

# James Y. Chu

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## Education

### Stanford University

**PhD** Candidate in Sociology, 2014 - present

**M.A.** Sociology, 2011

**B.A.** Human Biology, with distinction and honors, 2011

**Areas of Interest:** Economic Sociology, Organizations and Work, Social Inequality and Stratification, Social Networks, Sociology of Education, Randomized Controlled Trials

## Works in Progress

“Legitimacy from Below: Micro-institutional Dynamics of School Order”

“Teacher Characteristics and the Development of Classroom Study and Friendship Networks”

“Methods for Estimating Spillover Effects through Social Networks in School Contexts”

“Modeling Peer Effects and Student Dropout Behavior”

“Stereotype Threat in Chinese Vocational High Schools”

## Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

2014 William R. and Sara Hart Kimball Fellowship (SGF)

2014 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP)

2014 Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) Fellowship

2011 American Education Research Association Undergraduate Fellowship

2010 Phi Beta Kappa

2009 Strauss Fellowship for Social Service (\$10,000)

## Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2014 Yi, Hongmei, Linxiu Zhang, Chengfang Liu, Prashant Loyalka, Yaojiang Shi, **James Chu**, Scott Rozelle. "Giving Kids a Head Start: The Impact of Early Commitment of Financial Aid on Poor Seventh Grade Students in Rural China." *Journal of Development Economics* (forthcoming).
- 2014 Shi, Yaojiang, Chu Yang, Hongmei Yi, Chengfang Liu, Linxiu Zhang, Natalie Johnson, **James Chu**, Prashant Loyalka, Scott Rozelle. "Dropout in Rural China's Secondary Schools: A Mixed-Methods Analysis." *China Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- 2014 Ai, Yue, Yaojiang Shi, Fang Chang, Chu Yang, Huan Wang, Hongmei Yi, Renfu Luo, Chengfang Liu, Linxiu Zhang, **James Chu**, Scott Rozelle. "Dormitory Management and Boarding Students in China's Rural Primary Schools." *China Agricultural Economic Review* 6.3 (2014): 523-550.
- 2014 Chen, Xinxin, Hongmei Yi, Linxiu Zhang, Di Mo, **James Chu**, Scott Rozelle. "Do Poor Students Benefit from China's Merger Program? Transfer Path and Educational Performance." *Asia Pacific Journal of Education* 34.1 (2014): 15-35.
- 2013 Chen, Xinxin, Yaojiang Shi, Di Mo, **James Chu**, Prashant Loyalka, Scott Rozelle. "Impact of a Senior High School Tuition Relief Program on Poor Junior High School Students in Rural China." *China & World Economy* 21, no. 3 (2013): 80-97.
- 2013 Loyalka, Prashant, Chengfang Liu, Yingquan Song, Hongmei Yi, Xiaoting Huang, Jianguo Wei, Linxiu Zhang, Yaojiang Shi, **James Chu**, Scott Rozelle. "Can Information and Counseling Help Students from Poor Rural Areas Go To High School? Evidence from China." *Journal of Comparative Economics* 41 (2013): 1012-1023.
- 2013 Wang, Xiaobing, Chengfang Liu, Linxiu Zhang, Ai Yue, Yaojiang Shi, **James Chu**, Scott Rozelle. "Does Financial Aid Help Poor Students Succeed in College?" *China Economic Review* 25 (2013): 27-43.
- 2013 Yi, Hongmei, Linxiu Zhang, Chengfang Liu, **James Chu**, Prashant Loyalka, May Maani, and Jianguo Wei. "How Are Secondary Vocational Schools in China Measuring Up to Government Benchmarks?" *China & World Economy* 21, no. 3 (2013): 98-120.

## Manuscripts Under Peer Review

- 2014 Prashant Loyalka, Xiaoting Huang, Linxiu Zhang, Jianguo Wei, Hongmei Yi, Yingquan Song, Yaojiang Shi, **James Chu**, Scott Rozelle. "The Impact of Vocational Schooling on Human Capital Development in Developing Countries: Evidence from China" Revise and resubmit at *World Bank Economic Review*.
- 2014 Joe Yao, Hongmei Yi, Linxiu Zhang, Huan Wang, Chu Yang, Yaojiang Shi, **James Chu**, Prashant Loyalka, Scott Rozelle. "Determinants of Dropout in Chinese Vocational High Schools." Revise and resubmit at *International Journal of Education Development*.
- 2014 Prashant Loyalka, **James Chu**, Jianguo Wei, Natalie Johnson, Joel Reniker, Scott Rozelle. "Inequalities in the Pathway to College in China: When Do Students from Poor Areas Fall Behind?" Submitted to *China Quarterly*.

- 2014 Prashant Loyalka, Zhaolei Shi, **James Chu**, Natalie Johnson, Jianguo Wei, Scott Rozelle. “Is the high school admissions process fair? Explaining inequalities in elite high school enrollments in developing countries.” Submitted to *Sociology of Education*.
- 2014 Huan Wang, **James Chu**, Prashant Loyalka, Xin Tao, Yaojiang Shi, Qinghe Qu, Chu Yang, Scott Rozelle. “Can School Counseling Reduce School Dropout in Developing Countries?” Submitted to *World Bank Economic Review*.
- 2014 Jamie Johnston, Prashant Loyalka, **James Chu**, Yingquan Song, Hongmei Yi, Xiaoting Huang, Scott Rozelle. “The Impact of Vocational Teachers on Student Learning in Developing Countries: Does Enterprise Experience Matter?” Revise and resubmit at *Comparative Education Review*.
- 2014 Jessica Chu, Prashant Loyalka, **James Chu**, Qinghe Qu, Yaojiang Shi, Guirong Li, Scott Rozelle. “The Impact of Teacher Credentials on Student Achievement in China” Revise and resubmit at *China Economic Review*.

## Professional Experience

- 2011-2014 **Rural Education Action Program** | Project Manager. Supervised six major impact evaluation projects in rural China (budget of 2+ million USD).
- 2008-2010 **ValuEd China Program** | Co-Founder. Developed the first career counseling summer program for rural to urban migrant students in Beijing.

## Teaching Experience

- 2010-2011 **Education and Society House (EAST)** | Academic Theme Associate. Helped launch first education theme house at Stanford University.
- 2010-2011 **Study of Undergraduate Education at Stanford (SUES)** | Subcommittee Member. Examined course requirements for breadth for Stanford undergraduates.
- 2010-2011 **Student Initiated Courses** | Course Leader. Developed and taught a seminar on Chinese migration and conducting sociology research in China.
- 2013-2014 **Stata Workshop** | Instructor. Developed and taught a short course on data cleaning, analysis, and programming in Stata for graduate students in China.
- 2014- **Causal Identification Workshop** | Co-Instructor. Developed a short course on causal identification for HR managers in Chinese factories.

## Conference Activity

- 2014 “The impact of school counseling on student dropout rates.” International Education Initiative Student Workshop. Stanford. Presenter.
- 2013 “China’s human capital problem and what can be done about it.” Responsible Electronics Conference (Electronics Industry Citizenship Coalition). San Francisco. Co-Presenter.

- 2012 “Information and counseling on achievement and attainment of rural children in China.” Society of Research on Education Effectiveness. Washington, D.C. Presenter.
- 2012 “The effect of vouchers on student attainment in rural China.” China Economist’s Society. Kaifeng, Henan. Presenter.

### **Other Skills**

Languages: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (native)

Statistical and Survey Software: Stata, R, Qualtrics, InDesign, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X/BibT<sub>E</sub>X