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EDUCATION

2025 **Ph.D. in Sociology**, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Dissertation: Labor Migration Programs in Japan: A Three-Step Pathway to Permanent Residence, but Precarious Labor for All
Winner: "United States-Japan Foundation Scholar" Dissertation Award 2025
Committee: Rubén Hernández-León (Chair), Roger Waldinger, Min Zhou, Gracia Liu-Farrer (Waseda University, Japan)

2015 **MA in Culture and Globalization,** Kobe University, Japan

2011 **BA in Japanese**, Qingdao University, China

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2026-Now Assistant Professor, Waseda Institute for Advanced Study at Waseda University, Japan

2025-26 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2022-23 **Fulbright Research Fellow**, Waseda University, Japan

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Li Rosenberg, Qiaoyan. 2024. "The Control and Agency Dialectic of Guest Worker Programmes: Evidence from Chinese Construction Workers in Japan's Technical Intern Training Program (TITP)." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 50 (16): 4215–33.

2022 **Notehelfer Prize** for the Best Unpublished Paper Awarded by UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies

Rosenberg, Qiaoyan L. 2026. "Liberal Reform of Guest Worker Programs: Challenges to Labor Mobility Governance," *International Migration Review,* 60 (3): 1786-1811.

Public Sociology

Holbrow, Hilary J., and **Qiaoyan Li Rosenberg**. "Japan Has to Do More for Migrant Rights Than Drop 'Intern' Label." *Nikkei Asia*, March 1, 2024.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Fellowships

2026-28	Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-up
2026-27	Waseda University Grants for Special Research Projects
2025-26	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University
2023-24	Sasakawa Graduate Fellowship, UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies
2023-24	Dorothy L. Meier Dissertation Fellowship, UCLA Department of Sociology
2023-24	Paula Stone Legal Research Fellowship, UCLA Center for the Study of Women
2023 & 2021	Summer Fellowship, UCLA Department of Sociology
2020-21	Fulbright – Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad
2019-20	Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA
2019	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA
2018	Herbert and Helen Kawahara Fellowship, UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies
2018	Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Fellowship, UCLA Asia Pacific Center
2017-18	Graduate Student Fellowship, UCLA Department of Sociology
2014-15	Japan Nitori International Scholarship

Travel Grants

2024	Association for Asian Studies Conference Japan Studies Graduate Student Travel Grant

Awards

2025	"United States-Japan Foundation Scholar" Dissertation Award 2025
2024-25	UCLA Dissertation Year Award, 2024-25

Prizes

2022	UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies Notehelfer Prize for Best Paper

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University
Responsibilities included developing the syllabus, choosing the materials, leading discussions, cultivating academic literacy, grading all assignments, and advising students

- Seminar: International Migration (Scheduled Spring 2027)

Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology, UCLA
Responsibilities included developing the syllabus, choosing the materials, leading discussions, grading all assignments, and advising students

- Sociology of the Body (Winter 2022)
- Sociology of Mental Illness (Fall 2021)

Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology, UCLA
Responsibilities included leading discussions, grading all assignments, and advising students

- Comparative Acculturation and Assimilation (Spring 2021)
- Comparative Immigration (Winter 2021)
- Sociology of Emotions (Fall 2020)

Teaching Assistant
Responsibilities included leading discussions, grading all assignments, and advising students

- Occupations and Professions (Spring 2019), Department of Sociology, UCLA

- Economy and Society (Winter 2019), Department of Sociology, UCLA
- Sociological Theory (Fall 2018), Department of Sociology, UCLA
- Global Justice Seminar (2013-14), Kobe University, Japan, Graduate School of Intercultural Studies

Guest Lectures

Labor-For-Citizenship Exchange in Japan: A Three-Step Pathway to Permanent Residence, and Precarious Labor for All, Migration in East Asia, Indiana University, October 2024.

The Control and Agency Dialectic of Guest Worker Programmes: Evidence from Chinese Construction Workers in Japan's Technical Intern Training Program (TITP), graduate seminar, Kobe University, Japan, July 2023.

Labor Migration in East Asia: Chinese Migrant Workers in Japan's Guest Worker Program, UCLA Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), April 2022.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Talks

Labor-for-Citizenship Exchange: Liberal Reforms to Guest Worker Programs in Japan and East Asia, Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, March 2026.

Forbidden Pregnancy and Isolated Childbirth: Reproductive Rights of Guest Workers in Japan, Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, March 2025.

Criminalization of Female Migrant Workers in Japan and the Resistance of Humanitarianism: A Case Study of Isolated Childbirth, the UCLA Center for the Study of Women's 35th Annual Thinking Gender Conference, March 2025.

A Semi-Skilled Guest Worker Regime: Specified Skilled Workers (SSW) in Japan, American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 2023.

The Control and Agency Dialectic of a Guest Worker Program: Evidence from Chinese Construction Workers in Japan's Technical Intern Training Program (TITP), Japan Association for Migration Policy Studies (JAMPS) Annual Meeting, May 2022.

The Control and Agency Dialectic of Guest Worker Program: Evidence from Chinese Construction Workers in Japan's Technical Intern Training Program (TITP), Chicago Ethnography Conference hosted by University of Wisconsin-Madison (virtually), April 2022.

Guest Worker Program in Japan: Chinese Workers' Mobility in Constructing the 2020 Olympic Games' Infrastructure, American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 2020.

Workshop Presentations

Liberal Reforms of Guest Worker Regimes: The Challenges of Reform Implementation, the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the Japan Foundation New York (JFNY) Japan Global Workshop, February 2025.

Punish and Criminalize a Female Migrant Worker in Japan: A Case Study of Forbidden Pregnancy and Isolated Childbirth, Migration Working Group Meeting in the Department of Sociology at UCLA, March 2024.

The Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) Regime in Japan: A Three-Step Pathway to Permanent Residence, And Precarious Labor For All, Migration Working Group Meeting in the Department of Sociology at UCLA, November 2023.

Guest Worker Program in Japan: Chinese Workers' Mobility in the Construction of the 2020 Olympic Games' Infrastructure, Migration Working Group Meeting in the Department of Sociology at UCLA, May 2019.

QUALIFICATIONS

Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Its Application to Research, Granted by the Center for Geographic Analysis (CGA) at Harvard University on January 16, 2026.

Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) For Humanities and Social Sciences, Granted by the Center for Geographic Analysis (CGA) Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University on December 5, 2025.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Coordinator, UCLA Department of Sociology Migration Working Group, 2023-24
BOND, a NPO for Migrants and Refugees in Japan: Volunteer, 2022-23
Kobe University, Japan, International Student Committee: Tutor, 2013-14

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Japanese (fluent), Chinese (native)

REFERENCES

Professor Rubén Hernández-León
Full Professor at UCLA Department of Sociology & Director of the UCLA Latin American Institute, Dissertation Committee Chair
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Professor Roger Waldinger
Distinguished Professor at UCLA Department of Sociology & Director of the Center for the Study of International Migration, Dissertation Committee Member
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