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EDUCATION

DPhil in Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford 2022 -

MSc in Health Services Research, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto 2020 – 2021

- **Thesis:** The Impacts of the Great Recession on Systolic Blood Pressure in the United States: A Population Health Perspective

HBSc in Life Sciences, Victoria College, University of Toronto 2016 – 2020

- **Specialty:** Global Health

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race/ethnicity, social inequalities, discrimination, immigration, political behaviour, health inequalities, Asian diaspora

PUBLICATIONS

Tan, V. (2026). How Xenophobia Shapes Political Party Support: Evidence from COVID-19 in Canada. *Race and Social Problems*, 18(1), 9. [[Open Access Link](#)]

Tan, V., Siddiqi, A., Bennett, F., & Carabali, M. (2025). Introduction to the Special Issue collection, How and Why are Health Inequalities Changing Over Time?. *SSM-Population Health*, 101823. [[Open Access Link](#)]

Lopez, C. J., Santa Mina, D., **Tan, V.**, Maganti, M., Pritlove, C., Bernstein, L. J., Langelier, DM., Chang, E & Jones, J. M. (2024). CaRE@ ELLICSR: Effects of a clinically integrated, group-based, multidimensional cancer rehabilitation program. *Cancer Medicine*, 13(4), e7009. [[Open Access Link](#)]

WORK IN PROGRESS

Steele, B., **Tan, V.**, Giraldi, D., Degli Esposti, M., Humphreys, D. Experiences and perceptions of sexual violence and institutional response in a UK Higher Education Institution: Results from the second iteration of the OUR SPACE survey. Stage: Revise & Resubmit in *Studies in Higher Education*.

- Tan, V.** Unequal improvements in self-rated health among Asian Canadians during COVID-19. Stage: Manuscript complete.
- Tan, V.** Examining ethnic fluidity among Britain’s Asian diaspora: A longitudinal study. Stage: Manuscript in progress.
- Tan, V.** Ethnicity change among parents and children in England and Wales: A longitudinal study. Stage: Analysis in progress.

OTHER WRITING

- Tan, V.** 2024. Reflections on Political Polarisation: The Need for Analyses of Power and Inequality. *Graduate Inequality Review*. Volume 3. [[Open Access Link](#)]
- Tan, V.** 2020. Neoliberalism as a Driver for Racial Disparities in Health. *Health Perspectives Undergraduate Student Journal*. Volume 11. [[Open Access Link](#)]

AWARDS

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship – 113,333 CAD	2024 - 2027
Department of Social Policy & Intervention Barnett Scholarship (University of Oxford) – 90,000 GBP	2022 - 2025
Canadian Institutes of Health Research Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s – 17,500 CAD	2021
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (University of Toronto) – 15,000 CAD	2020
The Ada Snider Huenergard Scholarship (Victoria College) – 3000 CAD	2020
Dean’s List Scholar (University of Toronto)	2017 - 2020
Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship (University of Toronto) – 7,500 CAD	2019
The Blake C Goldring Scholarship (Victoria College) – 1000 CAD	2019
The John A Sawyer Scholarship (Victoria College) – 1000 CAD	2018
The Elizabeth Vosburgh Scholarship (Victoria College) – 1000 CAD	2017
President’s Entrance Scholarship (Victoria College) – 2000 CAD	2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow – Quantitative Analysis, Department of Social Policy & Intervention, University of Oxford	2024 – present
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Tutor – Housing and Health Inequalities, St. Catherine’s College, University of Oxford 2024

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Oxford Understanding Relationships, Sex, Power, Abuse, and Consent Experiences Project, University of Oxford 2024 - 2026

- Quantitative analyst on the study of students’ attitudes around and experiences of sexual violence

Work-Study Student, Department of Management, University of Toronto Scarborough 2021

- Conducted literature review and descriptive statistics to understand infrastructure development and firm growth in Uganda

Independent Study Student, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto 2019 – 2020

- Led a quantitative study to examine racial disparities in blood pressure in the United States using distributional decomposition

Research Assistant, University of Nairobi and Kenyatta National Hospital 2019

- Developed the methodology and feasibility report for a multinational study aimed at improving early detection of retinoblastoma in Kenya

Independent Study Student, ELLICSR, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University Health Network 2018 – 2019

- Interviewed 16 cancer survivors for a qualitative study to understand their post-treatment experiences in Toronto

Research Opportunity Program Student, Computational Cognitive Development Lab, Department of Psychology, University of Toronto. 2018

- Recruited participants and conducted experiments to assess canine perception of object permanence

Research Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, Sinai Health System. 2017 – 2019

- Led the screening and data extraction team for a scoping review on burnout among healthcare workers

PRESENTATIONS

“Examining ethnic fluidity among Britain’s Asian diaspora: A longitudinal study.”

- British Journal of Sociology Conference, LSE, 2026
- Symposium for Early Researchers in Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, 2026
- Centre for Evidence-Based Intervention Seminar, University of Oxford, 2026

- Comparative Social Policy Research Group Meeting, University of Oxford, 2025

“Examining the effects of anti-Asian racism on political party support among Asian Canadians: Evidence from COVID-19.”

- Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, George Brown College, 2025 (funded by the CPSA Travel Award)
- Symposium for Early Researchers in Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, 2023

“Investigating blood pressure differences before and after the Great Recession in the United States: An application of Oaxaca-Blinder and distributional decomposition.” (with Mabel Carabali, Sanjay Basu, and Arjumand Siddiqi)

- Society for Epidemiologic Research Annual Meeting, 2021

“Understanding the Experiences of a Multicomponent Rehabilitation Program to Improve the Health of Cancer Survivors.” (with Cheryl Pritlove and Jennifer Jones)

- Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Department of Supportive Care Research Rounds, 2019
- ELLICSR Clinical Meeting Rounds, Toronto General Hospital, 2019

POSTERS

Tan, V., Parnia, A., Siddiqi, A. (2020, June). Quantifying the contribution of socioeconomic status to racial blood pressure disparities in the United States using distributional decomposition. Presented at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health’s Virtual Biostatistics Research Day, University of Toronto.

Tan, V., Espinosa, J., Buchsbaum, D. (2018, September). Dogs’ Understanding of Item Displacement and Occlusion. Presented at the Psychology Research Opportunity Program Showcase, University of Toronto.

SERVICE

- **Member:** American Sociological Association, Canadian Sociological Association, Canadian Political Science Association.
- **Special Issue Guest Editor** on “How and Why are Health Inequalities Changing?” in *Social Science Medicine – Population Health* (co-edited with Arjumand Siddiqi, Mabel Carabali, and Falan Bennett)
- **Occasional Reviewer:** *British Journal of Sociology, Social Science and Medicine, Social Science and Medicine – Population Health*
- **Seminar Convenor** – Centre for Evidence Based Intervention Seminar Series, DSPI, University of Oxford, 2023 – 2024
- **DPhil Student Representative**, DSPI, University of Oxford, 2023 – 2024
- **Methods Meetup Co-Organizer**, DSPI, University of Oxford, 2023 – 2024
- **Conference co-lead** – Symposium for Early Researchers in Social Policy and Intervention, DSPI, University of Oxford, 2023
- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Student Representative**, DSPI, University of Oxford, 2022 – 2023