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EMPLOYMENT

The University of British Columbia

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (2019 - Present)

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Ph.D. — Sociology & Social Policy (2019)

- *Dissertation*: “Omitted Lives: Access to Civil Registration & its Implications for Inequality”
- *Committee*: Miguel Centeno, Patricia Fernández-Kelly, Douglas Massey (chair), Janet Vertesi

M.A. — Sociology & Social Policy (2016), *with Distinction*

- Comprehensive Exams: Stratification, Political Sociology, Development & Globalization

The University of British Columbia

B.A. Honours — Sociology (2012), *Graduation Ceremony Student Speaker*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Cheong, Amanda R. (2022). “Deportable to Nowhere: Stateless Children as Challenges to State Logics of Immigration Control.” *positions: asia critique* 30(2): 245-275: <https://doi.org/10.1215/10679847-9573331>.

Cheong, Amanda R. & Baltazar, Mary Anne K.* (2021). “Too Precarious to Walk: A ‘Three Delays’ Framework for Modeling Barriers to Maternal Healthcare and Birth Registration Among Stateless Persons and Irregular Migrants in Malaysia.” *Genus: Journal of Population Sciences* 77: <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41118-021-00129-3>. [Open Access]

* Graduate student co-author

Cheong, Amanda R. & the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund. (2021). “How Driver’s Licenses Matter for Undocumented Immigrants.” *Contexts* 20(3): 22-27. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15365042211035330>.

Cheong, Amanda R. (2021). “Legal Histories as Determinants of Incorporation: Previous Undocumented Experience & Naturalization Propensities Among Immigrants in the United States.” *International Migration Review* 55(2): 482-513. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0197918320934714>.

Cheong, Amanda R. & Massey, Douglas S. (2019). "Undocumented and Unwell: Legal Status and Health Among Mexican Migrants." *International Migration Review* 53(2): 571-601. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0197918318775924>. [Open Access]

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Cheong, Amanda R. *Omitted Lives: Citizenship and the Politics of the Civil Registration Gap*. Book manuscript in progress.

Cheong, Amanda R. "Legal Omission as Political Strategy: Motivations for and Consequences of Deliberate Contractions of the State's Administrative Power." Under review.

- Shils-Coleman Graduate Student Paper Prize, ASA Theory Section, 2019

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Baltazar, Mary Anne K.* & Cheong, Amanda R. (2021). "Reaching Stateless, Undocumented, and Migrant Communities During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons from the Grassroots Humanitarian Effort in Sabah, Malaysia." Invited commentary, Symposium on "Statelessness and COVID-19." *The Statelessness and Citizenship Review* 3: 131-141. <https://statelessnessandcitizenshipreview.com/index.php/journal/article/view/303/153>.

* Graduate student co-author

- Featured in: Migration Conversations Podcast

Cheong, Amanda R. (2021). Book review of *The Patchwork City: Class, Space, and Politics in Metro Manila* by Marco Z. Garrido. *American Journal of Sociology* 126(4): 984-986.

Cheong, Amanda R. (2018). "Immigration and Shifting Conceptions of Citizenship: The Case of Stateless Chinese-Bruneians in Canada." Chapter in *New Chinese Migrations: Mobility, Home, Inspirations*. Eds. Yuk Wah Chan & Sin Yee Koh. New York: Routledge.

Cheong, Amanda R. (2014). "Using Oral Histories to Document the Subjective Experiences of Statelessness: The Case of Stateless Chinese-Bruneian Immigrants in Vancouver." Invited contribution for the *Tilburg Law Review* 29: 74-79.

Chun, Jennifer Jihye & Cheong, Amanda. (2011). "Immigrants & Low-Paid Work: Persistent Problems, Enduring Consequences." Working Paper Series No. 11-20. *Metropolis British Columbia, Center of Excellence for Research on Immigration & Diversity*.

- Featured in BC Business Magazine, March 2012

GRANTS

External:

- 2021 (Co-applicant) SSHRC Insight Grant: "Sons and Daughters of the Soil: The Making of Citizens and Stateless Persons in Post-Colonial Malaysia." With Jamie Liew (PI). \$282,313.

- 2021 (Co-applicant) SSHRC Insight Grant: “Mapping the Discursive and Institutional Landscape of ‘Birth Tourism’ and its Perceived Attack on Canadian Birthright Citizenship. With Megan Gaucher (PI), Yin-Yuan Chen, and Jamie Liew. \$223,328.
- 2020 International Union for the Scientific Study of Population CRVS Fellowship Grant. \$5000.
- 2016 ASA Spivack Program Community Action Research Initiative Grant. With the Latin American Legal Defense & Education Fund (community partner). \$3000.

Internal:

- 2020 UBC Hampton Research Endowment Fund
- 2020 UBC Interdisciplinary Histories Research Cluster Seed Grant
- 2020 MITACS Research Training Award
- 2020 UBC SSHRC Explore—Faculty of Arts Research Grant.
- 2020 UBC SSHRC Explore—Arts Graduate Research Assistance Support
- 2018 Princeton Sociology Dissertation Support Grant
- 2018 Princeton Center for Health & Wellbeing Health Grand Challenge
- 2015-17 Princeton Institute for International & Regional Studies Summer Research Grant
- 2015-17 Princeton East Asian Studies Program Summer Research Grant
- 2014 Princeton East Asian Studies Program Language Studies Grant
- 2013 Princeton Canadian Studies Program Merit Prize & Research Fund

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019-21 International Union for the Scientific Study of Population CRVS Fellowship
- 2018 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2018 Josephine De Karman Fellowship (Declined)
- 2018 Princeton Institute for International & Regional Studies Graduate Fellowship (Declined)
- 2015-18 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship
- 2014 Arthur J. Liman Fellowship in Public Interest Law

HONOURS & AWARDS

- 2022 UBC Dean of Arts Faculty Research Award
- 2016 Princeton Graduate Teaching Award
- 2013 United Nations Refugee Agency Award for Statelessness Research
- 2012 Rhodes Scholarship Finalist
- 2012 UBC Dean’s Outstanding Leadership Award in the Faculty of Arts
- 2008-12 Canada Millennium Excellence National Award
- 2008-12 Terry Fox Humanitarian Award
- 2011 UBC Premier Undergraduate Award
- 2011 UBC Wesbrook Scholarship
- 2011 Kiyoharu & Kiyooki Momose Memorial Scholarship
- 2011 Kurt & Ann Paulus Memorial Scholarship in Sociology
- 2011 UBC Russell Patrick Arts Undergraduate Research Award (Honourable Mention)
- 2010-11 UBC Trek Excellence Scholarship for Continuing Students
- 2009-11 UBC Dean’s List
- 2008 Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation Loran Award National Finalist
- 2008 UBC Leadership Excellence Award

- 2008 UBC President's Entrance Scholarship
- 2008 UBC William & Ada Isabelle Steel Scholarship
- 2008 Miller Thomson Foundation National Scholarship (Declined)
- 2008 BC Hydro Power Smart Students Scholarship

TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"What's Vital About the Registration of Vital Events?" UBC Centre for Migration Studies. 7 April 2022.

"Evidentiary Struggles in Birth Registration and Citizenship Claims Among Undocumented Migrants and Stateless Persons." Boston Area Migration Workshop. 3 March 2022. [Online]

"The Social and Juridical Constructedness of Birth." University of Michigan Department of Sociology's Culture, Politics, and History Workshop." 7 February 2022. [Online]

"Too Precarious to Walk: An Integrated 'Three Delays' Framework for Modeling Barriers to Maternal Healthcare and Birth Registration Among Irregular Migrants in Malaysia." 9 December 2021. Research Leader Session: Launch of *Genus* Thematic Series on CRVS. International Union for the Scientific Study of Population International Population Conference. [Online]

"Immigration, Reproductive Health, and the Boundary Work of Population Health Indicators." 7 August 2021. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Section on the Sociology of Development: Panel session on the Development of Underdeveloped Public Health. [Online]

"The Bureaucracy of Legal Identity." Vanderbilt University, Department of Sociology Speaker Series. 9 October 2020. [Online].

"Access to Maternal Healthcare and Birth Registration Among Migrants in Malaysia." 25 April 2020 and 25 October 2020. IUSSP CRVS Fellows Online Meeting.

"The Household Document Inventory Method: A Qualitative Approach to Assessing Under-registration Among Marginalized Populations." (Poster Presentation.) 4-6 December 2019. United Nations Population Fund/International Union for the Scientific Study of Population Expert Group Meeting: Population Data for the 21st Century: Advances in Data Collection Methodologies. New York, NY.

"Legal Omission as Political Strategy: Motivations and Consequences of Deliberate Contractions of the State's Administrative Power." 10 August 2019. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Section on Sociology of Law: Panel session on Law and State Power. New York, NY.

"Legal Omission as Political Strategy: Motivations and Consequences of Deliberate Contractions of the State's Administrative Power." 9 August 2019. Junior Theorists Symposium. New York, NY.

Chicago Ethnography Conference. 16 March 2019. "Undocumented Mothers' Use of Maternal Healthcare & Access to Civil Registration in Malaysia." Evanston, IL.

International Conference on Social Transformation, Community, & Sustainable Development. 7 November 2017. "Birth & Marriage Documents in the Adjudication of Legitimate Citizenship Claims." Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. 24 February 2017. "Illegibility as Political Strategy: Legal Exclusion via the Reproduction of Undocumented Status." New York, NY.

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. 24 February 2017. "Discursive Frames and Attitudes Toward Irregular Migrants: Evidence from a Survey Experiment." With Xinyi Duan. New York, NY.

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. 21 August 2016. "Legal Pathways as Determinants of Incorporation: Previous Undocumented Status and Intentions to Naturalize Among Immigrants in the United States." Seattle, WA.

Strategic Citizenship International Conference. 7-8 March 2016. "Illegibility as State Strategy: Legal Exclusion via the Reproduction of Undocumented Status." Princeton, NJ.

First Global Forum on Statelessness. 15-17 September 2014. "12-12-12 & the Political Mobilization of Stateless Malaysian Indians." The Hague, Netherlands.

Regional Statelessness Course: Southeast Asia Focus (Organized by Tilburg Law School, UN Refugee Agency & Open Society Foundations. 4-8 November 2013. "Stateless Populations in Southeast Asia: Case Study of Brunei." Bangkok, Thailand.

SERVICE

Disciplinary

- 2022. ASA Section on International Migration Student Article Award Committee Member
- 2021. Canadian Sociological Association (organized by the Student Concerns Committee) Webinar, "Canadian vs USA Job Market," Invited Panelist.
- 2021. ASA Section on Asia and Asian Americans Faculty Article Award Committee Member
- 2021. ASA Section on the Sociology of Development Faculty Article Award Committee Member
- 2021. Canadian Sociological Association (organized by the Mentorship Programme Committee for Black, Indigenous, and Racialized Graduate Students) Webinar, "Research, Teaching, and Embodiment," Invited Panelist
- 2021, 2020 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship Program "Preparing for the Academic Job Market" Workshop, Invited Faculty Facilitator
- 2019. *Global Perspectives Journal* Emerging Scholars Forum Member

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology, International Migration Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Migration and Health, Population Research and Policy Review

University

2020- UBC Centre for Migration Studies Executive Committee Member

Departmental

2022 UBC Sociology Search Committee Member
2021 UBC Sociology Research Forum Coordinator
2019-20 UBC Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee

TEACHING

Instructor

- SOCI301: Sociology of Development & Underdevelopment
- SOCI303: Sociology of Migration
- SOCI502: Research Design and Techniques (Qualitative)

Student Supervision

Honours Theses

- 2022 Peter Pengcheng Fang, “Racialized Students and their Role in Truth and Reconciliation”
- 2021 Monorme Chaudhury, “Intergenerational Differences in Attitudes Toward Integration: a Within-Household Analysis of First-Generation Immigrants and their Second-Generation Children”
 - 1st Place, Arts Undergraduate Society x Undergraduate Research Opportunities Research Award
- 2021 Alec Wilson, “Drivers of Dissidence: A Discourse Analysis of Vancouver’s Road to Ride-Hailing”
 - 3rd Place, UBC Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference

Directed Studies

- 2022 Caitlin Chong (MA Student), “Community-Based Approaches to Healthcare Research”
- 2021 Max Kittner, “Zoned Out: Understanding the Intersections Between Migration and Zoning in Vancouver
- 2021 Rwitika Banerjee, Holly Benna, and Sagorika Haque, “Climate (In)justice and the Other: Dissecting the Politics of the Representation of Climate Displaced People in the Bay of Bengal (UBC Climate Hub’s Climate Justice Research Collaborative directed study co-supervised with Prof. Antje Ellerman)
- 2020 Daphne Chalmers, “The Sociological Impacts of Travel, Work, and Volunteer Interventions”

Guest Lectures

- 2022 Williams College (Course: “Paper Trails” taught by Phi Hong Su)
- 2020 UBC (Course: “COVID-19 & Society” taught by Kathrine Lyon)
- 2018 University of Malaysia-Sabah (Course: “Human Rights” taught by Ayesah Uy Abubakar)
- 2014 Temple University (Course: “Visualizing Urgency: Refugees”, taught by Sarah Biemiller)

NON-PROFIT WORK

- 2018- Advisor, **ANAK** (Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia)
- 2017 Consultant, **Fortify Rights** (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- 2017 Consultant, **Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas** (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- 2014 Intern, **United Nations Refugee Agency Protection Unit** (Yangon, Myanmar)
- 2012-13 Intern, **Voice of the Children** (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)