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Biography

Dr Miu Chung Yan is a Professor in the School of Social Work at The University of British Columbia (UBC), he joined the School in 2004. Prior to joining UBC, he studied, practiced and taught social work in Hong Kong, London England, Toronto and San Francisco. As an applied qualitative researcher, he adopts a collaborative community-based approach in his research works. He works closely with local immigrant and refugee serving agencies and neighborhood houses to generate new knowledge to improve policies, services and practice in serving newcomers to Canada. Working collaboratively with colleagues in China and Hong Kong, he has been investigating and writing extensively on social work and social work education development in China. He is also interested to explore how to apply social theories in social work practice and how social work practice can inform social theories. In terms of teaching, his padagogy is informed by the ideas of critical inter-subjectivity, reciprocal engagement, reflexive reflectivity and critical pragmatism.

Dr Miu's sojourner's experience has influenced his major research interests covering settlement and integration of immigrants and refugees, critical cross-cultural and antiracist practice, internal dynamics in Chinese community, place-based community development and policy, globalization and social development, and North-South social work knowledge transfer.