

Victoria Tran

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EMPLOYMENT

2026-Present Assistant Professor, Sociology and Comparative Race and Ethnicity Studies, Reed College

EDUCATION

2026 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
 Dissertation: Contesting Chinatown: Community Ownership in Urban Growth Politics in Los Angeles' Chinatown, 1975-2012
 Committee: Min Zhou (Chair), Cecilia Menjivar, Chris Herring, Jennifer Chun
2021 M.A., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
2016 B.A., Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Tran, Victoria and Katherine Smock. 2025. "Between the City and the People: The Pitfalls and Potential of Hyper-local Governance on the Homelessness Crisis in Los Angeles." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 0(0):1–16. doi:[10.1080/07352166.2025.2564107](https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2025.2564107).
Kaur, Harleen and **Victoria Tran**. 2023. "The Limits of Imperial Incorporation: Alternative Sociological Frameworks to Study Asian American Subjects." *Sociology Compass* 17(3):e13069. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.13069>.

Book Chapters

Zhou, Min and **Victoria Tran**. 2021. "Asians are Doing Great, So That Proves Race Doesn't Matter Anymore": The Model Minority Myth and the Sociological Reality." In *Getting Real About Race*, 3rd Edition, edited by Stephanie M. McClure and Cherise A. Harris. Thousand Oaks, Ca.: Sage.

Manuscripts in Progress

Tran, Victoria. "Eyes on the Street: Demands for Policing and 911 Calls in Changing Neighborhoods."
Tran, Victoria. "The Limits of Co-Ethnic Solidarity: The Role of Ethnic Voluntary Associations in Urban Redevelopment."
Tran, Victoria. "Community (funded) Policing: The Intersection of Policing, Redevelopment, and Asian American Identity"

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

Research Reports

- Tran, Victoria**, Kelly Dwyer, and Sarah Minton. 2019. *Key Cross-State Variations in CCDF Policies as of October 1, 2018: The CCDF Policies Database Book of Tables*. OPRE Report 2019-117, Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Dwyer, Kelly, **Victoria Tran**, and Sarah Minton. 2019. *Child Care Subsidies under the CCDF Program: An Overview of Policy Differences across States and Territories as of October 1, 2018*. OPRE Report 2019-116, Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Hahn, Heather, Laura Sullivan, **Victoria Tran**, David C. Blount, and Elaine Waxman. 2019. *SNAP Work Requirements in Arkansas for Adults without Dependents or Disabilities*. Urban Institute
- Minton, Sarah, Linda Giannarelli, Kevin Werner, and **Victoria Tran**. 2019. *Reducing Child Poverty in the US: An Updated Analysis of Policies Proposed by the Children's Defense Fund*. Urban Institute.
- Minton, Sarah, **Victoria Tran**, and Kelly Dwyer. 2019. *State Child Care Assistance Policies for Parents in Education and Training*. Urban Institute.
- Tran, Victoria**, Kelly Dwyer, and Sarah Minton, and Linda Giannarelli. 2019. *Child Care Subsidies under the CCDF Program: An Overview of Policy Differences across States and Territories as of October 1, 2017*. OPRE Report, Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Tran, Victoria**, Sarah Minton, Sweta Haldar, and Kelly Dwyer. 2018. *The CCDF Policies Database Book of Tables: Key Cross-State Variations in CCDF Policies as of October 1, 2017*, OPRE Report, Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Tran, Victoria**, Sarah Minton, Sweta Haldar, and Linda Giannarelli. 2018. *Child Care Subsidies under the CCDF Program: An Overview of Policy Differences across States and Territories as of October 1, 2016*. OPRE Report 2018-02, Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Wheaton, Laura and **Victoria Tran**. 2018. *The Antipoverty Effects of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*, The Urban Institute.
- Minton, Sarah, Lorraine Blatt, **Victoria Tran**, Kathryn Stevens, and Linda Giannarelli. 2017. *The CCDF Policies Database Book of Tables: Key Cross-State Variations in CCDF Policies as of October 1, 2016*, OPRE Report 2017-105, Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Commentaries

- Dwyer, Kelly and **Victoria Tran**. April 3, 2019. "How federal child care subsidy policies can help low-income families maintain consistent care." Urban Institute, Urban Wire. <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/how-federal-child-care-subsidy-policies-can-help-low-income-families-maintain-consistent-care>
- Tran, Victoria**. June 19, 2018. "Asian Americans are falling through the cracks in data representation and social services" Urban Institute, Urban Wire. <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/asian-americans-are-falling-through-cracks-data-representation-and-social-services>
- Haldar, Sweta and **Victoria Tran**. April 17, 2018. "How much do low-income families pay for subsidized child care?" Urban Institute, Urban Wire. <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/how-much-do-low-income-families-pay-subsidized-child-care>

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Curriculum Vitae

- Wheaton, Laura, Emily Peiffer, and **Victoria Tran**. February 21, 2018. "What does it mean for SNAP to remove people from poverty?" Urban Institute, Urban Wire.
<https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/what-does-it-mean-snap-remove-people-poverty>
- Waxman, Elaine and **Victoria Tran**. December 7, 2017. "Tax changes and the cuts that may pay for them are likely to disadvantage Americans of color." Urban Institute, Urban Wire.
<https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/tax-changes-and-cuts-may-pay-they-are-likely-disadvantage-americans-color>
- Tran, Victoria**. October 9, 2017. "Why location matters for child care subsidy eligibility." Urban Institute, Urban Wire. <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/why-location-matters-child-care-subsidy-eligibility>
- Tran, Victoria**. May 31, 2017. "Asian American seniors are often left out of the national conversation on poverty." Urban Institute, Urban Wire. <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/asian-american-seniors-are-often-left-out-national-conversation-poverty>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UCLA Sociology Department

Teaching Fellow (Primary Instructor)

- Race and Ethnicity in American Life Summer 2024

Teaching Fellow

- Introduction to Sociology Summer 2025

Teaching Associate

- Sociology of Violence Spring 2023
- Contemporary Sociological Theory Winter 2023
- Urban Sociology Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant

- Race and Ethnicity, International Perspectives Spring 2021
- Contemporary Sociological Theory Winter 2021
- Urban Sociology Fall 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

UCLA Graduate Writing Center

9/2023-Present

Graduate Writing Consultant

Urban Institute, Income and Benefits Policy Center

Research Analyst

1/2019-9/2019

Research Assistant

6/2016-12/2018

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, UCLA	2025-2026
Center for Engaged Scholarship Dissertation Fellowship	2024-2025
Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Grant	2023-2024
Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship	2023-2024
Professor Harry H.L. Kitano Fellowship, UCLA Asian American Studies Center	2023

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Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy, Ideas and Organizing Doctoral Award	2023
Institute of American Cultures Research Grant, UCLA	2022-2023
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, UCLA	2022
Evasion Lab Fellows	2022
Graduate Research Mentorship Program, UCLA	2021-2022
Summer Mentored Research Fellowship, UCLA	2021
Dean's Fund for the Study of Diversity and Racial Inequality, UCLA (declined)	2021
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, UCLA	2020
Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, UCLA	2019-2020

TEACHING HONORS AND AWARDS

Silton Undergraduate Research Mentorship Award, UCLA	2025
Silton Undergraduate Research Mentorship Award, UCLA	2023
Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, UCLA	2023
Silton Undergraduate Research Mentorship Award, UCLA	2022
Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, UCLA	2021
Silton Undergraduate Research Mentorship Award, UCLA	2021

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

"Chinatown will not be easy pickings": Private Investments in Policing in Los Angeles' Chinatown, 1972-2000," Law and Society Association, San Francisco, 2026.

"This is What Community Looks Like: The Formation of a Chinese Ethnic Community under Urban Redevelopment," Eastern Sociological Society, Washington D.C., 2026.

"This is What Community Looks Like: The Politicization of the Community Under Urban Redevelopment in Los Angeles' Chinatown, 1975-2005," American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, August 2025.

"The Limits of Co-Ethnic Solidarity: The Role of Elite Ethnic Organizations in Urban Redevelopment," Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 2025.

"The Limits of Co-Ethnic Solidarity: The Role of Elite Ethnic Organizations in Urban Redevelopment," Association for Asian American Studies, Boston, April 2025.

"Neighborhood (Dis)Empowerment: Hyper-local Governance and the Homelessness Crisis in Los Angeles" with Katherine Smock, American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, August 2024.

"The Limits of Imperial Incorporation: Alternative Sociological Frameworks to Study Asian American Subjects," The Legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois: Crossing Boundaries for Social Justice Conference, Brown University, Providence, May 2024.

"Neighborhood (Dis)Empowerment: Hyper-local Governance and the Homelessness Crisis in Los Angeles" with Katherine Smock, International Conference on Urban Affairs, New York, April 2024.

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“Evading Community Input: Transparency in Urban Redevelopment Processes,” Evasion Lab Graduate Fellow Workshop, University of Toronto, Toronto, April 2024.

“Committing to Abolition: A Decolonial, Anti-Imperial Framework for Asian Diaspora Studies” with Harleen Kaur, American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August 2021. [virtual]

“What does it Mean to be Asian American? Definitions of Asian Americans in Research on Poverty” 57th National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics (NAWRS) Workshop. New Orleans, August 2019.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Graduate Student Admissions Committee Representative, UCLA Sociology	2025
Co-coordinator of Urban Sociology Working Group, UCLA Sociology	2022-2023
Co-coordinator Housing Justice Working Group, Institute on Inequality and Democracy	2021-2022
Co-coordinator of Race & Ethnicity Working Group, UCLA Sociology	2020-2022
Co-coordinator of Theory Supper Club, UCLA Sociology	2020-2022

AD HOC REVIEWER

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
Sociological Perspectives

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association	Association for Asian American Studies
Society for the Study of Social Problems	Urban History Association
Urban Affairs Association	Law and Society Association

REFERENCES

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