

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

PhD, *Urban Planning*, 2007

M.P.P., *Urban Poverty and Community Development*, 2001

University of California, Irvine

B.A., *Political Science (with Honors) and Sociology, cum laude*, 1998

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

California State University, Long Beach

Faculty Associate, Department of Asian and Asian American Studies, 2022-present

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, 2020-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, 2013 - 2020

University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Lecturer, Department of Asian American Studies, 2007, 2013

Postdoctoral Fellow, Asian American Studies Center, 2007-2008

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

López, Claudia Maria, **R. Varisa Patraporn**, and Suzie Weng. 2022. The Impact of Housing Crisis on the Well-Being of 1.5 Generation Immigrants in Southern California. *Housing Policy Debate*. Online First.

López, Claudia Maria, **R. Varisa Patraporn**, Kelliana Lim*, and Kylee Khan*. 2022. "Walking to Build a Critical Community-Engaged Project: Collaborative Observations of Neighborhood Change in Long Beach, California" *Social Sciences* 11, no. 5: 183. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci11050183>

Patraporn, R. Varisa and Barbara Kim. 2021. "Resurgent Ethnicity and Residential Choice among Second Generation Asian Americans in a Los Angeles Panethnic Suburb" *Urban Affairs Review Advance* Vol. 58(3) 861–887. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10780874211016941>
-2022 Outstanding Faculty Research Article Award, Association for Asian America Studies Social Science Section.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. 2019. "[Serving the People in Long Beach, California: Advancing Justice for Southeast Asian Youth through Community University Research Partnerships](#)" *AAPI Nexus Journal: Policy, Practice and Community* 16 (No. 1&2): 1-34.

Patraporn R. Varisa. 2015. "Complex Transactions: Community Development Financial Institutions Lending to Ethnic Entrepreneurs in Los Angeles" *Community Development*

46(5): 479-498. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15575330.2015.1079541>

Patraporn, R. Varisa, Diem Linda Tran and Paul Ong. 2015. “[Risks and Rewards in Wealth Building: Asian American Homeownership and Foreclosure Pre and Post Housing Boom in East San Gabriel Valley, California](#)” *AAPI Nexus Journal: Policy, Practice and Community* 13 (1&2):1-28.

Patraporn, R. Varisa, Deirdre Pfeiffer, and Paul Ong. 2010. “Building Bridges to the Middle Class: The Role of Community Based Organizations in Asian American Wealth Accumulation” *Economic Development Quarterly* 24(4): 288-303.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0891242410366441>

Manuscripts Under Review

Lin, May and **R. Varisa Patraporn**, Conditional Acceptance. Disrupting the Planning Course: Youth of Color at the Forefront of Anti-Racist Present & Futures in Long Beach, California, Special Issue: Anti-Racist Futures, *Journal of American Planning Association*.
R. Varisa Patraporn and Barbara W. Kim. *The Future of Asian American Place: The Case of the Panethnic Suburb*.

Other Scholarly Publications

Patraporn, R. Varisa, Paul Ong, and Channdara Pech. 2021. “[Wealth Inequality Among Asian Americans: The Continuing Significance of Ethnicity and Immigration](#)” *Asian American Policy Review*, 31(1), 43-55.

Lee, C. Aujean and **Patraporn, R. Varisa**. 2019. “[Let’s Get Along: Strengthening Academic-Nonprofit Partnerships in Research](#)” *AAPI Nexus Journal: Policy, Practice and Community* 16 (No. 1&2): 85-110.

Patraporn, R. Varisa, Paul Ong, and Douglas Houston. 2009. “[Closing the Asian-White wealth gap?](#)” *Asian American Policy Review* 18: 35-48.

Book Chapters

Patraporn, R. Varisa. 2010. “Thai Americans” Pp. 82-88 in Edith W. Chen and Grace J. Yoo, (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Asian American Issues Today*. Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press.

Ong, Paul and **R. Varisa Patraporn**. 2006. “Asian American Wealth.” Pp. 173-190 in Jessica Gordon Nembhard and Ngina Chiteji (eds.), [Wealth Accumulation and Communities of Color in the United States: Current Issues](#). Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Policy Reports

Patraporn, R. Varisa, Paul Ong, and Chhandara. (2014). *The Complexity of Asian American Wealth: The Role of Ethnicity and Immigration in Understanding Within Group Disparities* (Ford Foundation Building Economic Security Over the Lifetime Policy Report) UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

Patraporn, R. Varisa, Linda Diem Tran, and Paul Ong. 2013. [Wealth Roller Coaster: The Struggle for the American Dream of Homeownership in Los Angeles](#) (Ford Foundation Building Economic Security Over the Lifetime Policy Report), UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

Ong, Paul, Tran, Linda Diem Tran, and **R. Varisa Patraporn**. 2013. [Asian American Homeownership and Foreclosure in East San Gabriel Valley: An Analysis of a Los Angeles County Community](#) (Ford Foundation Building Economic Security Over the Lifetime Policy Report). Los Angeles: CA: UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

Patraporn, R. Varisa, Ong, Paul and Deirdre Pfeiffer. 2008a. *Building Bridges to the Middle Class: The Role of Community-Based Organizations in Asian American Wealth Accumulation*. Report,

- Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Asian American Studies Center.
- Patraporn, R. Varisa**, Paul Ong and Douglas Houston. 2008b. *Closing the Asian-White Wealth Gap?* Paper. Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Asian American Studies Center.
- Ong, Paul and **R. Varisa Patraporn**. 2006. *The Economic Development Potential of the Green Sector*. The Ralph and Goldy Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies. Los Angeles, CA: UCLA.
- Ong, Paul, **R. Varisa Patraporn** and Douglas Houston. 2007. *Longitudinal Analysis of Annual Income Dynamics in California*. Online Working Paper Series, CCPR 008-07. California Center for Population Research, UCLA
- Ong, Paul, Douglas Houston, and **R. Varisa Patraporn**. 2007. *Family Wealth Distribution in California*. Online Working Paper Series, CCPR 006-07. California Center for Population Research, UCLA
- Ong, Paul and **R. Varisa Patraporn**. 2006. *Asian American Wealth: The Role of Housing and Non-Housing Assets*. Online paper, Federal Reserve Board of San Francisco
- Ong, Paul and **R. Varisa Patraporn**. 2006. *The Economic Development Potential of the Green Sector*, Report, Ralph and Goldy Lewis Center for Regional Studies, School of Public Affairs, UCLA.
- Dela Cruz, Melany and **R. Varisa Patraporn**. 2004. *The Socioeconomic Status of Asians in Los Angeles County*, Report, Ralph and Goldy Lewis Center for Regional Studies, School of Public Affairs, UCLA.
- Dela Cruz, Melany and **Patraporn, R. Varisa**. 2004. *Koreatown Neighborhood Demographic Profile*, Report, Ralph and Goldy Lewis Center for Regional Studies, School of Public Affairs, UCLA.
- Feng, Kathay, Ichinose, Dan, and **Patraporn, Rita V**. 1999. *Exit Poll Survey: March 1999 Election*, Report, Asian Pacific American Legal Center.
- Feng, Kathay, Ichinose, Dan, and **Patraporn, Rita V**. 1999. *Exit Poll Survey: November 1998 Election*, Report, Asian Pacific American Legal Center.

GRANTS

- Co-Principal Investigator*, (with Dr. Barbara Kim, Simon Kim), *Project Resilience: Improving Post-Pandemic AAPI Student Wellness and Fostering Career Pathways at the Beach*. U.S. Department of Education, 2021, \$1,500,000
- Co-Principal Investigator*, (with Paul Ong), *Asset Building in Asian American Communities*. Ford Foundation, 2007, #1075-0476, \$100,000
- Principal Investigator*, *The Role of Housing and Non-Assets Housing in Asian American Wealth*. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2005, #H214705G, \$20,000

HONORS AND AWARDS

- National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity Faculty Success Summer Program Scholarship, California State University, Long Beach Office of the Provost, 2022
- Mini-Grant & Summer Stipend Award, California State University, Long Beach, 2022-2023
- California State University, Long Beach, Educational Opportunity Program Certificate of Recognition, 2017, 2019
- California State University, Long Beach, Sabbatical Award, 2019-2020
- California State University, Long Beach, College of Liberal Arts Scholarly Intersections Grant, Role: Co-sponsor; Lead PI: Kimberly Kelly; Co-Sponsors: Kristy Shih, May Ling Halim, 2018-2019

- California State University, Long Beach, College of Liberal Arts, Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities Award, 2016-2023
- Outstanding Graduating Doctoral Student, UCLA Department of Urban Planning, 2007
- Fannie Mae Doctoral Student Travel Grant, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (declined), 2006
- Selected Participant, Program in Quantitative Methods, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Fellow, Early Doctoral Research Grant Recipient, 2005
- UCLA Graduate Division Quality of Education Grant, 2004-2007
- Selected Participant, National Poverty Center Workshop, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2004
- UCLA Advisory Board Fellowship, 2003-2007
- United States Presidential Management Fellow, 2001-2003
- National Congress on Community Economic Development Emerging Leader, 2000-2001
- Woodrow Wilson/Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow, UCLA, 1999-2001
- Woodrow Wilson/Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute, UC Berkeley, 1998
- Honors in Political Science, University of California, Irvine, 1998
- Cum Laude, University of California, Irvine, 1998

POLICY AND PROGRAM PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- *Program Officer*, Planning and Community Investments. Los Angeles County Commission on Children and Families, Los Angeles, CA, 2008-2012
- *Senior Project Associate*, University of California Asian American and Pacific Islanders Multi Campus Research Program, Los Angeles, CA, 2005-2007
- *Financial and Program Analyst*, Department of Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Washington, D.C., 2002-2003
- *Program Examiner*, White House, Office of Management and Budget, Income Maintenance Branch, Washington, D.C., 2001-2002
- *Policy and Research Assistant*, Asian American Justice Center, Los Angeles, CA, 1999-2001
- *Policy Advocate and Caseworker*, Thai Community Development Center, Los Angeles, CA, 1998-1999

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Patraporn, R. Varisa. September 2021. "The Continuing Significance of Immigration and Ethnicity in Asian American Wealth Inequality." Guest Lecture to Asian American Communities, SOC/ES/HIST at the University of Colorado, Colorado Spring, Virtual.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. April 2021. "From Ethnic Strip Malls to Pan-Ethnic Commercial Plazas: Understanding Local Business Patterns in a Los Angeles Panethnic Suburb." Paper presented at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Virtual.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. April 2019. "The Panethnic Suburb: An Emerging Asian American Settlement and its Implications on Race, Ethnicity, Place." Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. March 2018. "Ethnic Resurgence or Assimilation?: Asian American Attitudes and Experiences within a Los Angeles Suburb." Paper presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. March 2018. "Ethnic Solidarity and Resistance in a Los Angeles Panethnic Suburb: Asian American Attitudes and Experiences within Cerritos, California," Paper presented at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. April 2017. "Caregiving in an Asian Panethnic Suburb: Caring and Making Community in Cerritos, California," Paper presented at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference. Portland, OR.

Patraporn, R. Varisa, Paul M. Ong and Chhandara Pech, April 2016. "The Complexity of Asian American Wealth: Ethnicity, Immigration and Within Group Disparities" Paper presented at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference. Miami, FL.

Patraporn, R. Varisa, Paul M. Ong and Diem Linda Tran, March 2016. "Middle Class Latino Homeownership and Foreclosure: Evidence from Downey, CA" Paper presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. April 2015. "Risk and Rewards: Asian American Homeownership and Foreclosure in East San Gabriel Valley, CA" Paper presented at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference. Evanston, IL.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. April 2015. "The Complexity of Asian American Wealth: The Role of Ethnicity and Immigration in Understanding Within Group Disparities" Paper accepted for presentation at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. February 2015. "Complexity of Asian American Wealth" Presentation made to the California State University, Long Beach Asian Pacific Islander Network.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. 2014. "From Pad Thai to Peanut Noodle Salad: The History of Thai Immigrants in Southern California and the Role of Familial and Social Networks in Economic Incorporation" Paper presented at the Association for Asian American Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. 2014. "The Role of Community Development Financial Institutions in Lending to Ethnic Entrepreneurs in Los Angeles" Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. 2007. "Banking on More than Numbers: Community Development Financial Institution Funds Lending to Small Business," From Redlining and Discrimination to Ethnic Banks and Remittances? A Workshop on Financial Processes & Urban Inequality, University of California at Sacramento Center, Sacramento, CA.

Patraporn, R. Varisa, 2006. "Asian American Wealth: The Role of Housing and Non-Housing Assets" Federal Reserve Board Selected Paper Presenter, Assets Learning Conference, Corporation for Enterprise Development, Phoenix, AZ.

Patraporn, R. Varisa. 2006. "Complex Transactions: The Determinants of Personal Credit Card Use for Minority Small Business." Poster presentation, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Patraporn, R. Varisa, 2004. "Data and Policy for Community Development" Co Presenter (with Melany Dela Cruz) at the National Convention of the Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development. Washington, DC.

Patraporn, R. Varisa, 2004. "Socio-economic Status of Asians and American Indians in Los Angeles County" Presented (with Melany Dela Cruz) to the University of California Board of Regents, UCLA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Department of Sociology, California State University, Long Beach

Honor's Seminar, Introduction to Data Analysis, Introduction to Research Methods, Introduction to Qualitative Methods, Quantitative Research Methods, Methods in Applied Social Research (Graduate)

Instructor, Department of Asian American Studies, UCLA

Public Policy and Asian Americans, winter 2007, spring 2012

Teaching Assistant, Department of Urban Planning, UCLA

Course Title: *Locational Conflict* (Graduate Elective Course) Workshop

Instructor, *Public Policy Memo Writing*, winter 2005

Teaching Assistant, UCLA Department of Urban Planning and Asian American Studies,

Professor Paul Ong, Spring 2004 *Policy, Planning and Community: Asian American Politics and Planning* (Undergraduate Required Course)

Teaching Assistant, UCLA Department of Public Policy, Professor Michael Stoll

Course Title: *Introduction to Public Policy* (Undergraduate Required Course), fall 2000

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-Chair Mentorship Committee, Social Science Section, 2018-2021, Association for Asian American Studies
- Social Science Section Committee, 2017-2021, Association for Asian American Studies
- Program Committee, 2016-2017, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies, Portland, OR
- Committee Member, 2014-2015. Pacific Sociological Association, Social Conscience Committee
- Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Urban Affairs
- Manuscript Reviewer, Urban Affairs Review

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology, Evaluation of Tenured Faculty Committee, 2021-2022.
- California State University, Long Beach, Department of Asian and Asian American Studies, Hiring Committee, 2020-2021.
- California State University, Long Beach, College of Liberal Arts, Parents/Caregivers Learning Community, 2020-2021.
- California State University, Long Beach, College of Liberal Arts, Research, Creative and Scholarly Activities Committee, 2019-2020, 2020-2021.
- California State University, Long Beach, College of Liberal Arts, Grade Appeals Committee, 2019-2020, 2020-2021.
- California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology, Retention, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2019-2020, 2020-2021.
- California State University, Long Beach, Asian American, Native American, Pacific Islander Serving Institution Grant Committee, 2014-2016, 2021-present
- California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology, Curriculum Committee Chair, 2018- 2019.
- California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology, Curriculum Committee, 2013-2019.
- California State University, Long Beach, Highly Valued Degree Imitative, Research Task Force, 2018-2019.
- California State University, Long Beach, 2025 Graduation Initiative, College of Liberal Arts Data Collection and Assessment Team, 2017-2018.
- California State University, Long Beach, Asian American and Pacific Islander Student Success Advisory Committee, CSU Journey to Success Initiative, 2015-2017.
- California State University, Long Beach, College of Liberal Arts, Faculty Council 2015.
- California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology, Graduate Committee, 2014-2016.
- UCLA Department of Urban Planning, Ph.D. student representative, Faculty meetings, 2005.
- UCLA Department of Urban Planning, Member, Personnel Working Group, 2003.
- UCLA Association for Management and Public Policy Students, Committee Chair Faculty Recruitment and Hiring, 2000-2001.
- UCLA School of Public Affairs, Chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Community Agency Day, 2000-2001.
- UCLA Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee, Committee Member, 2000.
- University of California Academic Senate Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity, Committee Member, 1997-1998.
- University of California Student Association, Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, 1996-1997.
- University of California Student Association, Board Member, 1996-1997.
- Associated Students of University of California at Irvine, External Affairs Office

Director, 1996-1997.

ADVISING AND CONSULTING

- Evaluation Advisor, 2022-present. National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, Washington, DC.
- Survey Advisor, 2019. Waldorf School of Pasadena, Pasadena, CA.
- Evaluation Advisor, 2015-2017. United Cambodian Community, Long Beach, CA.
- Reviewer, 2003-2016. U.S. Department of Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Washington, D.C.
- Reviewer, 2015. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement Program, Individual Development Account grant, Washington, D.C.
- Reviewer, 2014. First 5 LA, Los Angeles, CA.
- Evaluation Advisor, 2014. YWCA Pasadena-Foothill, Pasadena, CA.
- Research Consultant, 2012. Opportunity Finance Network, Philadelphia, PA.
- Policy Research Consultant, 2007, 2009. Alliance for a Better Community, Los Angeles, CA.
- Consultant, 2004. Non-Profit Finance Fund, San Francisco, CA.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Advisory Board Member, 2011-2015. Khmer Girls in Action, Long Beach, CA.
- Advisory Board Member. 2012-2015. Community Development Foundation of the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.
- Reviewer, 2012. City of Los Angeles, Community Development Department.
- Working Group Member, 2007. Minority Small Business Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Working Group, Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Forum, Insight Center for Community Economic Development, Oakland, CA.
- Chapter Chair, 2003-2006. National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA.
- Board Member, 2000-2002. National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
The Association of Asian American Studies
Pacific Sociological Association
Urban Affairs Association