

KELLI ANN CHIEMI KIMURA

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

PhD in Sociology
Masters in Sociology

IRVINE, CA
expected June 2028
June 2025

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Food Studies Minor

LOS ANGELES, CA
May 2021

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Culture	Race/Ethnicity	Gender/Sexualities
Food Studies	Immigration	Asian American Studies
Culture	Digital Technologies	Qualitative Methods

TEACHING

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

The University of California, Irvine - School of Social Sciences

- Research Methods (Winter 2025, Winter 2026, Spring 2026)
- Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2022)
- Social Problems (Fall/Winter 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)
- Research Methods in Psychology (Spring 2023)
- People in Society (Winter/Spring 2024)
- Brain Disorders (Spring 2025)

The University of California, Irvine - School of Humanities

- Asian Americans & the Media (Summer 2025, Summer 2026)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

MANUSCRIPTS

Kimura, Kelli Ann Chiemi. "Relatable Experts: Constructing Authenticity on TikTok." In preparation.

Kimura, Kelli Ann Chiemi and Katelyn Rose Malae. "Crafting Tradition: Constructions of Femininity in the Digital #TradWife Movement." In preparation.

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Andagi Tales," essay accepted for inclusion for a companion book, *Food of Japanese America*, to the Japanese American National Museum's exhibit on food to open in 2027, edited by Robert Ji Song Ku and Azusa Oda

RESEARCH

PROJECTS

University of California, Irvine
Second Year Paper

IRVINE, CA
April, 2024

- Conducted a digital ethnography of food creators on TikTok in order to explore the construction of authenticity on the application
- Presented this research to the department.

Occidental College
Senior Comprehensive Thesis

LOS ANGELES, CA
May, 2021

- Analyzed over 2000 recipes from community cookbooks within Hawai'i spanning the last 54 years in order to explore the ethnic hierarchy in Hawai'i and the formation of a cultural and national identity
- Generated a report that explored Hawai'i's cultural distinctiveness from that of the continental United States
- Received departmental distinctions on this research.

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dept. Psychology

LOS ANGELES, CA
Fall 2018- Spring 2020

PUBLIC-FACING SCHOLARSHIP

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

Guest Editor, "[Cooking up Community](https://recipes.hypotheses.org)," Summer 2024 Issue of *The Recipes Project*

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

University of California, Irvine

- Assisting Dr. Tiara Naputi in the Global and International Studies Department with Research and implementation of Indigenous-led Community-based participatory research (CBPR) approaches; creative story mapping, analysis and data dissemination (Summer 2023)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

University of California, Irvine

Fellow. Environmental Racism and Health Equity Program. Two year program in which fellows partner with community organizations to contribute their lived experience and skills to address environmental racism and health inequities while developing community-based participatory research project experience. 2022-2024.

Occidental College

LOS ANGELES, CA

Occidental College, Department of Sociology- Leadership Award	2021
Occidental College, Department of Sociology- Peer Support Award	2021
Occidental College, Department of Sociology- W.E.B. DuBois Spirit of Sociology Award	2020

CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Kimura, K. (2026, April) *Seeking Home: What It Means to Eat Like an Asian American*. Association for Asian American Studies Conference.

Kimura, K. (2024, April) *Chopsticks and Clicks: Exploring Cultural Capital and Authenticity in Asian American Food Narratives Online*. Association for Asian American Studies Conference.

Kimura, K. (2024, March) *#FoodTok: Navigating Foodie Culture, Authenticity, and Cultural Capital in the Age of Social Media*. Pacific Sociological Association.

Kimura, K. Blankenau, A. (2018, November) *Expectations to Resist Unsafe Sex are Related to Sexual Risk Behaviors*

INVITED TALKS

Panelist. (2026). *The Politics of Empire in Hawaii: Settler Colonialism, the University, and Asian American Studies*. UCI Global Asia Research Cluster, Irvine, CA.

ORGANIZED WORKSHOPS

Session Organizer and Facilitator. (2024). *Producing and Communicating Knowledge in Community-Based Research*. Research Justice Workshop, Irvine, CA.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Community-Based Research	2023
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EDITORIAL WORK

Co-Editor, The Recipes Project: Food, Magic, Art, Science, and Medicine (https://recipes.hypotheses.org)	2025-Present
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SERVICE

TO THE FIELD

The Recipes Project, Guest Editor (“Cooking up Community” , “Making”)	2024, 2025
Pacific Sociological Association- Lead Volunteer	2023

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UCI Sociology Graduate Student Affairs Co-Chair	2024-Present
UC Thinking with Food Group Facilitator	2023-2024
UCI Sociology Graduate Student Affairs Undergraduate Representative	2023-2024
UCI Humanities Center and C-LAB- Telling Our Own Stories Project	2023
UCI Sociology Graduate Student Affairs Welcoming Committee	2022-2023

TO THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer for the JANM Eating Together: Food in Japanese America	2026-Present
Volunteer for the OAA Community Book Project	2025-Present
Development Intern for Tastemakers of Orange County, OCAPICA	2024
FoodCorps, AmeriCorps- School Nutrition Service Member	2021-2022