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EMPLOYMENT

2022 - Present Assistant Professor of Psychology
School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University

EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Psychology (Personality & Social Contexts)

2010-2014 B.A., Singapore Management University, Psychology (with Honors)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

2021 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant

2019 SPSP Graduate Travel Award

2018 Rackham Precandidate Student Research Grant

2017 Rackham Conference Travel Grant Award
International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology Wikin-Okonji Travel Award
Singapore Management University Overseas Postgraduate Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

Yan, J.*, **Sim, L.***, Song, J., Chen, S., & Kim, S. Y. (2022). Reconsidering the “acculturation gap”: Mother-adolescent cultural adaptation mis/matches and positive psychosocial outcomes among Mexican-Origin families. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 1-17.

Wang, J., Wen, W., **Sim, L.**, Li, X., Yan, J., & Kim, S. Y. (2022). Family environment, heritage language profiles, and socioemotional well-being of Mexican-origin adolescents with first generation immigrant parents. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 1-14.

Sim, L., Chen, S., Zhang, M., Edelstein, R. S. & Kim, S. Y. (2021). Cultural adaptation congruence in immigrant spouses is associated with marital quality. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 83(5), 1420-1438.

Chin, K., Reese, Z. A., Ascigil, E., **Sim, L.**, & Edelstein, R. S. (2021). Closeness-inducing discussions with a romantic partner increase cortisol and testosterone. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, 132, 105357.

Yan, J., **Sim, L.**, Schwartz, S. J., Shen Y., Parra-Medina D., & Kim, S. Y. (2021). Longitudinal profiles of acculturation and developmental outcomes among Mexican-origin adolescents from immigrant families. *New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development*, 1-34.

Sundin, Z. W., ... **Sim, L.**, ... & Tackett, J. L. (2021). Estimating the Associations between Big Five Personality Traits, Testosterone, and Cortisol. *Adaptive Human Behavior and Physiology*, 1-34.

Sim, L., Chopik, W. J., Wardecker, B. M., & Edelstein, R. S. (2020). Changes in prenatal testosterone and sexual desire in expectant couples. *Hormones and Behavior*, 125, 104823.

Sim, L., Kim, S. Y., Zhang, M. & Shen, Y. (2019). Parenting and centrality: Uncovering the role of life meaning as a mediator for parental warmth and language broker identity. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

Kim, S. Y., Zhang, M. Y., Zeiders, K. H., **Sim, L.** & Gleason, M. E. J. (2018). Acute salivary cortisol response among Mexican American adolescents in immigrant families. *Cultural Diversity & Ethnic Minority Psychology*.

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BOOK CHAPTERS

Sim, L., Kim, S. Y., Vélez, M. M., Shen, Y., & Zhang, M. (2022). Role-based identity development in Latinx adolescents from immigrant families: The development of language broker role identity. In *Re/Formation and Identity* (pp. 159-180). Springer, Cham.

Kim, S. Y., Chen, S., **Sim, L.**, & Hou, Y. (2017). Stability and change in parenting and adjustment profiles across early, middle, and late adolescence in Chinese American families. In Y. Choi & H. C. Hahm (Eds.), *Asian American parenting: Family process and intervention* (pp. 69-88). Cham, Switzerland: Springer.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Sim, L., Ip, K. I., Ascigil, E., Lee, F. & Edelstein, R. S. (*submitted*). Cross-cultural differences in supportive responses to positive even disclosure.

Sim, L., Song, J., Ip, K. I., Costa, C. D., & Kim, S. Y. (*submitted*). Mexican-origin adolescents' cumulative strengths predicts longitudinal positive outcomes.

Sim, L., & Edelstein, R. S. (*in prep*). Cross-cultural differences in couple function and contextual factors with marital instability.

Sim, L.*, Song, J.*, Neff, A. L. & Kim, S. Y. (*in prep*). Discrimination and marital quality in Mexican-origin immigrant couples.

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Individual Talks

Sim, L. Ip, K. I., Ascigil, E., Lee, F. & Edelstein, R. S. (2018, July). Cross-cultural Differences in Couples' Sharing of Good News. Presented at the 24th Congress of the Cross-cultural Psychology at the 2018 International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology Congress, Guelph, CA.

Sim, L., Kim, S. Y., Zhang, M., & Zeiders, K. (2017, Apr). *Acute Salivary Cortisol Response to a Translating Activity in Mexican-American Adolescent Language Brokers*. Presented at the Paper Symposium at the 2017 Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.

Sim, L. & Kim, S. Y. (2017, Jan). *Parenting and Centrality: Uncovering the role of Life Meaning as a mediator for parental warmth and language broker Identity*. Presented at the Lifespan Social-

Personality Preconference at the 2017 Society for Personality and Social Psychologists Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX.

Poster

Sim, L., & Edelman, R. S. (2022, Feb). *Cross-cultural differences in experiences of singlehood*. Presented during the 2022 Society for Personality and Social Psychologists Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Sim, L., Chen, S., Zhang, M., Edelman, R. S. & Kim, S. Y. (2020, Feb). *Spousal cultural adaptation discrepancy and the marital relationship*. Presented during the 2020 Society for Personality and Social Psychologists Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.

Sim, L. & Edelman, R. S. (2019, Feb). *Cross-cultural differences in marital profile membership and marital outcomes*. Presented during the 2019 Society for Personality and Social Psychologists Annual Convention, Portland, OR.

Sim, L. & Edelman, R. S. (2018, Mar). *Dyadic associations between prenatal hormone changes and sexual desire over pregnancy*. Presented during the 2018 Society for Personality and Social Psychologists Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan Ann Arbor

Graduate Student Instructor

2018

- Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science
- Introduction to Personality Psychology

University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2016 – Spring 2017

- Research Methods in Human Development and Family Sciences
- Theories of Child and Family Development
- Developmental Psychopathology

Singapore Management University

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Psychology
- Advanced Research Methods
- Psychometrics
- Industrial and Organization Psychology
- Leadership and Teambuilding
- Group Processes and Decision Making
- Capstone Seminar