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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2016 - 2019 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Alcohol Research Group,
University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health
(NIAAA T32AA007240)
- 2016 **PhD**, Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles
Dissertation: *Behind the model minority: An examination of ethnicity,
place, and arrests among Asian youth in Los Angeles neighborhoods*
Committee Members: Bridget Freisthler (Chair), Laura S. Abrams, Todd
M. Franke, Andrew Fuligni (Developmental Psychology & Psychiatry)
- 2011 **MSW**, Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2008 **BA**, Psychology, University of California, Irvine
BA, Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine
- 2006 - 2007 University of California Education Abroad Program
Københavns Universitet, Copenhagen, Denmark

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Research:** Social determinants of health; health disparities; race/ethnicity; substance use;
Asian American health
- Teaching:** Human behavior and the social environment; behavioral health; research methods;
social welfare policy; community mapping; program evaluation

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Tam, CC**, Karriker-Jaffe, KJ, & Greenfield, TK. (2021). Drinking and social contexts of alcohol's harm to others. *Alcohol & Alcoholism*.
2. Cook, WK, **Tam, CC**, Luczak, S, Kerr, W, Mulia, N, Lui, CK, Li, L. (2021). Alcohol Consumption, Cardiovascular-Related Conditions, and ALDH2*2 Ethnic Group Prevalence in Asian Americans. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*.
3. **Tam, CC**, Lui, CK, & Karriker-Jaffe, KJ. (2021). Intersections of neighborhood coethnic density and nativity status on heavy drinking in a general population sample of US Latinos and Asians. *Alcohol & Alcoholism*. doi: 10.1093/alcalc/agaa108.
4. **Tam, CC**. (2020). Ethnic enclaves and ethnoburbs: Are there differences in associations with juvenile offense type among Asian Americans? *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*.

5. Karriker-Jaffe, KJ, **Tam, CC**, Cook, WK, Greenfield, TK, & Roberts, S. (2019). Gender equality, drinking cultures and second-hand harms from alcohol in the 50 US states. *International journal of environmental research and public health*, 16(23), 4619.
6. **Tam, CC**, Dauria, EF, Cook, MK, Ti, A, Comfort, M, & Tolou-Shams, M. (2019). Justice involvement and girls' sexual health: Directions for policy and practice. *Children and Youth Services Review*. doi: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.01.009
7. **Tam, CC**. (2018). Beyond the immigrant enclave: Differentiating between coethnic neighborhoods for the study of health and social problems. *GeoJournal*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1007/s10708-018-9904-1
8. Finno-Velasquez, M, Palmer, L, Prindle, J., **Tam, CC**, Putnam-Hornstein, E. (2017). A birth cohort study of Asian and Pacific Islander children reported for abuse or neglect by maternal nativity and ethnic origin. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 72, 54-65. doi: 10.1016/j.chiabu.2017.07.009
9. Cook, WK, Tseng, W, **Tam, C**, John, I, & Lui, C. (2017). Ethnic group socioeconomic status as an indicator of disadvantage: A study of overweight/obesity in Asian American adolescents. *Social Science & Medicine*, 184, 15-22. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2017.04.027
10. Freisthler, B., Gaidus, A., **Tam, C**, Ponicki, WR, & Gruenewald, PJ. (2017). From medical to recreational marijuana sales: Marijuana outlets and crime in an era of changing marijuana legislation. *The Journal of Primary Prevention*, 38(3), 246-263. doi: 10.1007/s10935-017-0472-9
11. Abrams, LS, & **Tam, CC**. (2016). Gender differences in desistance from crime: How do social bonds operate among formerly incarcerated emerging adults? *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 33(1), 34-57. doi: 10.1177/0743558416684955
12. Lovato-Hermann, K, Dellor, E, **Tam, CC**, Curry, SR, & Freisthler, B. (2016). Racial disparities in service referrals for families in the child welfare system. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 11(2), 133-149. doi: 10.1080/15548732.2016.1251372
13. **Tam, CC**, Abrams, LS, Freisthler, B, & Ryan, JP. (2016). Juvenile justice sentencing: Do gender and child welfare status matter? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 64, 60-65. doi: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.02.028
14. **Tam, CC**, Freisthler, B, Curry, SR, & Abrams, LS. (2016). Where are the beds? Housing locations for transition age youth exiting public systems. *Families in Society: The journal of contemporary human services*, 97(2), 111-119. doi: 10.1606/1044-3894.2016.97.12
15. **Tam, C**, & Freisthler, B. (2015). An exploratory analysis of acculturation, neighborhood, and risk behaviors among children of Southeast Asian immigrants. *Child and Adolescent Social Work*, 32(4), 383-393. doi: 10.1007/s10560-014-0372-2

BOOK CHAPTER

Tam, CC, Karriker-Jaffe, KJ, & Chartier, KG. (2020). Understanding addictive behavior from a human diversity perspective. In *Handbook of Social Work and Addictive Behaviors*, A. Begun and M. Murray, Co-editors.

TECHNICAL REPORT

Del Rosario, Z, Edasery, B, Dominie, LW, Gannon, R, Stephens, P, & **Tam, C.** (June 2011). Student diversity within the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. (Eds. Q. Dinh & K. Yee). *Policy Professionals for Diversity & Equality at UCLA*

FUNDED RESEARCH

- 2020 - 2022 National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, \$230,431
Alcohol and tobacco use and desistance among Asian Americans: A lifecourse examination of critical periods and subgroup disparities
NIAAA R21AA027882
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2020 - 2022 National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program Renewal Award, \$31,823
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Social determinants of racial/ethnic disparities in alcohol use and other health risk outcomes
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2018 - 2020 National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program, \$42,919
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Social mechanisms in ethnic neighborhoods: Investigating racial/ethnic disparities in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use using a sociohistorical framework
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2018 Center Pilot Study, Alcohol Research Group, \$24,574
Beyond the ethnic enclave: Establishing coethnic neighborhood effects on alcohol and tobacco use across developmental periods
NIAAA P50 AA005595, PI: William Kerr
Role: Center Grant Pilot Project Director
- 2016 Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr., Social Justice Award, \$1,500
UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
Behind the model minority: An examination of ethnicity, place, and arrests among Asian youth in Los Angeles neighborhoods
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2014 - 2015 UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, \$20,000 and tuition
Behind the model minority: An examination of ethnicity, place, and arrests among Asian youth in Los Angeles neighborhoods

Role: Principal Investigator
Research Mentor: Bridget Freisthler

- 2013 UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, \$6,000
Juvenile justice sentencing: Do gender and child welfare status matter?
Role: Principal Investigator
Research Mentor: Laura Abrams
- 2012 UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, \$6,000
An exploratory analysis of acculturation, neighborhood, and risk behaviors among children of Southeast Asian immigrants
Role: Principal Investigator
Research Mentor: Bridget Freisthler
- 2012 Professor Harry H. L. Kitano Fellowship, \$1,500
An exploratory analysis of acculturation, neighborhood, and risk behaviors among children of Southeast Asian immigrants
Role: Principal Investigator

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016 - **Associate Scientist**, Alcohol Research Group, Public Health Institute
- 2011 - 2016 **Graduate Student Researcher**, UCLA Department of Social Welfare
- 2011 **Research Associate**, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)
- 2008 - 2009 **Research Assistant**, UC Irvine Department of Criminology, Law & Society and Department of Psychology & Social Behavior and Department of Criminology, Law & Society

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - 2021 **Epidemiologist II**, Tobacco Control Program, Community Health Services Division, Alameda County Public Health Department, Oakland, CA.
- 2013 - 2015 **Outreach & Engagement Specialist (Volunteer)**, Western Youth Services, Anaheim, CA.
- 2013 **Discussion Facilitator**, Khmer Girls in Action, Long Beach, CA.
- 2010 - 2011 **MSW Intern**, City of Santa Monica Human Services Division, Santa Monica, CA.
- 2010 **Student Intern**, Office of the Mayor - Department of Homeland Security and Public Safety, Los Angeles, CA.

- 2009 - 2010 **MSW Intern**, Harbour Area Halfway Houses, Long Beach, CA.
- 2008 - 2009 **Office Manager**, Orange Coast Psychiatric Associates, Mission Viejo, CA.
- 2007 - 2008 **Intake Specialist**, South Coast Therapists, Fountain Valley, CA.
- 2007 **Student Intern**, U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Prisons, Long Beach, CA.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Tam, C.C., Cook, W.K., & Karriker-Jaffe, K.J. (2021, June), *Joint effects of neighborhood disadvantage and coethnic density on alcohol outcomes: gender differences among a national sample of Hispanic adults*. Invited presentation for the Society for Prevention Research (SPR), virtual program.

Mulia, N., Li, L., Williams, E., Widbrodt, J., Guo, Z., Lui, C.K., & **Tam, C.C.** (2021, June), *Heterogeneous effects of early childhood adversity on young people's alcohol use: differences by race/ethnicity and type of adversity*. Invited presentation for the Society for Prevention Research (SPR), virtual program.

Tam, C.C., Karriker-Jaffe, K.J., Li, L., Patterson, D., Wills, D.N., & Ehlers, C.L. (2020, June), *Testing pathways between neighborhood environment and alcohol use disorder in Mexican American young adults*. Invited poster presentation for the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA), New Orleans, LA. (Presented as e-poster due to COVID-19).

Tam, C.C., Li, L., Patterson, D., & Karriker-Jaffe, K.J. (2020, April), *Testing pathways between neighborhood environment and alcohol use disorder in Mexican American young adults*. Invited poster presentation for the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA. (Presented as e-poster due to COVID-19).

Tam, C.C., Lui, C.K.L., Cook, W.K., & Karriker-Jaffe, K.J. (2019, October), *Contextual effects of substance use for Asian Americans in California*. Paper presentation for Advancing Health and Wellness with Cultural Humility in Asian and Asian American Communities, San Francisco, CA.

Tam, C.C., Karriker-Jaffe, K.J., Cook, W.K., & Greenfield, T K. (2019, August), *Ethnic density and drinking patterns among Hispanic Americans: Exploring mechanisms and differences by nativity*. Paper presentation for the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), New York, NY.

Gilder, D., **Tam, C.C.**, Wills, D., Lau, P., Karriker-Jaffe, K.J., & Ehlers, C.L. (2019, June), *Age of first intoxication, psychiatric comorbidity and severity of alcohol and cannabis use disorders in young adult Mexican Americans*. Poster presentation for the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA), Minneapolis, MN.

Tam, C.C., Lui, C.K., & Karriker-Jaffe, K.J. (2019, June), *Investigating effects of ethnic density on episodic drinking by nativity: Findings from a general population survey*. Poster presentation for the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA), Minneapolis, MN.

Tam, C.C., Lui, C.K., & Karriker-Jaffe, K. J. (2019, May), *Investigating effects of ethnic density on episodic drinking by nativity: Findings from a general population survey*. Poster presentation for the Society for Prevention Research (SPR), San Francisco, CA.

Patterson, D., Karriker-Jaffe, K.J., **Tam, C.C.,** & Greenfield, T. K. (2018, November), *Heavy drinking among Blacks/African Americans: Does nativity matter?* Oral paper presentation for the American Public Health Association (APHA), San Diego, CA.

Tam, C.C., Karriker-Jaffe, K. J., & Greenfield, T. K. (2018, November), *Are coethnic communities truly protective? Risky drinking and alcohol's harms from others vary by nativity*. Poster presentation for the American Public Health Association (APHA), San Diego, CA.

Tam, C.C., & Karriker-Jaffe, K. J. (2018, June), *Beyond the ethnic enclave: Racial/ethnic disparities within the alcohol and substance use environment*. Poster presentation at the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA), San Diego, CA.

Karriker-Jaffe, K. J., **Tam, C.C.,** Roberts, S.C.M., Cook, W.K., & Greenfield, T.K. (2018, May), *Gender equality, drinking cultures and alcohol's harms to others*. Oral paper presentation at the Kettil Bruun Society (KBS), Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Tam, C.C., Karriker-Jaffe, K. J., & Greenfield, T.K. (2018, April), *Are coethnic communities truly protective? Alcohol's harms from others vary by nativity*. Poster presentation at Alcohol Policy Conference 18 (AP18), Arlington, VA.

Tam, C.C., Karriker-Jaffe, K.J., & Greenfield, T.K. (2017, November), *The social contexts of harms from other people's drinking*. Oral paper presentation at the American Public Health Association (APHA), Atlanta, GA.

Tam, C.C. (2017, January), *Beyond the ethnic enclave: Operationalizing immigrant neighborhoods for the study of health and social problems*. Oral paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Tam, C.C. (2017, January), *Immigrant neighborhoods and juvenile arrest patterns among five Asian subgroups*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Finno-Velasquez, M., Palmer, L., Prindle, J., **Tam, C.C.,** Putnam-Hornstein, E. (2017, January), *A birth cohort study of child protective services involvement through age 5 among Asian children in California: The influence of nativity and country/region of origin*. Oral paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Lovato-Hermann, K., Dellor, E., **Tam, C.C.**, Curry, S.R., & Freisthler, B. (2017, January), *Racial disparities in service referrals for families in the child welfare system*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Tam, C., Freisthler, B., Curry, S. R., & Abrams, L.S. (2015, January), *Where are the beds? Housing locations for transition age youth exiting public systems*. Oral paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Tam, C., Abrams, L.S., Freisthler, B., & Ryan, J.P. (2015, January), *Juvenile justice sentencing: Do gender and child welfare involvement matter?* Oral paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Tam, C., Abrams, L.S., Freisthler, B., & Ryan, J.P. (2014, November), *Juvenile justice sentencing: Do gender and child welfare involvement matter?* Oral paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), San Francisco, CA.

Tam, C. & Abrams, L.S. (2014, March), *Juvenile justice sentencing: Do gender and child welfare involvement matter?* Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, TX.

Tam, C., & Abrams, L. S. (2014, January), *Gender differences in desistance from crime: How do formerly incarcerated emerging adults use social supports?* Oral paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), San Antonio, TX.

Tam, C., Freisthler, B., & Lee, J.P. (2014, January), *An exploratory analysis of acculturation, neighborhood and risk behaviors among Southeast Asian youth*. Oral paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), San Antonio, TX.

Tam, C., & Abrams, L.S. (2013, October), *Gender differences in desistance from crime: How do formerly incarcerated emerging adults use social supports?* Poster presentation at the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood 6th Conference, Chicago, IL.

Tam, C. (2013, February), *An exploratory analysis of acculturation, neighborhood and risk behaviors among Southeast Asian youth*. Oral paper presentation at the UC-Wide Immigration Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Wakefield, S., & **Tam, C.** (2008, November), *Mom's in jail, Dad's in jail: Gender and the effects of parental incarceration*. Oral paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), St. Louis, MO.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

2021	Society for Prevention Research Travel Award
2021	Fund Development Assistance Award Public Health Institute
2019	Research Society on Alcoholism Junior Investigator Travel Award National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

2018 Alcohol Policy 18 Travel Award
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

2017 Health Disparities Research Institute Scholar
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

2015 Invited Participant (Competitive), Boston College School of Social Work
Colloquium for Social, Economic, & Environmental Equity

2013 - 2014 Meyer and Renee Luskin Fellowship,
Luskin School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA

2013 - 2014 Advisory Board Fellowship
Luskin School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA

2013 - 2014 Bette and Hans Lorenz Fellowship
Luskin School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA

2011 - 2012 David and Marianna Fisher Fellowship
Luskin School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA

2010 - 2011 Michael S. Dukakis Fellowship
Luskin School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA

SERVICE

2020 - Member, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, Alcohol Research Group,
Public Health Institute

2014 - 2015 Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Social Welfare,
University of California, Los Angeles

2013 - 2014 Student Representative, Doctoral Committee, Department of Social Welfare,
University of California, Los Angeles

2012 - 2013 Student Mentor, Department of Social Welfare,
University of California, Los Angeles

2012 Volunteer, Society for Social Work & Research Conference (SSWR)

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

2013 - 2015 **Ryman Arts Foundation**, Los Angeles, CA
Provided technical assistance for development of pre- and post-semester arts education surveys and implemented into a web-based format. Analyzed survey results and generated yearly reports for funders. Performed program evaluation and generated report for the Big Draw LA, an annual regional event to inspire community engagement.

TEACHING

Instructor

Spring 2021 Mass Incarceration and Reentry (Synchronous Online),
Columbia University School of Social Work
Introduction to Social Work and Human Services (Online),
Berkeley City College Social Sciences Department

Fall 2020 Introduction to Social Work and Human Services (Online),
Berkeley City College Social Sciences Department

Spring 2020 Mass Incarceration and Reentry (Synchronous Online),
Columbia University School of Social Work
Introduction to Social Work and Human Services (Online),
Berkeley City College Social Sciences Department

Fall 2019 Introduction to Social Work and Human Services (Online),
Berkeley City College Social Sciences Department

Fall 2017 Environmental Strategies for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug-Related
Problems, UC Berkeley Extension Behavioral Health Sciences

Summer 2017 Environmental Strategies for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug-Related
Problems, UC Berkeley Extension Behavioral Health Sciences

Summer 2013 Community Mapping, UCLA Department of Social Welfare

Graduate Student Instructor

Spring 2016 Research in Social Welfare, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA

Winter 2016 Community Mapping, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA

Winter 2014 Community Mapping, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA

Fall 2013 Foundations of Social Welfare Policy, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA

Teaching Assistant

Summer 2008 Asian American Psychology, Department of Psychology, UC Irvine

Summer 2006 Asian American Psychology, Department of Psychology, UC Irvine

Guest Lecturer

Winter 2016 Community Mapping, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA
Topic: Segregation and Social Forces

Fall 2013 Foundations of Social Welfare Policy, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA
Topic: Women and Social Policy

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

August 2020 “Alcohol and tobacco use and desistance among Asian Americans: A study
overview and lessons learned from grant development.” Asian American
Research Center on Health, University of California, San Francisco

June 2020 “Online teaching: Experiences and lessons learned.” Institute on Pedagogy and
Technology for Online Courses, Columbia University School of Social Work

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

2019 Institute on Pedagogy and Technology for Online Courses,
Columbia University School of Social Work

2017 Longitudinal Data Analysis Using Stata, Statistical Horizons, Chicago, IL

AD HOC PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Journals: Alcohol & Alcoholism; Children and Youth Services Review; Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society; Journal of Interpersonal Violence; Journal of Child and Family Studies; Substance Use & Misuse

Conference Abstracts: American Public Health Association