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Eric Fong joined the University of Hong Kong in 2020 from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, where he served as chair of the Department of Sociology and the inaugural Director of the Research Centre on Migration and Mobility. Prior to returning to Hong Kong in 2016, Fong had been a professor of sociology at the University of Toronto for more than 20 years. He was also Changjiang Chair Professor at Xi'an Jiaotong University.

Fong formerly served as President of the Canadian Population Society and the North America Chinese Sociologist Association, as well as Chair of the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association. Fong publishes widely on race and ethnic residential patterns and immigration. His latest book with Brent Berry, Immigration and the City, was published by Polity Press in 2017.