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EDUCATION

Dual Title Ph.D. in Sociology and Gerontology , Purdue University	2024-Present
M.A. in Sociology , Renmin University of China	2022-2024
B.A. in Sociology , Peking University	2018-2022

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Marriage and Well-being; Intergenerational Relationships; Aging and the Life Course

PUBLICATIONS

Suitor, J. Jill, Megan Gilligan, Robert T. Frase, Ranran He, Destiny Ogle, and **Di Wang** (2026). "Impact of Sibling Deaths on Sibling Tension in Adulthood." *Journal of Marriage and Family*

Suitor, J. Jill, Megan Gilligan, Destiny Ogle, Ranran He, and **Di Wang** (2025). A Researchers' Guide to Conducting and Publishing Mixed-Methods Studies in Family Science. *Family Forum, NCFR Report*. National Council on Family Relations.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Under Review

Wang, Di, J. Jill Suitor, Robert Frase, Megan Gilligan, and Sunjeong Gyeong. "Differential Effects of Instrumental and Financial Support on Relationship Quality between Mothers and their Adult Children and Children-in-Law." *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Suitor, J. Jill, Robert T. Frase, Ranran He, **Di Wang**, Sunjeong Gyeong, Tingan Jin, Taylor Pope, Destiny Ogle, Megan Gilligan, and Shawn Bauldry. "Telling the Best Story: Qualitative Data Richness from Interviews and Online Surveys in Mixed-Methods Network Research." *Sociological Methodology*

Manuscripts in Preparation

Wang, Di, J. Jill Suitor, Robert T. Frase, Ranran He, and Megan Gilligan. “Roles of Tension with Adult Children and Children-in-Law on Mothers’ Psychological Well-Being in Later Life”

Suitor, J. Jill, Megan Gilligan, Robert Frase, Ranran He, Destiny Ogle, **Di Wang**, Hanamori Skoblow, Viridian Verbanac, Sunjeong Gyeong, and Tingan Jin. “The Role of Parents’ Cognitive Health in Sibling Support, Strain and Psychological Well-Being During Caregiving.” To be submitted to *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences* (special issue on mixed methods).

Hou, Yifei, J. Jill Suitor, Megan Gilligan, Destiny Ogle, **Di Wang**, Sunjeong Gyeong, and Tingan Jin. “Effects of Transmissions of Older Mothers’ Interpersonal Relationship Quality on Adult Children’s Well-Being?” To be submitted to *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Frase, Robert, J. Jill Suitor, Megan Gilligan, Destiny Ogle, **Di Wang**, Ranran He, and Sunjeong Gyeong. “Does Resilience Buffer the Effects of Family Tension in Later-Life Families?” To be submitted to *Journal of Health & Social Behavior*.

Frase, Robert, J. Jill Suitor, Megan Gilligan, Destiny Ogle, Ranran He, and **Di Wang**. “Race Differences in Patterns and Consequences of Mothers' Advice to Midlife Children.” To be submitted to *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*.

Suitor, J. Jill, Robert Frase, Megan Gilligan, Destiny Ogle, Ranran He, Yifei Hou, **Di Wang**, Sunjeong Gyeong, and Tingan Jin. “Shifting Consequences of Parental Favoritism Across Midlife: The Roles of Parents’ and Children’s Genders.”

Suitor, J. Jill, Megan Gilligan, Robert Frase, Ranran He, **Di Wang**, and Tingan Jin. “How Deaths of Children in Adulthood Affect Mothers’ Relationships with Surviving Offspring.”

PRESENTATIONS AT SCHOLARLY MEETINGS

Wang, Di, J. Jill Suitor, Megan Gilligan, Robert Frase, and Sunjeong Gyeong. 2026. “Differential Effects of Instrumental and Financial Support on Relationship Quality between Mothers and their Adult Children and Children-in-Law.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, St. Louis, May.

Suitor, J. Jill, Robert T. Frase, Ranran He, **Di Wang**, Sunjeong Gyeong, Tingan Jin, Taylor Pope, Destiny Ogle, Megan Gilligan, and Shawn Bauldry. 2026. “Telling the Best Story: Qualitative Data Richness from Interviews and Online Surveys in Mixed-Methods Network Research.” To be presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Society, New York City, August.

Suitor, J. Jill, Robert T. Frase, Megan Gilligan, Destiny Ogle, Ranran He, Yifei Hou, **Di Wang**, Sunjeong Gyeong, and Tingan Jin. 2025. “Shifting Consequences of Parental Favoritism Across Midlife: The Roles of Parents’ and Children’s Gender.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA, November.

Frase, Robert T., J. Jill Suitor, Megan Gilligan, Destiny Ogle, Ranran He, and **Di Wang**. 2025. “Race Differences in Patterns and Consequences of Mothers’ Advice to Midlife Children.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA, November.

Suitor, J. Jill, Megan Gilligan, Robert T. Frase, Ranran He, Destiny Ogle, Hanamori F. Skoblow, Viridian Verbanac, and **Di Wang**. 2025. “The Role of Mothers’ Cognitive Health in Sibling Support, Strain, and Psychological Well-Being During Caregiving.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA, November.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Dr. J. Jill Suitor, Dept. of Sociology, Purdue University 2025-Present

- Conducted qualitative analyses, conducted literature searches, and contributed to the preparation of manuscripts
- Digitalized and managed T1 and T2 data of the Within-Family Differences Studies (WFDS)

Research Assistant to Dr. Ariel Azar, Dept. of Sociology, Purdue University 2024

- Updated the Country-Year Defamilialization Index dataset across European countries
- Reviewed literature on “State-level family policies and family caregiving”, “the long-term effects of life conditions on later-life mental health”, and “LGBTQ life outcome disparities”

Research Assistant to Dr. Danyin Wang, Population Development Studies Center, Renmin University of China 2024

- Drafted the report on the patterns and trends of sex ratio at birth across provinces in China, and assisted with data analysis of the report

Research Assistant to Dr. Chunni Zhang, Dept. of Sociology, Peking University 2021

- Assisted with editing of “Chinese People’s Livelihood Development Report in 2021”, including proofreading, fact-checking, and data verification

Teaching Assistant, Law, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship, Purdue University Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant, Economic Sociology of Modern Capitalism, Purdue University Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant, Statistics in Sociology, Renmin University of China Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant, Contemporary Chinese Society, Renmin University of China Fall 2022

HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate, Renmin University of China	2024
First Prize Scholarship, Renmin University of China	2023
Second Prize Scholarship, Renmin University of China	2022
Third Prize Scholarship, Peking University	2021

SKILLS

Stata, SPSS