

Jacqueline Ho

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APPOINTMENTS

2025- Assistant Professor of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University

EDUCATION

2024 Ph.D., Sociology, Cornell University
Committee: Kendra Bischoff (chair), Filiz Garip (co-chair), Malte Ziewitz, Fabien Accominotti
Dissertation: *Competitive Behaviour in School Choice: The Role of Culture, Categories, and Identity*
Area Exams: Economic Sociology, Inequality and Education

2021 M.A., Sociology, Cornell University

2014 B.A., Environmental Studies, Brown University
Thesis: *Achieving Disagreement: Culture Wars in the “Death of Environmentalism” Debates*

RESEARCH AREAS

Inequality, Education, Valuation and Evaluation, Culture, Singapore, Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Ho, Jacqueline. “Agentive Selves, Agentive Stories: The Cultural Foundations of Beliefs about Meritocracy.” 2023. *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. DOI: 10.1057/s41290-023-00201-9.

Schnabel, Landon, Eman Abdelhadi, Katherine Ally Zaslavsky, Jacqueline S. Ho, and Angie Torres-Beltran. “Gender, Sexuality, and Religion: A Critical Integrative Review and Agenda for Future Research.” 2022. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. DOI: 10.1111/jssr.12781.

WORKING PAPERS

Ho, Jacqueline. "Can Every School Be a Good School? Educational Categories and the Limits of Unranking."

Ho, Jacqueline. "Can Every School Be a Good School? Changes in the Competition for Primary Schools in Singapore, 2012-2023."

Ho, Jacqueline. "'Am I Being a Good Parent?' School Choice as Parental Responsibility."

Ho, Jacqueline, and Mary Beth Morrissey. "Qualitative Sociology and the Generalisability Imperative."

Haskins, Anna, Meaghan Mingo, and Jacqueline Ho. "School Actors' Views of System-Involved Families' School Engagement."

IN PROGRESS

Ho, Jacqueline, Malte Ziewitz, and Reid Ralston. "Coping with Corrupted Systems: Moral Negotiations in the Hinterlands of Evaluation."

OTHER WRITING

Ho, Jacqueline. June 16, 2022. ["'Good enough': The risks and responsibilities of choosing a primary school."](#) *AcademiaSG*.

Leong, Chan-Hoong, Jacqueline Ho, and Goh Zhang Hao. January 2019. "Youth STEPS (Study on Transitions and Evolving Pathways in Singapore) Qualitative Study Project Report." Singapore: Institute of Policy Studies. Internal Report.

Ho, Jacqueline. July 14, 2018. ["How Singapore's P1 Registration Exercise Perpetuates the 'Lottery of Life.'"](#) *Rice Media*.

Ho, Jacqueline, Jih-Shyang Shih, Lucija Muehlenbachs, Clayton Munnings, & Alan Krupnick. 2018. "Managing Environmental Liability: An Evaluation of Bonding Requirements for Oil and Gas Wells in the United States." *Environmental Science and Technology* 52(7): 3908-3916.

Ho, Jacqueline, Alan Krupnick, Katrina McLaughlin, Clayton Munnings, & Jih-Shyang Shih. 2016. "Plugging the Gaps in Inactive Well Policy." Washington, D.C.: Resources for the Future.

Kennedy, Eric B., and Jacqueline Ho. 2015. "Discursive Diversity in Introductory Environmental Studies." *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 5(2): 200-206.

PRESENTATIONS

"Undone Science in Singapore Sociology."

AcademiaSG Knowledge Praxis Workshop. Virtual. May 6-7, 2024.

"Can Every School Be a Good School? Changes in the Competition for Primary Schools in Singapore, 2012-2023."

Research on East Asian Demography and Inequality (READI) Workshop, Princeton Center on Contemporary China. Virtual. April 23, 2024.

"Can Every School Be a Good School? Unranking and its implications for competitive school choice."

Research Committee 28 Summer Meeting, International Sociological Association. Ann Arbor, MI. August 14-17, 2023.

Inequality Discussion Group, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University. Ithaca, NY. May 3, 2023.

Cornell Sociology Graduate Research Symposium. Ithaca, NY. March 16, 2023.

National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Spring Fellows Retreat. Washington, DC. March 8-10, 2023.

Asia Research Institute Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies. Virtual. July 18-20, 2022.

AcademiaSG Junior Scholar Seminar Series. Virtual. March 4, 2022.

"Agentic Selves, Agentic Stories: The Cultural Foundations of Beliefs about Meritocracy."

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual. August 6-10, 2021.

Tobin Project Inequality and Decision-Making Graduate Student Workshop. Virtual. October 27-29, 2020.

Inequality Discussion Group, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University. Virtual. October 7, 2020.

Ho, Jacqueline, Malte Ziewitz, and Reid Ralston. "Coping with Corrupted Systems: Moral Negotiations in the Hinterlands of Evaluation."

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Cultural Sociology Panel. Virtual. August 6-10, 2021.

Ho, Jacqueline, and Mary Beth Morrissey. "Qualitative Sociology and the Generalisability Imperative."

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Qualitative Methods Panel. Virtual. August 8-11, 2020.

Cornell Sociology Graduate Research Symposium. Ithaca, NY. March 5, 2020.

"Flavours of Rationality: Cost-Benefit Analysis in Political Context."

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. August 11-14, 2018.

TEACHING

Sociology of Education (AY 2024-25 T2)

Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2023, Teaching Assistant for Joseph Sullivan)

Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2020, Teaching Assistant for Anna Haskins)

Sociology of Law (Fall 2019, Teaching Assistant for Erin York Cornwell)

Social Inequality (Spring 2019, Teaching Assistant for Kim Weeden)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023 Graduate Research Assistant for Kendra Bischoff, "The Interpretation, Use, and Influence of Evaluative Information in K-12 Schooling"

2020-21 Graduate Research Assistant for Anna Haskins, "School Engagement and Avoidance among System-Involved Parents with Young Children"

2019 Summer Research Assistant for Kendra Bischoff, "Places of Promise: Learning from Exceptional Districts with Significant Achievement Gap Closure"

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022-23 National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$27,500)
- 2023 Cornell Graduate School Travel Grant (\$1,000)
- 2021 Graduate Research Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Inequality (\$720)
- 2020 Inequality and Decision-Making Graduate Student Fellow, The Tobin Project
- 2020 International Research Travel Grant, Einaudi Center for International Studies (\$1,100)
- 2020 Oey Giok Po Research Fellowship, Southeast Asia Program (\$600)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Temporary Research Analyst, Social Lab, Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore
- 2015-17 Development Officer, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC
- 2014-15 Research Assistant, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC
- 2014 Summer Fellow, Breakthrough Institute, Oakland, CA

AWARDS

- 2014 Best Senior Thesis, Environmental Studies, Brown University
- 2014 Nominee, Distinguished Senior Thesis Award, Dean of the College, Brown University

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2019 Graduate Research Symposium Co-Organiser, Sociology Graduate Students Association, Cornell University

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Occasional Reviewer, Asia Pacific Journal of Education, American Journal of Cultural Sociology, Sociology of Education

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (Section memberships: Sociology of Education, Sociology of Culture, Theory, Economic Sociology)

Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, International Sociological Association

Centre Associate, Centre for the Study of Social Inequality, Nanyang Technological University