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**Specialties:** • Race/Ethnicity, immigration & urban labor Market • Race, gender, and Entrepreneurship in underserved communities • Higher education & urban development • Transnational migration

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## I. EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

- 2005 Ph.D. Geography, University of Georgia, USA.
- 1997 M.S. Economics, Central University of Finance and Economics, China
- 1994 B.S. Public Finance, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, China

## II. ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

- 2018- pre. Professor, University of California Riverside  
Academic Director, Inland Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD)
- 2015-2018 Associate Professor, University of California Riverside;  
Graduate Faculty at University of North Carolina Charlotte
- 2005- 2015 Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- 2009-2015 Research Fellow, Center of Economic Studies at US Census Bureau, Triangle  
Census Research Data Center, Duke University
- 1997-2000 Research Scholar, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

## III. SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

### *Refereed Journal Articles (\*student co-authorship)*

1. Yu, W. and **Wang, Q.** 2023. Transnational or Not: COVID Pandemic and Chinese Academic Migrants. *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15562948.2022.2153394>
2. Kang, W. and **Wang, Q.** 2022. The Impact of COVID-19 on Small Businesses in the US: A Longitudinal Study from a Regional Perspective. *International Regional Science Review*, 01600176221132230. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01600176221132230>
3. **Wang, Q.** 2022. Planning for an Inclusive Entrepreneurial Ecosystem: Covid-19 and Business Resilience in Underserved Communities. *Journal of the American Planning Association*.
4. Lysenko, T.\* and **Wang, Q.** 2022. College location and labor market outcomes for STEM graduates in the US. *GeoJournal* (First Online). 10.1007/s10708-022-10700-w.
5. Yang, X. and **Wang, Q.** 2021. Transnational, translocal, and transient: Economic communities of Arab entrepreneurs in Yiwu, China. *Population, Space and Place*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2538>
6. **Wang, Q.** and Richardson, L. 2021. Fostering art and cultural entrepreneurship in underserved communities: A case of Newark, NJ. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0739456X211035836>
7. **Wang, Q.**, ogilvie, d.t. & Richardson, L. 2021. Race/ethnicity, place, and art and culture entrepreneurship in underserved communities. *Cities*, 115, 103243.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2021.103243>
8. **Wang, Q.** and Kang, W. 2021. What are the impacts of COVID-19 on small businesses in the U.S.? Early evidence based on the Largest 50 MSAs. *Geographic Review*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00167428.2021.1927731>

9. **Wang, Q.** 2021. Higher education institutions and entrepreneurship in underserved communities. *Higher Education*. 81, 1273–1291.
10. Liang, S. and **Wang, Q.** 2020. Cultural and Creative Industries and Urban (Re)Development in China. *Journal of Planning Literature*, 35(1): 54-70.
11. Lysenko, T.\* and **Wang, Q.**, 2020. Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Earnings of Early Career STEM Graduates in the US. *Geographical Review* 110(4), 457-484.
12. McDaniel, P. N., Rodriguez, D. X., & **Wang, Q.** 2019. Immigrant integration and receptivity policy formation in welcoming cities. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 41(8): 1142-1166.
13. **Wang, Q.** 2018. Disparities and Divided Growth: Ethnic Entrepreneurship in the Greater Los Angeles Area, 1980–2015. *Growth and Change* 49(2): 339-360.
14. **Wang, Q.** 2018. Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Entrepreneurship: Women Entrepreneurs in a U.S. South City. *Journal of Small Business and Entrepreneurship* 25(8): 1766-1785
15. **Wang, Q.** and E. Casullo. 2017. Location Analyses of Foreign Firms in an Emergent Immigration Gateway in the U.S. South. *Papers in Applied Geography* 3(3-4): 226-242.
16. Li, H. **Wang, Q.** Wang, H., Zheng, Z. and Shi, W. 2017. Local Public Expenditure, Public Service Accessibility, and Housing Price in Shanghai, China. *Urban Affairs Review* 55(1): 148-184.
17. H. Li., **Q. Wang**, and C. Zheng. 2017. Inter-jurisdictional Competition and Intra-city Fiscal Disparity across Chinese cities. *Governance* 30(3): 365-385.
18. Fura, B. and **Wang, Q.** 2017. The level of socioeconomic development of EU countries and the state of ISO 14001 certification. *Quality and Quantity* 51(1): 103-119.
19. **Wang, Q.** and Morell, E.\* 2015. Gender and Entrepreneurship Revisited from a Community Perspective: Experiences in a New Immigrant Gateway and Beyond. *Environment and Planning A* 47(12): 2645-2662.
20. **Wang, Q.** 2015. Foreign-Born Status, Gender, and Hispanic Business Ownership Across U.S. Metropolitan Labor Markets: A Multilevel Approach. *Economic Development Quarterly* 29 (4): 328-340.

A related commentary on Hispanic entrepreneurship can be found [here](#) at WalletHub.com (one of the leading outlets covering the personal finance industry).

21. Schuch, C.\* and **Wang, Q.** 2015. Immigrant businesses, place-making, and community development: a case from an emerging immigrant gateway. *Journal of Cultural Geography* 32(2): 214-241.

The research is highlighted by [American Immigration Council](#) here.

22. Li, H. **Wang, Q.** Wang, H., Zheng, Z. and Shi, W. 2015. Residential Clustering and Spatial Access to Public Services in Shanghai. *International Habitat* 46: 119–129.
23. **Wang, Q.** and Liu, C. 2015. Transnational Activities of Immigrant-Owned Firms and Their Performances in the USA. *Journal of Small Business Economics*. 42(1): 345-359. Published online DOI: 10.1007/s11187-014-9595-z.

A related commentary on immigrant entrepreneurs is covered by [CNNMoney](#).

24. **Wang, Q.** Tang, L. and Li, H. 2015. Return Migration of the Highly-Skilled in Higher Education Institutions: A Chinese University Case. *Population, Space, and Place* 21(5): 771-787.
25. **Wang, Q.** Gleave, S\*. and Lysenko, T.\* 2014. Ethnic Concentration and Entrepreneurship: The Case of African Americans in Three U.S. Metropolitan Areas. *Urban Geography* 35(7), 1020-1040.
26. **Wang, Q.** and Lysenko, T\*. 2014. Underemployment of Immigrants in the United States: From a Spatial Perspective. *Urban Studies*, 51(10): 2202-2218.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/epub/10.1177/0042098013506043>

This study is reported by USAPP– American Politics and Policy that is hosted by the London School of Economics and Political Science Economics at [here](#).

27. **Wang, Q.** 2013. Industrial concentration of ethnic minority- and women-owned businesses: evidence from the survey of business owners in the United States. *Journal of Small Business and Entrepreneurship* 26(3) 299-321.
28. **Wang, Q.** 2013. Constructing a Multilevel Spatial Approach in Ethnic Entrepreneurship Studies. *International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research* 19(1): 97 – 113.
29. **Wang, Q.** 2013. Beyond Ethnic Enclaves? Exploring the Spatial Distribution of Latino-Owned Employer Firms in Two U.S. Immigration Gateways. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 35(5): 569-589.
30. Liu, C., Miller, J\* and **Wang, Q.** 2013. Ethnic Enterprises and Community Development. *GeoJournal*. DOI: 10.1007/s10708-013-9513-y.
31. Racine, E. F. **Wang, Q.** Laditka SB, Johnson CR\*, Mignery A. 2013. The Characteristics and Concentration of SNAP Approved Stores and Community Health. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition* 8(3): 350-361.
32. Gleave, S.\* and **Wang, Q.** 2013. Foreign-born Latino Labor Market Concentration in Six Metropolitan Areas in the U.S. South. *Southeastern Geographer* 53(2): 157-176.
33. **Wang, Q.** 2012. Ethnic Entrepreneurship Studies in Geography: A Review. *Geography Compass* 6/4: 227-240.
34. **Wang, Q.** 2011. African American and Hispanic Self-Employment in the Charlotte Metropolitan Area. *Southeastern Geographer* 51(1): 89-109.
35. **Wang, Q.** 2010. How Does Geography Matter in the Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation Process? A Case Study of Chinese Immigrants in the San Francisco CMSA. *The Annals of Association of American Geographers* 100 (1): 182 – 201.
36. **Wang, Q.** 2010. Immigration and Ethnic Entrepreneurship: A Comparative Study in the United States. *Growth and Change* 41 (3): 430-458.
37. **Wang, Q.** 2010. The Earnings Effect of Ethnic Labor Market Concentration under Multi-Racial Metropolitan Contexts in the United States. *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie (Journal of Economic and Social Geography)* 101(2): 161-176.
38. **Wang, Q.** and Walcott, S. 2010. A Spatial Analysis of Ethnic Self-Employment in Metropolitan Atlanta. *Southeastern Geographer* 50(3): 323-345.
39. **Wang, Q.** 2009. Gender, Ethnicity and Self-Employment: A Multilevel Analysis across U.S. Metropolitan Areas. *Environment and Planning A* 41(8): 1979-1996.
40. **Wang, Q.** 2008. Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Job Earnings across Metropolitan Areas in the United States: A Multilevel Analysis. *Urban Studies* 45(4): 825-843.
41. **Wang, Q.** and Li, W. 2007. Entrepreneurship, Ethnicity and Local Contexts: Hispanic Entrepreneurs in Three Southern Metropolitan Areas. *GeoJournal* 68: 167-182.
42. **Wang, Q.** and Pandit, K. 2007. Measuring Ethnic Labour Market Concentration and Segmentation. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 33(8): 1227 -1252.
43. **Wang, Q.** 2006. Linking Home to Work: Ethnic Labor Market Concentration in the San Francisco Consolidated Metropolitan Area. *Urban Geography* 27(1): 72-92.
44. **Wang, Q.** 2004. Labour market concentration of Asian ethnic groups in US metropolitan areas: a disaggregated study. *Population, Space and Place* 10(6): 479-494.
45. **Wang, Q.** and Pandit, K. 2003. The Emergence of Ethnic Niches in New Immigrant Destinations: An Examination of Atlanta's Labor Market, 1980-1990. *Southeastern Geographer* 63(2): 159-180.

### **Book**

1. van Riemsdijk, M. and **Wang, Q.**(ed.) 2016. *Rethinking international skilled migration: A place-based and spatial perspective*. London: Routledge.

### **Book Chapters (\*student)**

1. **Wang, Q.** Tang, L. and Li, H. 2016. "Experiences of Returned Chinese Migrants in Higher Education Examined through a Case Study." In van Riemsdijk, M. and Wang, Q. (ed.) *Rethinking international skilled migration: A place-based and spatial perspective*. Chapter 7, p250-267. **London: Routledge.**
2. van Riemsdijk, M. and **Wang, Q.** 2016. "Introduction." In van Riemsdijk, M. and Wang, Q.(ed.) *Rethinking international skilled migration: A place-based and spatial perspective*. **London: Routledge.**
3. Liu, C., Painter, G. and **Wang, Q.** 2015. "Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Agglomeration in High-Tech Industries in the U.S." in C. Karlsson, U. Gråsjö and S. Wixe (ed) *Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Global Economy*, 184–209. **Edward Elgar**. DOI: 10.4337/9781783477326.  
Related research project has been widely covered in the media such as [Bloomberg Radio](#), [Miami Herald](#), [Portland Oregonian](#), and [Dallas Morning News](#).
4. Lysenko, T\*. and **Wang, Q.** 2015. "Immigrant Underemployment in the US Urban Labor Markets," edited by C. Teixeira. And W. Li. *The Housing and Economic Experiences of Immigrants in U.S. and Canadian Cities* **University of Toronto Press.**
5. Wang, S. and **Wang, Q.** 2012. "Contemporary Asian Immigrants in the United States and Canada, edited by C. Teixeira., W. Li and A. Kobayashi, pp 208-230. **Oxford University Press.**

#### **Technical Reports (\*student)**

1. **Wang, Q.** 2021. Impacts of Covid-19 on Latina Businesses in the Inland Southern California. prepared for **National Latina Business Women Association (NLBWA-IE)**. Released here <https://spp.ucr.edu/inequities-latina-owned-businesses-qingfang-wang>
2. **Wang, Q.** and Ochoa, R. 2019. Latina Owned Businesses in the Inland Empire Region: Breaking barriers from start-up to success. Technical report prepared for **National Latina Business Women Association (NLBWA-IE)**. <https://www.nlbwa-ie.com/resources/Documents/UCR%20Latina%20Owned%20Business%20Report-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf>
3. **Wang, Q.** 2016. *How to replicate business success: Findings from Dialogue with Latino Business Owners in Charlotte, North Carolina*. Report prepared with the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute for the **Latin American Economic Development Corporation.**
4. **Wang, Q.** Schuch, C.\* and Morrell, E.\* 2014. *Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Entrepreneurship: Experiences in Mecklenburg County, NC*. Report prepared for **Charlotte Women + Girls Research Alliance.**
5. Liu, C., Painter, G. and **Wang, Q.** (equal authorship) 2014. *Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Agglomeration in High-Tech Industries in the U.S.* Report prepared for **Kauffman Foundation.**
6. Racine, E., **Wang, Q.** and Wilson, C\*. 2010. Mecklenburg County Community Food Assessment 2010. Report prepared for **Mecklenburg County Health Department.**

#### **Research Grants**

##### **External**

- 2022-2025. PI. (Co-PI Michael Verchot). Fostering Inclusive Entrepreneurship Ecosystem. **The Kauffman Foundation Knowledge Challenge Grant.**
- 2022-2025. PI. (Co-PI Wei Kang). Forced Displacement and Community Resilience: Housing Insecurity under COVID-19 in Inland Southern California. **National Science Foundation** (CMMI 2151970).
- 2020-2021. PI. Impacts of COVID-19 on Latina Businesses in the Inland Empire Region. **National Latina Business Women Association (NLBWA-IE)**

- 2020-2021. PI. (Co-PI Huili Hao). RAPID: How Do Small Businesses Cope with the Impacts of COVID-19? A Community Perspective. **National Science Foundation** (CMMI 2029516)
- 2018-2020. PI. Latina Owned Businesses in Inland Empire, Southern California. **The Haynes Faculty Fellowship; National Latina Business Women Association (NLBWA-IE)**
- 2015-2017. PI. "Ethnic Entrepreneurship and Economic Disparities: Revisited from a Development Perspective." **The Washington Center for Equitable Growth and the Kauffman Foundation.**
- 2016-2017. Co-PI (PI. K. Ramakrishnan). "Socioeconomic Development in Southern California" **The California Endowment.**
- 2012-2016. PI. "A Comparative Study of Ethnic Entrepreneurship in U.S. Immigration Gateways." **National Science Foundation** (BCS1127343)
2015. Co-PI. "Latino Businesses in the Greater Charlotte Region." (PI, the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute). **Charlotte Latin American Chamber of Commerce**
- 2015-2017. Participant. (PI. Huiping Li) "The Effect of Local Governments on Public Service Provision across Chinese Cities." **China National Science Foundation** (#71503157)
- 2014-2015. Participant. (PI. Huiping Li) "Public Service Inequality and Urban Stratification in Shanghai." **Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center of Urban Development and Land Policy** (#20140901)
- 2013-2014. Co-PI. (PI. Cathy Liu at Georgia State University) "Immigration and Ethnic Entrepreneurship in the Urban Context: A Comparative Analysis" **Atlanta Census Research Data Center**
- 2013-2014. Co-PI. (Co-PI. Gary Painter at Southern California University and Cathy Liu) "Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Agglomeration in High-Tech Industries in the U.S." **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation**
2013. PI. "Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Entrepreneurship: Experiences in Mecklenburg County, NC." **The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Women's Summit**
- 2011- 2012. PI. "Women and Ethnic Minority Owned Businesses in Greater Charlotte Region." Partnership with Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, **Advantage Carolina**
- 2010-2011. Co-PI (PI. Elisabeth Racine at UNC Charlotte). "Mecklenburg County Community Food Assessment (Phase I and II)." **Mecklenburg County Health Department.**
- 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016. **Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference Travel Grant**
- 2003-2005. Co-PI (PI. Kavita Pandit), "How Does Space Matter in Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation?" **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**, Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant.
- 2004, 2005. **Clarke County Geographical Society Travel Grant.** \$500 each year
- 2003-2005. Co-PI (PI. Kavita Pandit), "How Does Space Matter in Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation?" **National Science Foundation**, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Awards.

### **Internal**

- 2022-2023. PI. Technology, Innovation, and University-Led Entrepreneurship Ecosystem in Inland Empire. **UC Riverside OASIS Internal Funding Awards (OASIS-IFA).**
- 2022-2023. PI. Neighborhood Change and Housing Affordability in Southern California. **CoR (Committee on Research) Grant at UC Riverside.**
- 2021-2022. PI. Fostering Entrepreneurship in Underserved Communities: HEIs as Agents of Change. **UC Riverside 2021 Extramural Funding Opportunity Preparation Award.**
- 2020-2021. PI. Growth and Development of Ethnic Minority-Owned Businesses in the U.S. **CoR (Committee on Research) Grant at UC Riverside.**

- 2018-2019. PI. Entrepreneurship in the Creative Industry, Race/Ethnicity, and Community Development. **CoR (Committee on Research) Grant at UC Riverside.**
- 2016-2017. PI. Transnational Migration of the Highly-Skilled in Higher Education: A Case Study between U.S. and China. **CoR (Committee on Research) Grant at UC Riverside.**
- 2016-2017. PI. Ethnic Entrepreneurship of the Greater Los Angeles Area: Growth and Change. **The Blum Initiative Faculty Research Seed Grant (BIFRSG).**
- 2014-2015. Co-PI. "When East Meets West: Determinants and Effectiveness of HRM Systems of Chinese MNC Affiliates in North and South Carolina." (PI: Wei Zhao). **Mosaic Collaborative Seed Grants**
- 2014-2015. PI. "Return Migration of Academic Intellectuals from the United States to China." **UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant**
2013. PI. "Return Migration and Internationalization of Higher Education: A Case of China." **UNC Charlotte CLAS Seed Grants Program**
- 2012-2013. PI. "From Global to Local: The Foreign Firms in the Greater Charlotte Region." **UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant**
2011. PI. "From 'Brain Drain' to 'Brain Circulation': Returned Migration of Top-Talents to China." College of Liberal Arts and Science **Dean's Small Grant and International Program Travel Grant**, UNC Charlotte
2009. PI. "An Investigation of Ethnic and Women Entrepreneurship Using Confidential Data." **Cone Fellowship**, UNC Charlotte ADVANCE Competitive Awards Program (CAP)
2008. PI. "The Role of the Financial Industry in Ethnic Entrepreneurship and Local/Regional Economic Development." **John H. Biggs Faculty Fellowship**
2007. PI. "A Comparative Study of Ethnic Entrepreneurship in three Southern Metropolitan Areas." **UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant**
2006. PI. "Beyond the Ethnic Enclaves: The Effects of Geography on Ethnic Entrepreneurship in Charlotte Metropolitan Area." **UNC Charlotte Urban Institute**, Faculty Fellows Research Stipend Program
2005. PI. "Work Together and Live Apart? Ethnic Neighborhoods, Workplace Concentration, and Labor Market Segmentation in a Multiracial Urban Context." **UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant**

### ***Invited Talks***

2022. "Fostering Art and Cultural Entrepreneurship in Underserved Communities: A Case of Newark, NJ" Indiana University, Center for Cultural Affairs. March 9 2022.
2021. "COVID & Inland Southern CA Latina Businesses' Recovery and Resilience" Press release and Community stakeholder discussion. July 2021.
2020. "Covid-19 and Businesses in Underserved Communities" University California briefing series to U.S. Congressional staff, June 2020.
2020. "COVID-19 and Small Businesses." the 2020 Annual Nuclear Security Summit organized by the U.S. State of Government and Georgetown University, November 2020.
2019. "Higher Education Institutions and Entrepreneurship in Underserved Communities: From an Inclusive Entrepreneurial Ecosystem perspective." The Third Annual Invited-Only Kenan Institute Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Conference. Palm Beach. FL. 1/31-2/1.
2016. "Growth and Development of Ethnic Entrepreneurship: Examined from mixed research methods." Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference VII. Kent, OH.
2015. "Minority Entrepreneurship and Community Development." Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Conference at the Kauffman Foundation.
2015. "Race/Ethnicity, Entrepreneurship and Place: A Multiscaled and Comparative Approach." School of Social Transformation. Arizona State University.

2014. "Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Entrepreneurship." Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference VII. Oct 23-25, Fort Worth.
2014. "Immigrant entrepreneurship and development." 2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference on Business Development in Under-Served Communities, July 16-18, Seattle.
2013. "Underemployment of Immigrant Labor Force in the US Urban Labor Markets." Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China.
2012. "African American-Owned Businesses in Charlotte, NC." Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference VI.
2011. "Ethnicity, Gender, Foreign-born Status and Entrepreneurship: A Multilevel Analysis of Metropolitan Labor Market Effects in the United States." Geography at UCLA.
2010. White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Research and Data Convening), with Wei Li.
2010. "Ethnic Entrepreneurship, Immigration, and Place: From a Multiscaled and Comparative Approach." Department of Geography, East Carolina University
2010. "Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Self-employment in the U.S. immigration Gateways." Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference V.
2006. "Geographic Perspectives on Urban Labor Market Issues: Promises and Difficulties." Department of Geography, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
2006. "'Entrapped' at Home? Gender, Space and Labor Markets in a Globalized City." annual meeting of Research Data Center Conference, New York Census Research Data Center, Baruch College, CUNY.

### ***Conference Presentations***

2019. "Entrepreneurship in the Creative Industry and Community Development." Associations of Urban Affairs. Los Angeles, CA.
2018. "Creative Industry and Urban Revitalization: A Comparative Perspective" International Association for China Planning (IACP) at Xi'an, China
2017. "Disparities and Divided Growth: Ethnic Entrepreneurship in the Greater Los Angeles Area, 1980-2015" Annual Meeting of Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) at Denver, CO
2017. "Regional Entrepreneurial Ecosystem and Growth of Ethnic Minority Owned Businesses: Evidence from Kauffman Firm Survey" Annual Meeting of Urban Affairs Association (UAA) at Minneapolis, MN (co-author with Tetiana Lysenko)
2016. "Internal Migration of labor force in the United States" Annual Meeting of AAG at San Francisco, CA. (co-author with Tetiana Lysenko)
2016. "Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Community and Regional Development" Annual Meeting of Urban Affairs Association at San Diego, CA.
2015. "Gender and Entrepreneurship Revisited From a Community Perspective" Annual Meeting of AAG at Chicago, IL. (co-author with Elizabeth Morrell)
2014. "Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Community and Regional Development" Annual meeting of the Southeast Division of AAG at Athens, GA.
2014. "Social (Re)production of Academic Elites: Experiences of Chinese Returnees in Higher Education" Annual meeting of AAG at Tampa, FL. (with Li Tang and Huiping Li)
2013. "Public Expenditure and Housing Price in Shanghai: from a multi-level analysis." Annual Conference of Shanghai-Hongkong Joint Development Institute. Dec. 13-14. Hongkong. (With Huiping Li and presented by H. Li.)
2013. Public Expenditure and Housing Price in Shanghai: from a multi-level analysis. Annual Conference of Urban China Transformation. Dec. 13-15. Guangzhou, China. (with Huiping Li and presented by H. Li.)

2013. "HEI and global migration of the highly skilled: A case study in China" International Metropolis Conference, Tampere, Finland. (with Li Tang and Huiping Li)
2013. "A help or hindrance? African American spatial concentration and self-employment in three metropolitan." UAA 43rd Annual Conference at San Francisco (with Sara Gleave\* and Tetiana Lysenko\* and presented by S. Gleave)
2012. "From Global to Local: Foreign Firms in the Great Charlotte Region." Annual Meeting of AAG (with Erin Watkins\*)
2011. "The Role of Ethnic Enterprises in Community Development." Annual Meeting of Urban Affairs Association. (with Cathy Y Liu and Miller Johnson\* and presented by C. Liu)
2010. "A Comparative Study of Immigrant Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship in the US Metropolitan areas." Annual meeting of AAG.
2008. "Ethnic Self-Employment in Atlanta." Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Miami, FL. (with Susan Walcott and presented by S. Walcott)
2007. "Ethnic Entrepreneurship and Urban Contexts: Asian Self-employment in the US South." Annual Meeting of AAG.
2007. "African American and Hispanic Entrepreneurship in Three US Southern Metropolitan Areas". Annual meeting of Southeast Division of AAG. Charleston, SC.
2006. "Who Pays the Penalties? Earnings Effect of Ethnic Labor Market Concentration in Multi-Racial Metropolitan Contexts." competitively selected paper at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles.
2006. "Residential neighborhood, Workplace, and Ethnic Labor market Segmentation." Annual Meeting of AAG, Chicago.
2006. "Geography of Hispanic Entrepreneurship in Greater Charlotte Metropolitan Area." Annual Meeting of Southeastern Division of the AAG, November.
2005. "Earnings Effect of Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation in Multi-Racial Metropolitan Contexts." Annual Meeting of Southeast Division of AAG, West Palm Beach.
2005. "Complement or Competition? A Multilevel Analysis on Race/Ethnicity, Gender and Job Earnings across US Metropolitan Areas." Annual Meeting of AAG.
2004. "Effects of Residential Locations on Ethnic Labor Market Concentration: A Case Study of the San Francisco CMSA." Conference on Race/Ethnicity and Place, Washington, D.C.,
2004. "Linking Home to Work: Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation in the San Francisco Bay Area." Annual Meeting of AAG, March.
2003. "The Segmentation of Asians in the U.S. Labor Market: A Disaggregated Study." Southeastern Division of AAG. Fraser Hart Student Paper competition finalist.
2003. "Ethnic Concentration, Labor Market Opportunities, and Job Earnings in Atlanta MSA 1980-1990." Annual Meeting of AAG (With Kavita Pandit)

#### **IV. RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS**

2021. Kauffman Foundation and Association of American Geographers (AAG) Best Paper on Entrepreneurship
2020. Association of American Geographers (AAG) Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Distinguished Scholar Award
2019. Haynes Fellowship Award
2018. Ostrom Workshop Visiting Scholarship. Indiana University Bloomington.
2013. Dr. Tyrel Moore Mentorship Award, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences UNC Charlotte
2008. John H. Biggs Faculty Fellowship.
2005. Best Student Paper Awards, Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (2<sup>nd</sup> place),

- Population Geography Specialty Group (2<sup>nd</sup> place)  
Association of American Geographers
- 2005 Graduate Research Fellow, University of Georgia
- 2004 Best Student Paper Awards, Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (1<sup>st</sup> place),  
Population Geography Specialty Group (1<sup>st</sup> place),  
Association of American Geographers
- 2004 Triangle Census Research Data Center (TCRDC), Duke University, Research Fellow.
- 2003 Finalist, John Fraser Hart Student Paper Award, Southeastern Division of the  
Association of American Geographers

## **V. COURSES PREPARED AND TAUGHT**

- *Global Connections: Geography*, undergraduate (Liberal Arts GenEd)
- *City and Its Region*, undergraduate (Geography and Urban Studies Minor core course)
- *Population Geography under Globalization*, upper level undergraduate and MA
- *Race, Ethnicity, and Urban Labor Markets*, MA and PhD (Geography and Public Policy)
- *Census Data and Urban Analyses*, MA and PhD (Geography, Public Health, and Public Policy)
- *Economic Analysis of Public Policy*, (core course for Public Policy PhD program)
- *Urban Regional Environment (Required Course for Geography PhD program; Core course for Public Policy PhD Program)*
- *Immigration Policy (Master Program of Public Policy)*
- *Qualitative Research Method in Public Policy (Master Program of Public Policy)*
- *Economic Development Policy (Undergraduate and Master Program of Public Policy)*

## **VI. SERVICES**

### ***University Services***

#### UC Riverside

- Director, Inland Center for Sustainable Development 2019-present
- Executive committee of California Agriculture and Food Enterprise (CAFÉ) 2017-present
- UCR Sustainability Committee 2021-present
- Committee on Education Policy 2017-2020
- Associate Director, the Center of Suburban Sustainable Development 2017-2018
- Executive Committee of CAFE (California Agriculture + Food Enterprise), 2017-
- Associate Director of the Center for Sustainable Suburban Development, SPP 2017-2018
- Senate Committee on Education Policy, UCR 2016-
- Senate Executive Committee, SPP 2015-
- Search Committee member for Clustering hire of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity 2015-2016
- Search Committee member for Clustering hire of Spatial Analyses 2015-2016
- Search Committee Chair for the Spatial Analyst at SPP 2016
- Graduate Admission Committee, SPP 2015-
- Blum Initiative committee member 2015-
- Immigration Research Group (IRG) 2015-

#### UNC Charlotte

- Graduate Faculty, UNC Charlotte 2015-
- University Faculty Research Grants Committee 2014-2015
- College Faculty Council, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Admission Committee for the Public Policy PhD program 2012-present
- Urban Studies Minor Steering committee 2008-present
- The New South Center Initiative by CLAS 2010-2011

Department IT Committee 2007, 2008  
Department Search Committees, 2006-2007, 2012, 2013  
Department Faculty Advisory Committee 2010, 2011  
Department Graduate Advisory Committee 2012, 2013  
Department Mentorship Program committee 2010-2011  
BRIDGES Graduate Fellowship in Geography 2010-2013  
Department Review Committee (Re-appointment, Tenure & Promotion) 2013-2015

***Professional and Community Services***

2021-pre. Editor. *Local Government Studies*  
2021- pre. Strategic Council member for CREATE, NCGrowth at UNC Chapel Hill  
2017- pre. Business Advisory Committee for Assembly member Eloise Gómez Reyes (the 47th Assembly District in California)  
2017. APPAM California Regional Student Conference. Chair/Discussant of session.  
2015- Editorial Board member, *Geographic Review* (journal for American Geographical Society – since 2015), *Transborder Economics* (since 2016), and *Environment and Planning A* (2017-2022), *Small Business Economics* (since 2018), *Urban Affairs Review* (since 2020)  
2014- 2016. Board Member, Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (AAG)  
2013-2015. Panelist at National Science Foundation, GSS program.  
2014. Chair and organizer for three sessions on “Highly-skilled Migration” at the annual meeting of AAG, Tampa, FL (with Micheline van Riemsdijk)  
2011- 2015. Program Committee for the annual meeting of Southeastern Division of AAG  
2010- 2015. Dissertation Proposal Competition Award Committee, EGSP of AAG  
2010-2012. Nystrom Award Review Committee, AAG  
2010-2011. Local Food Assessment, Mecklenburg County Health Department  
2010. Invited discussant at the interdisciplinary Conference, "Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Recovery", organized by the Kauffman Foundation, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.  
2006-2007. Honors Committee, Southeastern Division of AAG  
2005 – Present: Extensive manuscript review for *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*; *Professional Geographers*; *Environment and Planning A*; *Urban Studies*; *Journal of Urban Affairs*; *Urban Geography*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Entrepreneurship and Regional Development*; *Southeastern Geographer*; *Industrial Geography*; *GeoJournal*; *Journal of Immigration and Refugee Studies*; *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*; *Journal of Business Venturing*; *Journal of Population Economics*; *Journal of Small Business and Entrepreneurship*; *Geographical Analyses*; *Growth and Change*; *Gender, Work & Organization*, *Geographical Review*, *Papers in Applied Geography*; *Cities*; *Population, Space, and Place*; *Small Business Economics*; *International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behavior & Research*; *International Migration Review*; *Economic Development Quarterly*; *Journal of Economic Geography*; *Research Policy*; *Landscape and Urban Planning*, *Local Government Studies*.