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APPOINTMENTS

- 2014-2016 National Institutes of Child Health and Development Postdoctoral Research Fellow (T32), Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
- 2016-2017 Researcher, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
- 2017 Visiting Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology, Wellesley College
Teaching: Racial Regimes in the U.S. and Beyond
- 2017-2018 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of California Berkeley
Teaching: Power of Numbers (Introduction to Statistics); Research Design and Sociological Methods; Quantitative Sociological Methods
- 2018- Research Faculty, Department of Demography, University of California Berkeley
- 2018- Assistant Director, [Advancing Diversity in Aging Research at UC Berkeley \(Cal-ADAR\)](#), University of California at Berkeley
Teaching: Migration & How to Write a Quantitative Research Paper; Applying to Graduate School & Professionalization
- 2019- Project Manager (project scientist), [Caribbean American Dementia & Aging Study](#), University of California Berkeley
- 2021- National Institutes of Health [Re-Entry](#) Scholar, University of California Berkeley

EDUCATION

- B.S. Yale University, 1999. Molecular Biophysics and Molecular Biochemistry
- M.Ed. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2006, Education (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)
- M.A. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2007, Political and Social Sciences (Social Demography & Public Policy)
- 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.*

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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

HONORS

- 2020 [Distinguished Teaching and Service Award](#). Social Science Division. University of California at Berkeley

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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.

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, 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>

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>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (links to conference papers)

Liu, Mao-Mei and David P. Lindstrom. [under review] [Enduring Family Migration Networks across the Life Course: the case of Senegal](#)

Liu, Mao-Mei. Daring to Migrate: Legal Status, Networks, and Senegalese Migration to 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](#)

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

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](#)

Liu, Mao-Mei and Michael J. White. [Immigrant Integration in the global south: the case of urban South Africa.](#)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS / 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

Under Review

National Institutes of Aging (submitted May 2020)

R25 Education Grant

Lawton and Harding (PI's)

6/1/2021 – 5/30/2024

Cal-ADAR: Advancing Diversity in Demography of Aging Research

Role: Assistant Director

Dates involved & Dedication: 6/1/2021 – 5/30/2024 (tbd ~20-50%)

Current Research Support

National Institutes of Aging

[Re-Entry](#) Supplement grant

Dow (PI)

9/1/2020 – 8/31/2022

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, Edward Telles.

Role: Re-Entry Scholar

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

National Institutes of Aging

RO1AG064778

Dow (PI)

8/1/2019 – 7/31/2024

[Dementia Determinants in Caribbean and U.S. Hispanics](#)

Collecting rural data in Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic complementing current 10/66 surveys to enable cross-national comparative research on dementia determinants and consequences among U.S. and Caribbean Hispanics.

Role: Project Scientist/Manager

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 – current (50% 7/1/2018-6/30/2019; 65% 7/1/2019 – current)

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 and field the MAFE survey in Spain: train and recruit interviewers, do outreach to Senegalese immigrant organizations in Barcelona, mentor the only Senegalese interviewer. Liu also worked on data cleaning & data analysis. Her work "Migrant Networks and International Migration: Testing Weak Ties" was first presented at the Population Association of America annual meetings in April 2022 and 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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

"Social Position and Migrant Social Capital in International Migration from Africa to Europe" • 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" • 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” • Population Association of America annual meeting, Poster, April 2018, Denver
- “Who Goes Next? Mexican and Senegalese migrant sibling networks expanding through time and space”
 • 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” • Population Association of America annual meeting, Poster, April 2017, Chicago
- “Enduring Family Migration Networks across the Life Course: the case of Senegal” • 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” • 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 de l’IPDSR/UCAD, November 2009, Dakar

SERVICE

- 2011 – Member, Population Association of America
- 2011 – Ad Hoc Reviewer: American Journal of Sociology, Demographic Research, Demography, European Sociological Review, Journal of Marriage and Family, International Migration Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Advances in Life Course Research, Social Science & Medicine, Sociological Perspectives, Global Health Action.
- 2012 – 2014 Member, European Association for Population Studies
- 2014 – Member, 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)
- 2015 – Session Discussant, Population Association of America annual meeting (also 2019, 2020)
- 2015 – 2016 Member, Transnational Studies Initiative, Harvard University
- 2016 Member, Thomas & Znaniecki Book Award Committee, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association
- 2017 Co-Organizer, International Migration mini-workshop, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2017 – Session Organizer, Population Association of America annual meeting (also 2018, 2021)
- 2017 – 2018 Member, Methods and Epistemology of Social Science workshop, University of California Berkeley
- 2017 – Member, Interdisciplinary Immigration workshop, University of California Berkeley
- 2020 Co-Organizer, demographers of color reception @Population Association of America
- 2020 – Co-Organizer, [demographers of color](#) collective

2020 – Co-Organizer, demographer of color: Job-Seeking in the Times of Covid-19 events
 2020 – Member. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, Population Association of America
 2020 Co-Moderator. DEI PAA Virtual Panel Series. [Transformative Allyship: Demographers as Catalysts for Change in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.](#)

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 Interpreter, 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

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

Computing: STATA, R