Ken-Hou Lin

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Appointments

2024–present	Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
2018–2024	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
2013–2018	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
Fall 2024	Acting Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
2013–present	Faculty Associate, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
2022–present	Courtesy Appointment, Department of Business, Government, and Society, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin
2016–present	Faculty Associate, Human Dimensions of Organizations, University of Texas at Austin

Education

2013	Ph.D., Sociology, University of Massachusetts–Amherst
2012	M.A., Sociology, University of Massachusetts–Amherst
2005	B.A., Sociology, National Taiwan University

Publications

Books

Curington, Celeste, Jennifer Lundquist, and **Ken-Hou Lin**. 2021. *The Dating Divide: Race and Desire in the Era of Online Romance*. University of California Press. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou and Megan Tobias Neely. 2020. *Divested: Inequality in the Age of Finance*. Oxford University Press. [DOI]

- Traditional Chinese edition (2021). Taipei: Springhill Publishing.
- Simplified Chinese edition (2024). Beijing: China Renmin University Press.
- Russian edition (forthcoming). Boston: Academic Studies Press.

Refereed Articles

Lin, Ken-Hou and Kim Pernell. 2026. "Financialization in the 21st Century: Contemporary Trends and Emerging Research Directions." *Annual Review of Sociology* [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou, Koit Hung, David Piccone, Elizabeth Weber Handwerker, Matthew Dey, and Théo Voldoire. 2025. "The Contagion of Labor: Linking Workplace Copresence and Occupational Mobility Patterns." *American Journal of Sociology* 131(1):200-237. [DOI]

Lundquist, Jennifer, **Ken-Hou Lin**, and Celeste Curington. 2024. "Interracial Unions and Racial Assortative Mating in an Age of Growing Diversity, Shifting Intimate Relationships, and Emerging Technologies." *Annual Review of Sociology* 50:431-453. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou and Guillermo Dominguez. 2023. "The Rising Importance of Stock-Linked Assets in the Black-White Wealth Gap." *Demography* 60(6):1877-1901. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou and Koit Hung. 2022. "The Network Structure of Occupations: Fragmentation, Differentiation, and Contagion." *American Journal of Sociology* 127(5):1551-1601. [DOI]

Shapira, Harel, Chen Liang, and **Ken-Hou Lin**. 2022. "How Attitudes about Guns Develop over Time." *Sociological Perspectives* 65(1):12-34. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou, Carolina Aragão, and Guillermo Dominguez. 2021. "Firm Size and Employment during the Pandemic." *Socius* [DOI]

Villanueva, Aida and **Ken-Hou Lin**. 2020. "Motherhood Wage Penalties in Latin America: The Significance of Labor Informality." *Social Forces* 99(1):59-85. [DOI]

Curington, Celeste, Jennifer Lundquist, and **Ken-Hou Lin**. 2020. "Tipping the Multiracial Colorline: Racialized Preferences of Multiracial Online Daters." *Race and Social Problems* 12:195-208. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou and Inbar Weiss. 2019. "Immigration and the Wage Distribution in the United States." *Demography* 56(6):2229-2252. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou, Samuel Bondurant, and Andrew Messamore. 2018. "Union, Premium Cost, and the Provision of Employment-based Health Insurance." *Socius* [DOI]

Shapira, Harel, Katherine Jensen, and **Ken-Hou Lin**. 2018. "Trends and Patterns of Concealed Handgun License Applications: A Multistate Analysis." *Social Currents* 5(1):3-14. [DOI]

Cobb, J. Adam and **Ken-Hou Lin**. 2017. "Growing Apart: The Changing Firm-Size Wage Premium and Its Inequality Consequences." *Organization Science* 28(3):429-446. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou and Megan Tobias Neely. 2017. "Gender, Parental Status, and the Wage Premium in Finance." *Social Currents* 4(6):535-555. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou. 2016. "The Rise of Finance and Firm Employment Dynamics." *Organization Science* 27(4):972-988. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou. 2015. "The Financial Premium in the US Labor Market: A Distributional Analysis." *Social Forces* 94(1):1-30. [DOI]

Tomaskovic-Devey, Donald, **Ken-Hou Lin**, and Nathan Meyers. 2015. "Did Financialization Reduce Economic Growth?." *Socio-Economic Review* 13(3):525-548. [DOI]

Curington, Celeste, **Ken-Hou Lin**, and Jennifer Lundquist. 2015. "Positioning Multiraciality in Cyberspace: Treatment of Multiracial Daters in an Online Dating Website." *American Sociological Review* 80(4):764-788. [DOI]

Lundquist, Jennifer and **Ken-Hou Lin**. 2015. "Is Love (Color) Blind? The Economy of Race among Gay and Straight Daters." *Social Forces* 93(4):1423-1449. [DOI]

Cort, David, **Ken-Hou Lin**, and Gabriela Stevenson. 2014. "Residential Hierarchy in Los Angeles: An Examination of Ethnic and Documentation Status Differences." *Social Science Research* 45:170-183. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou and Donald Tomaskovic-Devey. 2013. "Financialization and U.S. Income Inequality, 1970-2008." *American Journal of Sociology* 118(5):1284-1329. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou and Jennifer Lundquist. 2013. "Mate Selection in Cyberspace: The Intersection of Race, Gender, and Education." *American Journal of Sociology* 119(1):183-215. [DOI]

Tomaskovic-Devey, Donald and **Ken-Hou Lin**. 2013. "Financialization: Causes, Inequality Consequences, and Policy Implications." *North Carolina Banking Institute Journal* 18:167-194.

Lin, Ken-Hou. 2012. "Revisiting the Gap between Stylized and Diary Estimates of Market Work Time." *Social Science Research* 41(2):380-391. [DOI]

Tomaskovic-Devey, Donald and **Ken-Hou Lin**. 2011. "Income Dynamics, Economic Rents, and the Financialization of the U.S. Economy." *American Sociological Review* 76(4):538-559. [DOI]

Lin, Ken-Hou. 2011. "Do Less-Skilled Immigrants Work More? Examining the Work Time of Mexican Immigrant Men in the United States." *Social Science Research* 40(5):1402-1418. [DOI]

Book Chapters

Shapira, Harel, **Ken-Hou Lin**, Patrick Sheehan, and Chen Liang. 2026. "The Ambivalence Asymmetry: Comparing the Heterogeneity of Gun Attitudes between Gun Control Supporters and Opponents." Pp. 116-135 in *Handbook on Gun Violence and Society*. [DOI]

Honors & Awards

2025	College of Liberal Arts Subvention Grant, University of Texas at Austin
2024	President's Associates Teaching Excellence Award, University of Texas at Austin
2023	William Julius Wilson Early Career Award, ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section
2022	Iverson Award for Innovation in Teaching, School of Undergraduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin
2022	Honorable Mention, Goode Book Award, ASA Family Section
2020	Finalist, Robert W. Hamilton Book Awards, University of Texas at Austin
2020	Faculty Research Assignment Award, University of Texas at Austin
2018	Visiting Researcher, Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies, Sciences Po
2016–2017	Barbara Pierce Bush Regents Professorship in Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
2014	Outstanding Article Award, Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section, American Sociological Association
2014	Summer Research Assignment, University of Texas at Austin
2012–2013	University Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Massachusetts–Amherst
2012	Summer Fellowship for Dissertation Support, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts–Amherst
2010	Best Graduate Student Professional Paper, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts–Amherst
2010	Andrew Harvey Fellowship, International Association of Time-use Research
2009	Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program Scholar, ICPSR Mass Federation

Grants & Fellowships

2025–2027	**Economic Mobility Impact Evaluation** Principal Investigator · The City of Austin · $120,000
2022	**Employment Mobility and the Segmentation of the French Labor Market** Principal Investigator · Texas Global Faculty Research Seed Grant · $10,000
2022	**Littlefield and Ransom Faculty Fellows** Principal Investigator · University of Texas at Austin · $19,000
2021–2022	**Comparing Taiwanese Immigrants in the Traditional and New Destinations** Principal Investigator · Center for Taiwan Studies · $10,000
2020–2021	**Understanding the Relationship between Employment Context and Job Quality** Principal Investigator · Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (INV-005031) · $119,799
2018–2019	**Building a Tribe in a Finance Desert: Can Government Step in Where Banks do not?** Co-Principal Investigator (PI: Rachel Wellhausen) · University of Texas at Austin · $100,000
2018–2019	**Examining College Students' Attitudes About Guns to Develop Lessons for Intervention** Co-Principal Investigator (PI: Harel Shapira) · Joyce Foundation · $316,181
2014–2017	**The Social and Organizational Determinants of Employment-Based Health Insurance** Principal Investigator · Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (1 R03 HS024102-01) · $99,951
2014–2017	**Texas Census Research Data Center Proposal Development Grant** Principal Investigator · Texas Census Research Data Center · $6,000
2013–2015	**Does Financialization Contribute to Growing Income Inequality?** Co-Principal Investigator (PI: Donald Tomaskovic-Devey) · Institute for New Economic Thinking & The Centre for International Governance Innovation (#INO1300009) · $119,320
2010	**Interracial Romantic Relationships among Internet Daters: The Unexamined Role of Gender and Sexual Orientation** Co-Principal Investigator (PI: Jennifer Lundquist) · University of Massachusetts–Amherst · $14,550

Presentations

2026

- "The Status Trap: Examining Gender Disparities in Skill Signaling on LinkedIn." Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. *(Invited)*
- "Financialization in the 21st Century." Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. *(Invited)*
- "The Status Trap: Examining Gender Disparities in Skill Signaling on LinkedIn." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, Bordeaux, France.
- "The Status Trap: Examining Gender Disparities in Skill Signaling on LinkedIn." Hong Kong University, Hong Kong, China. *(Invited)*

2025

- "Stereotype or Status? Analyzing the Gender Disparities in Skill Signaling on LinkedIn." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. *(Invited)*

- "The Contagion of Labor: Linking Workplace Adjacency and Occupational Mobility." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.

2024

- "Financialization in the 21st Century: Contemporary Trends and Emerging Research Directions." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, Limerick, Ireland.
- "Financialization in the 21st Century: Contemporary Trends and Emerging Research Directions." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- "Financial Assets and the Black-White Racial Wealth Gap." Institute of Racial Equity at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. *(Invited)*

2023

- "The Contagion of Labor: Linking Workplace Adjacency and Occupational Mobility." TEXPOP Conference, Population Research Center, University of Texas, Austin, TX. *(Invited)*
- "The Contagion of Labor: Linking Workplace Adjacency and Occupational Mobility." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2022

- "Lessons from Studying Occupational Mobility Networks." Economic Sociology Seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. *(Invited)*
- "The Significance of Stock-linked Assets in the Black-White Wealth Gap." Workshop on Financialization and the Social Economy, University of Massachusetts–Boston, Boston, MA. *(Invited)*
- "The Significance of Stock-linked Assets in the Black-White Wealth Gap." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

2021

- "Divested: Inequality in the Age of Finance." Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, online. *(Invited)*
- "Divested: Inequality in the Age of Finance." Capitalism Studies and Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, online. *(Invited)*
- "Divested: Inequality in the Age of Finance." Department of Sociology and Global Asia Research Center, National Taiwan University, online. *(Invited)*
- "The Significance of Financial Wealth in the Black-White Wealth Gap." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, online.

2020

- "Presidential Election, COVID-19, and Inequality." Social Innovation Initiative Workshop, McCombs School of Business, online. *(Invited)*
- "Debt and Economic Insecurity." Thematic Session: Credit, Debt, and Inequality at Work, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, online. *(Invited)*
- "The Network Structure of Occupations." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, online.
- "Thinking about Finance in a Time of Pandemic." ASA Pre-conference: New Debates in the Sociology of Finance, online. *(Invited)*

2019

- "Financial Reform a Decade after the Financial Crisis." New Deals in Europe and America, LBJ School of Public Affairs, Austin, TX. *(Invited)*

- "The Fragmentation of US Labor Market." Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality, Yale University, New Haven, CT. *(Invited)*
- "How College Influences Attitudes about Guns: Examining Political Attitudes as Relational Properties." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

2018

- "Immigration and Wage Distribution." Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University, New York, NY. *(Invited)*
- "Immigration and Wage Distribution." Social Processes and Structures Seminar, University of Paris–Sorbonne, Paris, France. *(Invited)*
- "American Life in Debt." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- "Reinforcing the Boundaries of Whiteness and Blackness: The Racial Preferences of Multiracial Online Daters." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- "Invisible Boundaries in Cyberspace: A Relational Approach to Understand Racial Hierarchy in the United States." Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies, Paris, France. *(Invited)*

2017

- "Growing Apart: The Changing Firm-Size Wage Premium and Its Inequality Consequences." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- "The Inequality Consequences of Immigration." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.

2016

- "The Motherhood Penalty in Latin America: Evidence from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico & Peru." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- "Divested: Inequality in Financialized America." Invited Panel on Innovations in the Research of Work and Organizations, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. *(Invited)*
- "Growing Apart: The Declining Firm-Size Wage Effect and Its Wage Inequality Consequence." People and Organizations Conference, Wharton School of Business, Philadelphia, PA.
- "The Social and Organizational Determinants of Employment-Based Health Insurance." RDC Annual Research Conference, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

2015

- "Gender, Parental Status and Financial Premium." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- "The Motherhood Penalty in Latin America: An Exploratory Study for Argentina & Peru." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- "Gender, Parental Status and Financial Premium." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

2014

- "The Financial Premium in the US Labor Market: A Distributional Analysis." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- "Multiracial Status and Online Dating: A Bonus, a Penalty or Something In-between?." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- "The Rise of Finance and Firm Employment Dynamics, 1982–2005." Juan March Institute, Madrid, Spain.

- "Did Financialization Decrease Economic Well-Being?." Juan March Institute, Madrid, Spain.

2013

- "Financialization and Firm Employment Dynamics, 1982–2005." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- "Income Inequality and the Financialization of the US Economy." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

2012

- "Mate Selection in Cyberspace: The Intersection of Race, Gender, and Education." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- "Financialization and Firm-level Employment Dynamics, 1980–2005." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

2011

- "Financialization and Rising Income Inequality: 1970–2008." Mini-Conference on Work, Power, and Inequality, Boston, MA.
- "Interracial Mate Selection in Cyberspace: The Intersection of Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- "Financialization and Rising Income Inequality: A Dynamic Analysis." International Sociology Association RC28 Meeting, Iowa City, IA.
- "Did Financialization Increase Income Inequality in the Non-Finance Sectors of the Economy?." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL.
- "Interracial Intimate Relationships among Internet Daters: The Unexamined Role of Sexual Orientation and Gender." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2010

- "Economic Rents and the Financialization of the US Economy." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- "Activity Time, Committed Time, and Constrained Time: Examining the Gap between Stylized and Diary-based Estimates of Market Work Time." International Association of Time-use Research Annual Meeting, Paris, France.
- "Economic Rents and the Financialization of the US Economy." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2009

- "Do Mexican Immigrant Men Work More? Examining the Difference in Work Time between Mexican Immigrant and Non-Hispanic White Men." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI.

Teaching

University of Texas at Austin

Graduate

- Income Inequality
- Population Research Center Graduate Training Seminar
- Regression Analysis and Causal Inference

- Structure of Organizations (Human Dimensions of Organization)

Undergraduate

- Sociology of Money
- Social Inequality
- Introduction to Social Statistics
- Two to Tango: Sociology of Relationships (Signature Course)

Graduate Advising

Dissertation Committee Chair

2018–2022	Inbar Weiss (Co-Chair)
2018–2020	Aida Villanueva (Co-Chair)

Dissertation Committee Member

2024–present	Sercan Tas
2023–2025	Annie Murphy
2022–2025	Jake Burchard (University of Chicago)
2021–2024	Andrew Messamore
2020–2023	Patrick Sheehan
2020–2023	Koit Hung
2020–2022	Carolina Aragão
2017–2019	Shih-Yi Chao
2017–2019	Amanda Bosky
2017–2021	Katherine Hill
2016–2017	Paige Gabriel
2014–2017	Shantel Buggs
2014–2017	Megan Tobias Neely
2013–2016	Robert Sitko
2013–2015	April Sutton

Service

Editorial Positions

2021–present	Editor-in-Charge, *Socio-Economic Review*
2019–2022	Deputy Editor, *Demography*
2023–2027	Editorial Board Member, *Social Forces*
2022–2024	Editorial Board Member, *American Sociological Review*
2018–2020	Consulting Editorial Board Member, *American Journal of Sociology*
2018–2022	Editorial Board Member, *Social Forces*
2017–2019	Editorial Board Member, *American Sociological Review*
2015–2022	Editorial Board Member, *Social Currents*

Peer Review

Journals

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Organization Science, Social Forces, Social Problems, Socio-Economic Review, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Journal of Marriage and Family, European Sociological Review, Social Science Research, Sociology of Development, PNAS, Sociological Methods and Research, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Regulation and Governance, Social Currents, Sociological Forum, Work and Occupations, Research in the Sociology of Work, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, Theory and Social Inquiry

Grant Agencies

National Science Foundation, European Research Council, Dutch Research Council, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, National Research Development and Innovation Office of Hungary, The Russell Sage Foundation, Academia Sinica (Taiwan)

Tenure and Promotion

Colorado State University, Columbia University, Indiana University, New York University

Professional Associations

2022–2025	Council Member, Organization, Occupation, and Work Section, American Sociological Association
2024–2025	Past Chair, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
2023–2024	Chair, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
2022–2023	Chair-Elect, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
2021–2022	Nominating Committee Member, American Sociological Association
2024–2025	Chair, Rosabeth Moss Kanter Distinguished Career Award Committee, Organization, Occupation, and Work Section, American Sociological Association
2023–2025	Committee Member, Program Committee for the 2025 ASA Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association
2023–2024	Chair, Program Committee, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
2023–2024	Chair, James D. Thompson Graduate Student Paper Award, Organization, Occupation, and Work Section, American Sociological Association
2018–2019	Program Committee Co-Chair, Organization, Occupation, and Work Section, 2019 Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association
2016–2017	Editor, Work in Progress blog, American Sociological Association
2023–2024	Chair, Education, Work and Economic Inequality Area Committee, Population Association of America

University Service

Departmental

2026–2028	Member, Graduate Program Committee
2026–2027	Member, Faculty Search Committee
2026–2027	Chair, Comprehensive Periodic Review Committee

2025–2026	Member, Executive Committee
2022–2025	Associate Departmental Chair & Director of Undergraduate Studies
2024	Acting Departmental Chair
2021–2022	Chair, Faculty Search Committee
2022–2023	Member, Faculty Search Committee
2016–2021	Area Coordinator, Organization, Occupation, and Work
2019–2021	Organizer, Job Market Workshop
2019–2020	Member, Climate Advisory Committee

College-wide

2023–2024	Member, Social and Behavioral Statistical and Data Sciences (SBSDS) Hub Director Search Committee
2022–2025	Strategic Planning Steering Committee
2021–2022	FRA and SRA Review Committee

University-wide

2021–2024	Quantitative Reasoning Flag Committee
2022	Robert W. Hamilton Book Author Awards Committee
2018	University Graduate Continuing Fellowship Selection Committee