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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago, MA/Ph. D Aug. 2017-Present
Major in Sociology
University of Indianapolis, Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude Sep. 2015- May 2017
Major in Sociology, Social Science Research Concentration,
Gender Studies Minor
Ningbo Institute of Technology, Zhejiang University, China Sep. 2012-May 2015
Bachelor of Arts, Major in English Literature

Scholarships and Awards:

UIndy Transfer Students' Scholarship
2015-2016 Semester I University of Indianapolis Dean's List Award
2015-2016 Semester II University of Indianapolis Dean's List Award
University of Indianapolis Summer Research Institute Fellowship (\$1500) May 2017
2017 Outstanding Sociology Student Researcher April 2017

RESEARCH AREA

Gender and Sexuality Feminist Studies Men's Studies Sociology of Race
Media and Culture Research Methods Chinese Society

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Summer Research Institute "A Proposed Research Study on How Asian Male Students'
Negotiation/Renegotiation in the Face of Confusing Asian Male Stereotypes." May 2017
Senior Thesis "Masculinity Across the Borders: A Study of Male Portrayals in Men's
Magazines in the United States and China." May 2016-Present
Supervisor: Dr. Amanda Miller and Dr. Jim Pennell
Community Research Center "Perceptions of Surrounding Community: Survey of University
of Indianapolis"
Responsible for coding and analyzing the data our group attained Feb. 2016

Presentations:

Zhao, Ningning. "Women and Femininity in *Frankenstein*." Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century
Studies Conference. Philadelphia. Mar. 19, 2017
Zhao, Ningning. "Masculinities Across Borders: A Study of Male Portrayals in Men's Magazines
in the United States and China." North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Indianapolis,
Indiana. Mar. 31, 2017

Professional Membership:

North Central Sociological Association

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Writing Lab Tutor Aug. 2015-Present
University of Indianapolis, 4200 E. Hanna Ave. Indianapolis, Indiana

Meet with clients to assist them improving their writing
Conversation Circle Facilitator Oct. 2015-Present
Meet with international students at UIndy to host conversation to help improve their English speaking skills and enhance understanding of different cultures at UIndy

Resident Assistant Aug. 2016-Present
Created a positive living environment to link residents, often resolving conflict
Promoted academic excellence, addressed student needs, and encouraged involvement among residents in a way that supported the mission of the university and the Department of Housing and Resident Life

Teaching Assistant Aug. 2012- Aug. 2015
Shane Language School, Ningbo, China
Assisted foreign teachers to make lesson plans, and was responsible for review section

Assistant Journalist August 1-August 31 2013
Ningbo Daily News Agency
Responsible for collecting news, and composing news
Assisted to run the news agency's social media

President of Chinese Students' Study Abroad Program May 2014-May 2015
Ningbo Institute of Technology, Zhejiang University
Held meetings every week to discuss issues that occurred
Organized events for club members to help students study abroad