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Biography

Professor Arthur Sakamoto is Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at Hong Kong Baptist University. He has been in this position since January of 2023. His previous affiliations include Texas A&M University (2013-2022) and the University of Texas (1989 to 2013). He received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin, and his B.A. degree from Harvard University.

His major areas of research interest include social stratification and inequality, demography, racial and ethnic relations, economic sociology, and population studies of East Asia. He has published widely on these topics including in *American Sociological Review*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, *Demography*, *Social Forces*, *International Migration Review*, *Sociology of Education*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Social Problems*, *Chinese Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, *Mind & Society*, and *Social Indicators Research* among other outlets.

His latest two publications are “Socioeconomic Attainments of Second-Generation South Asian Americans: Evidence from the American Community Survey, 2014–2018” in *Population Research and Policy Review* (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11113-024-09879-2>), and “American versus East Asian Norms and Labor Market Institutions Affecting Socioeconomic Inequality” in *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0276562424000271>).

He is currently on the editorial boards of *American Sociological Review* and *Social Problems*. Much of his research has investigated population data relating to socioeconomic inequalities although he has also published theoretical work on the conceptualization of exploitation (<https://www.elgaronline.com/display/book/9781803921235/b-9781803921235.chapter43.xml>) and on moral concepts in Japanese culture (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10888-011-9204-1>).

He has two papers under review including “A Neo-Marxist Interpretation of the Sociology of Asian Americans” and “Racialized as White? Socioeconomic Differentials among White Ethnic in the American Community Survey, 2017-2021.”

His current research projects include a study of the effect of vocabulary skill on mediating the Black-White wage gap in the U.S., and an econometric analysis of economic exploitation using firm-level data.