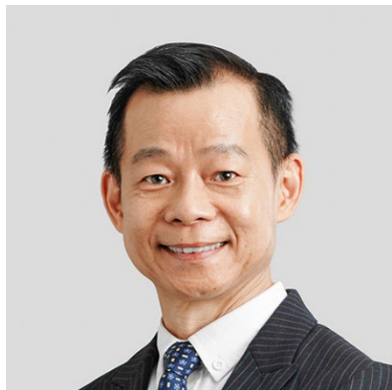


Curriculum Vitae



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Education Qualifications

2005	Ph.D. in Family Studies, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
1997	MSc in Family Therapy, King's College London, University of London, United Kingdom
1994	Postgraduate Diploma in Family Therapy, Counselling and Care Centre and Institute of Family Therapy, United Kingdom
1991	B.A. (Hons), National University of Singapore, Singapore

Academic and Professional Experience

Full time:

2021- Present	Associate Professor, S R Nathan School of Human Development, Singapore University of Social Sciences
2012 – 2021	Associate Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2008 – 2012	Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2006 – 2008	Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, National University of Singapore 2005 – 2006 Visiting Fellow, Department of Social Work, National University of Singapore
2002 - 2005	Lecturer, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong
1998 - 1999	Training Manager, National Council of Social Service
1997 - 1998	Senior Family Therapist/Clinical Director, Care Corner Mandarin Counselling Centre 1995 – 1996 Executive Director, Care Corner Mandarin Counselling Centre
1994 - 1996	National Director, Care Corner Singapore
1994 - 1994	Executive Director, Care Corner Family Service Centre (Toa Payoh) 1993 - 1994 Counsellor, Care Corner Mandarin Counselling Centre

1991 - 1993 Social Worker, Care Corner Family Service Centre (Toa Payoh)

Part/Half-time/Honorary:

2020 - Present Honorary Professor, University of Shandong

2016 - Present Honorary Principal, Wenchuan Yingxiu Primary School, Sichuan, China

2010 - Present Honorary Professor, Chengdu University of Information and Technology, Sichuan, China

2018 - 2020 Deputy Director, PolyU World Health Organization Collaborating Center (Dual Appointment)

2018 - 2019 Honorary Professor, Sichuan University, Sichuan, China

2015 - 2017 Honorary Professor, Southwest Petroleum University, Sichuan, China

2015 - 2016 Director, PolyU-United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Collaboration Programme (Dual Appointment)

2014 - 2018 Affiliate Faculty Member, World Health Organization Collaborating Centre School of Nursing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

2014 - 2016 Visiting Lecturer, School of Nursing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) 2006 – 2007 Honorary Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong

2005 - 2008 Honorary Research Fellow, Centre on Behavioral Health, The University of Hong Kong

1999 Clinical Supervisor, Master in Social Sciences (Social Work), Department of Social Work and Psychology, National University of Singapore

1998 Clinical Supervisor, Masters in Applied Psychology, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University

1994 - 1999 Tutor, Department of Social Work and Psychology, National University of Singapore

Scholarships and Fellowships:

2020 K.C. Wong Belt and Road (B&R) Visiting Fellowship Scheme 2019 at University of Pretoria, South Africa

2016 Visiting Scholarship Scheme for K. C. Wong Education Foundation at Beijing Normal University, China

2015 Visiting Professorship, Shanghai Normal University, China

2014 Visiting Professorship, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

2012 Policy and Enterprise Fellowship, Durham University, United Kingdom

1996 - 1997 Special study grant by National Council of Social Service (Singapore) for the Master of Science (Family Therapy) at King's College, University of London

Memberships and Professional Activities

Associate/Guest Editorship:

- 2016 - Present Associate Editor, Oxford Encyclopedia of Natural Hazards Governance, Oxford University Press
- 2015 - Present Associate Editor, Journal of Family Therapy

Reviewer of Journal Articles:

- Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development
- British Journal of Social Work
- Family Process
- International Social Work
- Journal of Family Therapy
- Journal of Social Work
- Qualitative Social Work

Conference Presentations as Invited Keynote Speaker or Plenary Speaker in 2020 only:

- (Keynote Speaker). Social workers in disasters: Responding to COVID-19. A CPD event for social work practitioners and workforce leaders, BASW England and BASW, Webinar Social work in disasters - Responding to Covid-19 on 25 November 2020, 5.00pm to 7.30pm via ZOOM (attended by 200 participants).
- (Keynote Speaker). The development of family work and its relevance to the needs of contemporary families. Montfort Care 20th Anniversary Webinar "Transitions. Family. Family Work". 25 September 2020, Friday, 2.00pm to 5.00pm via ZOOM (attended by 500 participants).
- (Keynote Speaker). The development of family work and its relevance to the needs of contemporary families. Montfort Care 20th Anniversary Webinar "Transitions. Family. Family Work". 25 September 2020, Friday, 2.00pm to 5.00pm via ZOOM (attended by 500 participants).
- (Keynote Speaker). Finding hope in uncertainties. The AMKFSC Communities Services Webinar: Stay Prepared: Finding Hope on 29 July 2020, Wednesday, 7.30pm to 9:00pm via ZOOM (attended by 500 participants).
- (Plenary Speaker). Social Group Workers on the Frontlines: The Function of Social Group Work in the Aftermath of Natural Disasters. The International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG) Virtual Symposium, Joan K. Parry Memorial Plenary & Disaster Plenary for on Social Group Workers on the Frontlines: The Function of Social Group Work in the Aftermath of Natural Disasters, Webinar on 20 June 2020, Saturday, 8:50am to 9:50am ET via ZOOM.
- (Special Guest Speaker). Social work roles and tasks in disaster management. Master of Social Work Class Special Guest Lecture, Department of Social Work, University of Pretoria, South Africa on 24 September 2020, 8.30pm to 9.30pm via Zoom (10 participants).

- (Organiser & Plenary Speaker). The University of British Columbia School (UBC) of Social Work celebrated its 90th Anniversary with a Symposium on Social Justice and an Ethic of Care on 25 to 26 February 2020. A Post-Symposium Workshop on Transdisciplinarity and Disaster Management from a Social Justice and Social Care Perspective was co-organized by Dr. Miu Chung Yan at UBC, Dr. Timothy Sim at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and Dr. Haorui Wu at Dalhousie University on 26 February 2020. Attended by a group of 15 people (including via Zoom)

Consultation and Executive Experience:

Professional Service to the Professional Field:

2016 - 2020	Secretary, Hong Kong Association of Schools of Social Work
2017 - 2019	Expert Panel Member, Research Councils United Kingdom
2017	Organising Committee Member, Inaugural Singapore Social Work Practice Research Conference 2018
2014 - 2017	Chair, Organising Committee, 4rd International Conference on Practice Research, Hong Kong
2012 - 2016	Member, International Advisory Group – 2016 International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health
2013 - 2015	Executive Editor, Social Dialogue, IASSW
2013 - 2014	Member, Organising Committee, 3rd International Conference on Practice Research, New York
2012 - 2013	Consultant and Trainer, Shanghai Association of Social Workers [Mainland China]
2010 - 2013	Consultant and Trainer, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, CROSS Centre
2012	Scientific Reviewer, National Healthcare Group [Singapore]
2011 - 2012	Consultant and Trainer, Institute of Mental Health, National Addictions Management Service [Singapore]
2011	Consultant and Trainer, Touch Community Services [Singapore]
2006 - 2009	Executive Committee Member, Singapore Aftercare Association
2007 - 2008	Member, Scientific Committee, Consortium of Institutes on Family in the Asian Region, The University of Hong Kong
2007	Trainer, Workshop on “Basic Counselling”, Xinde Cultural Institution, Hebei, Mainland China
2007	Consultant and Trainer, Save the Children Fund (UK) China Programme
2007	Member, Evaluation Committee, Conference on the Rehabilitation of Youth Offenders, 20–21 November 2007
2006 - 2008	Member, Board of Home Detention Advisory Committee 2
2006 - 2008	Consultant, Department of Social Work, Child Guidance Clinic, Institute of Mental Health, Ministry of Health

2006 - 2008	Member, The Advisory Panel on Youth Research, National Youth Council (NYC)
2006	Trainer, Workshop on “Applying family approach in adolescent drug treatment and aftercare”, Singapore Association of Social Workers, Singapore
2004 - 2005	Sub-Committee Member, International Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking, Drug Abuse, Money Laundering and Related Crimes in February 2005, Narcotics Division, Hong Kong
2000 - 2002	Trainer, Minuchin Foundation for Family Therapy (Hong Kong & China)
1995 - 1998	Facilitator, Pilot Family Conferencing Project
1998 - 1999	Committee Member, Singapore Association of Social Workers
1997 - 1999	Committee Member, Singapore Association for Marital and Family Therapy
1995 - 1997	Sub-Committee Member, Singapore Gerontological Society

University Service (2008-2021):

2018 - 2020	Faculty Board Member, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)
2018 - 2020	The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships -Undergraduate Scholarships Internal Selection Interview
2017 - 2019	Sichuan University - PolyU Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction IDMR) PolyU Working Group Meeting
2016	Panel Member Departmental Review Exercise, School of Nursing
2015	Co-Chair, Disaster Response Working Group, University Social Responsibility Network (USRN), PolyU
2012 - 2014	Scholarship Assessment Board (SAB) in 2012/13
2015	10DAYFEST Hong Kong Jockey Club Design Institute for Social Innovation, PolyU
2007	International Advisory Panel Member, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences (FASS), National University of Singapore (NUS)
2007	Organiser, FASS Freshmen Orientation 2007 Organiser
2007	Interviewer, Faculty Awards, FASS
2006	Curriculum Planning and Development Division, Ministry of Education

Teaching Interests

- Family therapy theory and methods
- Counselling skills and sensitivity training
- Qualitative research methods
- Practice research
- Treatment in correctional and drug rehabilitation settings
- Human development and the social environment
- Critical issues in adolescent development

- Mental health in disaster situations
- Rehabilitation social work

Research Interests

- Family therapy development and application in Asia (particularly multi-family therapy)
- Addiction problems and family relationships in Asia (particularly drug abuse, video game addiction)
- Multi-problem families (e.g., conduct problems, crime & delinquency, poverty, divorce, violence)
- Practice research development and application
- Disaster management (particularly disaster risk reduction, social work core competency, disaster mental health & psychosocial support, resilience, culture and children)

Research Projects (2008 - 2021 only)

- Co-investigator, (PI: Angela YM Leung; Co-I: Daphne Cheung, Patrick Kor, Doris YP Leung, & Bai Xue), Consultancy Study on Needs and Support Required of Carers of Elderly Persons and of Persons with Disabilities in Hong Kong, 1 Aug 2020 to 31 May 2021, funded by The Government of Hong Kong SAR (Quotation Reference: LWB/RU/3-5/2/1) (Amount funded: HK\$1,500,000).
- Principal Investigator, Against the Odds: Developing a Core Competence Framework of Social Work Practice for the Field of Disaster Management in China, September 2018-August 2021. General Research Fund, Research Grant Council (Amount funded: HK\$719,540).
- Principal Investigator, An Integrative Research Proposal on Promoting Risk-Informed Public Policies for Risk-Resilient Development, February 2016–September 2018, funded by the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Amount funded: HK\$2,229,000)
- Co-Investigator, Pan-Participatory Assessment and Governance of Earthquake Risks in the Ordos Area (PAGER-O), January 2016–December 2018, funded by the Natural Science Foundation of China and the Economic and Social Science Research Council, Natural Environment Research Council and the Newton Fund of the United Kingdom (Amount funded: RMB6,000,000, of which RMB800,000 is allocated to PolyU)
- Principal Investigator, Enhancing Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Asia and Pacific Region Health, Urban Planning, Development and Infrastructure Sectors, May 2015–August 2016, funded by the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Amount funded: HK\$756,000)
- Principal Investigator, Developing a Chinese Medical Social Work Model in Post-Disaster Context, January 2015 to December 2016, funded by the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, (Amount funded: HK\$359,200)
- Principal Investigator, Research without Frontier: An In-Depth Study of a Trans-Disciplinary Research, Project Involving Cross-Disciplinary, Cross-Cultural and Cross-Border Collaboration, January 2015–June 2017, funded by Departmental General Research Funds 2014, Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Co-Investigators: John Young and Cui Ke; Amount funded: HK\$90,000)

- Principal Investigator, Developing a Local Post-Earthquake Psychosocial Model, May 2014 to May 2016, funded by Shenzhen Charity Foundation, Shenzhen Ministry of Civil Affairs (Co-Investigator: Cui Ke; Amount funded: RMB950,000)
- In-Country Principal Investigator (China), Coordinator, Management Team Member in China, Earthquake Without Frontiers: A Partnership for Increasing Resilience to Seismic Hazard in the Continents, July 2012–July 2017, funded by the United Kingdom Natural Environment Research Council and Economic and Research Council [United Kingdom]. (Co-Directors: James Jackson, Cambridge University; Greg Bankoff, University of Hull; John Young, Overseas Development Institute; Amount funded: HK\$734,832)
- Principal Investigator, Coping with Loss in a Chinese Post-Disaster Context: Comparison Case Studies in Wenchuan Yingxiu Primary School and Mianzhu Zhongxin Friendship Primary School of Sichuan, September 2012–August 2014, Competitive Research Grants for Newly Recruited Junior Academic Staff 2011/12, funded by the Research Committee of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Amount funded: HK\$152,108.00)
- Co-Investigator, Singapore Youths in the Cyber World: A 4-year Study on Cyber Wellness Issues, April 2010–March 2014, funded by the Media Development Authority [Singapore] (Principal Investigator: Angeline Khoo; Amount funded: SGD1,603,000)
- Co-Investigator, Singapore Youths in the Cyber World: A Study of Cyber Wellness Issues, July–December 2011, funded by the Office of Education Research, National Institute of Education (Amount funded: SD\$99,973)
- Co-Investigator, Asset-Based Community Reconstruction in Sichuan Earthquake Disaster-Affected Communities: An Interdisciplinary Action Research Project in Yingxiu of Sichuan Province, January 2010–December 2011, funded by Research Grant Council (Principal Investigator: Angelina Yuen; Amount funded: HK\$565,000)
- Principal Investigator, Education for Life Programme in Sichuan, November 2009–December 2011, funded by the Keswick Foundation for Sichuan Disaster Reconstruction Work (Amount funded: HK\$198,500)
- Co-Investigator, Policy Impact of the Relocation of Teachers and Students from Wenchuan to Ermeishan City: A Case Study of Shuimo Secondary School, March 2009–February 2011, funded by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Internal Competitive Research Grants (Principal Investigator: Ng Guat Tin; Amount funded: HK\$216,543)
- Principal Investigator, Disaster Management in China – The Role of Social Work in the Great Sichuan Earthquake, October 2008–June 2009, funded by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Department of Applied Social Sciences Research and Publications Funding Support Fund (Amount funded: HK\$50,000)
- Principal Investigator, A Practice Research Project on Working with Children in the Great Sichuan Earthquake, September–December 2008, funded by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Department of Applied Social Sciences Research and Publications Funding Support Fund (Amount funded: HK\$50,000)
- Principal Investigator, Sichuan Expanded School Mental Health Network, February 2009–December 2016, funded by Jardine Matheson (Amount funded: HKD9,582,924)

Selected Publications

(In press & 2020 in SCI/SSCI Journals only):

Singh, R., & Sim, T. (In press). Families in the time of the Pandemic: Breakdown or breakthrough? Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy.

Sim, T. (2021). Safe Uncertainty: Reflecting on the Pandemic Responses of Two Asian Cities. Qualitative Social Work, 20(1-2), 305-311. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1473325020973331>

Sim, T., & Wang, A. (2021). Contextualization of Psychological First Aid: An Integrative Literature Review. Journal of Nursing Scholarship, 0(0), 1-9. doi:10.1111/jnu.12613

Leung, A. Y. M., Parial, L. L., Tobaling, M. C., Sim, T., Mo, P., Okan, O., & Dadaczynski, O. (2021). Sense of coherence mediates the relationship between digital health literacy and anxiety about the future in aging population during the COVID-19 pandemic: A path analysis. Ageing and Mental Health. doi: 10.1080/13607863.2020.1870206

Sim, T., Choo, H., & Low-Lim, A. (2020). Client's perspectives: A multi-dimensional internet gaming. Family Relations. doi.org/10.1111/fare. Guo, C., Sim, T., Ho, H.C. (2020). Impact of information seeking, disaster preparedness and typhoon emergency response on perceived community resilience in Hong Kong. International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction, 50,101744. doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdr.2020.101744

Yang, W. Q., Cui, K., Sim, T., Zhang, J., & Yang, Y. C., & Ma, X. H. (2020). Health-related quality of life and posttraumatic stress disorder in inpatients injured in the Ludian earthquake: A longitudinal study. Health and Quality of Life Outcomes, 18:229. doi:10.1186/s12955-020-01470-5

Yu, J., Sim, T., Qi, W. H., & Zhu, Z. (2020). Communication with Local Officials, Self-Efficacy, and Individual Disaster Preparedness: A Case Study of Rural Northwestern China. Sustainability, 12, 5354; doi:10.3390/su12135354.

Cui, K., Sim, T., & Xu, T. (2020). Psychosocial wellbeing of school-aged children born to bereaved (Shidu) families: Its relationship with mothers' quality of life and parental involvement. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 17(11), 4166. DOI: 10.3390/ijerph17114166

Chan, T. M. S., & Sim, T. (2020). East meets West: Five decades of practice research in Hong Kong. Research on Social Work Practice, 30(3), 259-266. DOI: 10.1177/1049731519866507

Guo, C., Sim, T., Ho, H.C. (2020). Evaluation of risk perception, knowledge, and preparedness of extreme storm events for the improvement of coastal resilience among migrants: A lesson from Hong Kong. Population, Space and Place. E2318. DOI: 10.1002/psp.2318

Rodgers, J., Su, G. W., Qi, W. H., Milledge, D., Densmore, A., Davis, C., England, P., Young, J., Cao, Y., Chakos, A., Li, X. L., Sim, T., So, E., Parsons, B., Yu, J. L., Sun, L., & Guo, C. L. (2020). Creating an Earthquake Scenario in China: A Case Study in Weinan City, Shaanxi Province. International Journal of

Disaster Risk Reduction, 42, 101305.

Encyclopaedias/Book Chapters (2020 only):

Sim, T., & Sim, C. (2020). Global Contexts for the Profession of Systemic Family Therapy. In K. Wampler (Ed.). Handbook of Systemic Family Therapy (Vol 1). New Jersey: Wiley.

Sim, T., & Shamai, M. (2020). Global Perspectives: Taking Systemic Family Therapy Forward. In K. Wampler (Ed.). Handbook of Systemic Family Therapy (Vol 4). New Jersey: Wiley.

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