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### EMPLOYMENT

- 2020 - Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2020 - Non-Resident Research Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University

### EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D., Sociology, Yale University  
*Social Imaginaries of Diversity: Race, Gender, and Sexuality on an Evangelical University and a Secular University*  
Committee: Philip Gorski (co-chair), Grace Kao (co-chair), Rene Almeling
- 2017 M.Phil., Sociology, Yale University
- 2016 M.A., Sociology, Yale University
- 2012 B.A., Sociology, *Summa Cum Laude*, University of California, San Diego

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration; Religion; Science and Medicine; Gender and Sexuality; Mixed Methods

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming **Chan, Esther.** “Does Diversity Include Me? Colorblindness and Racial Triangulation Among Asian Americans on Two College Campuses.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- 2018 **Chan, Esther.** “Are the Religious Suspicious of Science? Investigating Religiosity, Religious Context, and Orientations Towards Science Cross-Nationally.” *Public Understandings of Science* 27(8):967-984.
- 2018 Collins, Stephen C., Soorin Kim, and **Esther Chan.** “Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Utilization of Prayer and Clergy Counseling by Infertile US Women Desiring Pregnancy.” *Journal of Religion and Health* 57(6): 2230–2240.
- 2017 Collins, Stephen C. and **Esther Chan.** “Sociocultural Determinants of US Women’s Ethical Views on Various Fertility Treatments.” *Reproductive BioMedicine Online* 35(6):669-677.

- 2017 Ecklund, Elaine Howard, Jared Peifer, Virginia White, and **Esther Chan**. “Moral Schemas in Articulation and Intuition: How Religious People Evaluate Human Reproductive Genetic Technologies.” *Sociological Forum* 32(2):277-297.
- 2016 **Chan, Esther** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Narrating and Navigating Authorities: Evangelical and Mainline Protestant Interpretations of the Bible and Science.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 55(1):54-69.
- 2015 **Chan, Esther**. “Complementarianism as Doctrine and Governance: Narratives on Women’s Leadership among Second-Generation Asian Americans.” *Review of Religious Research* 57(3):435-452.
- 2015 Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth, **Esther Chan**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Perceptions of Science Education among African American and White Evangelicals.” *Review of Religious Research* 57(1):131-148.
- 2013 Ecklund, Elaine Howard, Celina Davila, Michael Emerson, Samuel Kye, and **Esther Chan**. “Motivating Civic Engagement: In-Group versus Out-Group Service Orientations among Mexican Americans in Religious and Nonreligious Organizations.” *Sociology of Religion* 74 (3):370-391.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

**Chan, Esther**, Di Di, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Segregating the Sciences: A Cross-National Comparison of Explanations of Gender Inequality in Physics and Biology Among Academic Scientists.” (first two authors have equal lead authorship)

**Chan, Esther** and Sharan Mehta. “Fertilizing Morality: Race, Religion, and Confidence in Science on the Politics of Reproduction.” (authors have equal authorship)

Collins, Stephen C. and **Esther Chan**. “Medical help-seeking among infertile U.S. women who receive clergy counseling.”

Sanchez, Esmeralda, Sharan Mehta, and **Esther Chan**. “Religious Affiliation and Confidence in Institutions: Exploring Differences Among Latino and White Catholics and Protestants.”

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Forthcoming **Chan, Esther**. “Review of *Seeding Buddhism with Multiculturalism: The Transmission of Sri Lankan Buddhism in Toronto* by D. Mitra Barua,” for *Sociology of Religion*.

2017 **Chan, Esther**. “Review of *Paranoid Science: The Christian Right’s War on Reality* by Antony Alumkal,” for *Review of Religious Research* 59(4): 581-582.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020 **Chan, Esther.** “Religion, Race, and Diversity on College Campuses.” Invited talk to the Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University. Houston, TX.
- 2020 Sanchez, Esmeralda, Sharan Mehta, and **Esther Chan.** “Comparing Confidence in Institutions Among Latino and White Catholics and Evangelicals: Exploring Political Differences.” American Sociological Association.
- 2019 **Chan, Esther.** “Between Numeric Representation and Model Minorities: A Comparative Study of Asian Americans, Diversity, and the Persistence of Colorblindness on Two College Campuses.” American Sociological Association. New York, New York.
- 2018 Mehta, Sharan, **Esther Chan,** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Religious and Racial Differences in Attitudes on In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF).” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2018 Sanchez, Esmeralda, Sharan Mehta, and **Esther Chan.** “Religious Affiliation and Confidence in Institutions: Exploring Differences Among Latino and White Catholics and Protestants.” Association for the Sociology of Religion. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 **Chan, Esther.** “Religiosity and Country Context: Multi-Level Models of Orientations Towards Science.” Association for the Sociology of Religion. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2016 Kim, Soorin, **Esther Chan,** and Stephen Collins. “The Importance of Prayer and Religious Leaders to U.S. Women Facing Infertility.” American Society for Reproductive Medicine. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2016 Collins, Stephen and **Esther Chan.** “Religious Attendance and Ethical Views on Various Treatments for Infertility Among Reproductive-Aged Women.” American Society for Reproductive Medicine. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2016 **Chan, Esther.** “Trusting Religion or Science: A Cross Regional Analysis.” American Sociological Association. Seattle, Washington.
- 2016 **Chan, Esther.** “Valuing Religion, Valuing Science.” Invited presentation for the Public Perceptions of Science and Religion Workshop. La Jolla, California.
- 2015 **Chan, Esther,** Alexa Solazzo, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Authority in the Face of Moral Ambiguity: How Religious People View Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research.” American Sociological Association. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2014 **Chan, Esther.** “Studying Religion Sociologically in the U.S. Context.” Guest lecture for ENG114 (Instructor: Dr. Briallen Hooper), Yale University.

- 2013 Ecklund, Elaine Howard and **Esther Chan**. “Building Student Research Teams in Sociology of Religion—Successes and Failures.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2013 Ecklund, Elaine Howard, **Esther Chan**, and Virginia White. “The Bible and Narratives of Science.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2013 **Chan, Esther**. “Complementarian Beliefs Among Asian American Evangelicals.” American Sociological Association. New York City, New York.
- 2013 **Chan, Esther**. “Complementarianism as Doctrine and Governance: Women’s Leadership Among Asian American Evangelicals in the Context of a Church Schism.” Association for the Sociology of Religion. New York City, New York.
- 2013 Ecklund, Elaine Howard, Anne Lincoln, Elizabeth Korver-Glenn, and **Esther Chan**. “Family Life as a Challenge for Young Scientists.” Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, Massachusetts. March.
- 2012 Ecklund, Elaine Howard, Elizabeth Korver-Glenn, and **Esther Chan**. “Understandings of Science in Local Congregations.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Phoenix, Arizona. November.

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED**

- 2019 “Between Numeric Representation and Model Minorities: Asian Americans, Diversity, and Colorblindness of Two College Campuses.” Conference Travel Award, *Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences* (\$645)
- 2017 “Cultural Imaginaries and the Organizational Structure of Diversity: A Comparative Study of Diversity in an Evangelical College and a Secular University.” Research Grant, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (\$3,000)
- 2017 “Social Imaginaries and the Organizational Structure of Diversity: A Comparative Study of Diversity in an Evangelical College and a Secular University.” Research Grant, *Yale University Camp Grant* (\$500)

#### **ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2018-2020 Daniel Butler (B.A. 1835) Memorial Scholarship Fund Recipient, Yale University
- 2017-2018 Frederick W. Hilles Fellow, Yale University
- 2015-2017 Rev. Thomas A. Emerson Fellow, Yale University
- 2015 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention
- 2012 Provost Scholar (award given to top six graduating seniors of Eleanor Roosevelt College, UC San Diego)
- 2012 Best Undergraduate Sociology Paper, UC San Diego
- 2008-2012 Provost Honors, UC San Diego
- 2008-2012 Sutter Scholarship (\$1000 per year)
- 2008 Valedictorian of South San Francisco High School

## **SERVICE**

### *Service to the Discipline*

- 2020 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Graduate Student Grant Committee (with Angela McCarthy, Kevin Dougherty, and Michael Rotolo).  
2019 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Graduate Student Grant Committee (with Rebecca Kim, Dawne Moon, and Kevin Dougherty).  
2015 American Sociological Association Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Outstanding Book Award Committee (with Lori Peek).

### *University and Department Service*

- 2020-2021 Graduate Committee Member, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

### *Service on Student Committees*

- 2020 Nevada Hessler, Comprehensive Examination Committee Member, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

## **TEACHING**

### University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee – Instructor on Record

- 2021 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (undergraduate)  
2020 Qualitative Methods (graduate)  
2020 Sociological Methods (undergraduate)

### Yale University – Teaching Assistantships

- 2020 Inequality, Economic Mobility, and Public Policy (Instructor: Rourke O'Brien)  
2019 Introduction to Methods in Quantitative Sociology (Instructor: Emma Zang)  
2019 Politics of Reproduction (Instructor: Rene Almeling)  
2018 Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration (Instructor: Grace Kao)  
2017 Intermediate Methods in Quantitative Sociology (Instructor: Joscha Legewie)  
2016 Introduction to Methods in Quantitative Sociology (Instructor: Lloyd Grieger)

## **SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY**

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## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Sociological Association  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
American Academy of Religion  
Network for the Scientific Study of Science and Religion  
Religious Research Association  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

## REFERENCES

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