Bruce Jiarui Liang

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ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Culture, Education, Economic Sociology, Social Psychology

EDUCATION

Present	Ph.D. in Sociology, Yale University.
2024	M.A. in Sociology, University of Toronto.
	CSA Outstanding Graduating Student Award
2023	Honors B.A. in Sociology with high distinction, University of Toronto.

PUBLICATION

In press **Liang, Bruce J.** "Asking to Be Coached: Parental Place of Education and Cultural Transmission for University Students." *Social Problems.*

2026 **Liang, Bruce J.,** Alexander Wilson, and Scott Schieman. "The Bad Side of a Good Economy: How Perceptions of the Economy Moderate the Relationship Between Financial Strain and Powerlessness." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 89(2):130-149. DOI: 10.1177/01902725261421204

- Media: *Gigazine*

2025 **Liang, Bruce J.,** and Jonathan Horowitz. "Cultural Capital in Higher Education: A Case Study of Extension Requests." *Social Currents* 12(4):331-349. DOI: 10.1177/23294965251338469

WORK IN PROGRESS

Liang, Bruce J. "Social Class and Student-faculty Interactions."

Liang, Bruce J. "Cultural Capital and Sense of Personal Control."

NONREFEREED PUBLICATION

Schieman, Scott, **Jiarui (Bruce) Liang**, and Alexander Wilson. 2024. "Has Canada become the land of extreme inequality? Some believe it more than others." *Financial Post*. https://financialpost.com/personal-finance/canada-extreme-inequality

Schieman, Scott, Alexander Wilson, and **Jiarui (Bruce) Liang**. 2024. "Bad vibes about the economy can be protective, but there's a downside." *Financial Post*. https://financialpost.com/news/economy/bad-vibes-economy-protective-downside

Schieman, Scott, Alexander Wilson, and **Jiarui (Bruce) Liang**. 2023. "Canadians are losing faith in the economy—and it's affecting their perception of inequality." *The Conversation*. https://theconversation.com/canadians-are-losing-faith-in-the-economy-and-its-affecting-their-perception-of-inequality-219794

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

"Asking to Be Coached: Parental Place of Education and Cultural Transmission for University Students."

- Roundtable of Sociology of Education at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 9, 2026, New York, NY.
- Oral presentation at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting. May 8, 2026, St. Louis, MO.
- Presentation at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference. March 8, 2026, Washington, D.C.
- Regular session of Sociology of Culture at the Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. June 1, 2025, Toronto, ON.

"The Bad Side of a Good Economy: How Perceptions of the Economy Moderate the Relationship Between Financial Strain and Powerlessness."

- Open Topics in Social Psychology at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 10, 2025, Chicago, IL.
- Poster presentation at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 12, 2025, Washington, D.C.
    - ***P07 Education, Work, and Economic Inequality Poster Award***
- Presentation at the International Conference on Social Stress Research. June 9, 2024, Portland, OR.

"Cultural Capital in Higher Education: A Case Study of Extension Requests."

- Regular session of Sociology of Education at the Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. June 3, 2025, Toronto, ON.
- Regular session of Education at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 11, 2024, Montreal, QC.

"Gendered Shifts in Work–Family Conflict Among Canadian Couples During the COVID-19 Pandemic, 2019–2024."

- Poster presentation at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 11, 2025, Washington, D.C.

"Cultural Capital and Personal Control."

- Roundtable of Sociology of Education at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 9, 2025, Chicago, IL.
- Roundtable of Sociology of Education at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 11, 2024, Montreal, QC. Table presider.

"But Gordon Ramsay Cares: Viewers' Legitimation of Aggression on MasterChef U.S."

- Regular session of Sociology of Culture and Violence and Society at the Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. June 1, 2023, York, ON.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2026 Yale University Institution for Social and Policy Studies Graduate Policy Fellow ($5,500)
2026 MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Grant ($800)
2025 Canadian Sociological Association Outstanding Graduating Sociology Student Award
2025 MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Grant ($800)
2024 University of Toronto E.F Burton Graduate Scholarship ($6,000, declined)
2024 University of Toronto Faculty of Arts & Science Doctoral Recruitment Award ($10,000, declined)
2024 University of Toronto Sociology Admission Merit Award ($14,000, declined)
2024 University of Toronto Program Summer Level Fellowship ($1738)
2024 University of Toronto Lorna Marsden Award ($407)
2023 University of Toronto Fellowship ($40866)
2023 University of Toronto Sociology Admission Merit Award ($1000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Sociology at Yale University
Teaching Assistant Inequality, Economic Mobility & Public Policy, Fall 2026

Department of Sociology at University of Toronto
Teaching Assistant Introduction to Sociology II: Sociological Methods, Winter 2024
Teaching Assistant Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Sociology, Fall 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Prof. Scott Schieman, Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto, St. George, (Fall 2021 - Summer 2024)
Research Assistant HCR CO., LTD in Beijing, China, (Summer 2021)

Research Assistant	Mind and Body Lab at the University of Toronto, St. George, (Summer 2020 - Winter 2021)

SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewer	*Sociological Forum*
Graduate Student Reviewer	American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting (2027)
Graduate Student Representative	Department of Sociology, Yale University, (2025 - 2026)
International Student Liaison	Graduate Sociology Students' Association at the University of Toronto, St. George, (2023 - 2024)
Career Opportunities Director	Undergraduate Sociology Student Union at the University of Toronto, St. George, (2022 - 2023)

SKILLS

Stata, R Studio, Nvivo, SPSS, REDCap, Qualtrics, and Figma.