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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver, BC

Associate Professor of Sociology with tenure

July 2013 – present

Department Head, interim

July 2015 - July 2017

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire

Durham, NH

PhD, Sociology

1999

"Flexible production on the working waterfront: The Economic sociology of Maine's sea urchin industry."

Dissertation Supervisor: Michael J. Donnelly

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Community Sociology

Immigration

Family Sociology

Economic Sociology

Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

- Yan, M.C. & Lauer, S.R. (2021). *Neighbourhood Houses: Building Community in Vancouver*. Vancouver, Canada: UBC Press.
- Yodanis, C. & Lauer, S. (2016). *Getting married: The public nature of our private relationships*. New York: Routledge.

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- Lauer, S.R. & Yan, M.C. (Forthcoming). Developing Social Capacity among Newcomers to Canada through Social Infrastructure: Neighbourhood Houses in Vancouver. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.
- Yan, M.C. & Lauer, S.R. (2021). Connecting the dots: Neighbourhood houses and institutional accessibility. *International Social Work*. Online first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2F0020872820972469>
- Lauer, S., Yan, M.C. (2021). Canadian immigrant youth and co-ethnic friendship. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 44, 4, 639-658
- Yodanis, C. & Lauer, S. (2017). Multiculturalism in inter-ethnic intimate relationships. *Families, Relationships, and Societies*, 6, 1, 125-140.
- Mnizak, C. Yodanis, C. and Lauer, S. (2017). Couple clothes. *Contexts*, 16, 3, 65-67.
- Yan, M.C., Lauer, S., Riano-Alcala, P. (2017). Incorporating individual community assets in neighbourhood houses: Beyond the community-building tradition of settlement houses. *International Social Work*, 60, 6, 1591-1605.
- Lauer, S., & Yodanis, C. (2014). Money management, households, and gender. Pp. 344-360 in Treas, J., Scott, J., & Richards, M. (eds.) *Wiley-Blackwell companion to sociology of the family*, Cambridge, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Yan, M.C., Lam, M.L. & Lauer, S.R. (2014) Return migrant or Diaspora: An exploratory study of new-generation Chinese-Canadian youth working in Hong Kong. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 15, 179-196.
- Yodanis, C & Lauer, S.R. (2014). Is marriage individualized? What couples actually do. *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, 6, 184-197.
- Yan, M.C., Lam, C.M. & Lauer, S.R. (2014). Return migration or diaspora: An exploratory study of new-generation Chinese-Canadian youth working in Hong Kong. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 15, 179-96.
- Lauer, S.R., & Yan, M. C. (2013). Voluntary association involvement and immigrant network diversity. *International Migration*, 51, 133-150.
- Yodanis, C., Lauer, S.R., & Ota, R. (2012). Interethnic romantic relationships: Enacting affiliative ethnic identities. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 74, 1-17.

- Yan, M.C. & Lauer, S.R. (2012) Double jeopardy: An exploratory study of youth from immigrant families entering the job market. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, 10, 96-115.
- Lauer, S.R., Yan, M.C., Wilkinson, L., Sin, R., & Tsang, A.K.T. (2012). Immigrant Youth and Employment: Exploring the experiences of newly arrived immigrant youth in Canada. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 13, 1-19.
- Lauer, S.R. & Yodanis, C. (2011). Individualized marriage and the integration of resources. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 73, 669-683.
- Lauer, S.R. and Q. Wong. (2010). Transnationalism over the life course. *Sociology Compass*, 4, 1054-1062
- Lauer, S.R. & Yan, M.C. (2011). Neighbourhood Houses in Vancouver: Bridging differences in the community. *Diverse Cities*, 8, 87-92.
- Lauer, S.R., & Yodanis, C. (2010) The deinstitutionalization of marriage reconsidered: New institutional approach to changes in marriage. *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, 2, 58-72.
- Yan, M.C., S.R. Lauer and R. Sin. (2009). Issues in community rebuilding: The tasks of settlement houses in two cities. *Social Development Issues*. 31: 39-54.
- Lauer, S.R. (2008) Exchange relationships in inshore fisheries. *Sociological Forum*. 23, 503-535.
- Yan, M.C., & Lauer, S. R. (2008) Riding the Boom: Labour Market Experiences of New Generation Youth from Visible Minority Immigrant Families. *Canadian Ethnic Studies*. 40: 129-148.
- Yan, M.C. and S.R. Lauer (2008) Social capital and ethno-cultural diverse immigrants: A Canadian study of Settlement Houses and social integration. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*. 17, 3, 229-250.
- Yan, M.C., Lauer, S. R., & Jhangiani, S. (2008). Preliminary understanding of challenges in entering the job market: Experiences of new generation youth from visible minority immigrant families. *Canadian Diversity*, 6, 118-120
- Yodanis, C. L., & Lauer, S. R. (2007) Managing money in marriage: Multilevel and cross-national effects of the breadwinner role. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 69, 1308-1326.
- Yodanis, C. L., & Lauer, S. R. (2007). Economic inequality in and outside of marriage: Individual resources and institutional context. *European Sociological Review* 23, 573-583.
- Lauer, S.R. (2005). Community embeddedness and entrepreneurial processes in an emergent resource industry. *Rural Sociology*, 70, 145-66.

Yodanis, C., & Lauer, S. R. (2005). Foreign visitor, exchange student, or family member? A study of au pair policies in the US, UK, and Australia. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, 25, 40-60.

Lauer, S.R., & Yodanis, C. L. (2004). The International Social Survey Program (ISSP): A tool for teaching sociology with an international perspective. *Teaching Sociology*, 32, 304-313.

Lauer, S.R. (2001). Flexible production on the working waterfront: The social origins of the northwest Atlantic sea urchin industry. *Rural Sociology*, 66, 532-556.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES AND SERIES:

Lauer, S. (2021). Social infrastructure for building community. Pp. 125-157 in Yan & Lauer Neighbourhood Houses: Building Community in Vancouver. Vancouver, Canada: University of British Columbia Press.

Lauer, S., Yan, M.C., Stebner, E. (2021). History of Vancouver neighbourhood houses and beyond. Pp. 29-64 in Yan & Lauer Neighbourhood Houses: Building Community in Vancouver. Vancouver, Canada: University of British Columbia Press. (45% contribution)

Lauer, S. & Yan, M.C. (2021). Introduction. Pp. 3-27 in Yan & Lauer Neighbourhood Houses: Building Community in Vancouver. Vancouver, Canada: University of British Columbia Press. (70% contribution)

Yan, M.C. & Lauer, S. (2021). Conclusion. pages 233-252 in Yan & Lauer Neighbourhood Houses: Building Community in Vancouver. Vancouver, Canada: University of British Columbia Press. (30% contribution).

Yan, M.C. & Lauer, S. (2018). An inhospitable transition: Immigrant youth and the labour market. In Wilson-Forsberg, S., and Robinson, A. M. (Eds.) *Immigrant Youth in Canada: Theoretical Approaches, Practical Issues, and Professional Perspectives*. Toronto: Oxford University Press.

Lauer, S.R. & Yodanis, C. (2014). Money management, gender and households. In Treas, J., Scott, J. & Richards, M.(eds) *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of the Family*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Lauer, S.R. & Yan, M.C. (2011). Neighbourhood houses in Vancouver: Crossing boundaries in the community. *Diverse Cities*, 8, 87-92.

Yan, M.C., Lauer, S.R. & Chan, S. (2009). Social capital and the labour market process among new generation youth from visible minority immigrant families. Metropolis, BC. Working Paper 09-01.

Yan, M.C., Lauer, S. R., & Jhangiani, S. (2008). Preliminary understanding of challenges in entering the job market: Experiences of new generation youth from visible minority immigrant families. *Canadian Diversity*, 6, 118-120.

Lauer, S. R., & Yan, M. C. (2007). Neighbourhood house membership and immigrant's community bridging ties. Metropolis, BC. Working Paper 07-07.

Lauer, S.R. (2003). The problem of the commons. In K. Christensen & D. Levinson (Eds). *Encyclopedia of community: From the village to the virtual world*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Lauer, S.R. (2003). Robert Park: Community sociologist. In K. Christensen & D. Levinson (Eds). *Encyclopedia of community: From the village to the virtual world*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Lauer, S.R. (2003). Review of *Fishers at work, workers at sea: A Puerto Rican journey through labor and refuge* by D. Griffith & M. Valdes Pizzini. *Contemporary Sociology*, 32, 450-2.

Duncan, C.M., & Lauer, S. R. (1996). Social capital in remote northeastern communities. *Proceedings of the National Rural Studies Committee conference on rural poverty*. Washington, D.C.: NRSC.

REPORTS AND APPLIED SOCIOLOGY CONTRIBUTIONS:

Lauer, S. (2017). Making connections through neighbourhood house involvement. NHiMV: Research brief #9.

Lauer, S. (2017). Civic and community engagement through neighbourhood house involvement. NHiMV: Research brief #7.

Lauer, S. (2017). Social capacity development through neighbourhood house involvement. NHiMV: Research brief #5.

Reisz, M. & Lauer, S. (2016). The social life of the neighbourhood house. NHiMV: Research brief #4.

Lauer, S.R. Reisz, M. (2012). A place on the corner: Kits House and the Kitsilano community. Vancouver, British Columbia: Report prepared for the Association of Neighbourhood Houses.

Wilkinson, L, & Lauer, S.R., Sin, R., Tsang, A.K.T., & Yan, M.C. (2010). *The labour market transitions of newly arrived Immigrant youth: A tri-provincial study*. Report to Metropolis Canada. Winnipeg, Manitoba: University of Manitoba.

Yan, M.C., & Lauer, S. R. (2006). Bridging newcomers at the neighborhood scale: the integration role of neighborhood houses in Vancouver. Vancouver, British Columbia: University of British Columbia.

Lauer, S.R. Introduction: Neighbourhood houses and welcoming communities. In Lauer, S.R. & Yan, M.C. *A place-based solution to urban disconnection: Neighbourhood houses in Metro Vancouver*.

Lauer, S.R. Social infrastructure for building community. In Lauer, S.R. & Yan, M.C. *A place-based solution to urban disconnection: Neighbourhood houses in Metro Vancouver*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Lauer, S.R. Cosmopolitan Social Infrastructure: The case of Neighbourhood houses.

Lauer, S.R. Social infrastructure building social capacity: Neighbourhood houses in Vancouver.

Aslam, A. and Lauer, S. Religious affiliation and co-ethnic friendship group change.

Lauer, S.R. & Shankar, S. How Newcomers to BC Access Settlement Services: Inter-organizational Ties in the BC Settlement Sector.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Contributor to www.yourNH.ca, a website that promotes research about neighbourhood houses and the neighbourhood house approach to community development.

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

2019-2023. UBC President's Research Excellence Cluster in Migration. (\$500,000) Supported by the UBC Office of Research and Innovation. Co-applicant.

2020-2023. Belonging in Unseeded Territories. (\$200,000) supported by the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Co-applicant.

2019-2020. Field Experiments in Immigration Research. (\$11,000) supported by the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Co-applicant.

2012-2019. Neighbourhood inequality, diversity and change. (\$2.5 million) supported by the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Co-investigator.

2012-2017. The possibilities and challenges of a place based approach to strengthening urban communities (\$450,000) supported by the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Co-investigator.

2010-2011. Acculturation Stress and Health: The mediating effect of social capital. (\$15,000) supported by Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Metropolis, B.C. Principal Investigator.

2010-2011. Outmigration or return migration: Young Chinese in Hong Kong. (\$15,000) supported by Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Metropolis, B.C. Co-Investigator.

2010. Neighbourhood Houses in Canada. (\$20,000) Supported through first review by the Community and University Research Alliance (CURA) part of the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Co-investigator.

2008-2011. Immigration and the structure of cross-ethnic personal ties. (\$73,060) supported by the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Principal Investigator.

2008-2009. The Labour Market Transitions of Newly Arrived Immigrant Youth: A Tri-Provincial Study. (\$122,588) Supported by Metropolis Canada. Co-Investigator

2006-2007. Social capital and entrance to the labour market by immigrant youth. (\$15,027) supported by Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Metropolis, B.C. Principal Investigator.

2005-2008. Bridging and/or bonding: A study of Chinese and South Asian immigrant youth and social capital in job searching. (\$80,000) supported by the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Co-Investigator.

2005-2006. Bridging newcomers at the neighborhood scale: A study of the settlement/ integration role of neighborhood houses in Vancouver. (\$20,000) supported by Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Metropolis, B.C. Co-Investigator.

2005. Social capital and entrance to the labour market by immigrant youth. (\$20,000) Supported through first review by the Community and University Research Alliance (CURA). part of the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Co-investigator.

1997-1998. Rural Sociological Society Research Award: Remote coastal communities in a global economy: Maine's green sea urchin industry. (\$14,000) Principal Investigator.

1997-1998. University of New Hampshire Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship: Small firms, global economies: The working waterfront and the east coast sea urchin industry. (\$14,000). Principal Investigator.

1997. University of New Hampshire Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship: Remote coastal communities in a global economy. (\$4,000) Principal Investigator.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

International

Lauer, Sean, (2019). Cosmopolitan social infrastructure. Yonsei University. Seoul, South Korea

Lauer, S. (2018) Civic Literacy, Civic Engagement: Moving from simple acts to political and social action. Presented at the International Federation of Settlements. Helsinki, Finland.

Lauer, Sean, R. (2016) Plenary Lecture, International Federation of Settlements. Berlin, Germany.

Lauer, S.R. (2014). Voluntary association involvement and immigrant network diversity. Presented to the Department of Social Work, Shandong University, Jinan, China.

Lauer, S.R. (2014). Building social capacity in community based organizations. Presented to the Department of Sociology, Shandong University, Jinan, China

Lauer, Sean, R. (2012) Plenary Lecture, International Federation of Settlements. Stockholm, Sweden,

Lauer, S.R. & Yodanis, C. (2007) Marriage money in the context of optional marriage. Presented at Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China.

National

Lauer, Sean, (2021). Exploring the Associational Life and Interethnic Friendships of Hong Kong Immigrants in Canada using the Ethnic Diversity Survey. When Local Meets Transnational: Reciprocal Effects of Immigrants Circulating between Hong Kong and Canada. Online forum, January 26, 2021.

Lauer, Sean, (2020). Missed Connections: Social Cohesion and Covid-19. Panel member of online discussion a part of the Distant, not Disengaged series at Simon Fraser University.

Lauer, Sean, (2020). Parks, cafes, and community centres are closed! What happens to community engagement? Invited presentation for One Hour at UBC online lecture series.

Lauer, Sean, (2020). Using Memoranda of Understanding when doing collaborative research. Using Field Experiments to Produce Collaborative Knowledge on Integration and Settlement. Vancouver, Canada.

Kong, Ka Po and Lauer, Sean. (2019). How have friendship circles changed among Chinese Canadian youth? MOSAIC, Vancouver, Canada

Lauer, Sean, (2018). Cosmopolitan social infrastructure. Presentation to Swedish Delegation of Municipal Government leaders. Vancouver, Canada.

Lauer, Sean R. (2017) Civic and community engagement through neighbourhood house involvement. Presented at the Burnaby Neighbourhood House, Sept. 2017.

Lauer, Sean R. (2017) Civic and community engagement through neighbourhood house involvement. Presented at the 2017 BC Neighbourhood House Leadership Forum, May 2017.

Lauer, S. R. (2016) Social capacity development through Neighbourhood House involvement. Presented to the board of the Association of Neighbourhood Houses. October 2016: Vancouver, Canada.

Lauer, S.R. (2014) Social and civic engagement in Neighbourhood Houses. Presented as part of the Neighbourhood House Leadership Forum. May, 2014: Vancouver, Canada.

- Lauer, Sean, R. (2013) Building social capacity in community based organizations. Presented to the directors and staff of the Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia on two separate occasions.
- Lauer, S.R. (2011). Doing research with community partners: Neighbourhood Houses in Vancouver. Presented at the Metropolis BC professional development workshop for graduate students, Vancouver, BC.
- Lauer, S.R. (2011). Coming Together: Voluntary associations and diverse friendship ties among immigrants to Canada. Presented to the Annual General Meeting of the English Language Services Association.
- Lauer, S.R. (2010) Immigrant association involvement and cross-ethnic ties. Presented at the English Language Services for Adults Annual General Meeting, Vancouver.
- Lauer, S.R. (2009) Employment of New Generation Youth. Presented to Metropolis, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Ottawa.
- Lauer, S.R. & Yan, M. C. (2007) Bridging newcomers at the neighborhood scale: the integration role of neighborhood houses in Vancouver. Presented to the BC Council on Families, Vancouver.
- Lauer, S.R. (2002). Indeterminate and opportunistic: Trust and distrust in economic exchange. Presented as part of the Green College Speaker Series, Vancouver.
- Lauer, S.R. (2002). Employment relations in the aquaculture industry. Presented at AquaForum, hosted by the Science Council of British Columbia, Vancouver.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (LAST 15 YEARS)

- Lauer, S.R. (2014). Community Development in Vancouver's Neighbourhood House Movement: 1964- 1975. Presented at the Bi-annual Conference of the International Federation of Settlements. Vancouver, Canada.
- Lauer, S.R., & Yodanis, C. (2012) Being married: How married couples act. Theory Construction and Research Methodology (TCRM) conference, Arizona.
- Lauer, SR & Yodanis, C. (2011). "Interethnic intimate relationships: Transnational and multicultural." Presented at the International Sociological Association (RC06) meeting, Kyoto.
- Yodanis, C. & Lauer, SR (2011). "Being married: How institutionalized is it?" Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas.
- Yodanis, C. & Lauer, S.R. (2010). The limits of change: Marriage and its alternatives. Presented at the Institute for European and American Studies, Academia Sinica. Taipei, Taiwan.
- Yodanis, C. & Lauer, S.R. (2010) The limits of change: Marriage and its alternatives. Presented at the Institute for European and American Studies, Academia Sinica. Taipei, Taiwan.

- Lauer, S.R. and C.L. Yodanis. (2009). "The iron cage of marriage: Explaining the persistence of marriage in the face of new family forms." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco CA.
- Lauer, S.R. (2009). "Social capital and job search among immigrant youth." Presented at Metropolis Canada 2009, Calgary, Alberta
- Lauer, S.R. & M.C. Yan. (2009). "Association membership and cross-ethnic ties." Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, San Diego CA.
- Lauer, S.R. (2008). "Immigration, voluntary association involvement, and diverse friendship ties." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.
- Lauer, S.R., & Yodanis, C. (2007) Meant for each other: New institutional approach to changes in marriage. Theory Construction and Research Methodology (TCRM) conference, Pittsburgh, USA.
- Lauer, S.R. & Yan, M. C. (2007). Voluntary association involvement and immigrant network diversity. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- Lauer, S.R. & Yan, M. C. (2006). Working my way through school: Social capital and temporary job search among university students. Presented at the meeting of the International Sociological Association, Durban, South Africa
- Yodanis, C., & Lauer, S. R. (2006). Marriage money in the context of deinstitutionalized marriage. Presented at the meeting of the International Sociological Association, Durban, South Africa
- Lauer, S.R. (2006). The context of consumer transactions. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

COURSES TAUGHT:

University of British Columbia, Department of Sociology

SOCIOLOGY OF COMMUNITY (Soci 354)

QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS (Soci 328)

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL RESEARCH (Soci 217).

University of Freiburg, Department of Social Policy

APPLIED QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS

COMMUNITY THEORY AND RESEARCH

SOCIAL NETWORKS AND ECONOMIC LIFE.

University of New Hampshire, Department of Sociology

SOCIAL STATISTICS

SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS

CRITICAL ANALYSIS

University of New Hampshire, Department of Social Work

MSW RESEARCH METHODS I

MSW RESEARCH METHODS II.

STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORING:

Graduate Student Supervisor

- Harriet Moore 2018-present
- Navid Jaberli 2019-present

Graduate Student Committee Member:

- Cary Wu (Ph.D.) 2015-present
- Patrick Burnett (Ph.D.) 2014-2018
- Christine Hochbaum (Ph.D.) 2010-2017
- Andrew Patterson (Ph.D.) 2012-2015
- Rajivar K. Rai (MA.) 2006-2009
- Todd E. Malinick (Ph.D.) 2005-2009

Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee Member:

- Cary Wu. Trust 2014-2015
- Cary Wu. Urban Sociology 2013-2014
- Zach Hyde. Community Sociology 2014-2015
- Patrick Burnett. Sociological Methods 2013-2014
- Christine Hochbaum. Sociology of Family. 2009-2010
- Junrong Du. Economic Sociology. 2008-2009

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor

- Ka Po Kong - Interethnic Friendship Formation 2019-2020
Winner, 2020 Sociology Honors Thesis Award
- Anna Ward – Community Based Organizations 2013-2014

Faculty Sponsored, Directed Studies

- Ashlee Catonio – Visual Sociology 2017

- Charles MacAulay – Quantitative Analysis 2013
- Maya Reisz – Community Based Organizations 2012

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Editorial Contributions:

- Sociology Compass, Editor Family Section. 2011-2016
- Journal of Family Theory and Review. Editorial Board. 2014-present

Professional Associations:

American Sociological Association. Canadian Sociological Association. Metropolis Canada. International Sociological Association.

Professional Service:

Manuscript reviewer: American Behavioral Scientist, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, International Migration, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, Journal of Family Theory and Review, Journal of Marriage and Families, Rural Sociology, Social Forces, Society and Natural Resources, and Teaching Sociology.

Community Service:

- Director, Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC 2009-2016
- President, Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC 2015-2016
- Director, Alexandra Housing Society 2011-present
- Director, Alexandra Foundation 2015-present