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• Higher education as knowledge-production industry
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I. EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

2005 Ph.D. Geography, University of Georgia, USA.

Geographic Perspectives on Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation in the United States

Chair: Dr. Kavita Pandit

1997 M.S. Economics, Central University of Finance and Economics, China

1994 B.S. Public Finance, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, China

II. ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

2011- Associate Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

2005-2011 Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

2009-2015 Research Fellow, Center of Economic Studies at US Census Bureau, Triangle
Census Research Data Center, Duke University

2003-2005 Research Fellow, Center of Economic Studies at US Census Bureau, Triangle
Census Research Data Center, Duke University

2000-2002 Graduate Fellow, Graduate School, University of Georgia

1997-2000 Research Scholar, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

III. SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE CTIVITY

*Refereed Journal Articles (*student co-authorship)*

1. Schuch, C.* and **Wang, Q.** Immigrant Businesses, Place Making, and Community Development: A Case from an Emerging Immigration Gateway. *Journal of Cultural Geography*. . DOI:10.1080/08873631.2014.995403.

The research is highlighted by [American Immigration Council](#) here.

2. **Wang, Q.** Foreign-Born Status, Gender, and Hispanic Self-Employment across U.S. Metropolitan Labor Markets: A Multilevel Approach. In press, *Economic Development Quarterly*.

A related commentary on Hispanic entrepreneurship can be found [here](#) at WalletHub.com (one of the leading outlets covering the personal finance industry).

3. **Wang, Q.** and Liu, C. 2014. Transnational Activities of Immigrant-Owned Firms and Their Performances in the Unites States. *Journal of Small Business Economics*. DOI: 10.1007/s11187-014-9595-z.

A related commentary on immigrant entrepreneurs is covered by [CNNMoney](#).

4. **Wang, Q.** Tang, L. and Li, H. 2014. Return Migration of the Highly-Skilled in Higher Education Institutions: A Chinese University Case. *Population, Space, and Place*. DOI: 10.1002/psp.1855.

5. **Wang, Q.** Gleave, S*. and Lysenko, T.* 2014. Ethnic Concentration and Entrepreneurship: The Case of African Americans in Three U.S. Metropolitan Areas. *Urban Geography* DOI: 10.1080/02723638.2014.941710
6. **Wang, Q.** 2013. Business Segmentation by Gender and Race/Ethnicity: Evidence from the U.S. *Journal of Small Business and Entrepreneurship* 26(3) 299-321.
7. **Wang, Q.** 2013. Constructing a Multilevel Spatial Approach in Ethnic Entrepreneurship Studies. *International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research* 19(1): 97 – 113.
8. **Wang, Q.** 2013. Beyond Ethnic Enclaves? Exploring the Spatial Distribution of Latino-Owned Employer Firms in Two U.S. Immigration Gateways. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 35(5): 569-58.
9. **Wang, Q.** and Lysenko, T*. 2013. Underemployment of Immigrants in the United States: From a Spatial Perspective. *Urban Studies*. DOI: 10.1177/0042098013506043.
This study is reported by USAPP– American Politics and Policy that is hosted by the London School of Economics and Political Science Economics at [here](#).
10. Liu, C., Miller, J*. and **Wang, Q.** 2013. Ethnic Enterprises and Community Development. *GeoJournal*. DOI: 10.1007/s10708-013-9513-y.
11. Racine, E. F. **Wang, Q.**, Laditka SB, Johnson CR*, Mignery A. 2013. The Characteristics and Concentration of SNAP Approved Stores and Community Health. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition* 8(3): 350-361.
12. Gleave, S.* and **Wang, Q.** 2013. Latino Labor Market Concentration in the US South. *Southeastern Geographer* 53(2): 157-176.
13. **Wang, Q.** 2012. Ethnic Entrepreneurship Studies in Geography: A Review. *Geography Compass* 6/4: 227–240.
14. **Wang, Q.** 2011. African American and Hispanic Self-Employment in the Charlotte Metropolitan Area. *Southeastern Geographer* 51(1): 89-109.
15. **Wang, Q.** 2010. How Does Geography Matter in the Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation Process? A Case Study of Chinese Immigrants in the San Francisco CMSA. *The Annals of Association of American Geographers* 100 (1): 182 – 201.
16. **Wang, Q.** 2010. Immigration and Ethnic Entrepreneurship: A Comparative Study in the United States. *Growth and Change* 41 (3): 430-458.
17. **Wang, Q.** 2010. The Earnings Effect of Ethnic Labor Market Concentration under Multi-Racial Metropolitan Contexts in the United States. *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie (Journal of Economic and Social Geography)* 101(2): 161-176.
18. **Wang, Q.** and Walcott, S. 2010. Geography of Ethnic Self-Employment in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area. *Southeastern Geographer* 50(3): 323-345.
19. **Wang, Q.** 2009. Gender, Ethnicity and Self-Employment: A Multilevel Analysis across U.S. Metropolitan Areas. *Environment and Planning A* 41(8): 1979-1996.
20. **Wang, Q.** 2008. Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Job Earnings across Metropolitan Areas in the United States: A Multilevel Analysis. *Urban Studies* 45(4): 825-843.
21. **Wang, Q.** and Li, W. 2007. Entrepreneurship, Ethnicity and Local Contexts: Hispanic Entrepreneurs in Three Southern Metropolitan Areas. *GeoJournal* 68: 167-182.
22. **Wang, Q.** and Pandit, K. 2007. Measuring Ethnic Labour Market Concentration and Segmentation. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 33(8): 1227 -1252.
23. **Wang, Q.** 2006. Linking Home to Work: Ethnic Labor Market Concentration in the San Francisco CMSA. *Urban Geography* 27(1): 72-92.
24. **Wang, Q.** 2004. Asians' Concentration in the U.S. Urban Labor Market: A Disaggregated Study, *Population, Space and Place* 10(6): 479-494.

25. **Wang, Q.** and Pandit, K. 2003. The Emergence of Ethnic Niches in New Immigrant Destinations: An Examination of Atlanta's Labor Market, 1980-1990. ***Southeastern Geographer*** 63(2): 159-180.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters (*student)

1. Liu, C., Painter, G. and **Wang, Q.** accepted. "Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Agglomeration in High-Tech Industries in the U.S." accepted chapter in *Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Global Economy: Knowledge, Technology and Internationalization*. **Edward Elgar**.
Related research project has been widely covered in the media such as [Bloomberg Radio](#), [Miami Herald](#), [Portland Oregonian](#), and [Dallas Morning News](#).
2. Lysenko, T*. and **Wang, Q.** 2014. "Immigrant Underemployment in the US Urban Labor Markets," in press, edited by C. Teixeira. And W. Li. The Housing and Economic Experiences of Immigrants in North American Cities. In press, **University of Toronto Press**.
3. Wang, S. and **Wang, Q.** 2011. "Asian Immigrants in Canada and the United States." Chapter 10 in *Immigrants in Canadian and American Cities*, edited by C. Teixeira, W. Li and A. Kobayashi, pp 208-230. **Oxford University Press**.

Other Publications (*student)

1. Wang, Q. Schuch, C. and Morrell, E. 2014. Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Entrepreneurship: Experiences in Mecklenburg County, NC. Report prepared for **Charlotte Women + Girls Research Alliance**.
2. Liu, C., Painter, G. and **Wang, Q.** (equal authorship) 2014. Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Agglomeration in High-Tech Industries in the U.S. Report prepared for **Kauffman Foundation**.
3. Racine, E., **Wang, Q.** and Wilson, C*. 2010. Mecklenburg County Community Food Assessment 2010. Report prepared for **Mecklenburg County Health Department**.

Book Project in Progress

- M. van Riemsdijk and **Q. Wang** (eds.) *Rethinking international skilled migration: A place-based and spatial perspective*. **Routledge's Regions and Cities Series**. Under contract.

Research Grants

External

Funded

- 2012-2015. PI. "A Comparative Study of Ethnic Entrepreneurship in U.S. Immigration Gateways." **National Science Foundation** (BCS1127343) \$160,000.
2015. Co-PI. "Latino Businesses in the Greater Charlotte Region." (PI, the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute). **Charlotte Latin American Chamber of Commerce** \$50,000.
- 2014-2015. Participant. (PI. Huiping Li) "Public Service Inequality and Urban Stratification in Shanghai." **Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center of Urban Development and Land Policy** (#20140901) RMB¥65,000.
- 2013-2014. Co-PI. (PI. Cathy Liu at Georgia State University) "Immigration and Ethnic Entrepreneurship in the Urban Context: A Comparative Analysis" **Atlanta Census Research Data Center** \$26,000.
- 2013-2014. Co-PI. (Co-PI. Gary Painter at Southern California University and Cathy Liu) "Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Agglomeration in High-Tech Industries in the U.S." **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation** \$50,000.

2013. PI. "Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Entrepreneurship: Experiences in Mecklenburg County, NC." **The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Women's Summit** \$15,000.
- 2011- 2012. PI. "Women and Ethnic Minority Owned Businesses in Greater Charlotte Region." Partnership with Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, **Advantage Carolina** \$25,000.
- 2010-2011. Co-PI (PI. Elisabeth Racine at UNC Charlotte). "Mecklenburg County Community Food Assessment (Phase I and II)." **Mecklenburg County Health Department**. \$10,000.
- 2010, 2012, 2014. **Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference V, VI Travel Grant** \$675 per year.
- 2003-2005. Co-PI (PI. Kavita Pandit), "How Does Space Matter in Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation?" **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**, Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant \$26,000.
- 2004, 2005. **Clarke County Geographical Society Travel Grant**, \$500 each year.
- 2003-2005. Co-PI (PI. Kavita Pandit), "How Does Space Matter in Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation?" **National Science Foundation**, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Awards. \$12,000.

Internal (Funded)

- 2014-2015. Co-PI. "When East Meets West: Determinants and Effectiveness of HRM Systems of Chinese MNC Affiliates in North and South Carolina." (PI: Wei Zhao). **Mosaic Collaborative Seed Grants** \$12,000
- 2014-2015. PI. "Return Migration of Academic Intellectuals from the United States to China." **UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant** \$6,000
2013. PI. "Return Migration and Internationalization of Higher Education: A Case of China." **UNC Charlotte CLAS Seed Grants Program** \$7,000
- 2012-2013. PI. "From Global to Local: The Foreign Firms in the Greater Charlotte Region." **UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant** \$6,000
2011. PI. "From 'Brain Drain' to 'Brain Circulation': Returned Migration of Top-Talents to China." College of Liberal Arts and Science **Dean's Small Grant** and **International Program Travel Grant**, UNC Charlotte \$1,300
2009. PI. "An Investigation of Ethnic and Women Entrepreneurship Using Confidential Data." **Cone Fellowship**, UNC Charlotte ADVANCE Competitive Awards Program (CAP) \$15,000.
2008. PI. "The Role of the Financial Industry in Ethnic Entrepreneurship and Local/Regional Economic Development." **John H. Biggs Faculty Fellowship** \$7,000.
2007. PI. "A Comparative Study of Ethnic Entrepreneurship in three Southern Metropolitan Areas." **UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant** \$6,000.
2006. PI. "Beyond the Ethnic Enclaves: The Effects of Geography on Ethnic Entrepreneurship in Charlotte Metropolitan Area." **UNC Charlotte Urban Institute**, Faculty Fellows Research Stipend Program \$7,000.
2005. PI. "Work Together and Live Apart? Ethnic Neighborhoods, Workplace Concentration, and Labor Market Segmentation in a Multiracial Urban Context." **UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant** \$6,000.

Invited Talks

2014. "Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Entrepreneurship." Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference VII. Oct 23-25, Fort Worth.
2014. "Immigrant entrepreneurship and development." 2nd National Conference on Business Development in Under-Served Communities, July 16-18, Seattle.
2013. "Underemployment of Immigrant Labor Force in the US Urban Labor Markets." Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China.

- 2012. "African American-Owned Businesses in Charlotte, NC." Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference VI.
- 2011. "Ethnicity, Gender, Foreign-born Status and Entrepreneurship: A Multilevel Analysis of Metropolitan Labor Market Effects in the United States." Geography at UCLA.
- 2010. White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Research and Data Convening), with Wei Li.
- 2010. "Ethnic Entrepreneurship, Immigration, and Place: From a Multiscaled and Comparative Approach." Department of Geography, East Carolina University
- 2010. "Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Self-employment in the U.S. immigration Gateways." Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference V.
- 2006. "Geographic Perspectives on Urban Labor Market Issues: Promises and Difficulties." Department of Geography, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
- 2006. "'Entrapped' at Home? Gender, Space and Labor Markets in a Globalized City." annual meeting of Research Data Center Conference, New York Census Research Data Center, Baruch College, CUNY.

Conference Presentations

- 2014. "Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Community and Regional Development" Annual meeting of the Southeast Division of AAG at Athens, GA.
- 2014. "Social (Re)production of Academic Elites: Experiences of Chinese Returnees in Higher Education" Annual meeting of AAG at Tampa, FL. (with Li Tang and Huiping Li)
- 2013. "Public Expenditure and Housing Price in Shanghai: from a multi-level analysis." Annual Conference of Shanghai-Hongkong Joint Development Institute. Dec. 13-14. Hongkong. (With Huiping Li and presented by H. Li.)
- 2013. Public Expenditure and Housing Price in Shanghai: from a multi-level analysis. Annual Conference of Urban China Transformation. Dec. 13-15. Guangzhou, China. (with Huiping Li and presented by H. Li.)
- 2013. "HEI and global migration of the highly skilled: A case study in China" International Metropolis Conference, Tampere, Finland. (with Li Tang and Huiping Li)
- 2013. "A help or hindrance? African American spatial concentration and self-employment in three metropolitan." UAA 43rd Annual Conference at San Francisco (with Sara Gleave* and Tetiana Lysenko* and presented by S. Gleave)
- 2012. "From Global to Local: Foreign Firms in the Great Charlotte Region." Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers. (with E. Watkins and presented by E. Watkins)
- 2010. "A Comparative Study of Immigrant Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship in the US Metropolitan areas." Annual meeting of Association of American Geographers.
- 2008. "Ethnic Self-Employment in Atlanta." Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Miami, FL. (with Susan Walcott and presented by S. Walcott)
- 2007. "Ethnic Entrepreneurship and Urban Contexts: Asian Self-employment in the US South." Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers.
- 2007. "African American and Hispanic Entrepreneurship in Three US Southern Metropolitan Areas". Annual meeting of Southeast Division of AAG. Charleston, SC.
- 2006. "Who Pays the Penalties? Earnings Effect of Ethnic Labor Market Concentration in Multi-Racial Metropolitan Contexts." competitively selected paper at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles.
- 2006. "Residential neighborhood, Workplace, and Ethnic Labor market Segmentation." Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Chicago.

- 2006. "Geography of Hispanic Entrepreneurship in Greater Charlotte Metropolitan Area." Annual Meeting of Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, November.
- 2005. "Earnings Effect of Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation in Multi-Racial Metropolitan Contexts." Annual Meeting of Southeast Division of Association of American Geographers, West Palm Beach.
- 2005. "Complement or Competition? A Multilevel Analysis on Race/Ethnicity, Gender and Job Earnings across US Metropolitan Areas." Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers.
- 2004. "Effects of Residential Locations on Ethnic Labor Market Concentration: A Case Study of the San Francisco CMSA." Conference on Race/Ethnicity and Place, Washington, D.C.,
- 2004. "Linking Home to Work: Ethnic Labor Market Segmentation in the San Francisco Bay Area." Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, March.
- 2003. "The Segmentation of Asians in the U.S. Labor Market: A Disaggregated Study." Southeastern Division of AAG. Fraser Hart Student Paper competition finalist.
- 2003. "Ethnic Concentration, Labor Market Opportunities, and Job Earnings in Atlanta MSA 1980-1990." Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers. (With Kavita Pandit)

IV. RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

- 2013 Dr. Tyrel Moore Mentorship Award, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences UNC Charlotte
- 2008 John H. Biggs Faculty Fellowship.
- 2005 Best Student Paper Awards, Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (2nd place), Population Geography Specialty Group (2nd place) Association of American Geographers
- 2005 Graduate Research Fellow, University of Georgia
- 2004 Best Student Paper Awards, Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (1st place), Population Geography Specialty Group (1st place), Association of American Geographers
- 2004 Triangle Census Research Data Center (TCRDC), Duke University, Research Fellow.
- 2003 Finalist, John Fraser Hart Student Paper Award, Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers

V. COURSES PREPARED AND TAUGHT

- *Global Connections: Geography*, undergraduate (Liberal Arts GenEd)
- *City and Its Region*, undergraduate (Geography and Urban Studies Minor core course)
- *Population Geography under Globalization*, upper level undergraduate and MA
- *Race, Ethnicity, and Urban Labor Markets*, MA and PhD (Geography and Public Policy)
- *Census Data and Urban Analyses*, MA and PhD (Geography, Public Health, and Public Policy)
- *Economic Analysis of Public Policy*, (core course for Public Policy PhD program)
- *Urban Regional Environment (Required Course for Geography PhD program; Core course for Public Policy PhD Program)*

VI. SERVICES

University Services

- University Faculty Research Grants Committee 2014-2015
- College Faculty Council, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Admission Committee for the Public Policy PhD program 2012-present
 Urban Studies Minor Steering committee 2008-present
 The New South Center Initiative by CLAS 2010-2011
 Department IT Committee 2007, 2008
 Department Search Committees, 2006-2007, 2012, 2013
 Department Faculty Advisory Committee 2010, 2011
 Department Graduate Advisory Committee 2012, 2013
 Department Mentorship Program committee 2010-2011
 BRIDGES Graduate Fellowship in Geography 2010-2013
 Department Review Committee (Re-appointment, Tenure & Promotion) 2013-2015

Professional Services

2015-. Editorial Board on *Applied Geography*
 2013-2015. Panelist at National Science Foundation, GSS program.
 2014. Chair and organizer for three sessions on "Highly-skilled Migration" at the annual meeting of AAG, Tampa, FL. (with Micheline van Riemsdijk)
 2011- 2015. Program Committee for the annual meeting of Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers
 2010- 2015. Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, Dissertation Proposal Competition Award Committee, Association of American Geographers
 2010-2012. Nystrom Award Review Committee, Association of American Geographers
 2010-2011. Community Services with Mecklenburg County Health Department on local food assessment
 2011. Community service with Charlotte Chamber of Commerce on ethnic minority business development
 2010. Invited discussant at the interdisciplinary Conference, "Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Recovery", organized by the Kauffman Foundation, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.
 2006-2007. Honors Committee, Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers
 2005 – Present: Extensive manuscript review for
Annals of the Association of American Geographers; Professional Geographers
Environment and Planning A; Urban Studies; Journal of Urban Affairs; Urban Geography
Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Entrepreneurship and Regional Development
Southeastern Geographer; Industrial Geography; GeoJournal; Journal of Immigration and Refugee Studies; Computers, Environment and Urban Systems;
Journal of Business Venturing; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Geographical Analyses; Growth and Change; Gender, Work & Organization