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**Research Interests:** Aging and the life course, Family Relations, Digital Communication, Social Networks

## **Education**

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2027(expected) **Dual-Title PhD in Sociology and Gerontology, Purdue University, USA**

2027(expected) **Advanced Interdisciplinary Methods Certificate (Specialization: Quantitative Methods), Purdue University, USA**

2020 **Master of Philosophy in Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong SAR**

- Dissertation Title: An Exploratory Study on Online Communication Media Use and Social Networking Practices among Older Adults in Urban China
- Dissertation Committee: Danching Ruan (Chair, Hong Kong Baptist University); Wenhong Chen (The University of Texas at Austin); Gina W. F. Lai (Hong Kong Baptist University)

2017 **Bachelor of Arts in Broadcasting and Television Playwright-director, Communication University of China, China**

- Dissertation Title: “Online Celebrity Show” on Live Streaming Platforms: Emotional Loneliness, Intimate Illusion, and Celebrity Culture Recreation (received **Best Dissertation Award** from Communication University of China)

2014 **Exchange Program, Journalism and Communication, Tampere University, Finland**

## **Publications**

### **Refereed Journal Articles in English**

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Bai, X., Meng, T., **He, R.**, & Xu, T. (2022). Toward an Integrative Framework of Intergenerational Coparenting within Family Systems: A Scoping Review. *Journal of Family Theory & Review*.

### **Book Chapters in English**

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Zhou, K., & **He, R.** (2024) Domesticating Gaming: An Intergenerational Study of Online Gaming Behaviors among Older Gamers. In: Chen, F., McAllister, K.S., Ruggill, J.E. (eds). *The Chinese Video Game Industry*. Palgrave Games in Context. Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Refereed Journal Articles in Chinese**

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Zhou, K., & **He, R.** (2021) Domesticating the Game: An Intergenerational Study of Chinese Older Adults’ Online Gaming Behaviors. *Shanghai Journalism Review* (CSSCI) (in Chinese)

Zhou, K., & **He, R.** (2017) The Future of China’s Short-video Industry under the Dual Logic of Technology and Governance: A Prospective Analysis of the Proliferation of 5G Technology. *TV Research* (CSSCI) (in Chinese)

Zhou. K., Wu. W., & **He. R.** (2017) A Review of Chinese-language Studies of Television and Video in 2016. *TV Research* (CSSCI) (in Chinese)

Zhou. K., & **He. R.** (2017) A Review of the Development of China's Television Shows in 2017. *Southeast Communication* (in Chinese)

**He. R.** (2016) Media for the New Generation: The Flows of Texts in Social Networks and Cultural Changes in Hong Kong. *China Journalism and Communication Journal* (CSSCI) (in Chinese)

## **Work in Progress**

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### *Under Review*

**He. R.**, Suito, J. J., & Gilligan, M. (Under 1<sup>st</sup> Review) Digital Contact as Strain or Support: How Does Type of Contact Shape the Impact of Mother-child Interactions on the Adult Children's Depressive Symptoms in Later-life Families? *The Gerontologist*.

Suito, J. J., Gilligan, M., Frase, R. T., Ogle, D., & **He. R.** (Under 1<sup>st</sup> Review) Maternal Differential Treatment and Adult Children's Depressive Symptoms: The Moderating Role of Mothers' Cognitive Impairment. *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Bai, X., Luk, J., **He. R.**, & Lai, D. (Conditionally Accepted) Intergenerationally Tied Relocation and Care Circulation: Motivations, Struggles, and Future Arrangement. *Family Relations*.

### *In Progress*

**He. R.**, Ogle, D., Suito, J. J., & Gilligan, M. Differential Effects of Types of Contact with Family Network Members on Psychological Well-being in Later Midlife. Invited for publication in *Handbook of the Family as a Network* (edited by Beate Völker and Vera de Bel).

**He. R.**, Suito, J. J., & Gilligan, M. How Multiplexity and Level of Role Engagement in Mother-Child Ties Shape Adult Children's Psychological Well-being.

Suito, J. J., Gilligan, M., Ogle, D., **He. R.** & Frase, R. T. Patterns and Consequences of Within Family Differences Across the Life Course: A Sociological Perspective

Suito, J. J., Gilligan, M., Hou, Y., Ogle, D., **He. R.** & Frase, R. T. Intergenerational Transmission of Parental Differential Treatment.

Suito, J. J., Gilligan, M., Frase, R. T., **He. R.** & Ogle, D. "I Still Hate Fighting with Mom!" Mother-Child Relationship Quality and Adults' Depressive Symptoms Across Two Decades.

## **Conference Papers**

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**He. R.** (Presenter), Suito, J. J., & Gilligan, M. (2024) Digital Contact as Strain or Support: How Does Type of Contact Shape the Impact of Mother-child Interactions on the Adult Children's Depressive Symptoms in Later-life Families? 119<sup>th</sup> American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting

- Suitor, J. J. (Presenter), Gilligan, M., Frase, R. T., Ogle, D., & **He. R.** (2023). Maternal Differential Treatment and Adult Children's Depressive Symptoms: The Moderating Role of Mothers' Cognitive Impairment. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting
- He, R.** (Presenter) & Ruan, D. (2022) Old Ties, New Groups: Chinese Older Adults' Social Network (Re) building on Mobile Communication Media. The XLII Social Networks Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis, International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)
- Bai, X. (Presenter), Liu, C. **He, R.**, & Xu, T. (2021) A Mixed Methods Study of Intergenerational Care Planning among Ageing Chinese Families in Hong Kong. IFA 15th Global Conference on Ageing, International Federation on Ageing
- Bai, X., **He, R. (Presenter)**, & Liu, C. (2021) Preparation and Struggle of Two Generations for Future Care: A Study of Intergenerational Care Planning among Mainland Immigrant Aging Families in Hong Kong. ICHAA 2021: International Conference on Healthy and Active Aging (received **Best Presentation Award**)
- He. R.** (2019) An Exploratory Study on Online Communication Media Use and Networking Practices among Older Adults, 114th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association
- He. R.** (2019) Connected by Online Groups: How Older Adults in Urban China Use Online Groups for Network Management and Social Support Exchange, 7th Global Social Sciences Graduate Students Conference, Hong Kong Baptist University (received **Best Presentation Award**)
- He. R.** (2018) An Explorative Study on Older Adults' Online Social Networks: Insights from Older WeChat Users in Urban China, 20th Annual Conference of Hong Kong Sociological Association, Hong Kong Sociological Association
- He. R.** (2018) "We Connected and Supported by Ourselves Online." An Exploratory Research on Digital Networking Practices and Reciprocal Social Support among Older Adults in Urban China, International Sociological Association Research Committees RC06 (Family) and RC41 (Population) Conference, International Sociological Association
- He. R.** (2016) Media for New Generation: The Flows of Texts in Social Network and Cultural Changes in Hong Kong, Using "100 Most" Facebook Page as Example. Annual Conference for International Association of Media and Communication Research 2016, International Association of Media and Communication Research
- He. R.** (2015) Branding a Nation: Exploring the Branding Function of Documentaries in the New Media Environment. The First Global Creative Industries Conference, University of Hong Kong

### **Funded Project**

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"People in the Games" (2020-2022): An Investigation of Chinese People's Online Gaming Behaviors across Different Stages of Life Course  
Co-investigator (with Kui Zhou), funded by The National Social Science Fund of China & Tencent Research Institute

## Research Experience

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2023-current Research Assistant, Dr. J. Jill Sutor, Dept. of Sociology, Purdue University

- Prepared codebooks for the public release of T1 and T2 of the Within-Family Differences Study; managed and digitalized T1 and T2 data; organized and analyzed qualitative data from the WFDS-III for mixed-methods papers on parental favoritism and well-being on which I will be a co-author.

2020-2022 Research Associate, Dr. Xue Bai, Dept. of Applied Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic Univ

- Participated in a series of research and intervention projects related to care planning, intergenerational co-parenting and long-distance caregiving

2019-2020 Research Assistant, Dr. Danching Ruan, Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist Univ

- Research project “Elite Reproduction: A Study of Cultural and Social Capital Reproduction in Urban China under Mao”

2016-2017 Research Assistant, School of Television, Communication University of China

2015-2017. Foreign Media Analyst, International Journalism Research Center, Communication University of China

## Teaching Experience

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### *Teaching Assistant Experiences*

2024 Advanced Social Research Methods: Multiple Regression (Graduate-level)  
(Dr. Jeremy Reynolds), Purdue University

2022-2023 Introduction to Statistics in Sociology (Dr. Jeremy Reynolds), Purdue University

2022 Introduction to Sociology (Dr. Patricia Thomas), Purdue University

2018 Understanding Society: An Introduction to Sociology (Dr. Danching Ruan), Hong Kong Baptist University

2018. Modern Chinese Society (Dr. Danching Ruan), Hong Kong Baptist University

2017 Introduction to Sociological Thinking and Writing (Dr. Chih-Yan Sun), Hong Kong Baptist University

## Funding

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*Purdue University: Summer Research Training Grant (\$2, 520)*

Used to pay for Mixed-Effects Models for Multilevel and Longitudinal Data Using Stata offered by ICPSR in Ann Arbor Michigan, August 7-11, 2023

## Honors, Scholarships, and Awards

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2017 – 2019 Hong Kong Research Postgraduate Studentship, Hong Kong Baptist University

2017 Outstanding Graduate Award, Beijing Municipal Commission of Education, China

2017 Best Dissertation Award, Communication University of China

2016 Chinese Central Television Scholarship, Communication University of China

2015 Sony Excellence Scholarship, Communication University of China

2015 Scholarship for Academic Achievement, Communication University of China

## **Service & Activities**

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### *Academic Services*

- 2019 Peer Reviewer, *New Media & Society*
- 2018 Panel Chair, Panel 5.4 *Sociology of Internet*, 20th Annual Conference of Hong Kong Sociological Association
- 2018 Organization Committee Member, The 6th Global Social Sciences Graduate Students Conference, Hong Kong Baptist University

### *University Services*

- 2023 Diversity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, Department of Sociology, Purdue University
- 2019 Volunteer, Blessing Ambassador Program: Help the Older Adults to Connect with their Families by Smartphones, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2018 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2015 Research Volunteer, Research Center for Media and Gender, Communication University of China

## **Other Work Experiences**

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- 2015 – 2017 Multimedia & Photography Editor (Internship), NetEase (Beijing, China)
- 2015 Television Journalist (Internship), Jiangsu Broadcasting Corporation (Nanjing, China)

## **Multimedia Projects**

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- 2017 Director, *The Forgotten Victim*, Independent Documentary Project
- 2017 Photography Editor, *The Collapse of Faith: 30 Years after the Chernobyl Nuclear Accident*, Multimedia and VR Project, NetEase
- 2016 Director, *Entrepreneurs in the Ghettos of Beijing*, Independent Documentary Project

## **Professional Skills**

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Software for research: proficient in Stata, NVivo, SPSS, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint

Software for media production: proficient in Adobe Premiere, Final Cut, Adobe Photoshop, and Adobe Illustration; some experience with After Effects

## **Language Skills**

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Mandarin (Native), English (Excellent), Cantonese (Excellent)