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EDUCATION

2024 – Present Ph.D. Student Sociology Purdue University
(Dual title in Gerontology)
Dissertation Title: Contextualizing Inequality Across the Life Course: Adversity, Safety Contexts, and Health in Later Life (*Expected Summer 2027*)
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Shawn Bauldry (chair), Dr. Hui “Cathy” Liu, Dr. Pi-Ju “Marian” Liu, and Dr. Christopher Seto

2022 – 2024	M.S.	Sociology	Purdue University
2019 – 2022	B.A.	Sociology with Honors	The University of Texas at Austin
2019 – 2022	B.A.	Economics	The University of Texas at Austin
2021	Exchange	Economics	Fudan University, China

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Sociology; Aging and Life Course; Social Inequality and Health; Adversity, Victimization, and Safety Contexts; Social Relationships; Quantitative and Computational Methods

TEACHING INTERESTS

Introduction to Sociology; Medical Sociology; Sociology of Aging and the Life Course; Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Ren, J.** & Ferraro, K. F. (2026). Polyvictimization, Social Relationship Quality, and Depressive Symptoms in Later Life. *The Gerontologist*, 66(7), gnag027.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnag027>
- Bell, M. J., **Ren, J.**, Sauerteig-Rolston, M. R., & Ferraro, K. F. (2025). Do Higher Levels of Lifetime Victimization Predict an Earlier Onset of First IADL Limitation in Later Life? *The Gerontologist*, 65(5), gnaf039. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnaf039>

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Ren, J.**, Bauldry, S. & Ferraro, K. F. Victimization and Depressive Symptom Trajectories in Later Life: The Moderating Role of Tie-Specific Support and Strain (Under review)
- He, R. & **Ren, J.** Bridging or Reproducing Inequality? Racial Differences in the Well-Being Returns to Different Types of Digital Technology Use Among Older Adults (Under review)

Ren, J., Ferraro, K. F. & Bauldry, S. Does Loneliness Mediate the Relationship Between Early-Life Adversity and Cognitive Function in Later Life?

HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Fall 2026	Promoting Research Opportunities to Maximize Innovation and Scholarly Excellence (PROMISE) Award, Purdue University, \$1,000
Fall 2024	Promoting Research Opportunities to Maximize Innovation and Scholarly Excellence (PROMISE) Award, Purdue University, \$1,000
Fall 2023	Promoting Research Opportunities to Maximize Innovation and Scholarly Excellence (PROMISE) Award, Purdue University, \$1,000
2020 - 2022	Dean's Honor List, The University of Texas at Austin

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

2025 – Present	Medicalization, Stigmatization, and Diseases, Dr. Alina Arseniev-Koehler, Purdue University - <i>Database construction, API-based data collection, and linkage of NAMCS records to ICD-10 codes.</i>
2024 – 2025	Neighborhood Factors and Cognition, Dr. Kenneth F. Ferraro, Purdue University
2023 – 2024	Early-life Adversity and Cognition, Dr. Kenneth F. Ferraro, Purdue University
2022 – 2023	Victimization and Health, Dr. Kenneth F. Ferraro, Purdue University

Independent Teaching

Spring 2025	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology, Purdue University
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Teaching Assistant

Summer 2026	Summer Institute at The Methodology Center at Purdue, Purdue University
Spring 2026	SOC 680 Advanced Social Research Methods (graduate-level), Purdue University
Spring 2026	SOC 382 Introduction to Statistics in Sociology, Purdue University
Fall 2024	SOC 382 Introduction to Statistics in Sociology, Purdue University
Fall 2022	SOC 374 Medical Sociology, Purdue University

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

November 2026. "Polyvictimization, Social Support and Strain by Relationship Type, and Depressive Symptom Trajectories" Presenting at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor. (Authors: **Jinnan Ren** (presenter), Shawn Bauldry, Kenneth F. Ferraro).

August 2026. "Bridging or Reproducing Inequality? Racial Differences in the Well-Being Returns to Different Types of Digital Technology Use among Older Adults" Presenting at the annual meeting of the International Chinese Sociological Association, New York City. (Authors: **Jinnan Ren** (presenter), Ranran He).

November 2024. "Does Loneliness Mediate the Relationship Between Early-Life Adversity and Cognitive Function in Later Life?" Presenting at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Seattle. (Authors: **Jinnan Ren** (presenter), Kenneth F. Ferraro).

November 2024. "The Effect of Digital Interaction with Friends and Family on Older Adults' Well-Being: A Systematic Review" Presenting at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Seattle. (Authors: Ranran He, Destiny Ogle, **Jinnan Ren**).

August 2024. “The Impact of Victimization on Depressive Symptoms in Later Life” Presenting at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal. (Authors: **Jinnan Ren** (presenter), Kenneth F. Ferraro).

November 2023. “Does The Number of Victimization Experiences Raise the Risk of IADL Limitations among Older Adults?” Presenting at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Tampa. (Authors: **Jinnan Ren** (presenter), Madison Sauerteig-Rolston, Mallory Bell, and Kenneth F. Ferraro).

Other Presentations

April 2026. “Polyvictimization, Social Support and Strain by Relationship Type, and Depressive Symptom Trajectories” Presenting at the CALC Scholars in the Spotlight event at the Center on Aging and the Life Course, Purdue University, West Lafayette. (Authors: **Jinnan Ren** (presenter), Shawn Bauldry, Kenneth F. Ferraro).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Certificates

Fall 2026	Advanced Methods at Purdue in the Behavioral, Health, and Social Sciences, Purdue University
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Professional Training

December 2024	Disability Data Resources in the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) Workshop, Summer Institute in Survey Research Technique, Ann Arbor, Michigan
December 2023	Life History Data in the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) Workshop, Summer Institute in Survey Research Technique, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Summer 2023	Introduction to the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) Workshop, Summer Institute in Survey Research Technique, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Fall 2022	Graduate Teaching Assistant Training, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

2024 – 2026	Position: Chief Financial Officer, The Sociology Graduate Organization (SGO), Purdue University
2023 – 2024	Position: Diversity & Inclusion Committee, The Sociology Graduate Organization (SGO), Purdue University
Fall 2025	Officer Training 25-26 Award in Student Organization Leadership Development, Purdue University

SKILLS

Statistical Software and Programming

Stata, R

Languages

English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native)