

# KARA TAKASAKI

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2021  
M.A. Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2012  
B.A. Sociology and English, Tufts University, 2011

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2021- Post Doctoral Researcher, IC<sup>2</sup> Institute, University of Texas at Austin

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2021 Doerr, Katherine, Riegler-Crumb, Catherine, Russo-Tait, Tatiane, **Takasaki, Kara**, Sassler, Sharon, and Yael, Levitte. "Making merit work at the entrance to the engineering workforce: Examining women's experiences and variations by race/ethnicity." Forthcoming in *Sex Roles*.
- 2020 Kammer-Kerwick, Matt, **Takasaki, Kara**, Kellison, Bruce, Pogue, Gregory P., Markman, Arthur B. "Rethinking Supply Chains as Neighborhoods." *Journal of Intercultural Management and Ethics* 3(4): 17-34.
- 2020 Takasaki, Kara. "STOP AAPI HATE Reporting Center: A Model of Collective Leadership and Community Advocacy." *Journal of Asian American Studies*. Special issue on Viral Racisms: Asians/Americans and Pacific Islanders Respond to COVID-19.
- 2017 Takasaki, Kara. "Friends and Family in Relationship Communities: The Importance of Friendship During the Transition to Adulthood." *Michigan Family Review* Vol 21.
- 2015 Eisen, Daniel B., **Takasaki, Kara**, and Arlie P. Tagayuna. "Am I Really Filipino?: The Unintended Consequences of Filipino Language and Culture Courses in Hawai'i." *Journal Committed to Social Change on Race and Ethnicity* 1(2): 25-53.

### Book Reviews

- 2017 *Fertility Holidays: IVF Tourism and the Reproduction of Whiteness*. By Amy Speier. Feminist Collections: A Quarterly of Women's Studies Resources. Vol. 38 3(4): 7-9. Fertility Tourism: Moral and Political Economies of Hope in the Global Healthcare Market.
- 2017 *Saving Face: The Emotional Costs of the Asian Immigrant Family Myth*. By Angie Y. Chung. In *E3W Review of Books*, Vol. 17.

### Manuscripts in Submission (\* indicates graduate student co-authorship)

- Takasaki, Kara, Kammer-Kerwick, Matt, \*Yundt-Pacheco, Mayra, and Melissa Torres.

“The Production of Immigrant Day Laborers and the Possibilities of Worker Center Interventions into Wage Theft and Workplace Safety.” Revise and resubmit at *The Journal of Labor and Society*.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

Kammer-Kerwick, Matt, **Takasaki, Kara**, Sternberg, Jeffrey, Kellison, Bruce, and Art Markman. “Asset-Based, Sustainable Local Economic Development: A Comparison of Priorities and Preferences in and Between Rural and Urban Communities”  
Takasaki, Kara. “‘Outwork your Doubt’: Racial Optimization in Professional Occupations.”  
Takasaki, Kara. “Paying for Inequality: Gender Roles in Salsa Dance Schools.”  
Glass, Jennifer, Sessler, Sharon, **Takasaki, Kara**, Parker, Emily and Yael Levitte. “Finding a Job: Gender, Race, and Search Strategies Among STEM Graduates.”

### **Web-Based Publications**

2017 Takasaki, Kara. "What Disney’s Andi Mack Reveals about Asian Americans." *Racism Review*. April 18.  
2016 Contributor to *Inside Higher Ed* Conditionally Accepted career advice column.  
2009 Takasaki, Kara. "Rail Transit: Hope is for a Higher Quality of Mobility." *The Honolulu Advertiser*. August 22.  
2009 Takasaki, Kara. "Rail transit offers a smart alternative." *The Honolulu Advertiser*. September 7.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2022 New Leaders Council Austin Fellowship  
2021 Laura Bassi Editorial Scholarship partial fee waiver  
2020 Japanese American Citizens League and Asian Pacific American Advocates Leadership Summit  
2019 Asian Pacific American Islander Congressional Leadership Academy and Women’s Collective Summit  
2015 Professional Development Award University of Texas at Austin Office of Graduate Studies  
2011 Merit Scholarship University of Chicago Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences  
2011 Cum Laude with High Thesis Honors Department of Sociology Tufts University  
2011 First Place Voices Literary Magazine April Writing Contest Tufts University  
2009 MacJannet Scholarship Tufts University  
2007 Cayetano Foundation Scholarship Hawaii Community Foundation

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2021 Vice Provost for Diversity Office Actions that promote Community Transformation  
Diversity Equity Inclusion Seed Grant 2021

- 2021 Services for Students with Disabilities James M. Young Endowment
- 2017 Population Research Center Fellowship University of Texas at Austin
- 2016 Time Use Surveys training workshop University of Maryland
- 2013 Summer Fellowship Department of Sociology University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 Research Grant Institute of Global Leadership and Undergraduate Research Fund Tufts University

## **INVITED TALKS**

- 2021 “Asians and Asian Americans Navigating the Pandemic.” Ardea Partners LP. July 27.
- 2021 “Increasing Awareness of Race, Racism and Health Disparities among Asians and Asian Americans from the AAPI COVID-19 Project.” Clara Health. May 26.
- 2021 “How Asians and Asian Americans are Navigating the Pandemic: Findings from the AAPI COVID-19 Project.” Motorola Solutions, Inc. May 18.
- 2021 “Curating the Present: Thinking Historically about the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Cardiff University, United Kingdom. History and Heritage Online Roundtable. February 3.
- 2020 “Panel 2: Processing the Pandemic: The AAPI COVID-19 Project Research Methods and Commitment to Our Communities.” Harvard University. Committee for Ethnicity, Migration, Rights. November 10.
- 2019 “Situating the Model Minority Myth: Race, History and Intersectionality” Austin Community College. Asian and Asian American Faculty Event. March 7.
- 2017 “Asian American Masculinities.” Southwestern University. Introduction to Feminist Philosophy. November 29.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

### **Conferences Organized**

- 2018 Winter Meeting Sociologists for Women in Society Program Committee. January 25-28.

### **Panels Organized**

- 2020 “Diversity and Discrimination in the Education Pipeline and Labor Market.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 22-25. Conference cancelled.

### **Papers Presented**

- 2019 Takasaki, Kara. “Men’s Time in Care Work.” Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference. April 25-27.
- 2018 Takasaki, Kara. “Racialized Masculinities: How Work Shapes the Lives of Asian American Men.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting mini conference “Race, Organizations, and the Organizing Process.” February 23-24.
- 2017 Glass, Jennifer, **Kara Takasaki** and Paige Gabriel. “Race, Gender, and the Job Search

- Process among STEM Graduates.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 27-29.
- 2014 Takasaki, Kara. “The Value of Friendship: Social Validation and Support for the Individual.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. April 3-6.
- 2012 Takasaki, Kara. "Follow the leader: Socialization of salsa in Chicago dance schools." Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. November 1-4.
- 2012 Eisen, Daniel, Tagayuna, Arlie and **Kara Takasaki**. “I’m Filipino!: The Role of Education in the Adoption of a Filipino Ethnic Identity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 17-20.

## **CAMPUS TALKS**

- 2019 “Black Indigenous Women of Color Week in Academia Panel” Multicultural Engagement Center UT Austin April 8
- 2018 “Social Activism and Asian Americans: Gender Inequality, Violence, and Sexual Harassment.” UT Austin Center for Asian American Studies. Bridging Community Through Service-Learning undergraduate course. February 19.
- 2017 “City of Austin Asian American Quality of Life Initiative.” UT Austin Center for Asian American Studies. Bridging Community Through Service-Learning undergraduate course. March 2.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor of Record UT Austin**

Sociology of Race and Work (Summer 2019)  
Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2018)

### **Teaching Assistant UT Austin**

Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016)  
Introduction to Social Research (Fall 2015)  
Introduction to Social Statistics (Fall 2019)  
Introduction to the Study of Population and Society (Fall 2018)  
Issues in Policing (Fall 2014)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Spring 2020 -**

**COVID-19 Pandemic and Asian Americans PIs:**

Jason Beckfield and Vivian Shaw

Quantitative Survey Co-Lead, [AAPI COVID-19 Project](#), March 2020- present

I coordinate the survey construction, sampling, and distribution of surveys measuring the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the health, relationships, and working lives of Asian Americans.

**December 2019 – May 2021**

**IC<sup>2</sup> Research Institute**, Director Art Markman  
Graduate Research Assistant

I develop, conduct, and analyze focus groups and surveys, train students and write research reports and manuscripts with large state government agencies, private corporations, and academic researchers in multi-site research grants on the human dimensions of organizations, labor exploitation, and quality of life in rural Texas communities.

**May 2019**

**Study Society of Women Engineers (SWENext)**, PI:  
Catherine Riegle-Crumb, Consultant Interview Study

**June 2016 - May 2017**

**Child and Family Research Partnership**, Director  
Cynthia Osborne, Graduate Research Assistant

I analyzed English and Spanish focus group transcripts and developed surveys and observation logs to evaluate social welfare programs to improve low-income and military fathers' relationships with their children and the mothers of their children. Co-authored policy briefs: Fatherhood Programs in Texas and Military and Veteran Families

**December 2013 - May 2019**

**Early Transitions into STEM Employment**, PI: Jennifer  
Glass, Graduate Research Assistant

I developed, conducted, and analyzed interviews and surveys for a five-year, multi-site study of retention and satisfaction by race and gender during the first years of work after receiving a STEM degree.

**December 2013 - July 2014**

**Massachusetts Health & Relationships Project**, PI: Deb  
Umberson, Research Assistant

I developed survey measures on relationship quality, health, and caregiving among married, middle-aged, same and opposite sex couples.

**July-December 2012**

**Northwestern School of Medicine Center for Healthcare  
Studies**, Research Study Coordinator

I wrote research reports, managed interview, survey, and focus group data, and coordinated with research facilities and medical practitioners on multi-year and multi-site grants to improve the quality of informed medical consent in kidney transplants among the Hispanic population.

**October 2011-March 2012**

**University of Chicago Urban Education Institute**  
Graduate Research Assistant, Digital Youth Media

I developed and analyzed data from interviews on how digital media programs can improve academic outcomes for Black and Hispanic youth from Chicago Public Schools.

**June 2011**

**Filipino Identity Development in Hawai'i**  
Research Assistant

I reviewed literature on colonization, immigration, and ethnic identity of Filipino/as in the U.S. mainland and Hawai'i for a co-authored a manuscript analyzing 105 essays from *Katipunan Magazin* (1992-2009).

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

Peer Reviewer (2021) for *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

Peer Reviewer (2021) for *Big Data & Society*

Organizer and presider for Family Section mentoring roundtables at the 2020 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting online.

Peer Reviewer (2019) for *Social Problems*

Presider for paper session on Gender and Marriage in Asia and Asian America at the 2019 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Graduate Student Representative (2018-2019) Family Section in the American Sociological Association

Co-chair of the Membership Committee (2016-2017) Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work in the American Sociological Association

Graduate Student Representative (2016-2017) Section on Asia and Asian America in the American Sociological Association

Membership Committee Member (2014-2016) Section on Sex and Gender in the American Sociological Association

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Co-coordinator UT Austin Sociology Department Race and Ethnicity Workgroup 2019

UT Austin Asian Desi Pacific Islander American Collective (ADPAC) Meet and Greet with Asian and Asian American Faculty and Graduate Students (2017)

Graduate Student Representative to UT Austin Faculty Council on Responsibilities, Rights, and Welfare of Graduate Students Standing Committee (2016-2017)

Steering Committee Graduate Portfolio Representative, Center for Women and Gender Studies (2013-2014)

Finance Committee and Sociology Alternate Rep, Graduate Student Assembly (2013-2014)

## **EXTRA TRAINING**

Population Research Center Trainee

Ethnography Lab Graduate Fellow

Women and Gender Studies graduate portfolio and certificate

Asian American Studies graduate portfolio and certificate

Rapport Center for Human Rights and Justice Graduate Student Affiliate

Faculty Innovation Center Advanced Teaching Certificate (2020)

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Jeung, Russell, Gowing, Sarah, and Kara Takasaki. 2020. "News Accounts of COVID-19 Discrimination 2/9-3/7/20." Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council Report. February -

April 2020.

2015-2016 Community Appointed Commissioner to the City of Austin Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Board: Chair of Community Assessment Workgroup  
Workgroup member: Business, Community Engagement, Health

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

- 2021 “The Intensification of Anti-Asian Racism During the Pandemic” *The Point* on WCAI, NPR for the Cape, Coast and Islands. May 5.
- 2021 “‘I don’t feel safe anymore’: Asian Texans grapple with racism after a gunman killed Asian women in Atlanta.” *The Texas Tribune*. March 19.
- 2020 “How the ‘Model-Minority’ Stereotype Obscures Asian Americans’ Economic and Health Care Challenges.” *Texas Standard*. September 7.
- 2020 Coronavirus and Racial Profiling News Tracking for the Stop AAPI Hate reporting center. August 17.
- 2020 “Persistence and Consequences of the Model Minority Stereotype in America’s Race System.” AAVMC’s Diversity and Inclusion on Air. August 2

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Qualitative Data Software: Dedoose, MAXQDA, ATLAS.ti

Quantitative Data Software: STATA, SPSS, Mplus, Microsoft Excel, R

Survey Software: Qualtrics

American Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Certificate valid until 9/19/23

## **NONACADEMIC WORK**

- January - May 2020 RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service CONNECT Program data consultant for Kids in a New Groove music mentorship program for children in foster care
- June - August 2015 Health and Human Services Commission Office of Social Services Family Violence Program Specialist I Summer Intern
- May 2013 - February 2014 Parents and Children Together  
On-Call Domestic Violence Shelter Advocate Ohia Shelter for Women and Children
- January - May 2013 Hawaii State Legislature House Finance Committee  
Budget Analyst for State Department budget proposals

## **TEACHING AREAS**

Race, Class, and Gender; Work and Family; Immigration; Asian America

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (Castilian): conversational and limited working proficiency

Reading: intermediate high, Writing: intermediate medium, Speaking: intermediate low  
Japanese speaking, reading, and writing: beginner

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Men's Studies Association  
National Women's Studies Association  
Association for Asian American Studies  
Council on Contemporary Families  
Work and Family Researchers Network  
National Council on Family Relations  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
American Sociological Association