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APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- National Institutes of Health [Re-Entry](#) Researcher, [Caribbean American Dementia & Aging Study \(CADAS\)](#), University of California Berkeley
- 2019- Project Coordinator (project scientist), [Caribbean American Dementia & Aging Study \(CADAS\)](#), University of California Berkeley
- 2018-2020 Assistant Director, [Advancing Diversity in Aging Research at UC Berkeley \(Cal-ADAR\)](#), University of California at Berkeley
- 2017-2018 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of California Berkeley
- 2017 Visiting Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology, Wellesley College
- 2016-2017 Researcher, [Jimma Longitudinal Family Survey of Youth](#), Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University (paid as consultant after Jan 1, 2017 due to changes in federal law)
- 2014-2016 National Institutes of Child Health and Development Postdoctoral Research Fellow (T32), Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2014, Political and Social Sciences (Social Demography)
Dissertation: *The Social Roots of Sub-Saharan African Migration to Europe: Networks, Resources and Context.*
- M.A. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2007, Political and Social Sciences (Social Demography & Public Policy)
- M.Ed. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2006, Education (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)
- B.S. Yale University, 1999. Molecular Biophysics and Molecular Biochemistry

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration, Race/Ethnicity, Health Disparities, Gender, Family, Social Networks, Life Course

HONORS

- 2020 [Distinguished Teaching and Service Award](#) (awarded to all Spring 2020 teaching faculty). Social Science Division. University of California at Berkeley

PUBLICATIONS (*equal contributions)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Liu, Mao-Mei, Edward Telles, Katherine Tucker, Luis M. Falcon, Ivonne Z. Jiménez-Velázquez, and William H. Dow. (2022). Race/Ethnic Differences, Skin Tone and Cognitive Aging among Older Latinos in the United States. *The Journal of Gerontology, Series B: Social Sciences* <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbac043>

Liu, Mao-Mei, Michael Crowe, Edward Telles, Ivonne Z. Jiménez-Velázquez, and William H. Dow (2022). Color disparities in Cognitive Aging among Puerto Ricans on the Archipelago. *Social Science & Medicine - Population Health* 17: 100998 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2021.100998>

Li, Jing, Jorge J. Llibre-Guerra, Amal Harrati, Jordan Weiss, Ivonne Z. Jiménez-Velázquez, Daisy Acosta, Juan de Jesús Llibre-Rodríguez, Mao-Mei Liu, and William H. Dow. (2021) Associations between education and dementia in the Caribbean and the United States: An international comparison. *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Translational Research & Clinical Interventions* 7(1): e12204. <https://doi.org/10.1002/trc2.12204>

Lindstrom, David P. and Mao-Mei Liu. (2019) Gender, Parents & Family networks in Adolescent Health-Seeking Behavior in Ethiopia. *Journal of Marriage and Family* <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12567>

Riosmena, Fernando and Mao-Mei Liu*. (2019) Who goes next? Comparative perspectives on Timing & Sequencing of International Migration among Siblings in Mexico and Senegal. *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 684(1): 146-164 <https://doi.org/10.1177/0002716219856544>

Liu, Mao-Mei, Fernando Riosmena and Mathew J. Creighton. (2018) Family Position and Family Networks in Mexican and Senegalese Migration. *Population, Space, Place* 24(7) <https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2161>

Liu, Mao-Mei, Mathew J. Creighton, Fernando Riosmena, Pau Baizán. (2016) Prospects for the Comparative Study of International Migration using quasi-longitudinal and longitudinal micro-data. *Demographic Research* 35: 745-782. DOI: [10.4054/DemRes.2016.35.26](https://doi.org/10.4054/DemRes.2016.35.26)

Liu, Mao-Mei. (2013). Migrant Networks and International Migration: Testing Weak Ties. *Demography* 50:1243–1277. DOI [10.1007/s13524-013-0213-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-013-0213-5)
Best graduate student paper in 2013, published. Department of Political and Social Sciences. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, January 2014.

Work in Progress

Liu, Mao-Mei, Ariana Stickel, William H. Dow, Wassim Tarraf, Lehan Li, Hector González. Influence of birthplace and age at migration on cognitive performance and decline among Hispanic/Latino populations in the U.S.: Study of Latinos-Investigation of Neurocognitive Aging (SOL-INCA)

Goldstein, Joshua and Mao-Mei Liu. [The Intergenerational Persistence of Immigrant Mortality Advantage: New Results for U.S. Male Old-Age Mortality](#)

Liu, Mao-Mei. Daring to Migrate: Legal Status, Networks, and Senegalese Migration to Europe

Liu, Mao-Mei. [Authorized, then Not Authorized: the determinants of Overstay Migration](#)

Liu, Mao-Mei. [Social Determinants of Forced and Unforced Migration between Africa and Europe](#)

Toma, Sorana and Mao-Mei Liu. [Social Position & Access, Mobilization and Returns to Social Capital: International migration to Europe from DR Congo, Ghana and Senegal](#)

Other/Working papers

Edwards, Ryan D. and Mao-Mei Liu. (2018) [The Role of Place? Immigration and employment in the U.S. since 2005](#). UC Berkeley's Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging. Working paper.

González-Ferrer, Amparo & Mao-Mei Liu. (2012). [Capital social y migración internacional. Avances recientes y caminos por recorrer](#) [Social capital and International Migration. Recent Progress and the Road Ahead]. *Revista Española de Sociología*. N° 17: 159-170

GRANTS

Incoming Research Support

National Institutes of Aging

RO1AG030153-17S

Lee, Adar, Gross, Knapp (PI)

9/1/2022 – 8/31/2024

Expanding the Gateway Research Infrastructure on Exposome Studies for the Health and Retirement Study and the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol International Network of Studies

UC Berkeley sub-award (PI Dow)

Help integrate Caribbean American Dementia and Aging Study (CADAS) into the Environmental Exposome initiative of the Gateway to Global Aging project. Compile data sources for each survey, plan and carry out analytic plans.

Role: Project Coordinator

Dates involved: ~11/1/2022 – 10/31/2024 (20%)

Current Research Support

National Institutes of Aging

RO1AG064778 -S

Dow (PI)

9/1/2020 – 12/31/2022

[Re-Entry](#) Supplement grant

Migration, Race & Phenotype in Ethno-Racial Disparities in Cognitive Aging among Elder Puerto Ricans on the Island and Mainland

This grant funds Liu to dedicate herself to research and pursuing an independent career in research. Re-Entry mentors are Will Dow, Ivonne Jiménez Velázquez, Eddie Telles.

Role: Re-Entry Scholar

Dates involved: 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021 (80%), 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 (64%)

National Institutes of Aging

RO1AG064778

Dow (PI)

8/1/2019 – 7/31/2024

[Dementia Determinants in Caribbean and U.S. Hispanics](#) (aka Caribbean American Dementia and Aging Study CADAS)

Collecting nationally representative HCAP-harmonized and deep social demographic data of older adults in Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic to enable cross-national comparative research on dementia determinants and consequences among U.S. and Caribbean Hispanics.

Role: Project Coordinator

Dates involved: 12/1/2019 – current (20%; temp 35% 3/1/2020-8/31/2020)

National Institutes of Aging

R25AG047848

Lawton and Goldstein (PI's)

9/1/2015 – 5/31/2021

[Cal-ADAR: Advancing Diversity in Demography of Aging Research](#)

The goal of this program is to increase the number of underrepresented students in the pipeline for graduate school and research careers, through mentoring, instruction, social support, financial support and connection to broader grad student and PhD researcher networks.

Role: Assistant Director

Dates involved & Dedication: 7/1/2018 – 12/31/2020 (50% 7/1/2018-6/30/2019; 65% 7/1/2019 – 12/31/2020)

Past Research Support

National Institutes of Aging

5P30AG012839

Dow (PI)

9/30/2014 – 6/30/2020

[Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging \(CEDA\)](#)

Goldstein (supervisor) received a CEDA/CenSoc pilot grant and hired Liu to work on the “Intergenerational Persistence of Immigrant Mortality Advantage: New Results for U.S. Male Old-Age Mortality” paper before and after presenting at the Population Association of America meetings in April 2019 in Austin.

Role: Research Associate

Dates involved & Dedication: 4/1/2019 – 6/30/2019 (10%)

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

2013-39493

Lindstrom (PI)

1/1/2014 – 12/31/2017

Understanding the Early Determinants of Adolescent Sexual Knowledge and Practices: Lessons Learned from the [Jimma Longitudinal Family Survey of Youth](#)

Liu worked with Lindstrom to develop “Gender, Parents & Family networks in Adolescent Health-Seeking Behavior in Ethiopia” before and after presenting at the Population Association of America meetings in April 2017 in Chicago. This work was eventually published in the *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Role: Research Associate

Dates involved & Dedication: 9/1/2016 – 5/31/2017 (~25%)

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

5T32HD007338

Vanwey (PI)

5/1/2014 – 4/30/2018

[Training in Demography](#)

Liu was a [NICHD T32](#) postdoctoral fellow at Brown University’s [Population Studies and Training Center](#).

Role: Postdoc

Dates involved & Dedication: 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2016 (100%)

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (Spain)

CSO2012-37920

Pau Baizán Muñoz (PI)

2/1/2013 – 1/31/2016

[Sistemas migratorios en perspectiva comparada: México-Estados Unidos y África Subsahariana-Europa](#)

[Migration systems in comparative perspective: Mexico-USA and Sub-Saharan Africa-Europe]

Liu worked with colleagues to examine comparative perspectives on migration using quantitative migration data. Their work was published in *Demographic Research*.

Role: Graduate Student Researcher

Dates involved: 2/1/2013 – 6/30/2014

Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación (Spain)

CSO2009-12816

Pau Baizán Muñoz (PI)

1/1/2010 – 12/31/2012

[Migraciones entre Senegal y España \(MESE\). Análisis de las trayectorias migratorias, familiares y laborales de los inmigrantes senegaleses en España](#) [Migrations between Senegal and Spain. Analysis of migration, family and labor trajectories of Senegalese immigrants in Spain]

Liu worked to prepare and conduct interviewer training for additional fieldwork of Senegalese immigrants in Spain.

Role: Graduate Student Researcher

Dates involved: 1/1/2010 – 12/31/2012

European Commission Seventh Framework Programme for Research

217206

Cris Beauchemin (PI)

10/1/2008 – 12/31/2012

[Migrations between Africa and Europe \(MAFE\) \(EC site\)](#)

Liu worked with colleagues on multi-country, bi-continental team to prepare and translate survey instruments and fieldwork materials, field the MAFE survey in Spain (train and recruit interviewers, do outreach to Senegalese immigrant organizations, mentor the only Senegalese interviewer), and do data cleaning and analysis. Her work “Migrant Networks and International Migration: Testing Weak Ties” was eventually published in *Demography*.

Role: Graduate Student Researcher

Dates involved: 10/1/2008 – 12/31/2012

Agence Nationale de la Recherche & Institut National d'Etudes Démographique (France)
SEN-INED-MAFE-2008 Cris Beauchemin (PI) 9/1/2007 – 8/31/2008
[Sénégal, France, Italie, Espagne - Enquête sur les migrations entre l'Afrique et l'Europe – Sénégal](#)
[Senegal, France, Italy, Spain – Survey of Migrations between Africa and Europe - Senegal]
Liu worked to develop survey instruments and pilot the MAFE survey in Spain.
Role: Graduate Student Researcher
Dates involved: 9/1/2008 – 8/31/2008

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Race/Ethnic Differences, Skin Tone and Memory among Older Latinos in the U.S. • Population Association of America annual meeting, April 2022, virtual

“Race, Color & Cognitive Aging of Puerto Ricans on the Archipelago” • American Sociological Association, August 2021, virtual • Population Association of America annual meeting, May 2021, virtual

“Family & Education at a crossroads: first gen Latinx college student experiences at an elite public university” (with María Guadalupe Romo-Gonzalez) • Population Association of America annual meeting, May 2021, St Louis

“The Intergenerational Persistence of Immigrant Mortality Advantage: New Results for U.S. Male Old-Age Mortality” (with Joshua Goldstein) • Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative Faculty workshop, Feb 2020, UC Berkeley • Population Association of America annual meeting, April 2019, Austin

“Social Position and Migrant Social Capital in International Migration from Africa to Europe” (with Sorana Toma) • American Sociological Association, August 2020, San Francisco • Population Association of America annual meeting, Poster, April 2019, Austin

“Social Determinants of Forced and Unforced Migrations between Africa and Europe” • Population Association of America annual meeting, April 2019, Austin • Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, Feb 2019, UCLA

“Race & Migrant Status: Immigrant Integration in Urban South Africa” (with Michael J White) • American Sociological Association, August 2019, New York City • Population Association of America annual meeting, April 2016, Washington D.C.

“Malaria’s Social Determinants: Gender, Networks and Adolescent Experiences” (with David P Lindstrom) • Population Association of America annual meeting, Poster, April 2018, Denver

“Who Goes Next? Mexican and Senegalese migrant sibling networks expanding through time and space” (with Fernando Riosmena) • Population Association of America annual meeting, Poster, April 2018, Denver • Family Demography workshop, November 2017, Stanford University • Mexican Migration Project Trigésimo Aniversario Conference, October 2017, Mexico

“Beyond Authorized, Not Authorized: the determinants of Overstay migration” • Berkeley Interdisciplinary Immigration Workshop, October 2017, UC Berkeley • Population Association of America annual meeting, April 2017, Chicago

“Gender, Parents & Family networks in Adolescent Health-Seeking Behavior in Ethiopia” (with David P Lindstrom) • Population Association of America annual meeting, Poster, April 2017, Chicago

“Enduring Family Migration Networks across the Life Course: the case of Senegal” (with David P Lindstrom) • Population Association of America annual meeting, Poster, April 2016, Washington D.C.

“Daring to Migrate: Legal Status, Networks, and Senegalese Migration to Europe” • Transnational Studies Initiative, March 2016, Harvard Weatherhead Center, Cambridge • Brown University Population Studies and Training Center Colloquia, April 2015, Providence • American Sociological Association, August 2014, San Francisco • Population Association of America annual meeting, Poster, May 2012, San Francisco •

European Population Conference, Poster, June 2012, Stockholm • MAFE Final conference ‘Comparative and Multi-sited Approaches to International Migration’, December 2012, Paris

“An ‘Intersectional Approach’ for examining Gender, Legal Status & Transnationalism” • American Sociological Association, August 2015, Chicago • Population Association of America annual meeting, Poster, May 2015, San Diego

“Family Position and Family Networks in Mexican and Senegalese Migration” (with Mathew J Creighton and Fernando Riosmena) • Population Association of America annual meeting, May 2015, San Diego

“Migrant Networks and International migration: Testing Weak Ties” • Population Association of America annual meeting, April 2011, Washington DC • DemoSoc seminar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, February 2010, Barcelona • Symposium International sur Migration et Mondialisation, November 2009, Dakar

TEACHING

University of California Berkeley

Department of Demography

2018-2020 Migration & How to Write a Quantitative Research Paper
2019 Applying to Graduate School & Professionalization

Department of Sociology

2018 Research Design and Sociological Methods
2018 Quantitative Sociological Methods
2017 Power of Numbers (Introduction to Statistics)

Wellesley College

Department of Sociology

2017 Racial Regimes in the U.S. and Beyond

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Departament de Ciències Polítiques i Socials

2012-2013 Quantitative Methods (teaching assistant to Professor Mathew J Creighton)
2009-2011 Social Theory (teaching assistant to Professor Marta Domínguez Folgueras)
2008 Socio-Economic Structures

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE

Primary Memberships

American Sociology Association (current section memberships: Aging & Life Course; Family; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; International Migration; Race, Class, and Gender; Sociology of Population; Teaching and Learning); Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences; Population Association of America

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

Advances in Life Course Research, American Journal of Sociology, Demographic Research, Demography, European Sociological Review, Global Health Action, Journal of Marriage and Family, International Migration Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Social Science & Medicine, Sociological Perspectives

Other Membership & Service

2021 Organizer, “Contributions of Migrants to Contributions of Migrants to Sending and Receiving Societies” session, Population Association of America annual meeting
2021 Discussant, “Immigrant, Refugee, and Transnational Families” session, Population Association of America annual meeting
2020 – 2021 Member, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, Population Association of America
2020 – Organizer, [Demographers of Color \(DoC\)](#) collective and [events](#)
2020 – 2021 Organizer, [DoC](#) group for early career scholars and grad students

- 2020 – 2021 Organizer, DoC grant-writing group
- 2020 – 2021 Member, [Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative \(BIMI\)](#) Faculty workshop, University of California Berkeley
- 2020 Co-Moderator (with Hedwig Lee). DEI PAA Virtual Panel Series. [Transformative Allyship: Demographers as Catalysts for Change in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#).
- 2020 Co-Organizer, Demographers of Color and Allies reception @Population Association of America
- 2019 Discussant, “Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons” session, Population Association of America annual meeting, Austin
- 2019 Discussant, “International Migration and Child Well-Being” session, Population Association of America annual meeting, Austin
- 2018 Organizer of “Immigrant Incorporation” sessions (with Lisa Kaida) session, Population Association of America annual meeting, Denver
- 2017 – Research Affiliate, [Berkeley International Migration Institute \(BIMI\)](#), University of California Berkeley
- 2017 – 2020, Member, Interdisciplinary Immigration workshop (conveners Irene Bloemraad, Cybelle Fox, Cristina Mora), University of California Berkeley
- 2022 –
- 2017 – 2018 Member, Methods and Epistemology of Social Science workshop (convener Sam Lucas), University of California Berkeley
- 2017 Co-Organizer, International Migration mini-workshop, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2017 Organizer of “International Migration” and “International Migration and Families” sessions, Population Association of America annual meeting in Chicago
- 2016 – External Research Affiliate, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego
- 2016 – 2018 Visiting Scholar, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
- 2016 Member, Thomas & Znaniecki Book Award Committee, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association
- 2015 Discussant, “Economic and Social Effects of Migration” session, Population Association of America annual meeting, San Diego
- 2015 – 2016 Member, Transnational Studies Initiative, Harvard University
- 2012 – 2014 Member, European Association for Population Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2014 Middle and High School Teacher, Escola Montagut, Vilafranca del Penedès, Spain
- 2006-2011 Elementary, Middle and High School Teacher, Aula Escola Europea, Barcelona, Spain
- 2005-2014 Inter-Cultural Mediator, County governments of Alt Penedès, Baix Penedès, Garraf, Spain
- 2003-2004 Lead, Young Workers project, Service Employees International Union Local 790, Oakland, CA
- 2003 Student, Proyecto Lingüístico Quetzalteco de Español, Xela, Guatemala
- 2003 Volunteer, Consejo Campesino Kab’awil, Xela, Guatemala
- 2002 Co-Director, Vote for Children project (Sierra Club & SEIU), Oakland, CA
- 2000-2002 Community Organizer, Greater Four Corners Action Coalition, Dorchester, MA
- 2000 Intern, Alternatives for Community and Environment, Roxbury, MA

SKILLS

Languages (S/R/W): English (native/excellent/excellent), Castellano Spanish (fluent/very good/good), Catalan (fluent/very good/good), French (conversational/good/NA), Mandarin Chinese (conversational/NA/NA)

Computing: STATA (fluent), R (basic)