

Zheng (Noah) Lian

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

zheng.lian@Vanderbilt.edu 

615-322-7540 

Nashville, Tennessee, USA 

EDUCATION

2024- Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA
PhD in Sociology
Center for Research on Health and Inequality Affiliate

2024 Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
B.S., Highest Honors, Quantitative Sciences and Sociology
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Sociology, Aging and the Life Course, End-of-life, Quantitative Methods

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2026 Zheng Lian, Lucie Kalousová. Later-Life Friendship in Advance Care Planning: Variation by Marital Status and Gender. *Research on Aging*.

2025 Ross, Clifford, Brina Ratangee, Emily Schuler, Zheng Lian, Benmun Damul, Deborah Carr, Lucie Kalousová. The Impact of COVID-19 on Racial Disparities in Death Quality: The Moderating Role of Hospice and Palliative Care. *Journals of Gerontology: Series B*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2025 Friendship and End-of-life Discussions among Older Adults: Moderating Effects of Marital Status and Gender. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

2025 Change in Racial Disparities in End-of-Life Quality and Advance Care Planning: After the 2016 Medicare Incentive Reform. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C. (with Lucie Kalousová, Clifford Ross, Deborah Carr).

2025 Friendship and End-of-Life Discussions among Older Adults: Moderating Effects of Marital Status and Gender. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

2024 White Women “Outraged” by a Lynched Black (Georgia 1875-1935). SouthEastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (SEUSS), Atlanta, GA (with Mirielle Ma).

AWARDS

2025 ESPO –Interdisciplinary Paper Award, Gerontological Society of America

2024 Sara Smith Sutker and Solomon Sutker Award, Emory University

2024 Highest Honors in Sociology, Emory University

2024 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Emory University

2022-2024 Dean’s List, Emory University

2023 Alpha Kappa Delta, Emory University

Zheng (Noah) Lian

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

zheng.lian@Vanderbilt.edu 

615-322-7540 

Nashville, Tennessee, USA 

GRANTS

2025 The Graduate School Travel Grant, Vanderbilt University, \$1000
To assist in the cost of presenting first authored research at annual conference.

2025 CRIH Conference Travel Grant, Vanderbilt University, \$500
To assist in the cost of presenting first authored research at annual conference.

2024 Professional Development Grant, Vanderbilt University, \$600
To enhance research projects and assist in submission for publication.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025- Social Media Team Member, ASA Medical Sociology Section

2025- Associate Editor, Work and Occupations

2024-2025 Graduate Student Advisory Committee Member, ASA Social Psychology Section

2023-2024 Peer Mentor, Sociology Department, Emory University

Occasional Reviewer: Social Forces, Social Science & Medicine