

Catalina Tang Yan

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EDUCATION

- 2017-2022 PhD School of Social Work
 Boston University
- 2011-2013 M. S. Nonprofit Management
 Northeastern University
- 2007-2011 B. A. Sociology & Linguistics
 Boston College

AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2009 Boston College Undergraduate Symposium Best Presentations Award
- 2007 Advanced Study Grant Award, Boston College

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community-Based & Youth Participatory Action Research, youth empowerment, wellness, positive youth development, racial justice, immigration, health and public health, children youth and families, program evaluation methods, Asian Diaspora in the Americas, English Learners.

PRESENTATIONS

- Varga, S. M., Margolius, M., **Tang Yan, C.**, & Zaff, J. (Jan 2018). *I'm Going to be Someone: The Achievements and experiences of Students Whose First Language Is Not English..* Society for Social Work and Research 22nd Annual Conference. Washington, DC.
- Sprague-Martinez, L., Zaff, J., **Tang Yan, C.**, & McClay C. (Nov 2017). *Barriers to Wellness: Voices and Views from Youth in Five Cities.* American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, GA.
- Varga, S. M., Margolius, M., **Tang Yan, C.**, Cole, M., & Zaff, J. (Jan 2018). *I'm Going to be Someone: The Achievements and Experiences of Students Whose First language is Not English.* Paper submitted to the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC
- Varga, S. M., Margolius, M., **Tang Yan, C.**, & Zaff, J. (Apr 2017). *Their Own Words: Latinx School Experience and Relationships that Matter.* Preparate: Educating Latinos for the Future of America College Board Conference, Orlando, FL
- Varga, S. M., **Tang Yan, C.**, McDermott, E., & Zaff, J. (Apr, 2017). *Academic Climate as a Protective Factor for First Language Not English Latino Youth.* Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX
- Sprague-Martinez, L., **Tang Yan, C.**, McClay C, & Zaff, J. (Jan 2017). *The Determinants of Health through the Eyes of*

Youth: A Multi-Site Youth-Led Health Assessment. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Conference, New Orleans, LA

Tang Yan, C. (Oct 2016). *Research: a vehicle for community empowerment and knowledge building*. Undergraduate course, Community Based Participatory Boston College, Boston, MA

Tang Yan, C. (Sept 2016). *Belonging: Home & Community Spaces/Places*. Undergraduate course at University of Massachusetts of Boston, Boston, MA

Tang Yan, C. (Aug 2010). *Longing to Belong; Exploring Ethnic Identity Construction in Chinese young adults living in Colombia*. McNair Summer Research Scholar. Boston College Undergraduate Symposium. Boston, MA

Tang Yan, C. (Aug 2009). *Discovering Zen Philosophy and Art through Japanese Language*. Undergraduate Boston College Symposium, Boston, MA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

June 2016 - Present

Graduate Research Assistant

Center for Promise

Boston University, Boston, MA

Supervisor: Dr. Shannon M. Varga & Dr. Jonathan F. Zaff.

- Conduct, transcribe, translate, code, and analyze bilingual qualitative focus groups across six districts in Massachusetts using NVivo
- Support with Literature Review Design
- Lead recruitment & scheduling of study sample
- Submit revisions and protocol changes to BU IRB
- Translate qualitative focus groups Spanish to English and vice versa
- Co-design & co-implement youth research training on social determinants of health and research methods to over 30 high school youth of color across 5 cities in the U.S.
- Coordinate logistics of site scheduling, recruitment, and evaluation.

May 2010 - Aug 2010

Research Fellow

McNair Summer Research Program, Boston College

Supervisor: Prof. Hiroshi Nakazato,

- Developed interview protocols as well as conducted, coded, translated, and analyzed qualitative individual online in-depth interviews using grounded analysis.
- Led recruitment & scheduling of study sample

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Aug 2016

Introduction to Qualtrics

Led by Kenith Wilson

Boston University

Aug 2016

NVivo

Chris Danforth

Boston University

Jul 2016

Interpreting for Multilingual Social Justice

Roberto Tijerina

Multilingual Capacity Building at Highlander Research and Education Center

- Sep 2015 **BIA Accreditation Training**
 Led by Sarang Sekhavat
 Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)
- Jan 2014 **Critical Community Participatory Action Research Institute**
 Led by Dr. Michelle Fine, Maria Elena Torre & Dr. Madeline Fox
 Public Science Project CUNY Graduate Center, NY.
- Nov 2012 **BEST Youth Worker Training**
 Led by Daisy Ortega
 Health Resources In Action - BEST Trainings
- Nov 2011 **Nonprofit Leadership Institute**
 Led by Colleen Holohan
 AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellowship
 Northeastern University

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2016-Present **Graduate Research Assistant**, Center for Promise
 Boston University School of Education, Boston, MA
 - Conducted, transcribed, translated, coded, and analyzed bilingual qualitative focus groups on the lived experiences of ELL high school across six districts in Massachusetts using NVivo
 - Co-designed & co-implemented youth research training on social determinants of health and research methods to over 30 high school youth of color across 5 cities in the U.S.
- 2012-Present **Co-Founder, Editor, and Writer**, Asian Latinas Writers Group
- 2015-2016 **Assistant Youth Director**, Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. Quincy, MA
 - Coordinate U&I Mentoring youth program with the aim to increase over 20 middle school immigrant youth socio-emotional wellbeing through 1-1 academic support and peer advising.
 - Assist Youth Program Director with various projects on program expansion, evaluation, and community partner collaborations
- 2014-2015 **Youth Project Coordinator**, Greater Malden Asian American Community Coalition
 - Created and implemented curriculum on youth participatory research methods that increased 20 high school youth knowledge on research, leadership, and civic engagement participation
 - In collaboration with youth co-researchers, collected over 500 surveys and interviewed over 20 residents on their needs in education, health, and housing.
- 2013-2015 **Youth Program Manager**, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center-Quincy, Boston/Quincy, MA
 - Planned, coordinated, and launched BCNC Quincy's first youth programs that increased over 50 high school and middle school youth' knowledge on college access, leadership, communication, critical thinking, and goal setting skills through interactive workshops, youth participatory community action research projects, and digital storytelling videos.
 - Developed and implemented program models and schedules that build over 50% student retention, program graduation, youth empowerment, and peer mentorship within leadership, college, and academic programs
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- 2012-2013 **Youth Leadership Coordinator**, Viet-AID, Dorchester, MA

- Selected to serve in a statewide AmeriCorps Fellowship program focused on delivering resources to young people across the Commonwealth to prepare them to be successful in life
- Planned and implemented over six college visits in the Boston area and over 10 social justice and leadership skills workshops that enhanced civic engagement levels and knowledge on college access and financial aid to 15 diverse first generation Boston Public high school students

2011-2012 **Youth and Families Program Coordinator, Sociedad Latina, Roxbury, MA**

- Recruited, trained, and managed 45 college student volunteers that contributed over 300 hours of service to Sociedad Latina youth programs
- Empowered over 10 families on financial literacy, self-advocacy, and college access through bilingual workshops in partnership with FUEL program

2010-2011 **Editor, Writer, and Reviewer, SocialEyes Magazine - Boston College Undergraduate Sociology**

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish & Proficient in Cantonese, Taishanese, Mandarin, and Japanese

ADVISORY BOARD AND LEADERSHIP ROLES

2015-Present Secretary, Greater Malden Asian American Community Coalition, Malden, MA

2013-Present Mass Promise Fellow Mentor, AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellowship FAM Mentoring Program, Boston, MA

COMPUTER SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE

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- Microsoft Office, Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, & Excel
 - IBM SPSS, R software
 - QSR NVivo (qualitative data analysis software)
 - Qualtrics software (online mixed methods data collection tool)
 - Final CutPro (video editing software)
 - iMovie (video editing software)