2022 Linda Burton Award, ASA Family Section  
2022 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award, Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)  
2022 McGuigan Prize for Best Graduate Essay in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan  
2020 Raymond Fogelson Award for Best Master Thesis in the Ethnological and Historical Sciences, University of Chicago  
2019 Ethno-Photography Award, Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

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### External

2025 Association for Asian Studies (AAS)-Henry Luce Foundation Dissertation workshop  
“Labor and the Politics of Care in East Asia”

2024 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship (\$50,000)

2022 New Political Economy Graduate Summer Institute Fellowship, Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative, University of California, Berkeley (\$4,000)

### Internal

2023 Boyd/Williams Dissertation Fellowship for Research on Women and Work, University of Michigan (\$2,000)

2023 Digital IDEAS Summer Institute, Digital Studies Institute, University of Michigan

2022 Global Individual Fellowship, The International Institute, University of Michigan (\$3,750)

2022 Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies Research Fellowship, University of Michigan (\$7,500)

2022 Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan (\$6,500)

2021 Rackham International Student Fellowship, University of Michigan (\$10,000)

2019 Dean’s Opportunity Scholarship, University of Chicago (\$25,000)

## INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

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2026 Guest Lecture, Princeton University (scheduled)

2026 Guest Lecture, NYU Shanghai (scheduled)

2025 Cultural and Social Analysis Workshop, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

2025 Spring Institute, University of Chicago

2025 Guest Lecture, Colby College

2022 New Political Economy Graduate Summer Institute, University of California, Berkeley

2022 Labor and Society Forum on Digital Labor in China, Zhejiang University

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### “Who is Real? Authenticity Regime and the Unequal Reception of AI in Emotional Work”

- The Biennial Research Conference on “Creative Work in the Digital Age: AI, Power, and Transformation,” June 2025
- CITAMS Media Sociology Symposium, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2025
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2024

### “Optimizing Self: Gender, Digital Labor, and the New Dynamics of Work in China”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2025
- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 2024

### “Doing Data, Doing Gender: How Gendered AI is Produced through Optimization Loop”

- Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, September 2025
- Virtual Mini-Conference “Encoding Realities, Decoding Power” University of Texas at Austin, Feb 2025

## "From Panopticon to Platform: Gender, Labor, and the Human-machine Reconfiguration in China"

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2023
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, July 2023

## "Gender, Family, and Business Lives in Flux in Immigrant Entrepreneurship"

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2021
- National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2019
- Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, May 2019

## TEACHING & MENTORING

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### *Pedagogy Award & Training*

2025 Sociology Department's Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award  
2023 Certificate in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (with emphasis on Teaching), Rackham Graduate School  
2023 Teaching Certificate, Center for Research on Teaching and Learning, University of Michigan

### *Graduate Student Instructor*

2025 Economic Sociology (Prof. Mark Mizruchi)  
2022 Sociological Theory (Prof. Greta Krippner)  
2022 Sociological Research Methods (Prof. Jonah Stuart Brundage)  
2021 Sociology of Culture (Prof. Fatma Müge Göcek)

### *Mentoring*

2025 Sociology Prelim Exam Mentor, Area: Gender and Sexuality  
2022–24 Principal Investigator and Mentor, Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program  
2022 Honors Thesis Mentor: Yuqing Huang, "Untying the Marriage Package" (Paper won 2021–2022 Eita Krom Prize)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### *Editorial*

2023–25 Co-Editor, *Perspectives Theory* Section Newsletter, ASA  
2022–23 Graduate Student Editor, *Socio-Economic Review*

### *Award Committee*

2025 Committee Member, ASA Sex & Gender Feminist Activist-Scholar Award Committee

### *Conference & Workshop Organization*

2025 Session Co-Organizer, Contested Digitalization: Continuities and Ruptures in Digital Transformation, Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Conference  
2024 Panel Organizer, Commemorating Xiaohong Xu: Historicizing the Cultural Revolution and the Reform, Social Science History Association  
2026 Co-Organizer, Technology, Economy, and Society, SER café with Ekaterina Svetlova, and

Akos Rona-Tas

2023 Co-Organizer, Financialization and Beyond, SER café with Greta Krippner, Timo Walter, and Leon Wanslebe

2023 Co-Organizer, Intergenerational Transfers, Wealth, and Gender Inequality, SER café with Céline Bessière, Daria Tisch, and Tamara Gutfleisch

*University of Michigan*

2025 Personnel Committee Representatives, Sociology Department

2025 Faculty Recruitment Representative, Sociology Department

2022 Graduate Student Representative, Science, Technology and Society Program

2022 Graduate Student Coordinator, Social Theory Workshop, Sociology Department

2022 Graduate Student Coordinator, Economic Sociology and Organizations Workshop, Sociology Department

**Reviewer for:** *American Sociological Review, Socio-Economic Review, Work & Occupations, Big Data & Society, Sociological Science, Chinese Journal of Communication*

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-20 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Chicago

2018 Research Assistant, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China

2017 Research Consultant, Project Oracle, London, UK

2017 Research Assistant, Save the Children, London, UK

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Sociologists for Women in Society, Society for Social Studies of Science, Social Science History Association, Labor Tech Research Network

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## LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese (native), English (proficiency), French (limited working proficiency)