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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor migration in Japan and East Asia; Gender and reproductive health and rights; Globalization, human rights and migrant labor rights; Labor unions and migrant labor protections; Citizenship; and Immigrant integration.

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

- 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2022 **Notehelfer Prize** for the Best Unpublished Paper Awarded by UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies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. 2025. “Liberal Reform of Guest Worker Programs: Challenges to Labor Mobility Governance,” *International Migration Review*, 0(0).
<https://doi.org/10.1177/01979183251363544>

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.

Working Paper

Qiaoyan Li Rosenberg. [“Punish and Criminalize A Female Migrant Worker in Japan: A Case Study of Isolated Childbirth”](#) (Available Upon Request)

Work in Progress

Qiaoyan Li Rosenberg. “Labor-For-Citizenship Exchange in Japan: Liberal Reforms to Immigration Policies in Japan and East Asia

Qiaoyan Li Rosenberg. “The Roles of Labor Unions in Labor Migration: Humanitarian or Commercial?”

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Talks

Criminalization and Punishment of Female Migrant Workers in Japan: A Case Study of Isolated Childbirth, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, May 2025.

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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

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.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Fellowships

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, 2025-26

UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies Sasakawa Graduate Fellowship, 2023-24

UCLA Department of Sociology Dorothy L. Meier Dissertation Fellowship, 2023-24

UCLA Center for the Study of Women Paula Stone Legal Research Fellowship, 2023-24

UCLA Department of Sociology Summer Fellowship, 2021, 2023

Fulbright - Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad, 2020-21

UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies Herbert and Helen Kawahara Fellowship, 2018

UCLA Asia Pacific Center Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Fellowship, 2018

UCLA Department of Sociology Graduate Student Fellowship, 2017-18

Travel Grants

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

Awards

"United States-Japan Foundation Scholar" Dissertation Award 2025

UCLA Dissertation Year Award, 2024-25

Prizes

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

Mentorship

UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship, 2019-20

UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, 2019

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

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for the Study of International Migration, Dissertation Committee Member

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