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EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI
Dissertation: *Social Capital and State Policy: Access to Health Care Services among Filipino, Korean, and Marshallese Immigrants in Hawaii*
- 2003 M.A. Sociology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI
- 1999 M.P.H. Health Service Administration & Planning, School of Public Health,
University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI
- 1995 M.S. Health Education, Ewha Women's University, Korea
- 1993 B.S. Health Education, Ewha Women's University, Korea

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2006- **Assistant Professor**
Department of Sociology, Sam Houston State University
- 2011- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Rural Studies at Sam Houston State University
2011- Faculty Affiliate, Urban Health Program, Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University
- 2003-06 Research Assistant
Department of Sociology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI
Research Projects: *Coverage for All in American Samoa*, funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)(2005-06); *Estimation of the Trends in Divorce Using Registration and Census Data*, funded by Center for Korean Studies (2005); *The Informatization of NGOs in China*, grant from the John. D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (2004); *Coverage for All*, funded by HRSA, DHHS(2003)
- 2002-03 Statistician
Market Trends Pacific, Inc. Honolulu, HI
- 1999-01 Project Assistant
Population and Health Research Program, East-West Center, HI.
- 1997-99, 03-06 Bilingual staff
Lanakila Easy Access Project at Hawaii Department of Health, HI.

SPECIALIZATION

Immigrant and Minority Health
Health Disparity/ Health Policy
Community and Rural Health

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Scholarly Journal Articles

- Choi, J. Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity among US Immigrants: Results of the 2003 New Immigrant Survey. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* (Accepted).
- Choi, J., Hwang, J. & Yi, J. 2011. Nativity, Acculturation, Body Perception and Weight Status among Vietnamese American College Students. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 13(6):1116-1124.
- Lee, SH., Sukrakarn, N. & Choi, J. 2011. Motivation to Go Home, Motivation to Remit: Evidence from Thai Migrant Workers. *Journal of Asian Economics*, 22:142-151.
- Bonanno, A. & Choi, J. 2010. Mapping out the Social Experience of Cancer Patients with Facial Disfigurement. *Health*, 2(5): 418-428.
- Constance, D. & Choi, J. 2010. Overcoming the Barriers to Organic Adoption in the United States: A Look at Pragmatic Conventional Producers in Texas. *Sustainability*, 2(1): 163-188.
- Choi, J. 2009. Contextual Effects on Health Care Access among Immigrants: Lessons from Three Ethnic Communities in Hawaii. *Social Science and Medicine*, 69:1261-1271.
- Choi, J. & Davis, MA. 2009. Adolescent Suicides in Korea: Risk Factors and Intervention. *Korean Journal of Health Education and Promotion*, 10(1):61-85.
- Choi, J. 2008. Seeking Health Care: Marshallese Migrants in Hawaii, *Ethnicity and Health*, 13:77-98.
- Constance, D., Choi, J. & Lyke-Ho-Gland, H. 2008. Conventionalization, Bifurcation, and Quality of Life: A look at Certified and Non-certified Organic Farmers in Texas. *Southern Rural Sociology*, 23(1):208-234.
- Choi, J. & Lee, SH. 2006. Does Prenatal Care Increase Access to Child Immunization? Gender Bias among Children in India. *Social Science and Medicine*, 63(1):107-117.
- Choi, J. 1995. The Study of Acknowledgement and Needs of the Parents about Elementary, Middle, and High School Students' Health Education. *Journal of Korean Society for Health Education*, 12(1): 47-71.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters & Encyclopedia

- Bonanno, A. & Choi, J. 2011. Psychosocial Aspects of Orbitofacial Disfigurement in Cancer Patients. Pp. 311-318 in Bitu Esmali (ed.), *Ophthalmic Oncology*. Norwell, MA: Springer.
- Choi, J. 2011. Community Resources for Families Related to Health. Vol. I, Pp. 216-217. In Craft-Rosenberg, M. and Pehler, SR (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Family Health*, Los Angeles, CA: SAGE.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Choi, J. Reconstruction of Health Seeking Behaviors: A Comparative Study of Three Asian-Pacific Immigrants. *Qualitative Health Research* (Revise & Resubmit).
- Choi, J. Negotiating Old and New Ways: Adaptation of Health Care Seeking Behaviors of Korean Immigrants. *Ethnicity and Health* (Under Review).
- Constance, D.H., Choi, J.Y., & Lara, D. Social Dimensions of Organic Production and Systems Research." *Crop Management* (Under Review).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Choi, J. Health Policy, Health Insurance, and Challenges for New Immigrants: A Case of Hawaii. An invited book chapter. Nova Science Publishers, Inc. (submission due: November 2011)
- Choi, J. Place of Origin, Current Residence, and Weight Status among US Immigrants (projected submission: Spring 2012).
- Choi, J. Children and Obesity Risk: Rural Residence Matters (projected submission: Spring 2012).
- Constance, D.H., Choi, J.Y., & Lara, D. The Conventionalization of Organics (projected submission: Spring 2012).

GRANT

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| The Faculty Research Grant 2010, Sam Houston State University
Social Etiology of Obesity among US Immigrants
Role: PI | 07/01/10-08/15/10
(\$5,000) |
| The Faculty Research Grant 2008, Sam Houston State University
Survivorship of Individuals with Cancer Generated Facial Disfigurement
Role: PI | 07/01/08-08/15/08
(\$5,000) |

GRANT UNDER REVIEW

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| R21 PA-09-141(NIH)
Combating Rural Childhood Obesity: A Community-Based Sustainable Action Plan
Role: PI | 04/01/12-03/31/14
(\$353,427) |
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PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- Choi, J. 2011. *Reconstruction of Health Care Seeking Behaviors: A Comparative Study of Three Asian Pacific Immigrant Groups*. Presented at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August.
- Choi, J. 2011. *Obesity Disparity among New Immigrants in the United States: Place of Origin and Region*. Presented at the annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV, August.
- Choi, J., & Hudec, C. 2011. *Social Etiology of Obesity among US Immigrants: A Theoretical Framework*. Presented at the annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV, August.
- Choi, J., Pate, D., Brown, C., & Cates, C. *Identifying the Obesogenic Environments of Rural School Children: A Case Study in Huntsville, Texas*. Presented at the 2nd College of Humanities and Social Sciences Annual Research Conference, Huntsville, TX, April.
- Choi, J., Constance, D., Lau, M., & Hanagriff, R. 2011. *The Predictors of Organic Adoption by Agricultural Commodity: The Case of Texas*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Corpus Christi, TX. February.
- Choi, J. 2010. *Obesity among New Immigrants in the US: Distribution and Etiologic Process*. Presented at the 138th annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Denver, CO, November.

- Choi, J. & Lee, SW. 2010. *Does Employment Improve Health Status of the Elderly?: Seeking Evidence From Korea*. Presented at the 138th annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Denver, Co, November.
- Choi, J. & Hwang, E. 2010. *The Effects of Marital Assimilation on BMI among New Immigrants*. Presented at the 60th annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA, August.
- Theodori, G., Choi, J., Aldridge, J., & Smith, D.C. 2010. *Energy Development, Natural Environments and Quality of Life: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly as Perceived by Texans*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Orlando, Florida, June.
- Lee, SH., Sukrakarn, N., & Choi, J. 2010. *Motivation to Go Home, Motivation to Remit: Evidence from Thai Migrant Workers*. Presented at the 2010 Population Association of America meeting, Dallas, TX, April.
- Hudec, C. & Choi, J. 2010. *School Nutrition and Physical Activity Program Policies: Influence on Juvenile Obesity*. Presented at the 2nd Annual Medicine and the Social Sciences and Humanities Conference, Huntsville, TX, April.
- Choi, J. 2010. *Disparity in Immigrant Obesity*. Presented at the 1st College of Humanities and Social Sciences Annual Research Conference, Huntsville, TX, April.
- Choi, J. 2010. *Etiologic Process of Obesity among New Immigrants in the US*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, TX, March.
- Hudec, C.L. & Choi, J. 2010. *School Policies and Juvenile Obesity*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, TX, March.
- Avalos, M. & Choi, J. 2010. *Acculturation and Cultural Buffering Effects on Obesity among Immigrant Children*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, TX, March.
- Choi, J. 2009. *Negotiating Old and New: Immigrant Health Care Seeking Behaviors*. Presented at the 104th annual meeting of American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California, August.
- Choi, J. 2009. *The Roles of Ethnic Community in Immigrant Health Care*. Presented at the 59th annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, California, August.
- Constance, D. & Choi, J. 2009. *Identifying Potential Organic Producers in Texas: Facilitators and Barriers*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia. February.
- Choi, J. 2008. *Health Care Disparity between Rural and Urban America: Where have We been and Where Are We Going?* Presented at the XII World Congress of Rural Sociology, Goyang, Korea, July.
- Bonanno, A. & Choi, J. 2008. *The Contradictions of Medical Sociology Understanding of Stigma in Facially Disfigured Individuals*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March.
- Constance, D. & Choi, J. 2008. *Predictors of Interest in and Practice of Organic Agriculture in Texas*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Dallas, Texas, February.
- Choi, J. 2007. *Contextual Analysis of Health Care Disparity: Lessons from Three Ethnic Communities in Hawaii*. Presented at the 102nd annual meeting of American Sociological Association, New York City, August.
- Choi, J. 2007. *Ethnic Networks: Are they Beneficial for Obtaining Health Care?* Presented at the 57th annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York City, August.

- Choi, J. 2007. *Transformation of Health Care Seeking Behaviors: Experience of Korean Immigrants*. Presented at the 2007 annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March.
- Choi, J. 2006. *Seeking Health Care in Hawaii: Experiences of Three Immigrant Communities*. Presented at the 56th annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada, August.
- Choi, J. 2005. *Content Analysis of Legislators' Dialogue on Immigrant Health Care*. Presented at the 55th annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA, August.
- Choi, J. 2005. *Forms of Social Capital among Marshallese in Hawaii: Availability and Acceptability*. Presented at the 26th annual meeting of Hawaii Sociological Association, Honolulu, HI, February.
- Choi, J. 2004. *Access to Health Care Services among Micronesians in Hawaii*. Paper presented at the 132nd annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C., November.
- Choi, J. 2004. *Access to Health Care: Is Social Capital a Potential Resource for Korean Immigrants?* Paper presented at the 132nd annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C., November.
- Choi, J. 2003. *Does Prenatal Care Increase Access to Postnatal Health Care?* Presented at the 24th annual meeting of Hawaii Sociological Association, Honolulu, HI, February.
- Choi, J. 1998. *Risk Factors in Korean Adolescents' Sexual Behaviors*. Presented at the 126th annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C., November.
- Choi, J. 1997. *Cultural Differences in Parental Expectation on Sex Education among Koreans and Korean Americans Living in Hawaii*. Presented at the 125th annual meeting of American Public Health Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November.
- Choi, J. & Patrick, W. 1997. *Case Study of Female High Schoolers in Korea: Risk Taking Behaviors*. Presented as an invited paper at the First Asia Pacific International Symposium on the Health and Welfare of Adolescents: Problems and Opportunities, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, June.
- Choi, J. 1995. *The Study of Acknowledgement and Needs of the Parents about Elementary, Middle, and High School Students' Health Education*. Presented at the XVth World Conference of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education, held in Chiba, Japan, August.

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2011 | Outstanding Conference Poster, Social Sciences, 2 nd College of Humanities and Social Sciences Annual Research Conference, Sam Houston State University, TX (Co-authored with Pate, D., Brown, C., & Cates, C) |
| 2005 | Hormann Prize, University of Hawaii at Manoa |
| 2005 | Gary Sakihara Scholarship, University of Hawaii at Manoa |
| 2005 | Arts and Sciences Advisory Council 2005 Award, Colleges of Arts and Sciences, University of Hawaii at Manoa |
| 2005 | Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems |
| 2004 | Pacific Fellowship, American Association of University Women. Honolulu, HI |
| 2004 | Center for Korean Studies Scholarship, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Honolulu, HI |
| 1999-2000 | The National Dean's List, Honoring America's Outstanding College Students (23 rd Annual Edition) |
| 1999 | Gamma Chapter of the Delta Omega Society, the Honorary Society in Public Health |

- 1998 “Aesculapius Awards” Co-developed a National Award Winning Public Service Announcement targeting tourists on sun protection in Hawaii (Group project)
- 1998 Elmer J. Anderson Professional Travel Fund, University of Hawaii at Manoa

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2009 Community-Based Participatory Research Workshop, University of Houston, Houston, TX, April.
- 2008 Participant, the 3rd US-UK Medical Sociology Conference: Professionals, Patients, and the Public. Boston, MA, July (plenary conference)
- 2005 Participant, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) workshop, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI (Certificate Obtained)
- 2000 Participant, 31st Summer Seminar on Population (Theme: Analyzing Adolescents Risk-Taking Behavior) in East-West Center, Honolulu, HI

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Academic Services

- 2012 Guest Editor, Special Issue: Rural Health, Journal of Rural Social Sciences
- 2012 Special Session Organizer, Rural Health, Annual Meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Birmingham, Alabama, February
- 2011 Advisory Board in the project, *Development of Healthy Campus Model: College and Community Partnership (CCP)*, funded by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, South Korea
- 2011 Review, American Journal of Public Health
- 2011- Editorial Board, Sociology Mind
- 2011- Editorial Board, Korean Journal of Health Education and Promotion
- 2010-11 Reviewer, Sociological Forum
- 2010-11 Reviewer, Risk Management and Healthcare Policy
- 2010-11 Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine
- 2010 Reviewer, Sociological Inquiry
- 2010 Session Organizer, Health, Health Policy, and Health Services, Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, Georgia, August
- 2010 Session Organizer & Chair, Medical Sociology, Southwestern Sociological Association, Houston, Texas, March
- 2010 Session organizer & Chair, Undergraduate Paper, Southwestern Sociological Association, Houston, Texas, March
- 2009- Associate Editor, Journal of Rural Social Sciences
- 2009-10 Reviewer, Journal of Rural Social Sciences
- 2009 Reviewer, Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
- 2008 Reviewer, Journal of Ethnicity and Health

- 2008 Working Group Organizer & Chair, Rural Health Issues in Asia and The Pacific Rim, The XII World Congress of Rural Sociology. Goyang, Korea. July
- 2007 Session Chair, Medical Sociology, Southwestern Sociological Association, Albuquerque, NM, March
- 2005-06 Reviewer, Community Health Planning and Policy Development program, American Public Health Association

Community Services

- 2009- Advisory Board Member, Houston Korean Nurse Association, Houston, TX
- 2007- Member, Korean American Health Coalition, Houston, TX
- 2004-06 Member, Nations of Micronesia Meeting (NOM), Honolulu, HI
- 2003 Consultant, Korean radio show on behalf of “Hawaii Covering Kids”, Honolulu, HI
- 1998 Cultural Advisory Panel, TB and Korean Culture, Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Honolulu, HI

University and Department Services at Sam Houston State University

- 2011 Dissertation Committee (Hilary Sherry)
- 2011 Member, Graduate Examination Committee
- 2011 Member, Sociology Chair Search Committee
- 2010-11 Member, Sociology Department Scholarship Committee
- 2010-11 Member, Social Committee
- 2008-10 Faculty Advisor, Sociology Club
- 2008-10 Member, Thesis Committee
- 2008-10 Member, Graduate Program Comprehensive Examination Committee
- 2008-09 Member, Textbook Adaption Committee
- 2008-09 Member, New Graduate Course Rotation Committee
- 2007-09 Member, Sociology Department Scholarship Committee
- 2007-09 Member, Bilingual Health Studies Degree Plan Committee
- 2006-07 Member, University Advancement Survey