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Research Interest

My research focuses on the culturally-appropriate end-of-life care for older adults with age-related diseases, conditions, and/or special needs, including:

- 1) hospice & palliative care model and related Medicare policy;
- 2) health care decision-making and advance care planning;
- 3) quality of life of older patients and their family members.

Teaching Interest

Gerontology courses: Global Aging; Aging Policy; Death, Dying & End-of-life Care.
Research Method courses: Mixed-method in Social Work; Large-scale Data Analysis.
Human Behavior and Social Environment course.

Education

PhD Student	Columbia University School of Social Work Concentration in Social Policy, Planning, and Policy Analysis Behavioral Science: Sociology	2018 – present
MSW	University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration Concentration in Policy and Administration	June 2018
BA	East China University of Science and Technology Major: Social Work	July 2016

Honors & Awards

Phyllis and Joseph Caroff Doctoral Fellowship, Columbia University, Awarded 2018 – present.

Summer 2020 Weatherhead Grant, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Awarded 2020.

AGESW Gerontological Social Work Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work, Awarded 2019.

Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Awarded 2019.

C.W. Chan Scholarship, University of Chicago, awarded 2017.

Tuition Award, University of Chicago, awarded 2016.

Shanghai Outstanding Graduating Student, Shanghai Ministry of Education, awarded 2016.

Shanghai Outstanding Undergraduate Graduation Thesis, Shanghai Ministry of Education, awarded 2016.

National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of China, awarded 2012 & 2014.

Integrated Curriculum Awards – first class, East China University of Science and Technology, awarded 2013 & 2015.

Social Activity Participation Awards, East China University of Science and Technology, awarded 2012, 2013 & 2014.

“Challenge Cup” Shanghai Undergraduate Academic Science- 2nd Prize, awarded 2014

Experience

2018 – present	Research Graduate Research Assistant. School of Social Work, Columbia University.
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- 2018 – present Principle investigator, supervised by Jinyu Liu, Ph.D. and Ada Mui, PhD, Advance Care Planning for Older Adults Project, partially funded by Weatherhead summer grants 2019 & 2020.
- 2016 – 2018 Research Assistant, Lab of Culture and Mental Health (PI: Miwa Yasui, Ph.D.), School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago.
- 2017 – 2018 Research assistant for intervention data, Thirty Million Words Lab, Department of Children with Hearing Loss, University of Chicago Medicine.
- 2015 – 2016 Research Assistant, Chinese National Social Worker Career Situation Study, School of Social and Public Administration, East China University of Science and Technology.
- 2013 – 2015 Principle investigator, supervised by Ruihong Wang, Ph.D., Hospice Research Project, School of Social and Public Administration, East China University of Science and Technology.

Teaching & University Service

- 2019 Guest Speaker, Class: Global Policy, School of Social Work, Columbia University.
- 2019 Guest Speaker, Class: Aging and Mental Health, School of Social Work, Columbia University.
- 2016-2018 President, Asian Student Association, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago.
- 2014-2015 Project Organizer, University-wide Incoming Student Camp, East China University of Science and Technology.

Practice

- 2017 – 2018 Intern Social Worker
Department of Children with Hearing Loss, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 – 2017 Intern Career Specialist
Inspiration corporation, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 – 2016 Part Time Social Worker (first year as community volunteer)
Hospice Department, Linfen Hospital, Shanghai, China.
- 2015 Intern Social Worker
Asbury Methodist Social Service Institution, Hong Kong.
- 2015 – 2016 Intern Social Worker for Children Hospice Care
Oncology Department, Children's Hospital of Fudan University.
- 2015 Intern Social Worker
Gerontology Department, Zhoujiadu Hospital, Shanghai, China.

Service

- 2020.6 – present Community Volunteer, Phone Angel Program for Socially Isolated Chinese Seniors during COVID-19, New York, NY.
- 2020 Student Reviewer, Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Meeting.

Publications

- Lou, Y.**, Liu, J. (2020). Death Narrative in 19th Century China: How Did Newspapers Frame Death and Dying?, *OMEGA: Journal of Death and Dying*. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0030222820905946>
- Ding, K., **Lou, Y.**, Li, X (forthcoming). Hospice Social Work: A Historical and Regional Comparative Study (in Chinese), *Journal of the Social History of Medicine and Health*.
- Lou, Y.** (2015). Patients' Anticipation of Social Workers' Gender Role in Hospice Care (in Chinese), *Chinese Social Work* (August 2015, URL: <http://d.wanfangdata.com.cn/Periodical/zgshdk201524008>)
- Lou, Y.** (2015). Gerontological Social Work Intervention with Homebound Elders (in Chinese), *Journal of Chongqing Administration School (originally named: Social Work Education and Research)*. (DOI: 10.16817/j.cnki.csglxb.2015.01.002)

Under review

- Lou, Y.**, Liu, J., Living Will and Healthcare Power of Attorney: What Matters for Completion of Advance Directives among American older adults?
- Liu, J., **Lou, Y.**, Wu, B., Mui, A. "I've been always strong to conquer any suffering." Challenge and resilience of Chinese American dementia caregivers in a life course perspective. *Aging and Mental Health*. (Revise & Resubmit)
- Ding, K., **Lou, Y.**, Chinese Older Adults' Perception of End-of-life Care: A Review through the Cultural Lens. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

Manuscript in Progress

- Lou, Y.**, Chegwin, V., Ageism and Pension Expenditure: Is Welfare State Incentivizing Discrimination to Elders?
- Liu, J., **Lou, Y.**, Guo, M., Wang Y., Gambling Behavior and Mental Health in Chinese Immigrants: How Gender Moderates the Relationship?
- Liu, J., **Lou, Y.**, Li, L., Zhang Z., A Two-way Interaction between Older Adults with Alzheimer's' Disease and Their Spousal Caregivers in China: Evidence from a Longitudinal Data
- Tong, F., Chi, I. , Zheng G., Fu, F., **Lou, Y.**, The effectiveness of group reminiscence therapy for loneliness, anxiety and depression in older adults in long-term care: A systematic review

Presentations

- Lou, Y.**, Liu, J., Death Narrative in 19th Century China: How Did Newspapers Frame Death and Dying?, at Gerontological Society of America 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Lou, Y.**, Liu, J., What Matters for Completion of Advance Directives among American older adults?. at Gerontological Society of America 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Liu, J., **Lou, Y.**, Wu, B., Mui, A. "I've been always strong to conquer any suffering." Challenge and resilience of Chinese American dementia caregivers in a life course perspective. at Gerontological Society of America 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting.

Licensure / Professional Affiliations

- Member, Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
- Presentation Reviewer, Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting
- Member & Pre-dissertation Fellow, Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW)
- Member, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
- Fellow, Sasakawa Foundation for Policy Research (Sylff)
- Fellow, Columbia China Center for Social Policy