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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

PhD in Sociology

June 2025

Dissertation: *Labor Migration Programs in Japan: A Three-Step Pathway to Permanent Residence, but Precarious Labor for All*

Committee: Professor Rubén Hernández-León (Chair), Professor Roger Waldinger, Professor Min Zhou, Professor Gracia Liu-Farrer (Waseda University, Japan)

United States-Japan Foundation Scholar Dissertation Award 2025

MA in Sociology

2019

Thesis: “Guest Worker Program in Japan: Chinese Workers’ Mobility in Constructing the 2020 Olympic Games’ Infrastructure”

Kobe University, Japan

MA in Culture and Globalization

2015

Thesis: “Japan’s Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) in Practice: Interviews with Chinese Interns” (written in Japanese)

Qingdao University, China

BA in Japanese

2011

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2025 – 2026

Postdoctoral Fellow, Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University

2022 – 2023

Fulbright Research Fellow at 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- 2022 Notehelfer Prize for the Best Unpublished Paper Awarded by UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies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*. Accepted. Forthcoming.

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. <https://asia.nikkei.com/Opinion/Japan-has-to-do-more-for-migrant-rights-than-drop-intern-label>

Working Papers

Qiaoyan Li Rosenberg. “Punish and Criminalize Female Migrant Workers in Japan: A Case Study of Isolated Childbirth”

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

UCLA Dissertation Year Award	2024 – 2025
UCLA Center for the Study of Women Paula Stone Legal Research Fellowship	2023 – 2024
Association for Asian Studies Conference Japan Studies Graduate Student Travel Grant	2024
UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies Sasakawa Graduate Fellowship	2023 – 2024
UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies Notehelper Prize for Best Paper	2022
UCLA Department of Sociology Summer Fellowship	2021, 2023
UCLA Department of Sociology Dorothy L. Meier Dissertation Fellowship	2023 – 2024
Fulbright - Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad	2020 – 2021
UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship	2019 – 2020
UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship	2019
UCLA Burkle Center Alice Belkin Memorial Scholarship	2018 – 2019
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 – 2018
Japan Nitori International Scholarship	2014 – 2015
Japan-China Friendship Association Shimonoseki City Mayor Prize	2010
Shimonoseki City University, Japan International Communication Friendship Prize	2010
Qingdao University Honor of A Distinguished Student	2009
Qingdao University Sumitomo Corporation Scholarship	2008 – 2009

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“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.

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,” Professor Hilary Holbrow’s course “Migration in East Asia” at 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),” Professor Tetsu Sakurai’s graduate seminar at Kobe University, Japan, July 2023.

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.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UCLA Department of Sociology

Teaching Fellow

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

Teaching Associate

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

Teaching Assistant

- Occupations and Professions Spring 2019
- Economy and Society Winter 2019
- Sociological Theory Fall 2018

Kobe University, Japan, Graduate School of Intercultural Studies

Teaching Assistant

- Global Justice Seminar Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fulbright Research Fellow at Waseda University, Japan 2022 – 2023

Title: Labor Migration in East Asia: Control Labor Mobility in Japan's Guest Worker Program

UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship with Professor Rubén Hernández-León 2019 – 2020

Title: Labor migration from China and Vietnam to Japan

UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship with Professor Rubén Hernández-León 2019

Title: Guestwork Program in Japan: A Perspective of Migration Industry and the Sending State

SERVICE

UCLA Department of Sociology Migration Working Group: Coordinator 2023 – 2024

BOND, a NPO for Migrants and Refugees in Japan: Volunteer 2022 – 2023

Kobe University, Japan, International Student Committee: Tutor 2013 – 2014

LANGUAGES

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

RERERENCES

Professor Rubén Hernández-León

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Professor Roger Waldinger

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