HAEJIN JANG

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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston) — **Boston, MA**
Ph.D. Student in Gerontology, Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences — *Aug. 2025 –Present*

University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) — **Philadelphia, PA**
M.S.Ed. in Interdisciplinary Studies in Human Development (GPA: 4.0/4.0) — *Aug. 2022 – May 2024*

Seoul National University (SNU) — **Seoul, Korea**
M.A. in Child Development & Family Studies — *Sept. 2019 – Feb. 2022*

Kyunghee University (KHU) — **Seoul, Korea**
B.A. in Child & Family Studies — *Mar. 2014 – Feb. 2019*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Family Caregiving and Care Arrangements
- Formal and Informal Care in Later Life.
- Social Engagement and Cognitive Health
- Couples' Health and Cognition in Later Life

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- **Jang, H.**, Zhang, S., & Han, S. H. (Sept. 2026). Social activities with friends and neighbors in relation to cognitive function in later life: The benefits of contact and helping. *Research on Aging, 48*(9-10), 458-470. https://doi.org/10.1177/01640275251379366 (Bronze Award, 2026 Innovative Research on Aging Awards)
- **Jang, H.**, & Chung, G. H. (Jun. 2022). Korean fathers' identity as a Multiethnic family and bi-ethnic socialization. *Journal of Families and Better Life (Korean Journal), 40*(2), 47-69. https://doi.org/10.7466/JFBL.2022.40.2.47
- Yang, K., **Jang, H.**, & Chung, G. H. (Dec. 2020). The effect of parents' restrictive mediation in smartphone use time on adolescents' smartphone use time: The moderation effect of parents' smartphone use time and adolescents' grade. *Family and Culture (Korean Journal), 32*(4), 1-28. https://doi.org/ 10.21478/family.32.4.202012.001

Manuscripts Under Review

- **Jang, H.**, & Han, S. H. (Under review). Gender differences in the loneliness pathways linking volunteering to cognitive function in later life.
- **Jang, H.**, Jansen, T., & Dugan, E. (Under review). Divergence between diagnosed ADRD prevalence and cognitive difficulty across Massachusetts communities.

Book Chapters

- **Jang, H.**, & Atkin, A. (In press). Multiracial Asian Americans. In N. Tewari & A. N. Alvarez (Eds.), *Asian American Psychology* (2nd Edition). Routledge.

Theses

- **Jang, H.** (May 2024). Structural relations between fathers' career-related behavior, adolescents' career barriers, and career decision-making in Multiethnic families in South Korea. *University of Pennsylvania Master's Thesis.*
- **Jang, H.** (Feb. 2022). An exploratory study on the bi-ethnic socialization of Korean fathers in Multiethnic families. *Seoul National University Master's Thesis* (Awarded as the Excellent Research Proposal at Seoul National University).

PRESENTATIONS

- **Jang, H.**, & Han, S. H. (Nov. 2026). "Volunteering as a productive activity: Gendered pathways linking loneliness and cognitive function." In Z. Yan & J. Lim-Soh (Chairs), Global pathways of productive aging: Retirement, volunteering, and Grandparenting. Presented at the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). - ***Symposium***
- **Jang, H.**, Pradhan, P., Shen, L., Obianonwo, R. I., & Dugan, E. (Nov. 2026). "When dementia measures do not agree: Diagnosed ADRD and cognitive difficulty across Massachusetts communities." Presented at the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). - ***Poster***
- **Jang, H.**, & Cheng, K. J. (Nov. 2026). "Functional limitation and cognition in older adults: Mediation varies across inflammatory markers." Presented at the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). - ***Poster***
- Pradhan, P., **Jang, H.**, Obianonwo, R. I., Oifoh, S., & Dugan, E. (Nov. 2026). "Community rates of oral health and diabetes in Massachusetts and Connecticut." Presented at the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). - ***Poster***
- Shen, L., Cheng, K. J., Obianonwo, R. I., **Jang, H.**, Oifoh, S., Uyanne-Nwokedi, O., & Dugan, E. (Nov. 2026). "The association of education, air quality, physical activity and Alzheimer's disease rates in Massachusetts." Presented at the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). - ***Poster***
- **Jang, H.** (Apr. 2026). "Volunteering, loneliness, and cognitive function in later life: Gendered longitudinal pathways." Presented at the 2026 MCNHS Annual Research & Scholarship. - ***Oral presentation***
- **Jang, H.**, & Han, S. H. (Nov. 2025). "Informal social activities and cognitive function in later life: The role of gender and marital status." Presented at the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). - ***Poster***
- Zhang, S., **Jang, H.**, & Han, S. H. (Nov. 2024). "Helping behaviors and cognitive functioning: implications for individuals with cognitive impairment and dementia." Presented at the 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). - ***Poster***
- **Jang, H.** (May 2024). "The impact of fathers' career-related behaviors on South Korean Multiethnic adolescents' career decision-making: a SEM analysis (highlights from Master's Thesis)." Presented at the Penn GSE 2024 Student Showcase. - ***Poster***
- **Jang, H.**, & Chung, G. H. (Apr. 2024). "Father's identity as a multicultural family: Implications for bi-ethnic socialization." In Juang, L (Chair), How do parents socialize children living in inequitable societies? Parent ethnic-racial socialization in Germany, the U.S., and S. Korea. Presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of Society for the Research on Adolescence (SRA). - ***Symposium***
- **Jang, H.** (Nov. 2023). "Structural relations between fathers' career-related behavior, adolescents' career barriers and career decidedness in Multiethnic families in South Korea." Presented at the 85th Annual Conference of U.S. National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). - ***Poster***
- **Jang, H.**, & Chung, G. H. (Dec. 2020). "The effect of mothers' acculturation stress in Multiethnic families on the adolescent children's perception of career barriers – focusing on the mediating effect of fathers' career-related behavior perceived by adolescent children." Presented at the Korean Family Studies Association and the Population Association of Korea Fall Joint Conference. - ***Poster***
- Park, S., **Jang, H.**, & Chung, G. H. (Nov. 2020). "Intergenerational transmission of grit: mediating effects of autonomy supportive parenting." Presented at the 82nd Annual Conference of U.S. National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). - ***Poster***
- Chung, G. H., Park, S., & **Jang, H.** (Nov. 2020). "Evidence-based policy recommendations for healthy development of second-generation youth of immigrant mothers in South Korea." In Xia, Y. (Chair) Immigration policy and its impact on families and communities. Presented at the 82nd Annual Conference of U.S. National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). - ***Symposium***
- Oh, T., **Jang, H.,** Choe, H., Song, J., & Choe, N. (Jun. 2020). "Structural relationship between mothers' smartphone dependence and positive/negative parenting attitudes, and children's externalizing internalizing problem behaviors." Presented at Korean Child Studies Spring Conference. - ***Poster***
- Yang, K., **Jang, H.,** & Chung, G. H. (Dec. 2019). "The effect of parents' restrictive mediation in

smartphone use time on adolescents' smartphone use time: the moderation effect of parents' smartphone use time and adolescents' grade." Presented at the Fall Conference of Korean Family Studies Association. – ***Poster***

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

UT Austin Population Research Center **Austin, TX**
Research Associate *Aug. 2024 – Jun. 2025*

- Conducted research on social relationships and cognitive health in middle and later adulthood, utilizing data from the Health and Retirement Study (HRS).

SNU Family Environment Lab **Seoul, Korea**
Graduate Researcher *Sept. 2019 – Feb. 2022*

- Analyzed data on the adjustment processes within Multiethnic families and the dynamics of bi-ethnic socialization, focusing on how these factors influence family cohesion and individual identity development.
- Participated in the government's BK 21+ program and interpreted statistical data using STATA.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Journal of Aging & Social Policy **Boston, MA**
Managing Editor *Sept. 2026 – Present*

- Support editorial office operations, including manuscript tracking, and production coordination with Taylor & Francis.

Research on Aging **Boston, MA**
Managing Editor *Aug. 2025 – Sept. 2026*

- Coordinated peer-review process and oversaw editorial workflow between authors, reviewers, and the Editor-in-Chief
- Communicated with publisher (SAGE) regarding production schedules and issue management

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & SOCIETIES

Leadership

- Student Representative, Korean/Korean American and Aging (KKAA) Interest Group, Gerontological Society of America *2026 – Present*

Ad Hoc Reviewer

- The Gerontologist (2026)

Abstract/Poster Reviewer

- Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting (2026)

Member

- Gerontological Society of America (GSA) *2024 – Present*
- Sigma Phi Omega (National Academic Honor Society in Gerontology) *2026 – Present*

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

UPenn Social Psychology Course **Philadelphia, PA**
Teaching Assistant *Aug. 2023 – Dec. 2023*

- Improved assignment structures facilitated discussion sections, and graded student papers.
- Led two Q&A sessions on key concepts of social psychology and address students' questions, enhancing their understanding of the subject.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

AWARDS

- *BSS Student Travel Stipend, Gerontological Society of America ($250).* *Aug. 2026*
- *Jeff Henson Memorial Scholarship, Finalist, Society of Certified Senior Advisors.* *Jun.2026*
- *2026 Innovative Research on Aging Award, Bronze Award,* Mather Institute ($500) *Apr. 2026*
- *2024 Spring GSESG Conference Travel Funding,* University of Pennsylvania ($500) *Apr. 2024*
- *Korean Diaspora Enrichment Scholarship,* OTEFE Foundation ($1,000) *Jul. 2022*
- *Excellent Research Proposal Award,* Seoul National University *Jul. 2021*
- *Teaching and Research Support Scholarship,* Seoul National University ($3,200) *Sept.2020*
- *Brain Korea 21 PLUS Scholarship,* National Research Foundation of Korea ($2,700) *Mar.2020*
- *Excellent Poster Presentation Award* by PuJin Park Institution, Korean Family Studies Association Fall Conference *Dec. 2019*

CERTIFICATES

- Certified Level 2 Social Worker (No. 2-1106053), Korea Ministry of Health and Welfare *Oct. 2021*
- Certified Health Family Specialist, Korea Ministry of Gender Equality and Family *Dec. 2018*
- Certified Level 1 Psychological Counselor and Multicultural Psychological Counselor, Korea License Examination Assessment Education Center *Oct. 2018*
- Magnolia Certificate for various extracurricular activities, Kyunghee University *Feb. 2018*

SKILLS

Software Skills: Statistics Package (STATA, RStudio), Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Word, Excel)

Languages: Korean (native fluency), English (professional proficiency)