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EDUCATION:

Joint Ph.D., Social Work and Sociology, University of Michigan, 2005
Master of Social Work, University of Michigan, 2000
Master of Arts, Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 1997
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, University of California at Berkeley, 1994

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Professor, Department of Sociology, Whitman College, 2017-Present
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Whitman College, 2011-2017
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Whitman College, 2005-2001
Course Instructor, Women's Health, Department of Women's Studies, University of Michigan, 2004-2005
Course Instructor, Gender and Sexuality, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 2004
Course Instructor, Social Welfare Policies and Services, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, 2003

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Associate Dean for Faculty Development, Whitman College, July 2019-Present
Interim Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Whitman College, July 2018-July 2019
Director of Encounters (First Year Experience), Whitman College, 2017-Present
Director, Tenure-Track Faculty Mentoring Program, Whitman College, 2013-2016
Chair, Department of Sociology, Whitman College, 2012-2015

BOOKS:

Kim, Helen Kiyong and Noah Samuel Leavitt. 2016. *JewAsian: Race, Religion, and Identity for America's Newest Jews*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND BOOK REVIEWS:

Kim, Helen K., Noah S. Leavitt and Rachel Williams. 2015. "Funny – You Don't Look Jewish! Racial, Ethnic and Religious Identities of Children of Asian American and Jewish American Spouses." *Journal of Jewish Identities* 8(1): 129-148.

Kim, Helen K. and Noah S. Leavitt. 2012. "The Newest Jews? Understanding Jewish American and Asian American Marriages." *Contemporary Jewry* 32(2): 135-166.

Kim, Helen K. and Noah S. Leavitt. 2012. "Second Generation Asian Americans and Judaism." Carolyn Chen and Russell Jeung (Eds.), *Sustaining Faith Traditions: Race, Ethnicity, and Religion among the Latino and Asian American Second Generation*. New York, NY: New York University Press.

Kim, Helen K. 2010. "Laos." Ron Bayor (Ed.), *Multicultural America: The Newest Americans*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Kim, Helen K. 2010. Review of *Envisioning America: New Chinese Americans and the Politics of Belonging*, by Tritia Toyota. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 33(9): 1681-1682.

Kim, Helen K. 2009. Review of *Zainichi (Koreans in Japan): Diasporic Nationalism and Postcolonial Identity*, by John Lie. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 32(8): 1497-1948.

Kim, Helen K. 2008. "Women Occupying the Hybrid Space: Second Generation Korean American Women Negotiating Choices Regarding Work and Family." Keri E. Iyall Smith and Patricia Leavy (Eds.), *Hybrid Identities: Theoretical and Empirical Examinations*. Boston, MA: Brill Publishers.

Kim, Helen K. 2008. "The Impact of the New Asian Immigration." Judith Warner (Ed.), *Battleground Immigration*, volume 2. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Thornton PL, Kieffer EC, Salabarría-Pena Y, Odoms-Young A, Willis SK, Kim H, Salinas MA. (2006). Weight, Diet, and Physical Activity-Related Beliefs and Practices Among Pregnant and Postpartum Latino Women: The Role of Social Support. *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 10, no. 1.

Wells S, Thomson D, Fuller T, Kim H, Smith B, Zattich D. (1999). Evaluation of Family Centered Services In Illinois: A Report to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Children and Family Research Center, School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Kim, Helen. "Reexamining Interfaith Discourse in American Jewish Studies." Roundtable Participant, American Jewish Historical Society Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. June 2018.

Kim, Helen and Patricia Munro. "Marrying In: How Non-Jews Change and are Changed by the Jewish Families in Which They Live." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC. December 2017.

Kim, Helen. "The Effect of Racial Difference on Determining and Enforcing Jewish Communal Boundaries." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego. December 2017.

Kim, Helen. Author meets Critics Panel. *Coming of Age in Jewish America: Bar and Bat Mitzvah Reinterpreted*. Patricia Munro. Invited panelist. Annual meeting, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Seattle. 2016.

Kim, Helen. "JewAsian: Intermarriage through the Lens of Racial and Ethnic Difference." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Association for Jewish Studies, Boston. December 2015.

Kim, Helen. "The Newest Jews? Religious, Racial, and Ethnic Identities of Asian-Jewish Adult Children." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion. Newport Beach, CA. October 2015.

Kim, Helen. "Understanding Change in Jewish-Christian Intermarriage: A Comparative Perspective." Invited panelist. Annual meeting, Association for the Sociology of Religion. Chicago. 2015.

Kim, Helen. "Funny – You Don't Look Jewish!" Conference paper presented at biennial meeting, American Jewish Historical Society, Atlanta. June 2014.

Kim, Helen and Noah Leavitt. "Intermarriage between Asian Americans and Jewish Americans." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Association of Black Sociologists, Atlanta, GA, August 2010.

Kim, Helen and Noah Leavitt. "It's not just about the food: Jewish American and Asian American Marriages." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Association for Asian American Studies, Austin, TX. April 2010.

Kim, Helen and Noah Leavitt. "It's not just about the food: Jewish American and Asian American Marriages." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, CA. December 2009.

Kim, Helen and Noah Leavitt. "It's not just about the food: Jewish American and Asian American Marriages." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA. August 2009.

Kim, Helen K. "Asian American and American Jewish Marriages." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA. April 2009.

Kim, Helen. "Putting God First: Church Participation and Religiosity among Second Generation Korean American College Women." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, OR. April 2008. Presidential Session.

Kim, Helen. and Peden, Amanda. "The Construction of Hegemonic and Subordinated Femininities: Second Generation Korean American Women and the Body." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, American Sociological Association, New York, NY. August 2007. Section on Race, Class and Gender - Regular Session.

Kim, Helen. "You Can Never Be Too Thin? Racialized and Gendered Constructions of Body Size among Second Generation Korean American College Women." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA. March 2007.

Kim, Helen. "Racialized and Gendered Constructions of Body Size among Second Generation Korean American College Women." Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA. March 2007.

Kim Helen. "Asianized Asians, Twinkies, and North Face Puffy Jackets: Constructing Racialized Gender Identities Among Second Generation Korean American College Women." Presented at

the annual meeting, American Sociological Association, Montreal Canada. August 2006. Section on Asian Americans - Regular Session.

Kim, Helen. "Work, Family and Bodies: Second Generation Korean American Women 'Doing Gender.'" Conference paper presented at the annual meeting, Pacific Sociological Association, Universal City, CA. April 2006.

Salabarría-Peña Y, Kieffer EC, Kim H, Odoms AM, Willis SK, Allen A, Baber K, Guzman JR. "Promoting Healthy Lifestyles Among Women Through Community Partnership: A Sociocultural Perspective." Conference paper presented at the International Conference on Health Promotion and Health Education, Paris, France. July 2001.

PUBLIC TALKS TO NON-ACADEMIC AUDIENCES:

"Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the American Jewish Community: Lessons Learned from *JewAsian*." University of California at Berkeley, Center for Jewish Studies. December 6, 2017.

"JewAsian Fireside Conversation and Shavuot Celebration." Talk given with Noah Leavitt. Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco, CA. May 30, 2017.

Guest Educator, Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement Program, Hebrew College, July 19, 2017.

"A Weekend with Helen Kim and Noah Leavitt." Weekend education program with Congregation, Beth El, Omaha, NE. March 31-April 2, 2017.

Panel discussion with Helen Kim, Noah Leavitt, and Daniel Kalla. "JewAsian Day." Vancouver Jewish Book Festival. November 28, 2016.

"JewAsian: Race, Religion, and Identity for America's Newest Jews." San Diego Jewish Book Fair. November 6, 2016.

"America's Newest Jews." Café Conversation, National Museum of American Jewish History. Philadelphia. July 13, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

"Episode 33: JewAsian – Helen Kim and Noah Leavitt." September 30, 2016. *Judaism Unbound*. <http://www.judaismunbound.com/podcast/2016/8/25/episode-34-jewasian-helen-kim-and-noah-leavitt>

Radio interview with Roundhouse Radio, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 28, 2016.

Kim, Helen K. and Noah Leavitt. 2016. "Jewish, Asian, American: Welcoming a New Demographic." Union for Reform Judaism. <http://www.urj.org/blog/2016/07/25/jewish-asian-american-welcoming-new-demographic>

Leavitt, Noah and Helen Kim. 2016. "Reflections on Loving Day." *Huffington Post*. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/noah-s-leavitt/reflections-on-loving-day_b_10422800.html

Kim, Helen. 2016. "Funny, You Don't Look Jewish!" *Huffington Post*. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/helen-k-kim/funny---you-dont-look-jew_b_10228854.html

Kim, Helen. 2016. "Multiracial Millennial Children of Intermarriage – Are We Meeting Them Where They are At?" *Huffington Post*.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/helen-k-kim/multiracial-millennial-jew_b_8396088.html

Kim, Helen and Noah Leavitt. 2015. "A Study in Intermarriage." *Tablet*.
<http://www.tabletmag.com/scroll/188938/a-study-in-intermarriage>

Kim, Helen. 2016. "Intermarriage." *Academic Minute*.
<http://academicminute.org/2016/07/helen-kim-whitman-college-intermarriage/>

RESEARCH PROFILED IN POPULAR MEDIA SOURCES:

"How Jewish Academia Created a #MeToo Disaster." *Forward*. July 19, 2018. Kate Rosenblatt, Lila Corwin Berman and Ronit Stahl.
<https://forward.com/opinion/406240/how-jewish-academia-created-a-metoo-disaster/>

"A Jewish-Asian Love Affair." *The Jewish Chronicle*. August 25, 2016. Jessica Weinstein.
<http://www.thejc.com/arts/books/162382/a-jewish-asian-love-affair>

"The JewAsian Phenomenon: Raising Jewish-Asian Families." *Jewish Boston*. August 10, 2016. Judy Bolton-Fasman.
<http://www.jewishboston.com/the-jewasian-phenomenon-raising-jewish-asian-families/>

"Jewish and Asian: Intermarriages that yield Jewish kids." *Religion News Service*. July 8, 2016. Lauren Markoe.
<http://religionnews.com/2016/07/08/jewish-and-asian-intermarriages-that-yield-jewish-kids/>

"Lessons Learned from Multicultural Jewish Asian Families." *My Jewish Learning*. June 28, 2016. Ruth Abusch-Magder.
<http://www.myjewishlearning.com/jewish-and/lessons-learned-from-multicultural-jewish-asian-families/>

"Finding Common Ground in Interfaith Marriage." *The New York Times*. June 9, 2016. Jennifer Miller.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/12/fashion/weddings/interfaith-marriage.html>

"Jews with Asian Heritage Post Growing Identity Challenge to Jewish Establishment." *Haaretz*. December 13, 2015. Taly Krupkin.
<https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/.premium-asian-jews-challenge-white-american-jewry-1.5376381>

"What It's Like for Non-White Jews During the High Holidays." *Huffington Post*. September 15, 2015. Carol Kuruvilla.
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/what-its-like-for-non-white-jews-during-the-high-holidays_us_55f72c2fe4b00e2cd5e78ba2

"When Bibimbap and Blintzes Share the Family Table." *The Jewish Week*. July 20, 2015.
<http://www.thejewishweek.com/features/jw-qa/when-bibimbop-and-blintzes-share-family-table>

"Q&A with Asian-Jewish researcher couple Helen Kim and Noah Leavitt." *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*. March 13, 2015. Julie Wiener.
<http://www.jta.org/2015/03/13/news-opinion/the-telegraph/qa-with-asian-jewish-researcher-couple-helen-kim-and-noah-leavitt>

"When You're Asian and Jewish, You Get Questions." *JWeekly*. March 8, 2015. Dan Pine.
<http://www.jweekly.com/article/full/74112/when-youre-asian-and-jewish-you-get-questions/>

“Part Asian-American, All Jewish?” *National Public Radio, Code Switch*. February 10, 2015. Rachel E. Gross.

“Kimchi and Latkes: Growing up Korean and Jewish.” *Huffington Post*. July 29, 2014. Victoria Namkung.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/victoria-namkung/kimchi-and-latkes-growing-korean-american_b_5628516.html

“First Asian-American Rabbi Vies for Role at New York’s Central Synagogue.” *Haaretz*. August 14, 2013.

<http://www.haaretz.com/jewish/news/1.541492>

“Cultural Relations: Two Alumni Study Asian-Jewish Inter marriages Like Their Own.” *The University of Chicago Magazine*. January/February 2013. Ruth E. Kott.

<http://mag.uchicago.edu/arts-humanities/cultural-relations>

“A Jewish-Asian Couple’s Union Leads to a Scholarly Interest in Inter marriage.” *The New York Times*. June 15, 2012. Samuel G. Freedman.

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/16/us/studying-and-living-jewish-asian-intermarriage.html?_r=0

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:

Research Editor and Editorial Board Member, *Contemporary Jewry*

Editorial Board Member, *Encyclopedia of Jewish Women*, Jewish Women’s Archive

Mentor, Paul Hyman Mentoring Program, Association for Jewish Studies

Board Member, Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry, 2015-2017

Research Scholar, Institute for Jewish and Community Research

Reviewer, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

Reviewer, *Journal of Family Issues*

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

Louis B. Perry Student-Faculty Summer Grant Recipient, Whitman College. Summer 2006, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2018

Adam Dublin Award for Multicultural Studies, Whitman College, 2006 and 2009

Abshire Award, Whitman College, 2008

Doctoral Dissertation Grant, University of Michigan, 2003

Dissertation Research Grant, Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science, University of Michigan, 2003

Research Grant, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan, 2003

Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2000-2002

University of Michigan Alumni Scholarship, 2000-2001

Rosemary Sarri Award, University of Michigan, 2000

Regents' and Chancellor's Scholar, University of California at Berkeley, 1990-1994