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EDUCATION

Ph.D., August 2016 – August 2020. **University of Florida, Gainesville, US.**

Tourism

UF Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

Dissertation: An investigation of early life influences on later life tourism preferences, constraints, and facilitators

M.S., September 2013 - June, 2016. **Soochow University, Suzhou, China.**

Tourism Management

Degree Thesis: Tourism spatial evolution and organization of historical streets under the view of postmodernism: The cases of Pingjiang Road and Shantang Street in Suzhou

B.S., September 2008 - June, 2012. **Soochow University, Suzhou, China.**

Tourism Management

Thesis: Study on Construction of Tourism Safety and Rescue System of Suzhou— From Perspective of Suzhou Taihu Lake Speedboat Incident

B.S., September 2010 - June, 2011. **Soochow University, Suzhou, China.**

Second B.S. degree in Administrative Management

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Niu, Y., & Gibson, H. J. (2020). Leisure, international retirement migration, and retirement adjustment: insights from the best exotic marigold hotel movies. *Leisure Studies*, 1-13.

Wang, D., **Niu, Y.,** Qian, J., & Sun, F. (2018). Evolution and optimization of China's urban tourism spatial structure: A high speed rail perspective. *Tourism Management*, 64: 218-232. Impact factor: 4.707 **SSCI**

Wang, D., **Niu, Y.,** Sun, F., Wang, K., Y., Qian, J., & Li, F. (2017). Evolution and spatial characteristics of tourism field strength of cities under high speed rail network in China. *Acta Geographica Sinica*, 27(7): 835-856. **CSSCI**

Sun F., Wang, D., & **Niu, Y.** (2017). Analysis of competitive pattern between High speed rail, automobile and aviation. *Geographical Research*, 36(1): 171-187. **CSCI**

- Wang, D., Wang, L., Chen, T., Lu, L., **Niu Y.**, & Alan, A. L. (2016). HSR mechanisms and effects on the spatial structure of regional tourism in China. *Journal of Geographical Sciences*, 26(12): 1725-1753. CSCD
- Sun F., Wang, D., & **Niu, Y.** (2016). Influencing factors and innovation of tourism toilet development from the perspective of ecological civilization: Based on tourist satisfaction analysis. *Progress in Geography*, 35(6): 702-713. CSSCI
- Niu, Y.** & Wang D. (2016). Characteristics and modes of connection system between urban transportation and High-speed rail station: case study of Suzhou and Shanghai. *Tourism Tribune*. 31(3): 106-113. CSSCI
- Wang, D., **Niu, Y.**, Lu, L., & Qian, J. (2015). Tourism spatial organization of historical streets - A postmodern perspective: The examples of Pingjiang Road and Shantang Street, Suzhou, China. *Tourism Management*, 48, 370-385. SSCI, Impact factor: 3.140
- Wang, D., Wang, L., Chen, T., Lu, L., **Niu, Y.**, & Lew. A., A. (2015). HSR mechanism and effects on the spatial structure of regional tourism in China. *Journal of Geographical Sciences*, 25(12): 1479-1506. SCI, Impact factor: 3.748
- Wang, D., **Niu, Y.**, & Wang, L. (2015). Influence of High-speed rail on choices of tourist destination based on the gravity model: A case study of Beijing-Shanghai High-speed rail in China. *Geographical Research*, 34(9): 1770-1780. CSSCI & CSCD
- Niu, Y.** & Wang D. (2015). Perceptual evaluation of connection between urban transport and HSR station by traveler: A case study of Suzhou. *Human Geography*. 30(6), 98-105. CSSCI
- Wang, D., **Niu, Y.**, Chen, T. Lu, L. & Tang, C. C. (2015). Optimizing tourist spatial structure for large scale regional metropolitan circles under the Beijing-Shanghai high-speed rail. *Resources Science*, 37(3), 581-592. CSCD
- Niu, Y.**, & Wang, D. (2015). Influence mechanism and innovation of tourism development pattern of historic streets based on the perspective of tourists: A case of Pingjiang Road of Suzhou. *Geographical Research*, 34(1), 181-196. CSSCI
- Niu, Y.** (2014). Innovative mode of tourism space development in historic streets under postmodern consumption demand. *Tourism Tribune*, 29(7), 9-11. CSSCI
- Niu, Y.**, & Wang, D., & Qian, J. (2014). Enlightenment and impact of the development of creative city abroad on tourism. *Geography and Geo-Information Science*, 30(6), 99-106. CSCD
- Niu, Y.**, Wang D., & Qian, J. (2014). The impact of the published tourism articles in Chinese on high citation frequency. *Tourism Tribune*, 29(4), 114-124. CSSCI

Niu, Y., & Wang D. (2013). Study on construction of tourism safety and rescue system of Suzhou— from perspective of Suzhou Taihu Lake speedboat incident. *Resource Development & Market*, 29(5), 533-541

Note: SSCI – Social Science Citation Index, CSSCI – Chinese Social Sciences Citation Index, CSCD – Chinese Science Citation Database

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Conferences:

Niu, Y., & Gibson, H. (2019). *Contextualizing senior tourist preferences within the passage of their lives: A life course perspective*. Oral presentation at the 5th World Research Summit for Tourism and Hospitality, Orlando, FL., December 13-16, 2019.

Gibson, H., **Niu, Y.**, Mirehie, M. & Henderson, K. (2019). *A five year integrative review of the leisure and gender literature: Part six of a 40 year project*. Paper presented at the Leisure studies Association Conference, Dundee, Scotland, July 9-11, 2019.

Niu, Y., Park, H., & Kirilenko, A. (2019). *Theme Park Visitor Experience and Satisfaction: A Case of TripAdvisor Reviews of Three Theme Parks in Orlando*. Poster presentation at the Travel and Tourism Research Association 2019 International Conference, Melbourne, Australia, June 25-27, 2019.

Niu, Y., & Gibson, H. (2018). *Neighborhood Social Spaces and Subjective Well-Being of Older Adults*. Oral presentation at the 15th World Leisure Congress, São Paulo, Brazil, August 28- September 1, 2018.

Niu, Y., Wang, D., & Gibson, H. (2017). *Leisure Constraints of Urban Chinese Older Adults: A Case Study of Suzhou*. Poster session presented at the 21th IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA., July 23-27, 2017.

Niu, Y., Wang, D., & Gibson, H. (2017). *Evolution and Reproduction of Tourism Spaces in Historical Streets from Postmodern Consumer Demands: Insights from Suzhou, China*. Oral presentation at the Canadian Congress on Leisure Research 15, Kitchener, ON., Canada. May 23-26, 2017.

National Conferences:

Gibson, H., **Niu, Y.**, Mills, M., Kleiber, D., Zhang., H., & Meerts-Brandsma, L. (2020). *Exploring leisure from a developmental approach: showcasing theories and implications for/from research*. Oral presentation at The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference on Research and Teaching, Urbana-Champaign, IL., February 11-14, 2020.

Niu, Y., & Gibson, H. (2020). *Who are you indeed? Exploring the “self” in leisure-travel among older adults*. Oral presentation at The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference on Research and Teaching, Urbana-Champaign, IL., February 11-14, 2020.

Gibson, H., Glover, T., **Niu, Y.**, Shipley, N., & Stewart, B. (2019). *Place-making, leisure and well-being*. Oral presentation at Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference on Research and Teaching, Greenville, SC., February 26-March 1, 2019.

Niu, Y., & Gibson, H. (2019). *Place attachment and neighborhood leisure of older adults*. Oral presentation at The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference on Research and Teaching,

Greenville, SC., February 26-March 1, 2019.

Niu, Y., Mirehie, M., & Gibson, H. (2018). *Leisure and Well-Being: Concepts, Measurements, and New Directions*. Oral presentation at The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference on Research and Teaching, Indianapolis, IN., February 21, 2018.

Wang, D., **Niu, Y.,** & Qian, J. (2015). *Evolution and Optimization of Chinese Urban Tourism Spatial Structure: A High Speed Rail Perspective*. The 9th annual meeting of International Association for China Planning, Chongqing, China, June 17 -19, 2015.

Local and Regional Conferences:

Gibson, H., **Niu, Y.,** & Zhang, H (2019). *Thinking and Researching Qualitatively: Grounded Theory Method*. Oral presentation at the EFTI research seminar, Gainesville, FL., October 18, 2019.

Niu, Y., & Gibson, H. (2019). *Who Are You Indeed? Exploring the “Self” in Leisure-travel among Older Adults*. Poster presentation at the Institute on Aging Day, Gainesville, FL., June 18, 2019.

Niu, Y., & Gibson, H. (2019). *Who Are You Indeed? Exploring the “Self” in Leisure-travel among Older Adults*. Poster presentation at the D.K. Stanley Lecture 2019, Gainesville, FL., March 19, 2019.

Niu, Y., Wang, D., & Gibson, H. (2017). *Leisure Constraints of Urban Chinese Older Adults: A Case Study of Suzhou*. Poster session presented at the 7th Annual Student Research on Aging Exposition, Gainesville, FL., February 22, 2017.

Niu, Y., Wang, D., & Gibson, H. (2016). *Evolution and Spatial Reproduction of Tourism Spaces in Historical Streets from Postmodern Consumer Demands: Insights from Suzhou, China*. Poster session presented at the HHP Graduate Student Research Symposium, Gainesville, FL. December 4, 2016.

Niu, Y., & Wang, D. (2015). *Tourism spatial organization of historical streets - A postmodern perspective: The examples of Pingjiang Road and Shantang Street, Suzhou, China*. Nanjing, The 7th Annual Conference of Tourism Association of Jiangsu province. Jiangsu, China, December, 26, 2015.

AWARDS & HONORS

2020.6 – Bill Sims Scholarship, Department of Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management, University of Florida

2020.2 - Bill Sims Endowment Student Research Award, Department of Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management, University of Florida

2019.11 – 2019 Outstanding International Student Award, University of Florida

2019.5 – Sid Geffen, Barbara & Larry Jaffee Scholarship, College of Health & Human Performance, University of Florida

2018.12 - Third Prize of the 3-minute presentation, Fall 2018 PhD Student Research Interaction. Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management, University of Florida.

2018.4 – Third Prize of the 2017 Outstanding Research Achievement, China National Culture and Tourism Administration (Second author), April. Tourism spatial organization of historical streets - A postmodern perspective: The examples of Pingjiang Road and Shantang Street, Suzhou, China.

- 2016 - Third Prize of the 2016 Outstanding Research Achievement**, China National Tourism Administration (Second author), December.
- 2016 - Graduate School Fellowship Award**, University of Florida
- 2016 - Nomination of the "Wusi Youth"**, Soochow University.
- 2016 - Special Zhu Jingwen scholarship**, Soochow University.
- 2016 - Outstanding graduate student**, Soochow University.
- 2015 - National Scholarship**, National Ministry of Education.
- 2015 - Academic model**, Soochow University.
- 2015 - Grand Prize of the 16th "Challenge cup" competition for academic science and technology works of college students**, Soochow University.
- 2015 - Third prize of the 7th best paper award of youth group**, Tourism Association of Jiangsu province.
- 2015 - Best Popularity Award of Academic model**, Soochow University.
- 2015 - Outstanding graduate student**, Soochow University.
- 2015 - Zhu Jingwen scholarship**, Soochow University,
- 2015 - Third Prize of the 7th Jiangsu Provincial Excellent Tourism Paper Award for Young Researchers**, Tourism Association of Jiangsu province.
- 2014 - Second Prize of Applied Research Works of Jiangsu Provincial Philosophy and Social Sciences**, Association of Jiangsu Provincial Philosophy and Social Sciences.
- 2012 - Excellent Undergraduate's Thesis**, Soochow University.
- 2012 - Third-class of Peoples General scholarship**, Soochow University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant: LEI3301 "Principles of Travel and Tourism" by Dr. Heather Gibson, University of Florida, FL, US.

- In-person class (2016-2020): Learned about management of a large lecture style class (50-80 students); attended lectures, tracked attendance, assist grading exams, and provided feedback; delivered lectures and received feedback; answered students' questions after class.
- Online class (2020): Participated in LEI3301 online class syllabus development and progression of material; participated in development of exam questions and other assignments.

Guest Lectures

- Life Story and Interview Tips. LEI 4880 - Research Methods, University of Florida, March 2020
- Life Span and Life Course. LEI 5188 - Trends in Tourism and Recreation Management, University of Florida, September 2019

Certificate of Completion Graduate Teaching Assistant Development Program. December 2018

Teaching Assistant: Tourism Marketing by Dr. Degen Wang, Soochow University, Suzhou, China, Spring 2016

Guest Lecturer: Tour Guide Basic Knowledge, Suzhou Vocational University, China, Fall 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Florida, FL, US

2016-2020: with Dr. Heather Gibson, Department of Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management
Project 1: Leisure and well-being

Project 2: Leisure and gender

Project 3: Semester at Sea experience

Research project

Niu, Y. (PI) *Mechanism and innovative mode of the tourism space organization in historical street based on postmodernism*. Ministry of education of Jiangsu Province. Time: May 2014 – April 2015.

Wang, D. (PI) *Change characteristics and mechanism of regional tourism spatial pattern under HSR background*. National Natural Science Foundation of China. Amount Funded ¥ 700,000. Time: December 2012 – December 2016. Participant (20% effort).

Wang, D. (PI) *Evolution and optimization mode of the tourism spatial structure of metropolitan area under the conditions of HSR*. Society and Science Foundation of Ministry of Education of China. Amount Funded ¥ 70,000. Time: December 2010 – December 2013. Participant (15% effort)

Urban planning project (Participant)

Wang, D. (PI) Tourism Development plan for Shitai County (2013-2030), Tourist Administration of Shitai county, Anhui province. Amount Funded ¥ 250,000, May 2013. Participant (20% effort).

Wang, K. (PI) Tourism Development plan for Wenxi County (2013-2030), Tourist Administration of Wenxi county, Shanxi province. Amount Funded ¥ 400,000, June, 2013. Participant (15% effort).

Wang, D. (PI) Function of creative urban concept on small and medium cities - development of local culture and tourism, Chengbang company of Suzhou. Amount Funded ¥ 20,000, October 2013. Participant (20% effort).

Tourism talent development plan (2015-2020) for Shitai county, Tourist Administration of Shitai county, Anhui province. Amount Funded ¥ 90,000, December 2014. Participant (20% effort)

VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE

Reviewer

Annals of Tourism Research, 2020 (1 paper)

China Economic Review, 2020 (1 paper)

50th TTRA International Conference, 2020 (1 abstract)

Asia Pacific Journal of Tourism Research, 2018-present (2 paper)

International Journal of Tourism Research, 2019-present (1 paper)

Volunteer

The Academy of Leisure Sciences committee student representative, US 2019

TTRA 2018, 2019 International Conference

Gainesville Health Care Center, FL, US 2018

Marathon competition, Suzhou, China 2013, 2014

REPORTS

Social risk assessment report on administrative adjustment of Dushan county, Guizhou province, funded by Ministry of Civil Affairs. April 2013.

Social risk assessment report on administrative adjustment of Chengmai county, Hainan province, funded by Ministry of Civil Affairs. May 2013.

Social risk assessment report on administrative adjustment of Yunfu City, Guangdong Province, Ministry of Civil Affairs. July 2013.