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**Education**

2006 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI  
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 (Since 2006)**

2012-Present **Associate Professor**  
Department of Sociology, Sam Houston State University  
2014 Director of Graduate Studies  
Department of Sociology, Sam Houston State University  
2013-14 Associate Chair  
Department of Sociology, Sam Houston State University  
2006-2012 Assistant Professor  
Department of Sociology, Sam Houston State University

**Specialty Areas**

Immigrant and Minority Health  
Health Disparity/ Health Policy  
Community and Rural Health  
Research Methods and Statistics

**Faculty Affiliate Status**

2011- Present Faculty Affiliate  
Center for Rural Studies, Sam Houston State University  
2011- Present Faculty Affiliate  
Urban Health Program  
Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University

**Peer-Reviewed Publications (Since 2012)**

Winson, A., & Choi, J. Food, Diets, and Industrialization. In *Twenty Lessons in the Sociology of Food and Agriculture*, edited by Jason Knofel and Maki Hatanaka. Oxford University Press.  
(Forthcoming)

- Choi, J. Learning Beyond the Classroom: Online Service-learning. In *Community Engagement Findings Across the Disciplines: Applying Course Content to Community Needs*, edited by Heather K. Evans. Rowman & Littlefield. (Forthcoming)
- Winson, A., & Choi, J. 2017. Dietary Regimes and the Nutrition Transition: Bridging Disciplinary domains. *Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society*. 34:559-572. Doi: 10.1007/s10460-016-9746-8.
- Choi, J., Reiter, M. & Theodori, G. 2015. The Impact of Rurality, Community Attachment, and Community Involvement on Health among Rural Texans. *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*, 30(1): 1-24.
- Constance, D.H., Choi, J., & Lara, D. 2015. Engaging the Organic Conventionalization Debate. Pp. 161-185. In *Re-Thinking Organic Food and Farming in a Changing World*, edited by Bernard Freyer and Jim Bingen. Springer Press.
- Reiter, M., Choi, J., Reiter, A. Theodori, G. 2015. The Impact of Size of Place on Perceptions of Healthcare Services and Satisfaction with Healthcare Services among Rural Texans. *Sociation Today*. 13(2). <http://www.ncsociology.org/sociationtoday/v132/health.html>
- Tripp, P. & Choi, J. 2014. Perceptions of Childhood Obesity among Rural Parents, Teachers and School Administrators. *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences*, 106(4), 33-39.
- Constance, D.H., Choi, J., & Lara, D. 2013. Social Dimensions of Organic Production and Systems Research. *Crop Management*. doi:10.1094/CM-2013-0429-01-RV.
- Choi, J. 2013. Reconstruction of Health Seeking Behaviors: A Comparative Study of Three Asian-Pacific Immigrants. *Qualitative Health Research*, 23(4): 517-530.
- Choi, J. 2013. Negotiating Old and New Ways: Contextualizing Adapted Health Care Seeking Behaviors of Korean Immigrants in Hawaii. *Ethnicity and Health*. 18(4), 350-366.
- Choi, J. 2012. A Portrait of Rural Health in America. *Journal of Rural Social Science*, 27(3): 1-16.
- Choi, J. & Pate, D. 2012. The School Neighborhood Environment for Childhood Obesity in a Rural Texas Community. *Journal of Rural Social Science*, 27(3): 102-117.
- Choi, J. 2012. Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity among US Immigrants: Results of the 2003 New Immigrant Survey. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 14(6): 1112-1118.

### **Other Publications (Since 2012)**

- Choi, J. 2015. Migration and Healthcare of Marshallese in the US. Sam Houston State University. October (Technical Report).
- Choi, J. Reiter, M., Hudec, C. L., Theodori, G. L. & Beach, S. 2014. The 2013 Texas Rural Survey: Medical and Healthcare Report. Center for Rural Studies, Sam Houston State University. August. [http://www.shsu.edu/~org\\_crs/TRS/TRS%202013%20Health%20Report.pdf](http://www.shsu.edu/~org_crs/TRS/TRS%202013%20Health%20Report.pdf).
- Choi, J. 2014. Developing Teaching Strategies and Assessment Tools for an Online Academic Community Engagement (ACE) Course. College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University. May (Technical Report).
- Choi, J., Theodori, G., Hudec, C., & Burk, J. 2013. *The 2012 Texas Rural Survey: Medical and Healthcare Services*. Center for Rural Studies, Sam Houston State University.

## **Book Contract**

Choi, J. and Winson, A. *A Gift from God? Disaster, Migration and Dietary Transformation among Marshall Islanders*. University of British Columbia.

## **Papers Presented at Professional Meetings (Since 2012)**

Hsu, T., Choi, J., & Stykes, J. *Operationalizing Source of Social Support Using Add Health*. Presented at the 2017 Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Québec, Canada.

Choi, J. & Winson, A. 2017. *Dietary Transformation among Marshall Islanders: Disaster, Military Occupation, and Migration*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems held in Montreal, Canada. August.

Choi, J., Stykes, J., & Hsu, T. 2017. *Predicting Depressive Symptoms during the Transition to Adulthood: Variation by Gender and Race*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems held in Montreal, Canada. August.

Choi, J. & Winson, A. 2017. *Disaster, Migration and Dietary Transformation among Marshall Islanders*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Agriculture, Food, & Human Values Society, Los Angeles, CA. June.

Choi J. & Constance, D. 2017. *Precarious Healthcare Plight of Marshallese Poultry Processing Workers*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Agriculture, Food, & Human Values Society, Los Angeles, CA. June.

Stykes, J., Choi, J., & Hsu, T. 2016. *Revisiting Parental Support and Mental Health in Young Adulthood: Considering Partner Status*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, Chicago, IL. April.

Cho, J. 2017. *Healthcare of Marshallese Poultry Processing Workers in No Man's Land*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Mobile, AL. February

Hahm, S. & Cho, J. 2017. *The effects of Community Attachment on Crimes in Rural Texas*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Mobile, AL. February

Choi, J. 2016. *Rural Childhood Obesity & Challenges for School Intervention* as an invited panelist in the Panel "Obesity as Outcome in Health Studies: Problems and Implications." Presented at the Rural Sociological Society, Toronto, Canada. August. (Invited Panel)

Choi, J. & Winson, A. 2016. *Cold War Displacement, Migration and Ensuing Dietary Calamity: The Case of Marshallese Food Plant Workers in the United States*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology, Toronto, Canada. August.

Hsu, T., Stykes, J. & Choi, J. 2016. *Socioeconomic Status and Health among Transitions from Adolescent to Early Adulthood: Potential Mediating Factors*. Presented at the 2016 Add Health User Conference, Bethesda, Maryland, June.

Winson, A. & Choi, J. 2016. *Industrial Dietary Regimes as a Valuable Conceptual Adjunct to the Nutrition Transition and Food Regime paradigms*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Agriculture, Food, & Human Values Society, Toronto, Canada. June.

Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2016. *Perceptions about School Meals and Unhealthy Eating in Rural Schools*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, San Antonio, TX. February.

- Martinez, G., Elizondo, B., Adair, A., Perdomo, J., & Choi, J. 2016. *Obesity in Rural Texas*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, San Antonio, TX. February.
- Choi, J., Tripp, P., and Choi, J. 2015. *Challenges for Healthy Eating of Rural School Children*. Presented at the Rural Sociological Society 78 Annual Meeting, Madison, WI. August.
- Choi, J. & Choi, J. 2015. *Where They Live Matters: Health and Healthcare of Marshallese Migrants*. Presented at the Rural Sociological Society 78 Annual Meeting, Madison, WI. August.
- Choi, J. & Choi, J. 2015. *Marshallese Selective Migration to Hawaii and Arkansas and Their Health Care*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA. February.
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2015. *Addressing Childhood Obesity Through School Curriculum in a Rural Community*. Presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, HI. January.
- Greybeck, B. Santiago, J. & Choi, J. 2014. *Publish What You Teach: How an ACE Course Can Strengthen Your Research Agenda*. A panel presentation at the SHSU Teaching Conference. Huntsville, TX, August.
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2014. *Rural Home Food Environment and Childhood Obesity*. Presented at the 77<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Rural Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana. July 31-August 3.
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2014. *Rural School Meals and Childhood Obesity: Contradictory Perceptions of Parents, Teachers, and School Administrators*. Presented at the 77<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Rural Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana. July 31-August 3.
- Reiter, M., Choi, J., Theodori, G. & Choi, J. 2014. *Needs of Health Care Services among Texas Rural Residents: The 2013 Texas Rural Survey*. Presented at the 77<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Rural Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana. July 31-August 3.
- Choi, J. 2014. *Impacts of Immigrant Health Care Policy: Micronesian Immigrants in Hawaii*. Presented at the XVIII International Sociological Association World Congresses of Sociology. Yokohama, Japan. July.
- Choi, J. 2014. *Selective Migration and Health Care: Marshallese in Hawaii*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Sociological Association, San Antonio, TX. April.
- Choi, J. 2014. *The Impact of the Cold War on Marshallese Health: The Story Continues*. Presented at the Faculty Colloquium of College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University. Huntsville, TX. April.
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2014. *Contradictory Perceptions about Childhood Obesity in Rural Community*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Dallas, TX. February.
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2014. *Challenges for Participating in School Meals among Rural School Children*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Dallas, TX. February.
- Tripp, P.J., Brock, S.A., & Choi, J. 2014. *Strategies for Developing Online Classes*. Presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, HI. January.
- Choi, J., Theodori, G., Hudec, C., & Choi, J. 2013. *Health care in Texas rural communities: Findings from the Texas Rural Survey*. Presented at the annual meeting of Rural Sociological Society. New York City, NY. August.
- Choi, J. 2013. *Perception, practice, and participation of rural parents related to childhood obesity*. Presented at the annual meeting of Rural Sociological Society. New York City, NY. August.

- Choi, J., Burk, J, Choi, J., & Cates, C. 2013. *Rural Childhood Obesity: The Roles of Parents for Healthy Environment*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Sociological Association, New Orleans, LA. March.
- McGuckin, M. & Choi, J. 2013. *Defining Childbirth: A Comparison between Physicians and Mothers*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Sociological Association, New Orleans, LA. March.
- Lee, S. & Choi, J. 2013. *Parental Help-Seeking Behaviors: Mental Health Needs of Minority Children*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Sociological Association, New Orleans, LA. March.
- Choi, J. 2013. *Rural Environment and the Roles of Rural Parents in Childhood Obesity*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Orlando, FL. February.
- Burk, J. & Choi, J. 2013. *Creating a Healthy Environment: Rural Parents' Perception and Roles in Combating Childhood Obesity*. Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Medicine and the Social Sciences & Humanities Conference, Sam Houston State University. Huntsville, TX. February.
- McGuckin, M. & Choi, J. 2013. *Mothers as Consumers: Buying into the Medical Definition of Childbirth*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Orlando, FL. February.
- Tripp, P., Brock, S., & Choi, J. 2013. *The "Fun"amentals of Distance Education*. Presented at the Hawaii International Conferences on Education, Honolulu, HI. January.
- Pate, D., Choi, J., Brown, C., & Cates, C. 2012. *Can Safe Routes to School Reduce Rural School Children's Obesity: A Case Study in Huntsville, Texas*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Sociological Association, San Diego, CA. April.
- Choi, J. 2012. *Children and Obesity Risk: Rural Residence Matters*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Birmingham, AL. February.

### **Grants (Since 2012)**

Faculty Research Grant 2017, Sam Houston State University  
Operationalizing Sources of Social Support Using Add Health  
Role: Co-I                      06/01/17- 08/15/17    (\$5,000)

Sociology Research Stipend 2017, Sam Houston State University  
A Gift from God? Disaster, Migration and Dietary Transformation among Marshall Islanders  
Role: PI                         02/01/17-08/15/17    (\$6,000)

Enhancement Research Grant 2016, Sam Houston State University  
Precarious Healthcare Plight of Marshallese Poultry Processing Workers  
Role: PI                         06/01/16- 08/15/17    (\$14,989)

Navigator Grant 2015, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service  
Light and Salt Association in Houston  
(Total amount: \$448,606; Korean Community component - \$161,337)  
Role: Korean Community Consultant      10/01/15-09/01/2018

Sociology Research Stipend 2015, Sam Houston State University  
The Impact of the Cold War on Marshallese Health  
Role: PI                         06/01/15-08/15/15    (\$5,000)

The Faculty Research Grant 2015, Sam Houston State University  
Migration and Healthcare of Marshallese in the US  
Role: PI                    06/01/15-08/15/15    (\$5,000)

Enhancement Research Grant 2013, Sam Houston State University  
Rural Childhood Obesity: Home and School Environments  
Role: PI                    06/01/13- 05/31/14    (\$15,000)

ACE Researchers 2013, The Center for Academic Community Engagement, Sam Houston State University  
Effectiveness of ACE in Online Sociology Courses  
Role: PI                    06/01/13 – 8/15/14    (\$1,000)

CHSS On-line Instructional Innovation Grant 2013, Sam Houston State University  
Developing Teaching Strategies and Assessment Tools for an Online Academic Community Engagement (ACE) Course  
Role: PI                    06/01/13 – 8/15/13    (\$5,000)

**Honors and Awards (Since 2012)**

- 2016    Excellence in Research Award, Southern Rural Sociological Association (113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists), San Antonio, Texas.
- 2012    Departmental Outstanding Research/Scholarship, College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Sam Houston State University, TX