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EDUCATION

Doctoral Candidate in Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, expected May 2021
Population Research Center Trainee and Ethnography Lab Graduate Fellow
Graduate portfolios & certificates: Women and Gender, Asian American, and Non-Profit Studies

MA Program in the Social Sciences, The University of Chicago Aug. 2011- Aug. 2012

BA in Sociology and English, Tufts University Sep. 2007 - May 2011
Cum Laude with High Thesis Honors

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Kammer-Kerwick, Matt, **Takasaki, Kara**, Kellison, Bruce, Pogue, Gregory P., Markman, Arthur B. 2020. "Rethinking Supply Chains as Neighborhoods." *Journal of Intercultural Management and Ethics* 3(4): 17-34.

Takasaki, Kara. 2020. "STOP AAPI HATE Reporting Center: A Model of Collective Leadership and Community Advocacy." *Journal of Asian American Studies*. Special issue on Viral Racisms: Asians/Americans and Pacific Islanders Respond to COVID-19.

Takasaki, Kara. 2017. "Friends and Family in Relationship Communities: The Importance of Friendship During the Transition to Adulthood." *Michigan Family Review* Vol 21.

Eisen, Daniel B., **Takasaki, Kara**, and Arlie P. Tagayuna. 2015. "Am I Really Filipino?: The Unintended Consequences of Filipino Language and Culture Courses in Hawai'i." *Journal Committed to Social Change on Race and Ethnicity* 1(2): 25-53.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Doerr-Morosky, Katherine, Riegler-Crumb, Catherine, Russo-Tait, Tatiane, **Takasaki, Kara**, Sassler, Sharon, and Yael, Levitte. "Making merit work: Gender salience at the entrance to the engineering workforce." Revise and resubmit.

Glass, Jennifer, Sassler, Sharon, **Takasaki, Kara**, Parker, Emily and Yael Levitte. "Finding a Job: Gender, Race, and Search Strategies Among STEM Graduates." Under Review.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Takasaki, Kara. "Paying for Inequality: Socialized Gendered Dance Roles in Chicago Dance Schools."

Kammer-Kerwick, Matt, **Takasaki, Kara**, Kellison, Bruce and Art Markman. “Values and Asset Gaps Predicting Rural Community Interventions and Allocations.”

Takasaki, Kara. “Restrictive Immigrant Parenting: Neither Natural Nor Cultivated.”

Takasaki, Kara. “‘Outwork your Doubt’: Racial Optimization in Professional Occupations.”

Takasaki, Kara and Christina Ong. “Unmasking Anti-Asian Racism: How Racialization Impacts the Culture of Public Health Practices for AAPIs in the Midst of COVID-19.”

BOOK REVIEWS

Fertility Holidays: IVF Tourism and the Reproduction of Whiteness. By Amy Speier. Feminist Collections: A Quarterly of Women’s Studies Resources. Vol. 38 3(4): 7-9 published Summer/Fall 2017. [Fertility Tourism: Moral and Political Economies of Hope in the Global Healthcare Market.](#)

Saving Face: The Emotional Costs of the Asian Immigrant Family Myth. By Angie Y. Chung. In *E3W Review of Books*, Vol. 17 published Spring 2017.

OPINION EDITORIALS

Takasaki, Kara. April 18, 2017. ["What Disney’s Andi Mack Reveals about Asian Americans."](#) *Racism Review*.

Spring 2016 Contributor to *Inside Higher Ed* Conditionally Accepted career advice column. [Externalities and External Validation.](#)

AWARDS (selected)

- 2020 Japanese American Citizens League & Asian Pacific American Advocates Leadership Summit
- 2019 Asian Pacific American Islander Congressional Leadership Academy and Women’s Collective Summit July 2019
- 2017 Doug Forbes Fund Research Stipend
- 2017 Population Research Center Fellowship
- 2016 External grant for Time Use Surveys training workshop University of Maryland
- 2015 Office of Graduate Studies Professional Development Award
- 2013 College of Liberal Arts Recruitment Summer Fellowship
- 2011 University of Chicago Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences Merit-based scholarship
- 2011 [First Place](#) Tufts University Voices Literary Magazine April Writing Contest
- 2009 Tufts-in-Talloires, Summer Study in France, MacJannet Scholarship
- 2009 Research grant from Tufts Institute of Global Leadership and Tufts Undergraduate Research Fund to attend the 5th Urban Research Symposium on Cities and Climate

Change hosted by The World Bank in Marseille, France and to conduct research in Bogotá D.C., Colombia on their urban mass transit system
2007 Hawaii Community Foundation Cayetano Foundation Scholarship

PAPER PRESENTATIONS (selected)

Takasaki, Kara. "Men's Time in Care Work." Presented at the 2019 Association for Asian American Studies meeting: Madison, WI.

Takasaki, Kara. "Racialized Masculinities: How Work Shapes the Lives of Asian American Men." Presented at the 2018 meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society mini-conference "Race, Organizations, and the Organizing Process."

Glass, Jennifer, **Kara Takasaki** and Paige Gabriel. "Race, Gender, and the Job Search Process among STEM Graduates." Presented at the 2017 Population Association of America Annual meeting: Chicago, IL.

Takasaki, Kara. "Working Lives of Asian American Men." Presented at the 2017 Association for Asian American Studies meeting: Portland, OR.

Takasaki, Kara. "Scripted stability: the raced and classed reproduction of gender roles in salsa schools." Presented at the 2014 meeting of the American Sociological Association: San Francisco, CA.

Takasaki, Kara. "The Value of Friendship: Social Validation and Support for the Individual." Presented at the 2014 meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society: Omaha, NE.

Takasaki, Kara. "Follow the leader: Socialization of salsa in Chicago dance schools." Presented at the 2012 meeting of the Social Science History Association: Vancouver, BC.

Eisen, Daniel, Arlie Tagayuna and **Kara Takasaki**. "I'm Filipino!: The Role of Education in the Adoption of a Filipino Ethnic Identity." Co-presented at the Section on Asia and Asian America at the 2012 meeting of the American Sociological Association: Denver, CO.

WORK HISTORY

IC² Research Institute, *Research Assistant*, December 2019-present

- Developed discussion guides, coordinated and facilitated in-person and online focus groups with driver license customers, client-facing employees, and regional managers at the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to improve Driver License Division services
- Wrote in-depth analysis of customer service factors and gaps in satisfaction and importance for driver license customers and a comparative analysis of customer service training, management structure, and organizational culture for government employees at the DMV and DPS. [Report](#).
- Represented IC² at Department of Public Safety and Transportation Research Center meetings

- Prepares, analyzes, and reports original survey data from rural communities in Texas to support local economic development initiatives during COVID-19 and to support undergraduate student learning about economic development in rural Texas communities.
- Assists survey development and simulation exercises to improve sustainable relationships and collaborative networks between owners and suppliers in the construction industry.
- Uses cognitive interviews and focus groups to develop survey measures on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in academic settings.

AAPI and COVID-19

- Quantitative Survey Lead for [AAPI COVID-19 Project](#), March 2020-present. [News Coverage](#).
- Coronavirus and Racial Profiling News Coverage Analysis with Dr. Russell Jeung Spring 2020
- Jeung, R., S. Gowing, and K. Takasaki. (2020) “[News Accounts of COVID-19 Discrimination 2/9-3/7/20.](#)” Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council Report. [News Coverage](#).

Consultant for Kids in a New Groove (KING), *CONNECT Fellow RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service*, January 2020- May 2020

- Evaluated KING data collection process and tools
- Developed codebook for program data collection
- Researched and recommended improvements for data collection

Interview Study of Society of Engineers (SWENext) at UT Austin, *Consultant* under PI: Associate Prof. Catherine Riegler-Crumb, May 2019

- Organized qualitative coding and inter-coder reliability training for two researchers
- Advised interview study of high school chapter Society of Women Engineers (SWENext)

Child & Family Research Partnership: Fatherhood Programs, *Research Assistant* under PI: Associate Prof. Cynthia Osborne, June 2016 – May 2017

- Analyzed qualitative data (including Spanish content) for deliverable reports to clients: Fatherhood EFFECT Final Report
- Wrote policy briefs: [Military and Veteran Families](#) and [Fatherhood Programs in Texas](#)
- Tested and constructed surveys and observation logs to evaluate fatherhood programs
- Tested, implemented, and trained staff on Remark survey software
- Cleaned raw data and prepared codebooks from surveys for data analysis

Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), *Office of Social Services Family Violence Program Specialist I Summer Intern*, Austin, TX, June-August 2015

- Reviewed reports on intimate partner violence to present to the Governor and Legislature
- Developed program evaluation and reporting tools for contracts with family violence programs
- Evaluated contract renewals and funding bids from service providers

Early Transitions into STEM Employment: Processes Shaping Retention and Satisfaction, *Research Assistant* under PIs: Prof. Jennifer Glass and Prof. Sharon Sassler, Dec. 2013 – present

- Reviewed literature for NSF STEM grant application
- Conducts longitudinal qualitative in-depth interviews and codes interview transcripts
- Analyzes survey data using STATA for research conference presentation papers
- Develops codebook and survey using Qualtrics for final year of longitudinal data collection

Massachusetts Health & Relationships Project, *Research Assistant* under PIs:

Prof. Debra Umberson and Assistant Prof. Corinne Reczek, Dec. 2013 – July 2014

- Researched measures and developed survey for couple marital quality, health, and caregiving

Parents and Children Together (PACT), Honolulu, HI, *On-Call Domestic Violence Shelter Advocate Ohia Shelter for Women and Children*, May 2013-February 2014.

- Administered shelter policies and protocol for daily management of shelter facilities
- Answered requests for help and information through the hotline and business line
- Provided support, referrals, and resources to shelter clients and families
- Assisted in programming, in-service trainings, and quality service review

Hawaii State Legislature House Finance Committee, *Budget Analyst*, Jan. 2013-May 2013.

- Reviewed executive budget requests from State Departments
- Analyzed State funded programs' costs, outcomes, and objectives
- Collaborated with State Departments, House and Senate Reps to draft the State Budget
- Coordinated with Senate Ways and Means Committee in Conference to create the State Budget

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Center for Healthcare Studies,
Research Study Coordinator, July-Dec. 2012

- Collaborated with co-investigators, research facilities and medical professionals on multi-year and multi-site grants to improve the quality of informed medical consent in kidney transplants
- Coordinated data collection from cognitive interviews, surveys, and focus groups and analyzed data for qualitative and quantitative biomedical and social-behavioral research
- Reviewed academic literature, managed research databases, and wrote research reports

University of Chicago Consortium on School Research at the Urban Education Institute,
Research Assistant Digital Youth Media Learning Study, Oct. 2011-Mar. 2012

- Developed field research protocols with education research professionals and collected data through interviews and field observations
- Analyzed qualitative data and prepared findings for reports and presentations

Research Paper: Filipino Identity in Hawaii, *Research Assistant* under Assoc. Professor Daniel Eisen, June 2011

- Reviewed literature and analyzed Filipino ethnic identity processes in Hawaii
- Qualitative coding of 105 essays on Filipino identity in *Katipunan Magazin* from 1992-2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Austin *Assistant Instructor*

Courses: Introduction to The Study of Society (Summer 2018), Race and Work (Summer 2019)

The University of Texas at Austin *Teaching Assistant* August 2013- May 2016

Courses: Introduction to Social Statistics, Population and Society, and Social Research, Issues in Policing, NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates: Race, Ethnicity, and Demography of Crime and Punishment

GUEST LECTURES & INVITED TALKS

“Curating the Present: Thinking Historically about the COVID-19 Pandemic” History and Heritage Online Roundtable at Cardiff University, UK. February 3, 2021.

[“Panel 2: Processing the Pandemic: The AAPI COVID-19 Project Research Methods and Commitment to Our Communities.”](#) Harvard’s Committee for Ethnicity, Migration, Rights. November 10, 2020.

“Persistence and Consequences of the Model Minority Stereotype in America’s Race System.” [AAVMC’s Diversity and Inclusion on Air.](#) August 2, 2020.

“Black Indigenous Women of Color Week in Academia Panel” Multicultural Engagement Center UT Austin April 8, 2019.

“Situating the Model Minority Myth: Race, History and Intersectionality” Asian and Asian American Faculty Luncheon Austin Community College. March 2019.

“Social Activism and Asian Americans: Gender Inequality, Violence, and Sexual Harassment.” UT Austin Center for Asian American Studies. Bridging Community Through Service-Learning undergraduate course. February 2018.

“Asian American Masculinities.” Introduction to Feminist Philosophy at Southwestern University. November 2017.

“City of Austin Asian American Quality of Life Initiative.” UT Austin Center for Asian American Studies. Bridging Community Through Service-Learning undergraduate course. March 2017.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Organizer and presider for mentoring roundtables in the ASA 2020 Annual meeting for the Family Section.

Peer Reviewer for *Social Problems* (2019)

Organizer for 4 sessions in the Population Association of America 2020 Conference on “Diversity and Discrimination in the Education Pipeline and Labor Market”

Presider for Paper Session on Gender and Marriage in Asia and Asian America at the American Sociological Association 2019 annual meeting.

Co-coordinator UT Austin Sociology Department Race and Ethnicity Workgroup 2019
Student Council Member for the American Sociological Association Family Section (2018-2019)

UT Austin Asian Desi Pacific Islander American Collective (ADPAC) Meet and Greet with Asian and Asian American Faculty and Graduate Students (2017).

Sociologists for Women in Society Program Committee (2017-2018)

American Sociological Association Section on Sex & Gender Graduate Student Concerns Committee (2017-2018)

Co-chair American Sociological Association Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Membership Committee (2016-2017)

Graduate Student Representative to UT Austin Faculty Council on Responsibilities, Rights, and Welfare of Graduate Students Standing Committee (2016-2017)

Student Council Member for the American Sociological Asia and Asian America Section

(2016-2017)

Community Appointed Commissioner City of Austin Asian American Quality of Life
Advisory Board: Chair of Community Assessment Workgroup (2015-2016)
Workgroup member: Business, Community Engagement, Health
Membership Committee Member ASA Section on Sex and Gender (2014-2016)
Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice Graduate Student Affiliate (present)
Steering Committee Graduate Portfolio Representative, Center for Women and
Gender Studies (2013-2014)
Finance Committee and Sociology Alternate Rep, Graduate Student Assembly (2013-2014)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Race, Class and Gender, Asia/Asian America, Sex and Gender, Family, Organizations,
Occupations and Work, Race and Ethnic Minorities
Sociologists for Women in Society
Association for Asian American Studies Caucus: Asian American Feminisms, Social Scientists
Council on Contemporary Families
National Council on Family Relations
Work and Family Researchers Network
National Women's Studies Association Caucus: North American Asian Feminist
American Men's Studies Association

SOFTWARE & LANGUAGE SKILLS

Quantitative Data Analysis Software: STATA, SPSS, Microsoft Excel, Mplus, R
Qualitative Data Analysis Software: MAXQDA, ATLAS.ti,
Survey Software: Qualtrics, Remark Office OMR
Language: Intermediate proficiency in written and spoken Spanish

Dissertation Committee

Jennifer Glass (Chair), Christine Williams, Sharmila Rudrappa, David Takeuchi (University of
Washington), Madeline Hsu (History)

References available upon request