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Biography

Zhenchao Qian is Professor of Sociology and Faculty Associate of Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University. He received his PhD in Sociology and Demography from University of Pennsylvania. He taught at Arizona State University and The Ohio State University before joining Brown in 2015. Professor Qian has published on topics in social demography, stratification, and inequality among top journals in sociology and demography, including *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, and *Social Forces*. His research explores partner availabilities, assortative mating, patterns and trends of marital and cohabiting unions among diverse populations. He studies ethnoracial boundaries with a focus on changes in interracial and interethnic unions and racial classification of multiracial individuals. He also explores the relationship between life course union history and midlife health outcomes, immigrants' union formation and socioeconomic wellbeing, divergent patterns of American families, and social and family change in China. He has been a PI or co-PI of grants funded by National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and the Russell Sage Foundation. He is an elected member of the Sociological Research Association and an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.