

CURRICUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2028* Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Irvine
 Advanced to Candidacy in December 2025
 Emphasis: Asian American Studies, Gender Feminist Emphasis
- 2025 M.A. Sociology, University of California, Irvine
- 2021 B.A. Sociology, Occidental College (*magna cum laude*)
 Minor: Food Studies

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and ethnicity, culture, gender, food, digital sociology, social inequalities, research methods

TEACHING & ADVISING

2022-Present **University of California, Irvine**

Graduate Teaching Assistant—School of Social Sciences

- Introduction to Sociology (in-person)
- Research Methods (in-person)
- Social Problems (online)
- People in Society (in-person)
- Brain Disorders (in-person)

Graduate Teaching Assistant—School of Humanities

- Asian Americans & the Media (online)

Mentored Research

Undergraduate Student Research

Julia Mei Miya (Spring 2026-ongoing, University of California, Irvine)

CERTIFICATES & TRAININGS

Teaching

2026* Certificate in Excellence in Course Design, Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation, University of California, Irvine.

Mentoring

2026* Certificate in Mentoring Excellence, Graduate Division, University of California, Irvine.

Research

2023 Certificate in Community Based Research, Racial Justice Shop, University of California, Irvine.

RESEARCH

Manuscripts

Kimura, Kelli Ann. “Relatable Experts: Constructing Authenticity on TikTok.” *In preparation.*

Kimura, Kelli Ann and Katelyn Rose Malae. “Crafting Tradition: Constructions of Femininity in the Digital #TadWife Movement.” *In preparation.*

Kimura, Kelli Ann, Samuel Titus, and Oliver Wang. ““I Could Go For That”: A Pilot Survey Into Asian American Food Habits.” *In preparation.*

Book Chapter

Kimura, Kelli Ann, Dane Nakama, and Dance Aoki “Andagi Tales.” accepted for inclusion for *Food of Japanese America* edited by Robert Ji Song Ku and Azusa Oda

Public Facing Scholarship

Guest Editor, “Making,” Summer 2025 Issue of *The Recipes Project*

Guest Editor, “Cooking up Community,” Summer 2024 Issue of *The Recipes Project*

AWARDS

2021 Peer Support Award, Occidental College

2021 Leadership Award, Occidental College

2020 W.E.B. DuBois Spirit of Sociology Award, Occidental College

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2022-2024 Fellow for the Environmental Racism and Health Equity Program.

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

2026. “Crafting Tradition: Constructions of Femininity in the Digital #TadWife Movement.” The Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY, August 6th-9th
2026. “Relatable Experts: Constructing Authenticity on TikTok.” The Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 7th-11th
2026. *The Politics of Empire in Hawaii: Settler Colonialism, the University, and Asian American Studies*. UCI Global Asias Research Cluster, Irvine, CA
2026. “Seeking Home: What It Means to Eat Like an Asian American.” The Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies, Honolulu, HI, April 2nd-4th
2024. “Chopsticks and Clicks: Exploring Cultural Capital and Authenticity in Asian American Food Narratives.” The Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies, Seattle, WA. April 25th-27th
2024. “#FoodTok: Navigating Foodie Culture, Authenticity, and Cultural Capital in the Age of Social Media.” The Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Long Beach, CA.

SERVICE

University of California, Irvine

- 2024-Present Co-Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Association, School of Social Sciences
- 2024 Session Organizer and Facilitator. *Producing and Communicating Knowledge in Community-Based Research*. Research Justice Workshop, Irvine, CA.
- 2023-2024 UC Thinking with Food Group Faciliator
- 2023-2024 Undergraduate Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association, School of Social Sciences
- 2023-2024 UCI Humanities Center and C-LAB- Telling Our Own Stories Project
- 2022-2023 Welcoming Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association, School

of Social Sciences

To the Field

2024- Present Editor. The Recipes Project: Food, Magic, Art, Science, and Medicine.
2023. Volunteer. Pacific Sociological Association.

To the Community

2026-Present Volunteer. Japanese American National Museum. Eating Together: Food
in Japanese America
2025-Present Volunteer. Okinawan American Association Community Book Project.
2024 Development Intern for Tastemakers of Orange County. Orange County
Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance.
2021-2022 School Nutrition Service Member, FoodCorps.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)