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Appointments

Brown University

SRS Assistant Professor of Sociology and International and Public Affairs 2026-

Education

Yale University

Ph.D. Sociology 2026
Dissertation: The Social and Symbolic Boundaries of U.S. National Membership (*with distinction*)

M.Phil Sociology 2022
Field Exam in Educational Stratification (*with distinction*)

Columbia University

M.A. Sociology 2017

Clark University

B.A. Sociology, Political Science (minor) 2015
Summa cum laude, Paul P. Vouras '51 Social Science Award

Research and Teaching Interests

Immigration; Race and Ethnicity; Education; Political Sociology; Social Psychology; Experimental Methods

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

9. **Okura, Keitaro**. 2026. "Americans without Americanness: The Racial Boundaries of U.S. National Membership." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. OnlineFirst. [DOI](#) | [PDF](#)

- James E. Blackwell Graduate Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention), ASA, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section, 2025.
- Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award (Honorable Mention), ASA, International Migration Section, 2024.
- Graduate Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention), ASA, Social Psychology Section, 2024.

8. Karell, Daniel, Matthew Shu, Thomas R. Davidson, and **Keitaro Okura**. 2026. "Generating the Past: How Artificial Intelligence Summaries of Historical Events Affect Knowledge." *Social Science Computer Review*. OnlineFirst. [DOI](#) | [PDF](#)

7. **Okura, Keitaro**. 2026. "Red and Blue Immigrants: Political (Mis)Alignment, Immigration Attitudes, and the Boundaries of American National Inclusion." *American Journal of Sociology* 131(4):729-772. [DOI](#) | [PDF](#)

- Louis Wirth Best Article Award (Winner), ASA, International Migration Section, 2026.
- Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award (Co-Winner), ASA, International Migration Section, 2026.

6. Shu, Matthew, Daniel Karell, **Keitaro Okura**, and Thomas R. Davidson. 2026. “How Latent and Prompting Biases in AI-Generated Historical Narratives Influence Opinions.” *PNAS Nexus* 5(3):pgag022. [DOI](#) | [PDF](#)

5. Zang, Emma, **Keitaro Okura**, and Melissa Tian. 2025. “Sex-Selective Abortion Bans and the Birth Outcomes of Asian Immigrants.” *Social Science & Medicine* 383:118442. [DOI](#) | [PDF](#)

4. Benedek, Kurdi, **Keitaro Okura**, Eric Hehman, and Melissa J. Ferguson. 2025. “Cognitive Underpinnings and Ecological Correlates of Implicit Bias Against Non-Americans in the United States.” *Scientific Reports* 15:15191. [DOI](#) | [PDF](#)

3. **Okura, Keitaro**, Amy Hsin, and Sofya Aptekar. 2025. “Heterogeneous Effects of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) on Undocumented College Students’ Educational Outcomes.” *International Migration Review* 59(1):325-341. [DOI](#) | [PDF](#)

2. **Okura, Keitaro**. 2022. “Stereotype Promise: Racialized Teacher Appraisals of Asian American Academic Achievement.” *Sociology of Education* 95(4):302-319. [DOI](#) | [PDF](#)

- Maureen Hallinan Graduate Student Paper Award, Winner, AERA, 2023.
- Media Coverage: Education Week. [Link](#).

1. **Okura, Keitaro**. 2021. “There Are No Asians in China: The Racialization of Chinese International Students in the United States.” *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* 28(2):147-165. [DOI](#) | [PDF](#)

Working Papers

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[a] **Okura, Keitaro**, and Sakeef M. Karim[†]. “What is Americanness? Polarization and Consensus in Cultural Logics of the American Creed.” *Re&R*.

[b] Zang, Emma, **Keitaro Okura**, and Haolun Li. “Teenage Fertility and Spillover Effects on Sibling’s Academic Performance.” *Draft available*.

[c] **Okura, Keitaro**. “Latinos without Latinoness: Divergent Topographies of Group Membership and Ethnoracial Boundary-Making.” *Draft available*.

- Candace Rogers Paper Award (Winner), ESS, 2026.
- Graduate Student Paper Award (Co-Winner), ASA, Social Psychology Section, 2026.

[d] **Okura, Keitaro**. “Linked Fate—With Whom? Exploring the Internal Boundaries of Latino Solidarity.” *Draft available*.

Awards and Honors

Louis Wirth Best Article Award (Winner), American Sociological Association, International Migration Section.	2026
Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award (Co-Winner), American Sociological Association, International Migration Section.	2026
Graduate Student Paper Award (Co-Winner), American Sociological Association, Social Psychology Section.	2026
Candace Rogers Paper Award (Winner), Eastern Sociological Society.	2026
James E. Blackwell Graduate Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention), American Sociological Association, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section.	2025
Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award (Honorable Mention), American Sociological Association, International Migration Section.	2024
Graduate Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention), American Sociological Association, Social Psychology Section.	2024
Maureen T. Hallinan Graduate Student Paper Award (Winner), American Educational Research Association, Sociology of Education Special Interest Group.	2023
Paul P. Vouras '51 Social Science Award , Clark University. <i>Awarded annually to an outstanding student majoring in the social sciences</i>	2015
Highest Honors in Sociology , Clark University.	2015
Phi Beta Kappa , Clark University.	2015

Grants and Fellowships

External

Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute (~\$35,000; declined)	2026-2027
ASA/NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$16,000)	2024-2026
TESS Special Competition for Young Investigators Grant (~\$80,000)	2024-2025
Rapoport Family Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (\$15,000)	2024-2025
Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,000)	2022-2024
RSF/NSF Summer Institute in Migration Research and Methods Travel Grant (\$1000)	2019, 2024

Internal (Yale University)

Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration Travel Grant	2024
Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration Research Grant	2023
Education Studies Travel Grant	2023
Education Studies Research Grant	2022
John F. Enders Fellowship	2022
George M. Camp Grant	2021

Sociology Department Travel Grant	2019, 2022-2025
Graduate School for the Arts and Sciences Travel Grant	2019, 2022-2024
Center for Empirical Research and Stratification and Inequality Grant	2019, 2022

Teaching

Instructor

Immigration and Assimilation	Fall 2026
Introduction to Sociology	Summer 2024
Causal Inference and Survey Experiments (Guest Lecture)	Spring 2024-2026

Teaching Fellow

Senior Essay and Colloquium (Ramina Sotoudeh)	Fall 2024
Methods of Inquiry (Ramina Sotoudeh)	Spring 2024-2025
Foundations in Education Studies (Mira Debs)	Fall 2023
Inequality, Economic Mobility, and Public Policy (Rourke O'Brien)	Spring 2023
Sex and Gender (Rene Almeling)	Fall 2021
Health of the Public: Medicine and Disease in Social Context (Nicholas Christakis)	Spring 2021
Health and Illness in Society (Alka Menon)	Fall 2020
Doing Quantitative Research (Bruce London)	Spring 2015
Biomedical Ethics (Patrick Derr)	Fall 2014

Presentations

Conferences and Workshops

[d] American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts	2026
[c] American Sociological Association, New York City, New York	
[c] Eastern Sociological Society, Washington D.C.	
[c] Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop, Harvard	2025
[c] Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality, Yale	
[7] American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois	
[7] Population Association of America, Washington D.C.	
[7] Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, Massachusetts	
[7] Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality, Yale	2024
[a] American Sociological Association, Montréal, Québec	
[a] Population Association of America, Columbus, Ohio	
[b] American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2023
[b] Population Association of America, New Orleans, Louisiana	
[b] Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality, Yale	
[9] Center for the Study of American Politics and Public Policy, Yale	
[9] Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality, Yale	
[2] American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California	2022
[5] Population Association of America, Austin, Texas	
[2] Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, Massachusetts	

[5] Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality, Yale	2021
[2] Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality, Yale	2020
[3] American Sociological Association, New York, New York	2019
[3] Population Association of America, Austin, Texas	
[3] Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality, Yale	
[1] American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2018
[1] American Sociological Association, Montréal, Québec	2017
[1] Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, Massachusetts	2016

Service

Ad Hoc Reviewer

AERA Open; American Journal of Sociology; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Ethnicities; Frontiers in Social Psychology; Identities; Migration Studies; Population Research and Policy Review; Social Forces; Sociological Perspectives; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity