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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*,

edited by Bernard Freyer and Jim Bingen. Springer Press.

- Reiter, M., Choi, J., Reiter, A., & Theodori, G. 2015. The Impact of Size of Place on Perceptions of Healthcare Services and Satisfaction with Healthcare Services among Rural Texans. *Sociation Today*. 13(2):1-10.
<http://www.ncsociology.org/sociationtoday/v132/health.html>
- Tripp, P. & Choi, J. 2014. Perceptions of Childhood Obesity among Rural Parents, Teachers and School Administrators. *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences*, 106(4), 33-39.
- Constance, D.H., Choi, J., & Lara, D. 2013. Social Dimensions of Organic Production and Systems Research. *Crop Management*. 1-10. doi:10.1094/CM-2013-0429-01-RV.
- Choi, J. 2013. Reconstruction of Health Seeking Behaviors: A Comparative Study of Three Asian-Pacific Immigrants. *Qualitative Health Research*, 23(4): 517-530.
- Choi, J. 2013. Negotiating Old and New Ways: Contextualizing Adapted Health Care Seeking Behaviors of Korean Immigrants in Hawaii. *Ethnicity and Health*. 18(4), 350-366.
- Choi, J. 2012. A Portrait of Rural Health in America. *Journal of Rural Social Science*, 27(3): 1-16.
- Choi, J. & Pate, D. 2012. The School Neighborhood Environment for Childhood Obesity in a Rural Texas Community. *Journal of Rural Social Science*, 27(3): 102-117.
- Choi, J. 2012. Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity among US Immigrants: Results of the 2003 New Immigrant Survey. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 14(6): 1112-1118.
- Choi, J., Hwang, J. & Yi, J. 2011. Acculturation, Body Perception and Weight Status among Vietnamese American College Students. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 13(6):1116-1124.
- Lee, SH., Sukrakarn, N. & Choi, J. 2011. Motivation to Go Home, Motivation to Remit: Evidence from Thai Migrant Workers. *Journal of Asian Economics*, 22:142-151.
- Bonanno, A. & Choi, J. 2011. Psychosocial Aspects of Orbitofacial Disfigurement in Cancer Patients. Pp. 311-318 in Bitu Esmali (ed.), *Ophthalmic Oncology*. Norwell, MA: Springer.
- Choi, J. 2011. Community Resources for Families Related to Health. Vol. I, Pp. 216-217. In Craft-Rosenberg, M. and Pehler, SR (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Family Health*, Los Angeles, CA: SAGE.
- Bonanno, A. & Choi, J. 2010. Mapping out the Social Experience of Cancer Patients with Facial Disfigurement. *Health*, 2(5): 418-428.
- Constance, D. & Choi, J. 2010. Overcoming the Barriers to Organic Adoption in the United States: A Look at Pragmatic Conventional Producers in Texas. *Sustainability*, 2(1): 163-188.
- Choi, J. 2009. Contextual Effects on Health Care Access among Immigrants: Lessons from Three Ethnic Communities in Hawaii. *Social Science & Medicine*, 69:1261-1271.

- Choi, J. & Davis, MA. 2009. Adolescent Suicides in Korea: Risk Factors and Intervention. *Korean Journal of Health Education and Promotion*, 10(1):61-85.
- 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): 47-71.

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 (Technical Report for the 2013 CHSS Online Instructional Innovation Grant).

Choi, J., Theodori, G., Hudec, C., & Burk, J. 2013. *The 2012 Texas Rural Survey: Medical and Healthcare Services*. Center for Rural Studies, Sam Houston State University. (Technical Report)

Choi, J. 2013. "Pride of Health Educators" in *Health Education for 50 Years* (In Korean), edited by the 50th Anniversary editorial board, Department of Health Management, Health Science College, Ewha Women's University, Korea.

Book Contract (Monograph)

Choi, J. and Winson, A. *A Gift from God? Disaster, Migration and Dietary Transformation among Marshall Islanders*. Have a book contract with the University of British Columbia Press in 2017.

Grants Funded

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| 2019 | Sociology Research Stipend, Sam Houston State University
Sustainable Seafood in Canada
Role: PI | 6/1/2019-7/31/2019 | (\$4,000) |
| 2019 | Office of Academic Planning and Assessment, Sam Houston State University
Aligning the Sociology Capstone Course Across Teaching Formats and Instructors
Role: PI | 02/1/2019-07/31/2019 | (\$1,000) |
| 2017 | Faculty Research Grant, Sam Houston State University
Operationalizing Sources of Social Support Using Add Health
Role: Co-I | 06/01/17- 08/15/17 | (\$5,000) |
| 2017 | Sociology Research Stipend, Sam Houston State University
A Gift from God? Disaster, Migration and Dietary Transformation among Marshall Islanders
Role: PI | 02/01/17-08/15/17 | (\$6,000) |
| 2016 | Enhancement Research Grant, Sam Houston State University
Precarious Healthcare Plight of Marshallese Poultry Processing Workers
Role: PI | 06/01/16- 08/15/17 | (\$14,989) |
| 2015 | Navigator Grant, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service
Light and Salt Association in Houston
(Total amount: \$448,606; Korean Community component - \$161,337)
Role: Korean Community Consultant | 10/01/15-09/01/2018 | |
| 2015 | Sociology Research Stipend, Sam Houston State University
The Impact of the Cold War on Marshallese Health
Role: PI | 06/01/15-08/15/15 | (\$5,000) |

- 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.

- Hsu, T., Stykes J., and Choi, J. 2018. Revisiting Measures of Social Support on Mental Health among Transitions from Adolescent to Adulthood. Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA. August.
- Winson, A., Silver, J., Ramsundar, C., Larissa Goshulak, L., & Choi, J. 2018. *Sustainable Seafood Labeling Programs As a Tool for Sustaining the Oceans: Probing the Level of Consumer Awareness*. Presented at the XIX ISA XVIII International Sociological Association World Congresses of Sociology, Toronto, Canada. July.
- Choi, J. & Winson, A. 2018. *Paths of Rapid Dietary Transformation: Disaster, Military Occupation, and Migration of the Marshall Islanders*. Presented at the XIX ISA XVIII International Sociological Association World Congresses of Sociology, Toronto, Canada. July.
- Choi, J., & Constance, D. 2018. *Precarious Poultry Processing Workers: The Case of Marshallese Islanders in Arkansas*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. April.
- Choi, J. & Winson, A. 2018. *Socio-historical Forces Underlying Dietary Transformation: A Case Study of Marshall Islanders*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. April.
- Choi, J., Constance, D., & Choi, J. 2018. *Marshallese Islanders and Poultry Processing*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Jacksonville, FL. February.
- Winson, A. & Choi, J. 2018. *The Prevalence and Visibility of Seafood Eco-labels in Canadian Supermarkets: A Case Study from Central Canada*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Jacksonville, FL. February.
- Hsu, T., Choi, J., & Stykes, J. 2017. *Operationalizing Source of Social Support Using Add Health*. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Québec, Canada. August.
- Choi, J. & Winson, A. 2017. *Dietary Transformation among Marshall Islanders: Disaster, Military Occupation, and Migration*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems held in Montreal, Canada. August.
- Choi, J., Stykes, J., & Hsu, T. 2017. *Predicting Depressive Symptoms during the Transition to Adulthood: Variation by Gender and Race*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems held in Montreal, Canada. August.
- Choi, J. & Winson, A. 2017. *Disaster, Migration and Dietary Transformation among Marshall Islanders*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Agriculture, Food, & Human Values Society, Los Angeles, CA. June.
- Choi J. & Constance, D. 2017. *Precarious Healthcare Plight of Marshallese Poultry Processing Workers*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Agriculture, Food, & Human Values Society, Los Angeles, CA. June.

- 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 among 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 Values Society, Toronto, Canada. June.
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2016. *Perceptions about School Meals and Unhealthy Eating in Rural Schools*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, San Antonio, TX. February.
- Martinez, G., Elizondo, B., Adair, A., Perdomo, J., & Choi, J. 2016. *Obesity in Rural Texas*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, San Antonio, TX. February.
- Choi, J., Tripp, P., and Choi, J. 2015. *Challenges for Healthy Eating of Rural School Children*. Presented at the Rural Sociological Society 78 Annual Meeting, Madison, WI. August.
- Choi, J. & Choi, J. 2015. *Where They Live Matters: Health and Healthcare of Marshallese Migrants*. Presented at the Rural Sociological Society 78 Annual Meeting, Madison, WI. August.
- Choi, J. & Choi, J. 2015. *Marshallese Selective Migration to Hawaii and Arkansas and Their Health Care*. Presented at the Annual meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA. February.
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2015. *Addressing Childhood Obesity Through School Curriculum in a Rural Community*. Presented at the 13th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, HI. January.

- 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: 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. *Contradictory Perceptions about Childhood Obesity in Rural Community*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Dallas, TX. February.
- Choi, J. & Tripp, P. 2014. *Challenges for Participating in School Meals among Rural School Children*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Dallas, TX. February.
- Tripp, P.J., Brock, S.A., & Choi, J. 2014. *Strategies for Developing Online Classes*. Presented at the 12th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, HI. January.
- Choi, J., Theodori, G., Hudec, C., & Choi, J. 2013. *Health care in Texas rural communities: Findings from the Texas Rural Survey*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. New York City, NY. August.
- Choi, J. 2013. *Perception, Practice, and Participation of Rural Parents Related to Childhood Obesity*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. New York City, NY. August.
- Choi, J., Burk, J, Choi, J., & Cates, C. 2013. *Rural Childhood Obesity: The Roles of Parents for Healthy Environment*. Presented the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association, New Orleans, LA. March.
- McGuckin, M. & Choi, J. 2013. *Defining Childbirth: A Comparison between Physicians and Mothers*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association, New Orleans, LA. March.

- Lee, S. & Choi, J. 2013. *Parental Help-Seeking Behaviors: Mental Health Needs of Minority Children*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association, New Orleans, LA. March.
- Choi, J. 2013. *Rural Environment and the Roles of Rural Parents in Childhood Obesity*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Orlando, FL. February.
- McGuckin, M. & Choi, J. 2013. *Mothers as Consumers: Buying into the Medical Definition of Childbirth*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Orlando, FL. February.
- Burk, J. & Choi, J. 2013. *Creating a Healthy Environment: Rural Parents' Perception and Roles in Combating Childhood Obesity*. Presented at the 5th Annual Medicine and the Social Sciences & Humanities Conference, Sam Houston State University. Huntsville, TX. February.
- Tripp, P., Brock, S., & Choi, J. 2013. *The "Fun"amentals of Distance Education*. Presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI. January.
- Pate, D., Choi, J., Brown, C., & Cates, C. 2012. *Can Safe Routes to School Reduce Rural School Children's Obesity: A Case Study in Huntsville, Texas*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association, San Diego, CA. April.
- Choi, J. 2012. *Children and Obesity Risk: Rural Residence Matters*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Birmingham, AL. February.
- Choi, J. 2011. *Reconstruction of Health Care Seeking Behaviors: A Comparative Study of Three Asian Pacific Immigrant Groups*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV. August.
- Choi, J. 2011. *Obesity Disparity among New Immigrants in the United States: Place of Origin and Region*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV. August.
- Choi, J., & Hudec, C. 2011. *Social Etiology of Obesity among US Immigrants: A Theoretical Framework*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV. August.
- Choi, J., Pate, D., Brown, C., & Cates, C. 2011. *Identifying the Obesogenic Environments of Rural School Children: A Case Study in Huntsville, Texas*. Presented at the 2nd College of Humanities and Social Sciences Annual Research Conference, Huntsville, TX. April.
- Choi, J., Constance, D., Lau, M., & Hanagriff, R. 2011. *The Predictors of Organic Adoption by Agricultural Commodity: The Case of Texas*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Corpus Christi, TX. February.
- Choi, J. 2010. *Obesity among New Immigrants in the US: Distribution and Etiologic Process*. Presented at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO. November.

- 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 Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Orlando, FL. June.
- Lee, SH., Sukrakarn, N., & Choi, J. 2010. *Motivation to Go Home, Motivation to Remit: Evidence from Thai Migrant Workers*. Presented at the 2010 Population Association of America meeting, Dallas, TX. April.
- Hudec, C. & Choi, J. 2010. *School Nutrition and Physical Activity Program Policies: Influence on Juvenile Obesity*. Presented at the 2nd Annual Medicine and the Social Sciences and Humanities Conference, Huntsville, TX. April.
- Choi, J. 2010. *Disparity in Immigrant Obesity*. Presented at the 1st College of Humanities and Social Sciences Annual Research Conference, Huntsville, TX. April.
- Choi, J. 2010. *Etiologic Process of Obesity among New Immigrants in the US*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, TX. March.
- Hudec, C.L. & Choi, J. 2010. *School Policies and Juvenile Obesity*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, TX. March.
- Avalos, M. & Choi, J. 2010. *Acculturation and Cultural Buffering Effects on Obesity among Immigrant Children*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, TX. March.
- Choi, J. 2009. *Negotiating Old and New: Immigrant Health Care Seeking Behaviors*. Presented at the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. August.
- Choi, J. 2009. *The Roles of Ethnic Community in Immigrant Health Care*. Presented at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA, August.
- Constance, D. & Choi, J. 2009. *Identifying Potential Organic Producers in Texas: Facilitators and Barriers*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA. February.
- Choi, J. 2008. *Health Care Disparity between Rural and Urban America: Where have We been and Where Are We Going?* Presented at the XII World Congress of Rural Sociology, Goyang, Korea. July.
- Bonanno, A. & Choi, J. 2008. *The Contradictions of Medical Sociology Understanding of Stigma in Facially Disfigured Individuals*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, NV. March.

- 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*. Paper 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 Departmental Outstanding Research/Scholarship, College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Sam Houston State University, Texas.
- 2011 Outstanding Conference Poster, Social Sciences, 2nd College of Humanities and Social Sciences Annual Research Conference, Sam Houston State University, TX (Co-authored with Pate, D., Brown, C., & Cates, C)
- 2005 Hormann Prize, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2005 Gary Sakihara Scholarship, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2005 Arts and Sciences Advisory Council 2005 Award, Colleges of Arts and Sciences, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2005 Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2004 Pacific Fellowship, American Association of University Women. Honolulu, HI
- 2004 Center for Korean Studies Scholarship, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Honolulu, HI
- 1999-2000 The National Dean's List, Honoring America's Outstanding College Students (23rd Annual Edition)
- 1999 Gamma Chapter of the Delta Omega Society, the Honorary Society in Public Health
- 1998 "Aesculapius Awards" Co-developed a National Award Winning Public Service Announcement targeting tourists on sun protection in Hawaii (Group project)
- 1998 Elmer J. Anderson Professional Travel Fund, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Invited Guest Lectures

- 2019 Dietary Transformation of Marshall Islanders: Colonialism, Nuclear Tests, and Military Occupation, University of Guelph, Canada, March.
- 2019 Social Forces Underlying Health: A Case Study of Marshall Islanders and Their Dietary Transformation, Department of Population Health, Sam Houston State University, February.
- 2018 *Dietary Transition: The Case of the Marshall Islanders*, University of Guelph, Canada, March.

- 2016 *Industrial Dietary Regimes as a Valuable Conceptual Adjunct to the Nutrition Transition and Food Regime Paradigms*, (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: Socio-ecological 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: Socio-ecological approach*. Chosun University, Kwangju, Korea. June
- 2012 *Obesity and Socio-ecological 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-Based Participatory Research Workshop, University of Houston, Houston, TX, April.
- 2008 Participant, the 3rd US-UK Medical Sociology Conference: Professionals, Patients, and the Public. Boston, MA, July (plenary conference)
- 2005 Participant, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) workshop, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI (Certificate Obtained)
- 2000 Participant, 31st Summer Seminar on Population (Theme: Analyzing Adolescents Risk-Taking Behavior) in East-West Center, Honolulu, HI

Professional Academic Services

Editorships

- 2011-13, 15-Present Editorial Board, *Korean Journal of Health Education and Promotion*
- 2013-2015 Co-Editor, *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*
- 2012 Guest Editor, Special Issue: Rural Health, *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*
- 2011-Present Editorial Board, *Sociology Mind*
- 2009-13 Associate Editor, *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*

Officer in Professional Organizations

- 2019 President. Southern Rural Sociological Association
- 2018-Present Diversity Committee Member, Rural Sociological Society
- 2018 President Elect. Southern Rural Sociological Association
- 2017 Program Chair. Southern Rural Sociological Association
- 2016 Program Chair Elect. Southern Rural Sociological Association
- 2014-2015 Co-Chair, the RIG Family & Health, Rural Sociological Society
- 2012-14 Executive Council, Southwestern Sociological Association.

- 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