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POSITIONS HELD

2020- Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology. Vassar College.
2018-2020 Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology. Southern Connecticut State University.
2017-2018 Postdoctoral Research Associate. Northeastern University.
2015-2017 Research Associate. Tufts University and Boston University.

EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D., Sociology. Brandeis University.
2010 M.A., Sociology. Columbia University.
2008 B.A., Sociology. University of California, San Diego.

PUBLICATIONS

*Denotes equal authorship; **denotes undergraduate student

BOOK

Tan, Catherine. *Spaces on the Spectrum: How Autism Movements Resist Experts and Create Knowledge.* 2024. Columbia University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Kaufman, Eli** and **Catherine Tan.** 2022. "White as milk: Biocentric bias in the framing of lactose intolerance and lactase persistence." *Sociology of Health and Illness.*

Tan, Catherine and Janani Umamaheswar*. 2021. "Structural racism and the experience of tightness during the COVID-19 pandemic." *Ethnic and Racial Studies.*

Tan, Catherine. 2021. "Defending snake oil: the preservation of contentious knowledge and practices." *Social Studies of Science* 51(4) 538–563.

Umamaheswar, Janani and **Catherine Tan***. 2020. "'Dad, wash your hands': Gender, care work, and attitudes toward risk during COVID-19." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World.* 6: 1-14.

- Media Coverage: *The Atlantic* "The Help That Never Came" by Anya Kamenetz (August 19, 2022)
- Media Coverage: WTIC (radio) and WICC (radio)
- Invited talk: Vassar Reunion, 2021

Senier, Laura, **Catherine Tan**, Leandra Smollin, and Rachael Lee. 2019. "Understanding the Potential of State-Based Public Health Genomics Programs to Mitigate Disparities in Access to Clinical Genetic Services." *Genetics in Medicine* 21: 373-381.

Tan, Catherine. 2018. "'I'm a normal autistic person, not an abnormal neurotypical': Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis as biographical illumination." *Social Science & Medicine* 197: 161-167.

Senier, Laura, Leandra Smollin, Rachael Lee, Lauren Nicoll, Michael Shields, and **Catherine Tan**. 2018. "Navigating the Evidentiary Turn in Public Health: Sensemaking Strategies to Integrate Genomics into State-Level Chronic Disease Prevention Programs." *Social Science & Medicine* 211: 207-15.

Tan, Catherine and Gil Eyal. 2014. "Two Opposite Ends of the World: The Shaping of Pedagogical Action in an Autism-Only School." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 44 (1): 34-62.

BOOK CHAPTER

Conrad, Peter and **Catherine Tan**. 2014. "Autism, the Internet and Medicalization." in *The Public Shaping of Medical Research: Patient Associations, Health Movements and Biomedicine*, edited by P. Wehling and W. Viehöver: Routledge.

OTHER WRITING

Umamaheswar, Janani and **Catherine Tan**. 2021. "Gender, risk perceptions, and care work during the COVID-19 pandemic." *Carework Network Responds* Blog.

Umamaheswar, Janani and **Catherine Tan***. 2020. "Weighing the Risks at the "Boiling Point": Black Lives Matter during COVID-19." *Stanford Center for Comparative Studies in Race & Ethnicity* Op-ed.

Tan, Catherine and Janani Umamaheswar*. 2020. "Taking Risk, Taking Care During COVID-19." *Gender & Society* Blog.

Umamaheswar, Janani and **Catherine Tan***. 2020. "Systemic racism does not stay home during a pandemic." *Stanford Center for Comparative Studies in Race & Ethnicity* Op-ed.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023	First place in stained glass art, Dutchess County Fair.
2023	Jane R. Heimerdinger 1925 Fund for Faculty Research, Research Committee Award, Vassar College
2022	First place in stained glass art, Dutchess County Fair.
2021	Lucy Maynard Salmon Research Fund, Research Committee Award, Vassar College
2016	National Science Foundation: Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award Mellon Research Grant, Brandeis University Provost Dissertation Award, Brandeis University The Berkowitz Award, Brandeis University
2015	The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy Fellowship, Brandeis University Mellon Research Grant, Brandeis University
2008	Bachelor of Arts degree with honors, University of California, San Diego High Distinction for Honors Thesis, University of California, San Diego

INVITED TALKS

2023	UNC Chapel Hill Sociology Department's Culture and Politics Workshop, paper presentation: "White Shaman: Healing Cultural Banality through Non-Western and Indigenous Practices"
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Book panel. *Decolonize Self-Care* by Alyson K. Spurgas and Zoë Meleo-Erwin.

American Anthropological Association, paper presentation: “Among ‘fellow travelers’: Social movements as spaces to reconstruct and empower autistic identity.”

Department of Sociology, Colloquium. University of California, San Diego. Presentation: “White Shaman: Healing Cultural Banality with Non-Western and Indigenous Practices.”

Sociology Days. CUNY – Hunter College. Book talk: *Spaces on the Spectrum: How Autism Movements Resist Experts and Create Knowledge*.

Bingham Faculty Fellows Symposium “Trauma, Precarity, Resilience.” University of Louisville. Presentation: “Old structures, new era: Care and resistance in the early days of COVID-19.”

The New School for Social Research Sociology Colloquia Series. The New School. Book talk: *Spaces on the Spectrum: How Autism Movements Resist Experts and Create Knowledge*.

2022 Professional development for City of Poughkeepsie Educators. Vassar College. Presentation: “Balancing home & homework: Students' competing demands at the start of COVID-19.”

2021 Lifelong Learning Institute. Vassar College. Presentation: “Reimagining autism: how families and autistic adults navigate uncertainty, disability, and identity.”

Vassar reunion presentation. COVID-19 Response: Faculty Research and Pivoting: “Studying a pandemic during a pandemic.”

Proofing and Lies. Podcast interview. Paper: “Defending snake oil: the preservation of contentious knowledge and practices.”

2020 Toward the advancement of diversity and equity. Southern Connecticut State University. Presentation: “Experiences of students during COVID-19: a brief overview.”

2019 New Voice in Science and Technology Studies Symposium. Williams College. Paper: “Collective epistemic identity and the preservation of contentious knowledge and practices.”

2015 Journal of Contemporary Ethnography. Podcast interview. Paper: “Two Opposite Ends of the World: The Shaping of Pedagogical Action in an Autism-Only School.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023 American Sociological Association Conference, paper presentation: “White Shaman: Healing Cultural Banality through Non-Western and Indigenous Practices”

2022 American Sociological Association Conference, roundtable: “White as milk: Biocentric bias in the framing of lactose intolerance and lactase persistence” (with Eli Kaufman).

- Eastern Sociological Society, paper presentation: “White as milk: Biocentric bias in the framing of lactose intolerance and lactase persistence” (with Eli Kaufman).
- 2019 American Sociological Association Conference, paper presentation: “Collective epistemic identity and the preservation of contentious knowledge and practices.”
- 2017 American Sociological Association Conference, roundtable: “Perceiving and Treating Autistic Bodies: The Construction of Knowledge within a Health Social Movement.”
- 2016 Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference, paper presentation: “‘I got him in this mess; I have to get him out’: Narratives of Parent Blame and Responsibility among alternative biomedical subscribers.”
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference, panel presentation, roundtable: “The Role of Dual Relationships: ASD screening among Early intervention providers.”
- 2015 Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference, paper presentation: “Challenging Autism: Exploration of the Alternative Biomedical and Neurodiversity Movements.”
- 2014 Eastern Sociological Society, paper presentation: “Competing Discourses, Competing Knowledge: Autism from a Health Social Movement Framework.”
- 2013 Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference, paper presentation: “Autism, the Internet, and Medicalization.”
- 2012 Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference, paper presentation: “Autism on the Internet: Controlling Uncertainty through the Negotiation of Symptoms.”
- Eastern Sociological Society, roundtable: “‘Two Opposite Ends of the World’: The Shaping of Pedagogical Action in an Autism-Only School.”

COURSES TAUGHT

Vassar College, 2020-present

- SOCI 151: Introductory Sociology
- SOCI X STS 252: Health Inequalities & Activism
- SOCI X STS 255: Medical Sociology
- SOCI X STS 330: Death & Birth
- SOCI X STS 374: Epidemics—global responses to disease outbreak and public health crises

Southern Connecticut State University, 2018-2020

- SOC 102: Exploring Social Issues
- SOC 398: Science, Knowledge, and Technology
- SOC 344: Medical Sociology
- SOC 255: Methods of Social Research
- SOC 235: Environmental Sociology
- SOC 490: Senior Seminar in Sociology

Brandeis University, 2012-2014

- SOC 191A: Health, Community, and Society
- SOC 193A: Environment, Health, and Society
- EL 50A: From Inspiration to Creation: Foundations of Research

PSY2A: Psychological and Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Health

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE AND PROFESSION

2023	Candace Rogers Award committee, Eastern Sociological Society
2023-	Science and Technology Studies steering committee, Vassar College
2023-	Africana Studies steering committee, Vassar College
2023-	Pre-med committee, Vassar College
2023-	Committee on Benefits, Vassar College
2023	Search committee member, Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center Curator of Academic Programs
2022-	Advisory board member, <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>
2022	Search committee member, Vassar Social Science Librarian
2021	Faculty member, Committee on Inclusion and Equity, Vassar College
2021 -	Faculty member, Movement for Affordable Textbooks, Engaged Pluralism Initiative, Vassar College
2016-2017	Graduate Student Nominations Committee. <i>American Sociological Association</i> .
2016	Conference session organizer. <i>Society for the Study of Social Problems: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division</i> .
2015-2017	Newsletter Editor. <i>Society for the Study of Social Problems: Society and Mental Health Newsletter</i> .

Reviewed for *American Sociological Review*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Sociology of Health and Illness*, *Science as Culture*, *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Men and Masculinities*, *Children and Youth Services Review*, and *Poetics*.