

Juhwan Seo

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

September 2025 – Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow
School of Criminal Justice
Rutgers University–Newark

EDUCATION

2025 Ph.D. Cornell University
Major Field: Sociology
Minor Fields: Asian American Studies; Feminist, Gender, & Sexuality Studies;
Latina/o Studies
Committee: Filiz Garip (co-chair), Shannon Gleeson (co-chair), Matthew Hall, Vida Maralani
Dissertation: “Normative Family Formation Under Immigration Law”

2021 M.A. in Sociology, Cornell University

2017 B.A. Harvard University
Joint Major: Sociology and Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
Minor: Ethnicity, Migration, Rights
Senior Thesis: “How Stigma Impacts Mental Health: The Minority Stress Model and Unwed Mothers in South Korea” Advised by Mary C. Brinton
Cum Laude, Highest Honors in Sociology and Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

RESEARCH AREAS

Immigration Policy and Bureaucracy; Law & Society; Transnational Migration; Citizenship; Family; Gender and Sexuality; Qualitative Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Seo, Juhwan. 2025. “Sexualities Across Borders: Trends in Queer Migration Studies.” *Sex & Sexualities* 1(1):119–27. doi: [10.1177/3033371251331915](https://doi.org/10.1177/3033371251331915).

Seo, Juhwan. 2024. “Choosing Isolation in the Face of Stigma: Relational Work in Tie Severance Among Korean Unwed Mothers.” *Social Networks* 79:48–56. doi:[10.1016/j.socnet.2024.06.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2024.06.001).

Goffe, Tao Leigh, et al. [Cartographies of Racial Justice, including **Juhwan Seo**]. 2022. “The World We Became: Map Quest 2350, A Speculative Digital Atlas Beyond Climate Crisis.” *ADVA: Asian Diasporic Visual Cultures and the Americas* 7(1–2):5–49. doi:[10.1163/23523085-07010002](https://doi.org/10.1163/23523085-07010002).

Harvey, Penny, **Juhwan Seo**, and Emily Logan. 2021. “Queer at Camp: The Impact of Summer Camps on LGBTQ Campers in the United States.” *Gender and Research* 22(2):45–70. doi:[10.13060/gav.2021.019](https://doi.org/10.13060/gav.2021.019).

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Quotidian Homonationalism: Green Card Adjudication, Immigration Law, and Liberal Inclusion of Same-Sex Binational Marriages.”

- ASA Sociology of Sexualities Graduate Student Paper Award
- ASA Family Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, *Honorable Mention*
- SSSP Family Division Graduate Student Paper Award
- Robin M. Williams Jr. Best Paper on Race & Ethnicity Award, Department of Sociology, Cornell University

“Lawyers as Domestic Counselors: Curating Legitimate Claimants Using Preventive Legal Strategies.”

“Transnational Sexual Citizenships in the Era of Same-Sex Marriage: Flexible and Fragmented Rights for Queer Family Migration.”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Immigration Lawyers as Marriage Fraud Detectives.”

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

2024	ASA Sociology of Sexualities Graduate Student Paper Award
	ASA Family Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, <i>Honorable Mention</i>
	SSSP Family Division Graduate Student Paper Award
	Robin M. Williams Jr. Best Paper on Race & Ethnicity Award, Department of Sociology, Cornell University
2023	LSA Graduate Student & Early Career Workshop, Law & Society Association
2021	Law and Science Dissertation Grant, Arizona State University, National Science Foundation, SBE #2016661 (\$22,000)
	Migrations Summer Institute, “Cartographies of Racial Justice Beyond Borders: Territories of Dispossession and Migration,” Migrations Initiative, Global Cornell, Cornell University
	Cornell Translational Research Summer Institute, Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, Cornell University

- 2020 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice (\$150,000)
Einaudi-SSRC Dissertation Proposal Development Program, Cornell University, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (\$5,000)
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, *Honorable Mention*
- 2017 Richard Glover Ames and Henry Russell Ames Award, Harvard Alumni Association
Distinguished Senior Award, The Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations, Harvard University
- 2016 Undergraduate Senior Thesis Research Grant, Weatherhead Initiative on Gender Inequality, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
Gellert Fund Research Award, Harvard College Research Program, Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, Harvard University

INVITED TALKS & PANELS

- 2024 “What’s Next after *SFFA v. Harvard?*,” Sociology of Asian America, Grinnell College.
- 2023 “Asian Americans and Affirmative Action,” Asian American Studies Program, Cornell University.
- 2022 “Asian Immigration,” Critical Perspectives: Racism, Xenophobia and Im/migration (LAW 7269), Cornell Law School, Cornell University.
- 2021 “Understanding and Combating Insidious Forms of Anti-Asian Racism,” Building Allyship Series, Office of Inclusion and Student Engagement, Graduate School, Cornell University.
- 2020 “Hate in the Time of COVID,” Asian American Studies Program, Cornell University.
“Asian American Political Participation,” Introduction to Asian American Studies, Cornell University.
Cornell International Migrants’ Human Rights Workshop, International Migrants Bill of Rights Initiative, Cornell Law School.
- 2016 “Stigma and Mental Health Among Korean Unwed Mothers.” Undergraduate Summer Research Presentation, Weatherhead Initiative on Gender Inequality, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University.

CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “Lawyers as Domestic Counselors: Curating Legitimate Claimants Using Preventive Legal Strategies.” Mid-Atlantic Law & Society Conference, Ramapo College.
- 2024 “Curating Cases, Shaping Marriages: Immigration Law Practitioners as Domestic Brokers.” Northeast Law and Society Retreat, Center for Justice, Law, and Societies, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
“Quotidian Homonationalism: Green Card Adjudication, Immigration Law, and Liberal Inclusion of Same-Sex Binational Marriages.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

- “‘We Will Not Be Used’: Asian Americans for Affirmative Action after *SFFA v. Harvard* and *SFFA v. UNC*.” National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in Higher Education.
- “Asian American Public History.” OAH Conference on American History.
- 2023 “Performing Marriage, Establishing Family: Bureaucratic Discretion and the Quotidian Performativity of Same-Sex Marriage.” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting.
- 2022 “Bureaucratic Homonormativity: Queer Binational Couples and the Marriage-Based Green Card Process.” New Directions in Law and Society, Center for Justice, Law, and Societies, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2019 “The Queer Immigrant: Building a Genealogy of Resistance” (Roundtable). American Studies Association Annual Meeting.
- 2018 “AAPI Student Organizing and Solidarity” (Roundtable), Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference.
- 2017 “Diverging Nationalisms: Comparing 1.5- and 2nd-generation Asian Americans.”, Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University

As Instructor of Record

Fall 2025 47:204:467:02 Immigration Law & Justice

Cornell Prison Education Program / Cayuga Community College

As Instructor of Record

Spring 2022 SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology

Cornell University

As Instructor of Record

Fall 2021 AAS 4300: Labor and Migration in Asian America (cross-listed in AMST, ILR, SOC)

Summer 2021 SOC 1101: Introduction to Sociology

As Assistant

Spring 2020 AAS 1100: Introduction to Asian American Studies. Professor: Dr. Christine Balance

Fall 2019 SOC 4370: Sociology of Sex and Gender. Professor: Dr. Vida Maralani

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

2017–2021 Filiz Garip, Department of Sociology, Cornell University

2019 Shannon Gleeson, Department of Labor Relations, Law, and History, Cornell University

2014–2016 Paul Y. Chang, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

2014 Matthew Desmond, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

SERVICE

2025–present Co-Chair, Ethnic Studies Task Force, Coalition for a Diverse Harvard
 2018–present Alumni Interviewer, Harvard College
 2021–2025 Treasurer, 14Strings! Cornell Filipino Rondalla, Cornell University
 2020–2024 Member, Ethnic Studies Task Force, Coalition for a Diverse Harvard
 2019–2022 Mentor, Graduate Students Mentoring Undergraduates, Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, Cornell University
 2021 Loving House Advisory Group, Housing & Residential Life, Cornell University
 2020–2021 Co-Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Cornell University
 2019–2020 Recruitment and Mentoring Officer, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Cornell University
 2015–2017 Member, Asian American Studies Working Group, Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights, Harvard University

AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
 American Studies Association
 Association for Asian American Studies
 Law & Society Association
 Society for the Study of Social Problems