

## Ke Li

Address: 2117 Cathedral of Learning  
4200 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Email: ke.li@pitt.edu Phone: 412-737-2788

### EDUCATION

---

**School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh** 2018 - present

*Doctoral Candidate*

- Dissertation topic: *Social Isolation and Psychological Well-being of U.S. Older Adults: Exploring the Moderating and Mediating Effects of Psychosocial Factors*

**George Warren Brown School of Social Work,  
Washington University in St. Louis**

2014 - 2016

*Master of Social Work*

- Concentration: Older Adults & Aging Societies, Mental Health

**East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai, China**

2010 - 2014

*Bachelor of Law in Social Work*

*Bachelor of Arts in German*

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

---

- Social isolation and psychological well-being among older adults
- Productive engagement of older adults: employment, volunteering, grandparenting
- Intergenerational relationships
- Cognitive functioning and depression among older immigrants

### PUBLICATIONS

---

#### Peer-reviewed Articles:

- Tang, F., **Li, K.**, Rauktis, M. E., & Buckley, T. D. (Accepted). Immigration experiences and cognitive trajectories among older Chinese immigrants. *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B*.
- Tang, F., **Li, K.**, Jang, H. (Accepted). Longitudinal relationship of living alone, activity engagement, and health among Chinese older adults. *China Journal of Social Work*.
- Tang, F., **Li, K.**, Rauktis, M. E., & Farmer, E. M. Z. (2022). Stress, coping, and quality of life among custodial grandparents. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.
- Tang, F., **Li, K.**, Rauktis, M. E., Chi, I., & Dong, X. (2022). A social-ecological approach to understanding activity engagement patterns among older Chinese immigrants. *The International Journal of Aging and Human Development*.
- **Li, K.**, & Tang, F. (2021). The role of solitary activity in moderating the association between social isolation and perceived loneliness among US older adults. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 1-19.

- Tang, F., **Li, K.**, Jang, H., & Rauktis, M. E. (2021). Depressive symptoms in the context of Chinese grandparents caring for grandchildren. *Aging & Mental Health*, 1-7.
- Dong, X., & **Li, K.** (2018). The association between musculoskeletal symptoms and traditional Chinese medicine use among Chinese older adults in the greater Chicago area. *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*, 4, 2333721418778179.

#### **Under Review:**

- Tang, F., **Li, K.**, Rosso, A. L, Jiang, Y. & Li, M. Neighborhood segregation and cognitive functioning among older Chinese Americans.

#### **In Progress:**

- **Li, K.**, Rauktis, M. B., & Tang, F. Relationship between commitment and attachment to pet and well-being among low-income pet owners: Findings from a study of food pantry users in Pittsburgh.
- Tang, F., **Li, K.**, Rauktis, M. E., & Farmer, E. M. Z. “Keep moving forward”: A mixed methods approach to understanding resilience of custodial grandparents.
- **Li, K.**, & Tang, F. Latent classes of social isolation and loneliness and associations with psychological well-being during the Covid-19 pandemic
- **Li, K.**, & Tang, F. Social isolation, depressive symptoms and perceived neighborhood environment of older adults during the Covid-19 pandemic

#### **Book Chapters:**

- Tang, F., & **Li, K.** (2021). Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. In L. W. Kaye (Ed.), *Handbook of rural aging*. Routledge: New York.
- **Li, K.**, & Tang, F. (2021). Voluntarism. In L. W. Kaye (Ed.), *Handbook of rural aging*. Routledge: New York.
- Tang, F., & **Li, K.** (2019). Home and community-based services. In D. Gu & M. E. Dupre (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of gerontology and population aging*.

---

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- **Li, K.**, & Tang, F. (2022). *The Combined Effects of Social Isolation and Loneliness on Psychological Well-being During the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Gerontological Society of America 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Tang, F. & **Li, K.** (2022). *Immigration Experiences and Cognitive Trajectories Among Older Chinese Immigrants*. Gerontological Society of America 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- **Li, K.**, & Tang, F. (2021). *Social Isolation, Depressive Symptoms and Perceived Neighborhood Environment of Older Adults During COVID-19*. Gerontological Society of America 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Tang, F., & **Li, K.** (2021). *Longitudinal Relationship Between Living Alone and Activity Engagement of Chinese Older Adults*. Gerontological Society of America 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- **Li, K.**, & Tang, F. (2020). *Cross-Lagged Panel Analyses of Reciprocal Effects of Social Isolation, Perceived Loneliness, and Solitary Activity*. Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting.

- **Li, K.**, Rauktis, M. B., & Tang, F. (2020). *Commitment and Attachment to Pet and Emotional Well-Being Among Low-Income Pet Owners*. Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Tang, F., & **Li, K.** (2020). *Grandparents Caring for Grandchildren, Family Structure, and Depressive Symptoms in China*. Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- **Li, K.**, & Tang, F. (2020). *The Role of Solitary Activity in Moderating the Association between Social Isolation and Perceived Loneliness among US Older Adults*. SSWR.
- Dong, X., & **Li, K.** (2017). *The Association between Social Engagement and Risk for Elder Abuse among Chinese Older Adults in the Greater Chicago Area*. The 21<sup>st</sup> International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) World Congress, San Francisco, CA.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

---

**School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh**  
*Graduate Student Assistant*

September 2018 – present

- Analyzed data of national representative studies and datasets (e.g. the Health and Retirement Study, the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study, the American Community Survey)
- Performed literature review, prepared manuscripts for publication

**School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh**  
*Project Coordinator, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Study*

September 2020 – December 2021

- Prepared and submitted IRB study protocol
- Developed study survey in Qualtrics and performed data cleaning
- Performed quantitative and qualitative data analyses
- Contributed to manuscripts for publication and conference presentations

**Rush University Medical Center**  
*Research Assistant, PINE Study*

August 2016 - July 2017

- Conducted 2-hour face-to-face interviews with around 100 participants to collect both qualitative and quantitative data
- Conducted Promoting Social and Emotional Well-Being in the Chinese Community Program (SEED Program) and worked as a Community Health Worker (CHW) to provide 10-week interventions to older adults with depressive symptoms or suicidal ideation
- Recruited potential participants through community events, canvassing and phone invitation
- Performed literature review, prepared and submitted manuscripts for publication

---

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

---

### *Teaching Assistant*

- Inferential Statistics (Doctoral class) Fall 2021
- Human Behavior -- Adult Development and Aging (Master's class) Spring 2021
- Social Policy and Gerontology (Master's class) Spring 2021
- Inferential Statistics (Doctoral class) Fall 2020

---

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

---

### **The OASIS Institute**

August 2015 - March 2016

#### *Project Intern*

St. Louis, MO

- Assisted in survey design and distribution, collected and analyzed data for program evaluation
- Supported older adult volunteers directly; participated and supported program instructor/volunteer trainings, and prepared materials for volunteer
- Scheduled health classes for future terms, revised curriculum catalog, and planned and organized the wellness class

### **Urban Strategies, Inc.**

May 2015 - August 2015

#### *Project Intern*

St. Louis, MO

- Redesigned assessment tool, administered pre-test assessment and post-test assessment to participants, and collected and analyzed data for program evaluation
- Supported peer leaders in conducting outreach to senior residents
- Assisted staff with organizing and implementing lessons each week

### **Chunhui Social Worker Agency**

September 2013 - December 2013

#### *Project Assistant Intern*

Shanghai, China

- Organized and led a college student volunteer team to visit older adults with chronic disease once per week to provide companionship
- Performed hospice care to terminal older adults suffering from cancer; performed life care to children with malignant tumors
- Organized spirituality events to guide ten older patients with chronic diseases; designed and led a community activity for heightening local residents' health consciousness

### **Shanghai Social Worker Agency For Public Affairs**

March 2013 - June 2013

#### *Intern*

Shanghai, China

- Served as team leader and interviewed the Deputy Director for further knowledge about operation mode and personnel management system in the agency
- Launched Saturday Tutorial Class for migrant children to improve their performance in school
- Initiated a program to renovate the undesirable community environment

- Escorted a Children's Day outing to enhance parent-children relationships in migrant families

---

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| ▪ William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship (\$5,000) | 2015        |
| ▪ Social Work Scholarship                               | 2014 - 2016 |
| ▪ Outstanding Thesis Award                              | 2014        |
| ▪ Second-tier scholarship                               | 2014        |
| ▪ Third-tier scholarship                                | 2010 - 2013 |

---

### **SKILLS & CERTIFICATE**

- Mastered the research skills including data collection, data analysis, literature review, research manuscript drafting, research presentation.
- Language: Native Mandarin, proficient English
- Statistical software: SPSS, STATA, SAS, GIS, Atlas
- Certification: TF-CBT, CPT