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E-mail: pzhang@georgiasouthern.edu**Education**

- Ph.D. University of South Carolina, Sociology, 1997
M.A. University of South Carolina, Sociology, 1993
M.A. Tianjin Foreign Languages Institute, P. R. China. English Literature, 1985
Diploma Zaozhuang University, P. R. China, English, 1980

Professional Experience

- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Georgia Southern University, 8/2003 to present
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Georgia Southern University, 9/1997 to 8/2003
Instructor (TA with full teaching responsibilities), Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina, 8/1993 to 8/1997
Research Assistant, University of South Carolina, 1/1992 to 8/1993

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Smith William L. and Pidi Zhang. 2019. "Southern Jews and Jewish Southerners in Savannah, Georgia." *Michigan Sociological Review*, Vol. 33, Fall 2019, forthcoming.
- Smith, William L. and Pidi Zhang. 2018. "Jewish Identity in a Deep Southern City." *Virginia Social Science Journal*. Vol. 52.
- Zhang, Pidi and William L. Smith. 2017. "Religiousness and Spirituality Among Jewish Members and Friends of a Southern Jewish Organization." *Sociological Viewpoints* Vol. 31, No. 1: 15-31.
- Zhang, Pidi and William L. Smith. 2015. "The Transition from High School to College: Parents' and Students' Perceptions of Parents' Helpfulness." *Virginia Social Science Journal*, Vol. 50: 31-39.
- Zhang, Pidi and William L. Smith. 2011. "From High School to College: The Transition Experiences of Black and White Students." *Journal of Black Studies*, 42(5), 828-845.
- Smith, William L. and Pidi Zhang. 2011. "Religiousness and Spirituality: An Analysis of a Practice-Oriented Retreat." *Sociological Viewpoints*, 27(1), 57-75.
- Smith, William L. and Pidi Zhang. 2011. "A Spiritual Getaway: The Motivations, Experiences, and Benefits of a Silent Retreat." *Journal of Social Scientific Study of Religion*, 22, 1-24.
- Smith, William L. and Pidi Zhang. 2010. "Impact of Key Factors on the Transition

From High School to College Among First-Generation and Second-Generation Students.” *Journal of the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition*, 22(2), 49-70

- Smith, William L. and Pidi Zhang. 2009. “The Academic Ethic and the Transition to College.” *College Student Journal*, Vol. 43(1): 86-93.
- Smith, William L. and Pidi Zhang. 2009. “Students Perceptions and Experiences with Key Factors During the Transition from High School to College.” *College Student Journal*, Vol. 43(2): 643-657.
- Smith, William L. and Pidi Zhang. 2007. “Perceived Factors Facilitating Students’ Transition from High School to College.” *Michigan Sociological Review*, Vol. 22: 19-40.
- Zhang, Meifang and Pidi Zhang. 2000. “Family as a Dynamic of Educational Attainment: The Children of Asian Immigrants in America.” *Southeastern Sociological Review*, Vol. 1: 57-79.
- Zhang, Pidi and Jimy Sanders. 1999. “Extended Stratification: Immigrant and Native Differences in Individual and Family Labor.” *The Sociological Quarterly*, Vol. 40, No. 4: 681-704.
- Skvoretz, John and Pidi Zhang. 1997. “Actors’ Responses to Outcomes in Exchange Networks: The Process of Power Development.” *Sociological Perspectives*, Vol.40, No.2: 183-197.

Book Chapters

- Zhang, Pidi. 2018. “Teaching Social Inequality through Analysis of Hidden Assumptions in Non-Academic Publications.” in the book edited by Kristen Haltinner and Leontina Hormel: *Teaching Economic Inequality and Capitalism in Contemporary America*, Cham, Switzerland: Springer, pp.157-167.
- Zhang, Pidi. 2002. “In Defense of Realistic Assumptions.” Pp. 57-75 in Jacek Szmataka, Michael Lovaglia, and Kinga Wysienska ed. *The Growth of Social Knowledge: Theory, Simulation, and Empirical Research in Group Processes*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

Paper Presentations

- Zhang, Pidi. 2018. “Developing Skills of Debunking Disinformation through Writing in Social Science and Humanity Classes.” Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on English Across The Curriculum at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, December 5, 2018.
- Zhang, Pidi. 2015. “A Quiet Revolution from Within: China's Transition from Provisional Constitution of Titulary Period to Constitutional Government.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies in Quito, Ecuador, November 23, 2015.
- Zhang, Pidi. 2013. “From Power to Soft Power and Smart Power” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies in Chennai, India from December 28 to 30, 2013.
- Zhang, Pidi. 2011. "The Images of China, Japan, and the United States: An Examination of Soft Power Dynamics in Asia" the 29th Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, Salvador, Brazil. (November

2011)

- Smith, William L. and Pidi Zhang. 2010. "A Spiritual Gateway: The Motivations, Experiences, and Benefits of a Silent Retreat," Annual Conference of American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA (August 2010).
- Zhang, Pidi and William L. Smith. 2009. "Black Student Transition to College: An Example from the Deep South," Annual Conference of American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA (August 2009).
- Zhang, Pidi. 2004. "Access to Health Care Delivery for Latino Migrant in Georgia." Annual Conference of Georgia Sociological Association, Helen, Georgia.
- Elizabeth Brown and Zhang, Pidi. 2003. "Health Status of Latino Migrant in Georgia: Implications for Policies and Programs." Annual Conference of Rural Sociology, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Zhang, Pidi. 2000. "How Do Cultural Elements Affect Human Behavior?: The Role of Culture as an Independent Variable in Sociological Models." Annual Conference of Georgia Sociological Association, Hiawassee, GA.
- Zhang, Pidi and Edward Arroyo. 2000. "The Structures of Bipartite and Conditional Theories." Annual Conference of American Sociological Association, Washington, DC.
- Zhang, Pidi. 1999. "The Negative Net Effect of Origin Country's Per Capita GDP on the Hours Worked by the Immigrants." Annual Conference of Georgia Sociological Association, Jekyll Island, GA.
- Zhang, Pidi. 1999. "The Extended Stratification System, Work Incentive, and Spending Patterns of Hispanic Immigrants in South Georgia." Annual Conference of Georgia Sociological Association, Jekyll Island, GA.
- Zhang, Pidi. 1999. "In Defense of Realistic Assumptions." Annual Conference of American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Zhang, Pidi and Meifang Zhang. 1999. "The U-Shaped Curves of Self-Employment for Immigrants on the Education Scale." Annual Conference of American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Zhang, Pidi and Meifang Zhang. 1998. "The Inverse Effect of Living Standard on Immigrants Economic Performance in the United States." Annual Conference of American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Zhang, Pidi. 1996. "The Extended Stratification System: A Theoretical Model of Vertical Mobility." Annual Conference of Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

Global Sociology
 Introduction to Sociology
 Inquiry in the Social Sciences (University Honors)
 Social Data Analysis
 Social Research Methods
 Social Problems
 Inequality
 Sociology of Education
 Contemporary Chinese Society

Elementary Statistics for Sociology (at University of South Carolina)
Global Citizen
First-Year Seminar

Graduate Courses

Quantitative Research Design
Research Design and Methodology
Sociological Quantitative Analysis
Seminar in Social Stratification
Theories in Social Stratification

Faculty Development

Faculty Development Travel Grant, 2018. \$1,500 for presenting the paper “Developing Skills of Debunking Disinformation through Writing in Social Science and Humanity Classes” at the 2nd International Conference on English Across The Curriculum at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, December 5, 2018.

Undergraduate Research Mentored

Rachel Neuhauser. 2015. “Examining the Extent and Manifestation of the Distrust of the Chinese Government in Light of China’s Modernization Successes.” Paper accepted for presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies in Quito, Ecuador, November 3, 2015. Rachel was not able to go because of passport issues. The paper was presented on her behalf by Dr. Michael Tarver of Arkansas Tech University.

Rachel Neuhauser. 2015. “Making Sense of the Distrust of the Chinese Government in Light of China’s Successes in Economic Modernization.” An Honors Thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for Honors in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Chrystian Woods. 2011. “Education as a Commodity: The Effects of Wealth on Education.” McNair Scholar paper presented at McNair National Scholars Research Conference at Buffalo, New York, July 2011.

Stephanie E. Zinskie. 2010. “The Effects of Employment on the Academic Performance of College Students.” McNair Scholar paper presented at Georgia Educational Research Association's Annual Meeting on October 22, 2010 and won the Outstanding Student Research Award.

Jazmieka Smith. 2008. “The Perceived Helpfulness and the Degree of Help of High School Guidance Counselors and Other Factors in Facilitating the Transition to College for African Americans.” McNair Scholar paper presented at McNair National Scholars Research Conference at Buffalo, New York, July 2008.

Magaela Luke. 2007. “Extended Stratification: Immigrant and Native Differences in Educational Attainment and Returns to Education.” McNair Scholar paper presented at McNair National Scholars Research Conference at Buffalo, New York, July 2007.

Calvina Colquitt. 2005. "The Indirect Effects of Education and Employment Status on Black-White Income Differences." McNair Scholar paper presented at 11th Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunities Program Personnel (SAEOPP) McNair National Scholars Research Conference at Knoxville, Tennessee, July 2005 and won Second Prize. (Co-mentored with William L. Smith)

Calvina Colquitt. 2005. "The Indirect Effects of Education and Employment Status on Black-White Income Differences." Paper presented at Phi Kappa Phi Research Symposium in Spring 2005.

M.A. Thesis Committees Served

Member of Thesis Committee for Michael Ndofor's "Reconsidering the Role of Culture and Structure in Social Outcomes." Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Georgia Southern University, Spring 2012.

Member of Thesis Committee for Tina C. Hook's "Women's Perceptions of Leadership Roles Within A Southern Baptist Congregation." Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Georgia Southern University, Spring 2009.

Member of Thesis Committee for Doris Cooper Wilbon's "*African American Caregivers of Children Affected by HIV/AIDS*." Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Georgia Southern University, Fall 2007.

Member of Thesis Committee for Sara Morris's "*The Causal Effect of Corporal Punishment on Children's Internalizing and Externalizing Behavioral Outcomes: Results From a Propensity Score Matching Analysis*." Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Georgia Southern University, Spring 2007.

Member of Thesis Committee for Weiling Zhao's "*The Joy Luck Club: An Exploration of the Relationship between Chinese Mothers and American Daughters*." Department of Literature and Philosophy, Georgia Southern University, Fall 2001.

Member of Thesis Committee for R. David Parker's "Current HIV/AIDS Infection Rates: Categorization and Stigmatization." Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Georgia Southern University, Spring 2001.

Professional Services

Department Services

Assignment by Department Chair: Coordinated the completion of the 2017-2018 Assessment Report for the Sociology B.S. Program.

Assignment by Department Chair: Coordinated the completion of the 2017-2018 Core Course Assessment Report for SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology.

Member, Merit Committee, 2017-2018.

Assignment by Department Chair: Coordinated the completion of the 2016-2017

Assessment Report for the Sociology B.S. Program.

Assignment by Department Chair: Coordinated the completion of the 2016-2017 Core Course Assessment Report for SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology.

Coordinator, Sociology Undergraduate Program, 2014 to 2017

Chair, Search Committee for the position of Lecturer of Sociology, 2014

Point Person, Sociology B.S. Program Assessment Committee, April 2013 to 2014

Member, Library Committee, April 2011 to May 2013.

Member, Merit Committee, February, 2011.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, September - December 2010.

Webmaster, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. October 2001 to 2010.

Chair, Search Committee (Fall 2004-Spring 2005) for two tenure-track assistant professors of sociology.

Member, Department Peer-Review Procedure Development Committee. 2002

Acting Coordinator of the Sociology M.A. Program. 2002

Faculty advisor, Georgia Southern University Sociological Society. August 1998 to.

Member, Department Merit Evaluation Committee. 1998 to 1999, 2006 to 2008.

Institutional Services

Member, Search Committee for the Lecturer of Chinese for the Department of Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Humanities, Georgia Southern University. 2018.

Member, Merit Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2018.

Member, Institutional Review Board, August 2013 - now

Alternative member, University Senate Undergraduate Committee 2017 - now

Alternative member, University Senate Graduate Committee 2017 - now

Georgia Southern University Campus Life Enrichment Committee Grant, with Kelly Berry (Communication Arts) and Matthew Flynn. Invited Mr. Kalyan Chatterjee of Amaty University of India to deliver lectures on the media and democracy in India. 2015 (\$2,200.00).

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee for two faculty members of the Department of Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Georgia Southern University. February, 2013.

Member, Search Committee for the Lecturer of Chinese for the Department of Foreign Languages, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Georgia Southern University. 2013.

Member, Search Committee for the Lecturer of Chinese for the Department of Foreign Languages, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Georgia Southern University. 2012.

Member, CLASS Internationalization Committee. January 2011 - 2013.

Member, CLASS Faculty Advisory Board. March 2010 - 2012.

Member, Search Committee for the Chair of Sociology and Anthropology Department, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Georgia Southern University. 2007.

Member, Award of Excellence Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Georgia Southern University. 2006.

Member, Promotion Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Georgia Southern University. 2005.

Member, Post-Tenure Review Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Social

Sciences, Georgia Southern University. 2004.
Member, Alumnus/a of the Year Nominations Review Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Georgia Southern University. 2003.
Member and Methodologist, Georgia Southern University Faculty Team (Gustavo Molina, Leslee Higgins, Gisele Gaudet), University System of Georgia Teaching and Learning Conference. 2000 to 2001.
Faculty Advisor, Georgia Southern University Campus Outreach. Fall 2000 to Spring 2007.

Community Services

Coach of Taichi Class at The Lodge at Bethany, an assisted living facility in Statesboro, Georgia, 2017 - now.

With William L. Smith, analyzed the data collected in a follow-up study about retreatants' spirituality and religiousness and provided a descriptive summary for Jesuit Retreat Center at Ignatius House. 2010.

With William L. Smith, analyzed the data collected in 2009 about outcomes of retreat and provided a descriptive summary to the Jesuit Retreat Center at Ignatius House. 2009.

Analyzed the data collected in 2008 and provided a descriptive summary for Southeast Georgia Communities Project to apply for a grant to provide educational and preventive services for school-aged youth in Candler, Toombs, and Appling Counties. 2009.

Developed a needs assessment instrument for Southeast Georgia Communities Project, Inc. for collecting data about the conditions and needs of young persons in Candler, Toombs, and Appling Counties, 2008.

Consultant to Southeast Georgia Communities Project, Inc. September 1998 to 2003, from Spring 2007 to present.

1. Developing a Survey Instrument (interview schedule) for assessment of needs of programs and assistance for youth of Hispanic origin in Appling County, Candler County, and Toombs County, Georgia, Southeast Georgia Communities Project, 2007 to present.
2. Developed a Survey Instrument (135-item Interview Schedule) for assessment of needs of health care and health care delivery for persons of Hispanic origin in Appling County, Georgia, Southeast Georgia Communities Project, 2000.
3. Analyzed data Collected in 2000 in coordination with Southeast Georgia Communities Project and compiled a technical report distributed to government agencies and non-profit services organizations, May 2001 (Result in the Technical Report "Heath Survey of Hispanic Population in Appling County, Georgia, 2000")

Member of Board of Directors, Statesboro Amethyst Project, Inc. January 2003 to March 2004.

Consultant to Statesboro Amethyst Project, Inc. 1999 to March 2004

1. Directed the Development of a Survey Instrument (124-item questionnaire) for assessment of College-Aged Individuals' Knowledge about HIV/AIDS and Their

Sexual Behavioral Patterns, Statesboro Amethyst Project, Inc.

2. Provided professional support for a study of HIV infection conditions in African American females in Statesboro area.

Consultant to The Latino Healthy Children Project, Lyons Pediatrics Associates. 1999

1. Developed a Survey Instrument (70-item Interview Schedule) for assessment of needs of health care and health care delivery for children from families of Hispanic origin in Toombs County, Georgia, Lyons Pediatrics Associates, 2000.
2. Analyzed data Collected in coordination with Lyons Pediatrics Associates and compiled a brief technical report used for a service grant application for the Associates, 2000.

Member, Team of Four Georgia Southern Faculty Members (Karen McCurdy, Elizabeth Brown, Larry Mutter) Assisting Statesboro-Bulloch County Department of Park and Recreation with a needs assessment for recreation facilities. 2001 to 2002.

Judge, Social Science Projects Competition for High School Students in Georgia. February 2007, February 2005, February 2004, February 2001, February 2000, February 1999.

Instructor, Computer Training program in Cedar Crossing. October 1998 to May 1999.

President, Chinese Scholars Association of Georgia Southern University. 2003 to 2004.

Services for Professional Organizations

Panel Chair, The session for "Democracy and Governance in China," the 33rd Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, November 23, 2015, Quito, Ecuador.

Panel Chair, The session for "The Future in Analysis: Neocolonialism, Two-State Israeli-Palestinian Solution, Consociational Democracies in Latin America, Soft Power as Global Force and Human Rights in the Global South," the 31st Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, December 28-30, 2013, Chennai, India.

Executive Member-at-Large, Georgia Sociological Association. 2005 to 2006.

Chair, Research Committee, Georgia Sociological Association. 2002 to 2005.

Chair, Ad hoc Journal Committee, Georgia Sociological Association. 2003 to 2005.

Member, Research Committee, Georgia Sociological Association. 1999 to 2002.

Chair, Student Paper Competition Committee, Georgia Sociological Association. 2002.

Conducted a workshop of obtaining data from ICPSRS at the 2004 Annual Conference of Georgia Sociological Association, November 2004.

Chair, Research Committee, Georgia Sociological Association. 2002 to 2005.