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Employment

Northwestern Kellogg School of Management, Evanston, IL

Associate Professor (2025 - present)

Harvard Business School, Boston, MA

Assistant Professor (2018 - 2025)

Faculty Affiliate in the Department of Sociology (2024 - 2025)

Faculty Affiliate in the Stone Program in Inequality and Social Policy (2024 - 2025)

Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D., Sociology

2018

Stanford University, Stanford, CA B.S., Mathematics & B.A., Classics

2011

Research Interests

Selected Publications in Management & Sociology

Letian Zhang and Simeng Wang (Forthcoming) "The Value of Internal Labor Markets: Evidence from LinkedIn Profiles and U.S. Inventors." *American Journal of Sociology*.

Letian Zhang and Shinan Wang. (2024). "Trusting Talent: Cross-Country Differences in Hiring." Administrative Science Quarterly. 69, no.2: 417-457.

Letian Zhang. (2023). "The Changing Role of Managers." American Journal of Sociology. 129, no.2 : 439-484.

Letian Zhang (2023). "Racial Inequality in Work Environments." American Sociological Review. 88, no. 2:252-283.

Letian Zhang. (2022). "Regulatory Spillover and Workplace Racial Inequality." Administrative Science Quarterly. 67, no. 3: 595-629.

Nathan Wilmers and Letian Zhang (2022). "Values and Inequality: Prosocial Jobs and the College Wage Premium." *American Sociological Review.* 87, no. 3: 415-442.

Letian Zhang. (2021). "Shaking Things Up: Disruptive Events and Inequality." American Journal of Sociology. 127, no. 2: 376-440.

Letian Zhang. (2017). "A Fair Game? Racial Bias and Repeated Interaction between

NBA Basketball Coaches and Players." Administrative Science Quarterly. 62, no. 4:603-625.

Publications in Computational Social Science

Moh Hosseinioun, Frank Neffke, Letian Zhang, and Hyejin Youn*. (2025). "Skill Dependencies Uncover Nested Human Capital." *Nature Human Behavior*. 9, no. 4: 673-687.

Letian Zhang*, Mitali Banerjee, Shinan Wang, Zhuoqiao Hong. (2023). "The Fragility of Artists' Reputations from 1795 to 2020." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.* 120, no. 35.

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Publications in Math

Stephen Yau, and Letian Zhang.* (2009). "On Formulas for Dedekind Sums and the Number of Lattice Points in Tetrahedra." *Journal of Number Theory*, 129(8), 1931-1955.

Stephen Yau, and Letian Zhang.* (2006). "An Upper Estimate of Integral Points in Real Simplices with an Application to Singularity Theory." *Mathematical Research Letters*, 13(5/6), 911.

Papers Under Review

Shinan Wang, Letian Zhang, and Zhenyu Liao [A paper on remote work and workplace inequality] R&R at Administrative Science Quarterly.

Dylan Nelson, Nathan Wilmers, and Letian Zhang [A paper on job upgrading and wage inequality] R&R at American Journal of Sociology.

Non-Academic Publications

Anthony Mayo, Letian Zhang, Pippa Armerding, and Temitayo Lawal. "Christina Bwana: Cultural Transformation at Ubongo." *Harvard Business School Case*.

Letian Zhang, Wenjie Ma, and Jiaqi Jin. "Family and Trust at Fuwei (A): A Confucian Approach to Organizational Design." *Harvard Business School Case*.

Letian Zhang, Wenjie Ma, and Jiaqi Jin. "Family and Trust at Fuwei (B) : Ethan's Perspective." *Harvard Business School Case*.

Letian Zhang, Wenjie Ma, and Jiaqi Jin. "Family and Trust at Fuwei (C) : Bringing Back Ethan." *Harvard Business School Case*.

Letian Zhang, Wenjie Ma, and Jiaqi Jin. "Family and Trust at Fuwei : Teaching Note." Harvard Business School Teaching Note.

Letian Zhang and Anthony Mayo. "Growing Pains at CooHom (A)." Harvard Business School Case.

Zhang, Letian and Anthony Mayo. "Growing Pains at CooHom (B)." Harvard Business School Case.

Zhang, Letian and Anthony Mayo. "Growing Pains at CooHom: Teaching Note." Harvard Business School Teaching Note.

Teaching Experience Harvard Business School - MBA Courses

Leadership and Organizational Behavior (2018 - 2025)

Harvard Business School - Executive Education

EFund Strategic Leadership Program (2019)

Kaizer Permanente Executive Leadership Program (2023 - 2025)

HR-Executive Suite Connection Program (2023- 2024)

Chief of Staff Custom Program (2024 - 2025) Leadership for Senior Executives (2025)

Service

Consulting Editor

American Journal of Sociology (2023-present)

Editorial Board

Organization Science (2023-present)

Ad hoc Reviewer: Administrative Science Quarterly, American Sociological Review, Management Science, Strategic Management Journal, European Sociological Review, PNAS, Social Forces, ILR Review.

Student Advising Winslow Robertson (committee member; graduated in 2024 from IESE)

Teng Ge (committee member; graduated in 2025 from UChicago Sociology)

Yoon Jae Shin (primary advisor; current student at HBS)

Yinan Wang (committee member; current student in Harvard Sociology)