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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

- 2018-Present **Professor**
Department of Sociology, Sam Houston State University
- 2012-18 **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
- 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.

Faculty Affiliate Status

- 2011- 2016 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

Specialization

- Immigrant and Minority Health & Health Policy
Rural Health
Food, Diet, and Health

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Winson, A. & Choi, J. A Practical Approach to Critical Food Guidance: Navigating the Supermarket. In *Critical Food Guidance* edited by Jennifer Sumner and Ellen Desjardins. McGill-Queens University Press. Forthcoming.
- Choi, J. & Constance, D. H. 2019. Marshallese Migrants and Poultry Processing. *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* 34 (1): 1-29.
- Winson, A. & Choi, J. Food, 2019. Diets, and Industrialization. Pp. 35-59. In *Twenty Lessons in the Sociology of Food and Agriculture* edited by Jason Konefal and Maki Hatanaka. Oxford University Press.
- Choi, J. 2017. Learning Beyond the Classroom: Online Service-learning. Pp. 101-118. In *Community Engagement Findings across the Disciplines: Applying Course Content to Community Needs* edited by Heather K. Evans. Rowman & Littlefield.
- Winson, A. & Choi, J. 2017. Dietary Regimes and the Nutrition Transition: Bridging Disciplinary domains. *Agriculture and Human Values* 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*,

- Choi, J. & Davis, MA. 2009. Adolescent Suicides in Korea: Risk Factors and Intervention. *Korean Journal of Health Education and Promotion*, 10(1):85.
- Choi, J. 2008. Seeking Health Care: Marshallese Migrants in Hawaii, *Ethnicity and Health*. 13(1):73-92.
- 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 & 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): 47-51.

Other Publications

- Hsu, T., Choi, J., & Stykes, J. 2017. Operationalizing Sources of Social Support Using Add Health. Sam Houston State University. October (Technical Report for the 2017 FRG).
- Choi, J. & Constance, D. 2017. Precarious Healthcare Plight of Marshallese Poultry Processing Workers. Sam Houston State University. October (Technical Report for the 2016 ERG).
- Tripp, P.J., & Choi, J.Y. 2016. Active Choices for Reducing Childhood Obesity. *National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Report Magazine*. 61(2). Summer: Families and Obesity (Non-peer review journal article)
- Choi, J. 2015. Migration and Healthcare of Marshallese in the US. Sam Houston State University. October (Technical Report for the 2014 FRG).
- 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. (Technical Report)
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2014. Perceptions of Childhood Obesity Among Rural Parents and School Administrators and teachers. Sam Houston State University. August (Technical Report for the 2013 ERG).
- Choi, J. 2014. Effectiveness of ACE in Online Sociology Courses. Center for Academic Community Engagement, Sam Houston State University. May (Technical Report for the 2013 ACE Research Award).
- 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

- 2015 The Faculty Research Grant, Sam Houston State University
Migration and Healthcare of Marshallese in the US
Role: PI 06/01/15-08/15/15 (\$5,000)
- 2013 Enhancement Research Grant, Sam Houston State University
Rural Childhood Obesity: Home and School Environments
Role: PI 06/01/13- 05/31/14 (\$15,000)
- 2013 ACE Researchers, 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)
- 2013 CHSS On-line Instructional Innovation Grant, 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)
- 2010 The Faculty Research Grant, Sam Houston State University
Social Etiology of Obesity among US Immigrants
Role: PI 07/01/10-08/15/10 (\$5,000)
- 2008 The Faculty Research Grant, Sam Houston State University
Survivorship of Individuals with Cancer Generated Facial Disfigurement
Role: PI 07/01/08-08/15/08 (\$5,000)

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

- Winson, A. & Choi, J. 2019. Consumers and Eco-labeled Seafood in a Canadian Context: Results of a Multi-site Survey. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Richmond, VA. August.
- Winson, A. & Choi, J. 2019. Eco-labeled Seafoods in Canada: What Does A Consumer Survey Tell Us. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Agriculture, Food, & Human Values Society, Anchorage, AL. June.
- Choi, J. & Winson, A. 2019. The Role of Colonialism, War, and Military Occupation in Dietary Transition of the Marshall Islanders. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Agriculture, Food, & Human Values Society, Anchorage, AK. June.
- Winson, A. & Choi, J. 2019. Eco-labeled Seafoods in the Canadian Retail Environment: Issues and Insights from a Seafood Consumer Survey in Central Canada. Presented to the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Birmingham, AL. February.
- Wagner, S. & Choi, J. 2019. Restoring the Health of the Marshallese. Presented to the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Birmingham, AL. February.

- Stykes, J., Choi, J., & Hsu, T. 2017. Revisiting Parental Support and Mental Health in Young Adulthood: Considering Partner Status. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL. April.
- Choi, 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 Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Toronto, Canada. August.
- 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 Transitions from Adolescent to Early Adulthood: Potential Mediating Factors Presented at the 2016 Add Health User Conference, Bethesda, MD. 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 the Agriculture, Food, & Human V XI

- McCauley, J., Greybeck, B., Santiago, J., & Choi, J. 2014. Publish What You Teach: How an ACE Course Can Strengthen Your Research Agenda. Presented at the 2014 Annual SHSU Teaching Conference. Huntsville, TX. August.
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2014. Rural Home Food Environment and Childhood Obesity. Presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. July 31-August 3.
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2014. Rural School Meals and Childhood Obesity and Contradictory Perceptions of Parents, Teachers, and School Administrators. Presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. 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 77th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. 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 the 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.

Lee, S. & Choi, J. 2013. Parental Help-

- Choi, J. & Lee, SW. 2010. Does Employment Improve Health Status of the Elderly?: Seeking Evidence From Korea. Presented at the 138th Annual Meeting of the 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 the 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 M

- Constance, D. & Choi, J. 2008. Predictors of Interest in and Practice of Organic Agriculture in Texas. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Dallas, TX. February.
- Choi, J. 2007. Contextual Analysis of Health Care Disparity: Lessons from Three Ethnic Communities in Hawaii Presented at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, NY. August.
- Choi, J. 2007. Ethnic Networks: Are they Beneficial for Obtaining Health Care? Presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York City, NY. August.
- Choi, J. 2007. Transformation of Health Care Seeking Behaviors: Experience of Korean Immigrants Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Albuquerque, NM. March.
- Choi, J. 2006. Seeking Health Care in Hawaii: Experiences of Three Immigrant Communities. Presented at the 56th Annual Meeting of the 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 the 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 presented at the 132nd Annual Meeting of the 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 the 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 the Hawaii Sociological Association, Honolulu, HI. February.
- Choi, J. 1998. Risk Factors in Korean Adolescents' Sexual Behaviors Presented at the 126th Annual Meeting of the 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 the American Public Health Association, Indianapolis, IN. 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

2016 Excellence in Research Award, Southern Rural Sociological Association (113th Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists), San Antonio, Texas.

2012

- 2016 Industrial Dietary Regimes as a Valuable Conceptual Adjunct to the Nutrition Transition and Food Regime Paradigm (Co-speaker). Texas A & M, Texas, March.
- 2015 Health and Healthcare of the US Food Plant Workers: Marshall Islands and the Legacy of the Cold War University of Guelph, Canada, October.
- 2015 Multicultural Society and Health Education, Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea, May.
- 2015 Multicultural Society, Health, and Healthcare Chosun University, Kwangju, Korea. April.
- 2015 Society and Health Education, Daegu University, Daegu, Korea. April.
- 2015 Multicultural Society and Health Education, Hyopsung University, Suwon, Korea, April.
- 2013 Health, Social, Cultural and Environmental Contexts Contemporary Issues on Population and Health. Gachon University Program, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Honolulu, HI. October.
- 2012 Obesity: Sociocological approach Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea. May
- 2012 Obesity and Media. Daegu University, Daegu, Korea. June
- 2012 Obesity and Media. Kaymyung University, Daegu, Korea. June
- 2012 Obesity: Sociocological approach Chosun University, Kwangju, Korea. June
- 2012 Obesity and Sociocological approach: Applications to Community Intervention. An Annual Meeting of the Korean Society for Health Education and Promotion, Seoul, Korea. June

Professional Development

- 2015-2018 CampusLabs Assessment Software Training, SHSU.
- 2016 Student Organization Board Training, SHSU.
- 2015 ACE Conversations: How to Publish Your ACE Projects. The Center for Community Engagement. Sam Houston State University (SHSU). October.
- 2014 SHSU Teaching Conference. Huntsville, TX. August.
To improve teaching and learn how teaching can be developed to aid research.
- 2014 ACE Researcher Meeting, SHSU. Huntsville, TX. February.
To learn more about grant opportunities for Academic Community Engagement research.
- 2013 ACE Engaged Scholars Kickoff Workshop, SHSU. Huntsville, TX. August.
- 2013 Converting ACE Courses to Scholarly Activity, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. May 1, 2013.

- 2013 Running Grant Reports in Cognos, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. October 16, 2013.
- 2012 Comparative Effectiveness Research with Population-based Data, Kinder Institute Urban Health Program Rice University, Houston, TX. July, 2012.
- 2012 Pedagogy-Blackboard Workshop, CHSS, SHSU. Huntsville, TX. December. To learn about online Pedagogy and the new Blackboard.
- 2011 The CHSS Workshop on Online Pedagogy for Graduate Classes, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, September.
- 2009 Community-

- 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

Conference Session Organizer/Chair

- 2019 Session Moderator, Health and Wellness, Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Birmingham, Alabama, February
- 2019 Session Facilitator with Robert Zabawa and John J. Green, Pre-Organized Discussion Session – SRSA’s Past and Future: Focusing on Collaboration, Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Birmingham, Alabama, February
- 2018 Session Moderator, Food Systems: Issues and Perspectives, Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Jacksonville, FL. February
- 2012 Special Session Organizer, Rural Health, Annual Meeting of Southern Rural Sociological Association, Birmingham, Alabama, February
- 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
- 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

Reviewer

Academic Journals

American Journal of Public Health; Social Science and Medicine; Sociological Forum; Sociological Inquiry; Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health; Ethnicity and Health; Journal of Rural Social Sciences; Risk Management and Healthcare Policy; International Economic Journal; BioMed Central (BMC) Research Notes; Korean Journal of Health Education and Promotion; Social Science and Medicine; Sociological Inquiry; Research on Aging.

Academic Program

- 2016 External Reviewer, Graduate Program for Applied Social Research (M.S.) for SUNY College at Old Westbury, NY.

Grant

- 2015 The Florida Health Equity Research Institute (HERI), Multi-Disciplinary, Multi-Institutional and Community-based (MMC) MMC Grants Program.

Community Services

- 2015-2017 Korean Community Consultant for the Navigator Grant (Houston, TX) funded by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- 2016 Guest Speaker, Market Place and Health Insurance, Korean American Association of Houston, TX. December.
- 2016 Invited Speaker, American Immigrant History and Korean Immigrants Evergreen Elderly School, Houston, TX. January.
- 2016 Guest Speaker, Affordable Care Act and Open Enrollment, Korean American Association of Houston, TX. January.
- 2016 Invited Speaker, Seminar about the Affordable Care Act and Open Enrollment for the Korean Community sponsored by the Korean American Association of Houston, TX. January 9, 2016.
- 2015 Invited Speaker, Seminar about the Affordable Care Act for the Korean Community sponsored by the Korean American Association of Houston, TX. December 5, 2015.
- 2015 Press conference with three Houston Korean newspapers about the Affordable Care Act, Marketplace, and the Navigator Grant on behalf of the Korean American Association of Houston, TX. November 20, 2015.
- 2013 KoreaWorld News Interview. Obama Care and the Needs of Korean Navigators in Health Care System. Published on October 24, 2013.
- 2013 KAGS TV Interview, County Health Rankings in Texas. Aired on Feb. 22, 2013.
- 2009-11 Advisory Board Member, Houston Korean Nurse Association, Houston, TX
- 2007-11 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