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EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI
Dissertation: *Social Capital and State Policy: Access to Health Care Services among Filipino, Korean, and Marshallese Immigrants in Hawaii*
- 2003 M.A. Sociology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI
- 1999 M.P.H. Health Service Administration & Planning, School of Public Health, University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI
- 1995 M.S. Health Education, Ewha Women's University, Korea
- 1993 B.S. Health Education, Ewha Women's University, Korea

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2006- Present Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology, Sam Houston State University
- 2003-06 Research Assistant
Department of Sociology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI
Research Projects: *Coverage for All in American Samoa*, funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)(2005-06); *Estimation of the Trends in Divorce Using Registration and Census Data*, funded by Center for Korean Studies (2005); *The Informatization of NGOs in China*, grant from the John. D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (2004); *Coverage for All*, funded by HRSA, DHHS(2003)
- 2002-03 Statistician
Market Trends Pacific, Inc. Honolulu, HI
- 1999-01 Project Assistant
Population and Health Research Program, East-West Center, HI
- 1997-99, 03-06 Bilingual staff
Lanakila Easy Access Project at Hawaii Department of Health, HI

SPECIALIZATION

Health/Health Care Disparity
International and Immigrant Health
Health Policy
Research Methodology

COURSES

Undergraduate

Sociology of Health and Illness
Research Methods in Sociology
Introduction to Ethnic Studies

Graduate

Seminar in Medical Sociology
Seminar in Sociological Research
Applied Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

Peer Reviewed Scholarly Journal Articles

- Choi, J., Hwang, J. & Yi, J. Nativity, Acculturation, Body Perception and Weight Status among Vietnamese American College Students. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* (Under review).
- Lee, SH., Sukrakarn, N. & Choi, J. Motivation to Go Home, Motivation to Remit: Evidence from Thai Migrant Workers. *Journal of Asian Economics* (Under review).
- Bonanno, A. & Choi, J. 2010. Mapping out the Social Experience of Cancer Patients with Facial Disfigurement. *Health*, 2(5): 418-428.
- Constance, D. & Choi, J. 2010. Overcoming the Barriers to Organic Adoption in the United States: A Look at Pragmatic Conventional Producers in Texas. *Sustainability*, 2(1), 163-188.
- Choi, J. 2009. Contextual Effects on Health Care Access among Immigrants: Lessons from Three Ethnic Communities in Hawaii. *Social Science and Medicine*, 69: 1261-1271.
- Choi, J. & Davis, MA. 2009. Adolescent Suicides in Korea: Risk Factors and Intervention. *Korean Journal of Health Education and Promotion*, 10(1): 61-85.
- Choi, J. 2008. Seeking Health Care: Marshallese Migrants in Hawaii, *Ethnicity and Health*, 13:77-98.
- Constance, D., Choi, J. & Lyke-Ho-Gland, H. 2008. Conventionalization, Bifurcation, and Quality of Life: A look at Certified and Non-certified Organic Farmers in Texas. *Southern Rural Sociology*, 23(1): 208-234.
- Choi, J. & Lee, SH. 2006. Does Prenatal Care Increase Access to Child Immunization? Gender Bias among Children in India. *Social Science and Medicine*, 63(1):107-117.
- Choi, J. 1995. The Study of Acknowledgement and Needs of the Parents about Elementary, Middle, and High School Students' Health Education. *Journal of Korean Society for Health Education*, 12(1): 47-71.

Refereed Book Chapters

- Choi, J. 2010. Community Resources for Families Related to Health. *Encyclopedia of Family Health*, Sage Publications (Forthcoming).
- Bonanno, A. & Choi, J. 2010. Psychosocial Aspects of Orbitofacial Disfigurement in Cancer Patients. In Bitu Esmaeli (ed.), *Ophthalmic Oncology*. Norwell, MA: Springer (Forthcoming).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Choi, J. & Lee, SW. Does Employment Improve Health Status of the Elderly? Seeking Evidence From Korea (projected submission: Fall 2010).
- Choi, J. Global Nutrition Transition and Immigrant Health (projected submission: Fall 2010).
- Choi, J. The Effects of Marital Assimilation on BMI among New Immigrants (projected submission: Fall 2010).
- Choi, J. Negotiating Old and New: Immigrant Health Care Seeking Behaviors (projected submission: Spring 2011).
- Choi, J., Avalos, M., Hudec, CL., & Hwang, E. Etiologic Process of Obesity among New Immigrants in the US (projected submission: Spring 2011).

GRANT

- Choi, J. 2010. "Social Etiology of Obesity among US Immigrants." The Faculty Research Grant 2010, Sam Houston State University. Principal Investigator.
- Choi, J. 2008. "Survivorship of Individuals with Cancer Generated Facial Disfigurement." The Faculty Research Grant 2008, Sam Houston State University. Principal Investigator.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- Choi, J. 2010. *Obesity among New Immigrants in the US: Distribution and Etiologic Process*. Paper will be presented at the 138th annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Denver, CO, November.
- Choi, J. & Lee, SW. 2010. *Does Employment Improve Health Status of the Elderly?: Seeking Evidence From Korea*. Paper will be presented at the 138th annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Denver, Co, November.
- Choi, J. & Hwang, E. 2010. *The Effects of Marital Assimilation on BMI among New Immigrants*. Presented at the 60th annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA, August.
- Theodori, G., Choi, J., Aldridge, J., & Smith, D.C. 2010. *Energy Development, Natural Environments and Quality of Life: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly as Perceived by Texans*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Orlando, Florida, June.
- Lee, SH., Sukrakarn, N., & Choi, J. 2010. *Motivation to Go Home, Motivation to Remit: Evidence from Thai Migrant Workers*. Presented at the 2010 Population Association of America meeting, Dallas, Texas, April.
- Hudec, C. & Choi, J. 2010. *School Nutrition and Physical Activity Program Policies: Influence on Juvenile Obesity*. Presented at the 2nd Annual Medicine and the Social Sciences and Humanities Conference, Huntsville, Texas, April.
- Choi, J. 2010. *Disparity in Immigrant Obesity*. Presented at the 1st College of Humanities and Social Sciences Annual Research Conference, Huntsville, Texas, April.
- Choi, J. 2010. *Etiologic Process of Obesity among New Immigrants in the US*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, Texas, March.

- Hudec, C.L. & Choi, J. 2010. *School Policies and Juvenile Obesity*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, Texas, March.
- Avalos, M. & Choi, J. 2010. *Acculturation and Cultural Buffering Effects on Obesity among Immigrant Children*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, Texas, March.
- Choi, J. 2009. *Negotiating Old and New: Immigrant Health Care Seeking Behaviors*. Presented at the 104th annual meeting of American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California, August.
- Choi, J. 2009. *The Roles of Ethnic Community in Immigrant Health Care*. Presented at the 59th annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, California, August.
- Constance, D. & J. Choi. 2009. *Identifying Potential Organic Producers in Texas: Facilitators and Barriers*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, February.
- Choi, J. 2008. *Health Care Disparity between Rural and Urban America: Where have We been and Where Are We Going?* Presented at the XII World Congress of Rural Sociology, Goyang, Korea, July.
- Bonanno, A. & Choi, J. 2008. *The Contradictions of Medical Sociology Understanding of Stigma in Facially Disfigured Individuals*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March.
- Constance, D. & Choi, J. 2008. *Predictors of Interest in and Practice of Organic Agriculture in Texas*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Dallas, Texas, February.
- Choi, J. 2007. *Contextual Analysis of Health Care Disparity: Lessons from Three Ethnic Communities in Hawaii*. Presented at the 102nd annual meeting of American Sociological Association, New York City, August.
- Choi, J. 2007. *Ethnic Networks: Are they Beneficial for Obtaining Health Care?* Presented at the 57th annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York City, August.
- Choi, J. 2007. *Transformation of Health Care Seeking Behaviors: Experience of Korean Immigrants*. Presented at the 2007 annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March.
- Choi, J. 2006. *Seeking Health Care in Hawaii: Experiences of Three Immigrant Communities*. Presented at the 56th annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada, August.
- Choi, J. 2005. *Content Analysis of Legislators' Dialogue on Immigrant Health Care*. Presented at the 55th annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA, August.
- Choi, J. 2005. *Forms of Social Capital among Marshallese in Hawaii: Availability and Acceptability*. Presented at the 26th annual meeting of Hawaii Sociological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, February.
- Choi, J. 2004. *Access to Health Care Services among Micronesians in Hawaii*. Paper presented at the 132nd annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C., November.
- Choi, J. 2004. *Access to Health Care: Is Social Capital a Potential Resource for Korean Immigrants?* Paper presented at the 132nd annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C., November.
- Choi, J. 2003. *Does Prenatal Care Increase Access to Postnatal Health Care?* Presented at the 24th annual meeting of Hawaii Sociological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, February.

- Choi, J. 1998. *Risk Factors in Korean Adolescents' Sexual Behaviors*. Presented at the 126th annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C., November.
- Choi, J. 1997. *Cultural Differences in Parental Expectation on Sex Education among Koreans and Korean Americans Living in Hawaii*. Presented at the 125th annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November.
- Choi, J. & Patrick, W. 1997. *Case Study of Female High Schoolers in Korea: Risk Taking Behaviors*. Presented as an invited paper at the First Asia Pacific International Symposium on the Health and Welfare of Adolescents: Problems and Opportunities, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, June.
- Choi, J. 1995. *The Study of Acknowledgement and Needs of the Parents about Elementary, Middle, and High School Students' Health Education*. Presented at the XVth World Conference of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education, held in Chiba, Japan, August.

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2005 | Hormann Prize, University of Hawaii at Manoa |
| 2005 | Gary Sakihara Scholarship, University of Hawaii at Manoa |
| 2005 | Arts and Sciences Advisory Council 2005 Award, Colleges of Arts and Sciences, University of Hawaii at Manoa |
| 2005 | Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems |
| 2004 | Pacific Fellowship, American Association of University Women. Honolulu, HI |
| 2004 | Center for Korean Studies Scholarship, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Honolulu, HI |
| 1999-2000 | The National Dean's List, Honoring America's Outstanding College Students (23 rd Annual Edition) |
| 1999 | Gamma Chapter of the Delta Omega Society, the Honorary Society in Public Health |
| 1998 | "Aesculapius Awards" Co-developed a National Award Winning Public Service Announcement targeting tourists on sun protection in Hawaii (Group project) |
| 1998 | Elmer J. Anderson Professional Travel Fund, University of Hawaii at Manoa |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| 2009 | Community-Based Participatory Research Workshop, University of Houston, Houston, TX, April. |
| 2008 | Participant, the 3 rd US-UK Medical Sociology Conference: Professionals, Patients, and the Public. Boston, MA, July (plenary conference) |
| 2005 | Participant, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) workshop, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI (Certificate Obtained) |
| 2000 | Participant, 31 st Summer Seminar on Population (Theme: Analyzing Adolescents Risk-Taking Behavior) in East-West Center, Honolulu, HI |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Academic Services

- 2010 Reviewer, Sociological Inquiry
- 2010 Session Organizer, Health, Health Policy, and Health Services, Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA, August
- 2010 Session Organizer & Chair, Medical Sociology, Southwestern Sociological Association, Houston, Texas
- 2010 Session organizer & Chair, Undergraduate Paper, Southwestern Sociological Association, Houston, Texas
- 2009- present Associate editor, Journal of Rural Social Sciences (previously Southern Rural Sociology)
- 2009, 2010 Reviewer, Journal of Rural Social Sciences
- 2009 Reviewer, Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
- 2008 Reviewer, Journal of Ethnicity and Health
- 2008 Working Group Organizer & Chair, Rural Health Issues in Asia and The Pacific Rim, The XII World Congress of Rural Sociology. Goyang, Korea. July
- 2007 Session Chair, Medical Sociology, Southwestern Sociological Association, Albuquerque, NM, March
- 2005-06 Reviewer, Community Health Planning and Policy Development program, American Public Health Association

Community Services

- 2009- present Advisory Board Member, Houston Korean Nurse Association, Houston, TX
- 2007- present Member, Korean American Health Coalition, Houston, TX
- 2004-06 Member, Nations of Micronesia Meeting (NOM), Honolulu, HI
- 2003 Consultant, Korean radio show on behalf of "Hawaii Covering Kids", Honolulu, HI
- 1998 Cultural Advisory Panel, TB and Korean Culture, Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Honolulu, HI

University and Department Services

- 2008- present Faculty Advisor, Sociology Club
- 2008- present Member, Thesis Committee
- 2008- present Member, Graduate Program Comprehensive Examination Committee
- 2008-09 Member, Textbook Adaption Committee
- 2008-09 Member, New Graduate Course Rotation Committee
- 2007-09 Member, Sociology Department Scholarship Committee
- 2007-09 Member, Bilingual Health Studies Degree Plan Committee
- 2006-07 Member, University Advancement Survey