


December 2024 Academic and Student Affairs Meeting


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Organizer Colton Cockrum


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**University of Memphis Board of Trustees
Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
September 4, 2024**

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introduce members of the Committee, Trustees who are present, and University of Memphis administration. Make opening remarks.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

- **Trustee Marchetta** - recognizes Secretary Cockrum
- Secretary Cockrum: *Roll Call Vote*
- *Committee members in attendance: Marchetta, Johnson, McKinney, Edwards and Khokhar (in person). Roberts (virtually)*
 - **Additional trustees in attendance:** Carter, Edwards
 - Secretary Cockrum announced the presence of a Quorum.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2024

- **Trustee Marchetta** calls for a motion to approve.
- Call for a vote – there were no objections.
- Secretary Cockrum calls a roll call vote. The meeting minutes are approved.

Agenda Item 4: Annual Division of Research & Innovation Report

- **Trustee Marchetta** - recognizes Jasbir Dhaliwal, Executive Vice President for Research & Innovation to provide an annual update on the institution's research progress.

Agenda Item 5: Student Affairs Update

- **Trustee Marchetta** recognizes Melinda Carlson, Vice President for Student Affairs who provided an update on the new Division of Student Affairs.

Agenda Item 6: Additional Business

- Trustee Marchetta asks for additional business
- Next meeting will be December 4th, 2024.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment

- Trustee Marchetta - Called for a motion and second for adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

4. Tenure Upon Appointment

For Approval

Presented by David Russomanno

The University of Memphis Board of Trustees

Recommendation for Approval

Date: December 4, 2024

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs

Presentation: Tenure Upon Appointment for Dr. Ricky Leung as Professor, School of Public Health (Recommendation for Approval)

Presented by: Dr. David Russomanno, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Background:

Dr. Leung holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is currently a tenured Associate Professor and Track Director of the Department of Health Policy & Management in the School of Public Health at the University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY). He joined SUNY-Albany in 2013 and was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 2019. Dr. Leung has 36 high impact publications and has presented his research at various national and international conferences. He has also mentored over 50 MPH and DPH students as a major advisor.

Over the past 15 years, he has held academic positions at Brown University, the University of Missouri, and the University at Albany School of Public Health. His roles have demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and service. His research has been widely published in peer-reviewed journals, and he has secured significant grant funding from NSF, CDC, NIH, and other agencies. His recent research focuses on AI, including projects that utilize AI to improve case identification for public health surveillance and diagnosis and treatment for mental health patients.

Dr. Leung was the Principal Investigator on two grants, with one funded by the National Science Foundation (2020-2021, \$50,000) and another selected as a finalist by the Fulbright US Scholar Program (2020-2022, ~\$25,000). In a recently funded grant by CDC (~\$2 million), Dr. Leung was the PI for Component B. He was also a co-Investigator on two grants, one funded by the New York State Government/IBM (NYSG/IBM; 2023 to present, \$20 million) and one being an internal grant by SUNY-Albany (2019-present, \$25,000).

The School of Public Health Full Professor Promotion Committee voted and recommends Dr. Leung to be appointed at the rank of Professor with tenure upon hire.

Recommendation:

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends approval of tenure upon appointment for Dr. Leung as Professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, School of Public Health.

TIMELINE ADJUSTMENT FOR PROMOTION AND/OR TENURE

(formerly known as "Tenure Reduction Form")

FACULTY INFORMATION

NAME: Ricky Leung **U-NUMBER:** U00123456
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

COLLEGE/SCHOOL: School of Public Health

DEPARTMENT: Social and Behavioral Sciences

PLEASE CHECK ONE (1):

- TENURE UPON APPOINTMENT****
- PROMOTION TIMELINE** **TIMELINE REDUCTION** _____ **YEAR(S)**
- TENURE TIMELINE *** **TIMELINE REDUCTION** _____ **YEAR(S)**
- TENURE & PROMOTION TIMELINE *** **TIMELINE REDUCTION** _____ **YEAR(S)**

* WILL THIS REDUCTION RESULT IN A CHANGE IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S MID-TENURE REVIEW TIMING? YES NO



IF YES, INDICATE THE ADJUSTED MID-TENURE YEAR: _____
(YEAR ONLY – 20XX)

JUSTIFICATION REQUIRED


PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR CV AND JUSTIFICATION, ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO PROVOST@MEMPHIS.EDU.

**Please reference [Section 4.9.3A in the Faculty Handbook](#) regarding procedures for Tenure Upon Appointment. Tenure Upon Appointment requires review from department/college T&P committee with written acknowledgment and agreement of proposed rank.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

	RECOMMENDED	
CHAIR SIGNATURE	09/19/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
	<small>DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)</small>	
	09/19/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
DEAN SIGNATURE	<small>DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)</small>	

APPROVAL

	APPROVED	
PROVOST SIGNATURE	10/09/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
	<small>DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)</small>	

THIS ADJUSTED TENURE AND/OR PROMOTION APPLICATION SUBMISSION WILL BE FALL:
 * TO BE COMPLETED BY PROVOST _____
(YEAR – 20XX)

NOTE: Tenure Upon Appointment is pending BOT approval at December 2024 Board of Trustees meeting.



Memorandum

To: Dr. Bill Hardgrave, President University of Memphis
From: Dr. Ashish Joshi, Dean School of Public Health
Date: September 30, 2024
Re: Tenure on appointment for Dr. Ricky Leung

This memo is to request that Dr. Ricky Leung be granted tenure on appointment as Professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, School of Public Health. This request is based on his exceptional and sustained record of research, teaching, and mentorship. I have attached the recommendation from the School of Public Health's Tenure and Promotion Committee to support this request.

Dr. Leung holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where his research focused on health-related technological innovations and data analytics. Over the past 15 years, he has held academic positions at Brown University, the University of Missouri, and the University at Albany School of Public Health. His roles have demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and service. Additionally, he has held visiting positions at the National University of Singapore and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, fostering strong international connections. His research has been widely published in peer-reviewed journals, and he has secured significant grant funding from NSF, CDC, NIH, and other agencies. His recent research focuses on AI, including projects that utilize AI to improve case identification for public health surveillance and diagnosis and treatment for mental health patients.

Currently, Dr. Leung is an Associate Professor and Track Director of the Department of Health Policy & Management in the School of Public Health at the University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY). He joined SUNY-Albany in 2013 and was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 2019. Dr. Leung has 36 high impact publications. Additionally, he has presented his research at various national and international conferences. He also has several non-peer-reviewed conference papers, white papers, and reports which are important collaborations in the context of his artificial intelligence work.

Dr. Leung is supportive of students and has provided engaging and meaningful mentorships. He has mentored over 50 MPH and DrPH students as major advisor, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in academia and public health. Additionally, he has developed a mentoring program that pairs students with industry professionals.

I request your approval of his tenure on appointment.

**The University of Memphis
School of Public Health**

Memorandum

Date: September 12, 2024

From: Hongmei Zhang, PhD, Chair, School of Public Health Promotion and Tenure (P&T) Committee

Full Professor Promotion Committee Members: Drs. Chunrong Jia, Ilias Kavouras, Satish Kedia, Marian Levy, Latrice Pichon, Angelia Sanders, and Hongmei Zhang.

To: Dr. Ashish Joshi, PhD, MBBS, MPH, Dean

Re: Committee Report for Dr. Ricky Leung's promotion to Full Professor upon appointment

The School of Public Health Full Professor Promotion Committee reviewed Dr. Ricky Leung's research, teaching, and service and assessed his qualification for promotion to Full Professor upon appointment.

Currently, Dr. Leung is an Associate Professor and Track Director of the Department of Health Policy & Management in the School of Public Health at the University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY). He joined SUNY-Albany in 2013 and was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 2019. He is also a visiting Associate Professor and Academic Visitor in the Department of Management & Organization at the National University of Singapore Business School. Prior to joining SUNY-Albany, he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Management & Informatics in the School of Medicine at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Leung has 36 publications prior to his tenure and promotion to the Associate Professor. Since his promotion to Associate Professor, he has three peer-reviewed articles, and one article is in press. He also has several non-peer-reviewed conference paper, white papers, and reports which seem important in the context of his artificial intelligence work. For his scholarly publications, Dr. Leung has an H-index of 36 based on Google Scholar. In addition, he was the Principal Investigator on two grants, with one funded by the National Science Foundation (2020-2021, \$50,000) and another selected as a finalist by the Fulbright US Scholar Program (2020-2022, ~\$25,000). In a recently funded grant by CDC (~\$2 million), Dr. Leung was the PI for Component B. He was also a co-Investigator on two grants, one funded by the New York State Government/IBM (NYSG/IBM; 2023 to present, \$20 million) and one being an internal grant by SUNY-Albany (2019-present, \$25,000). In all these grants, Dr. Leung's percentage of effort was not indicated.

Dr. Leung has experience in teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses in the areas of health policy and management and health technology, e.g. Health information technology/health analytics, AI for talent management and organizational design, and Organizational behavior in health organization, and he continued his teaching in these fields after being promoted to Associate Professor. Besides serving as the Track Director, Dr. Leung has served on various committees at all levels since his promotion to Associate Professor in 2019.

The Committee met on three occasions to discuss Dr. Leung's credentials and then conducted two rounds of secret voting. The second round of voting was carried out due to one member's concern in terms of insufficient information in the first round of review. The Committee then requested the candidate for an updated CV along with three reference letters (for his job application). During the discussion of his promotion to Full Professor upon appointment, Committee members expressed their concerns on his research portfolio, while appreciating Dr. Leung's strength in teaching and research on AI-related areas. These concerns included the lack of clarity on his effort on the currently funded grants and his level of research productivity since his promotion to Associate Professor.

The result of secret voting are as follows:

Ricky Leung - Promotion to Full Professor

Yes [5]

No [2]

Based on the voting, the SPH Full Professor Promotion Committee recommends Dr. Ricky Leung's promotion to Full Professor upon appointment.

RICKY LEUNG, PhD

University at Albany

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Education

2008 Ph.D. in Sociology

Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Major Fields: Complex Organizations, Sociology of Science, Health

Advisor: Joan Fujimura, Ph.D.

2003 M.S. in Sociology

Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison

2000 M.Phil. in Social Science

Institution: Hong Kong University of Science & Technology

1997 B.A. (Honors) in Philosophy and Psychology

Institution: University of Hong Kong

Professional Training

2014 MPH-level Medical Informatics Course

Institution: Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

2008-2010 Postdoctoral Associate in Strategic Management and Operations

Institution: University of Minnesota

Advisors: Andrew Van de Ven, Ph.D., & Roger Schroeder, Ph.D.

Employment

2019 - Present: Associate Professor (Tenured) & Track Director

Department: Health Policy & Management, University at Albany, School of Public Health

Administrative responsibility highlights and achievements:

- **Program Development:** Maintained CEPH accreditations. Led the development of new MPH curricular initiatives and online programs aimed at increasing student enrolment. Successfully increased enrolment to 500+ online students, created new courses on health analytics and informatics, AI and other hot topics into public health education.

- **Faculty Research:** Published in high-impact journals, commissioned reports, white papers, etc. Secured funding for multiple large-scale research projects and research centers. Oversaw faculty research activities, promoting interdisciplinary collaborations across departments.
- **Student Mentorship:** Mentored over 50 MPH and DrPH students as major advisor, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in academia and public health. Developed a mentoring program that pairs students with industry professionals.

2022 – Present: Visiting Associate Professor / Academic Visitor

Department: Management & Organisation, National University of Singapore Business School

Responsibility highlights:

- **Research Collaboration:** Engaged in cross-national research projects that explore the role of AI in organizational design and talent management. Published multiple papers in high-impact journals as a result of these collaborations.
- **Research Supervision:** Supervised BBA, MBA, EMBA, MD and PhD students, guiding their research on topics related to public health and technology.
- **Guest Lecturing:** Delivered guest lectures on topics such as AI in management and the future of work, influencing the curriculum development at NUS Medical School & Business School.

2022 – 2022: Adjunct Associate Professor (visiting)

Department: Sociology, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Responsibility highlights:

- **Graduate Teaching:** Taught advanced courses on the sociological aspects of health, with a particular focus on health disparities and the social determinants of health.
- **Research Supervision:** Supervised MA and PhD students, guiding their research on topics related to public health and technology.

2013 – 2019: Assistant Professor

Department: Health Policy & Management, University at Albany, School of Public Health

Responsibility highlights:

- **Curriculum Innovation:** Introduced new courses on health informatics and social media in public health, which became some of the most popular electives in the department.
- **Research Funding:** Secured significant research funding from CDC, other federal agencies and private foundations, supporting projects that advanced the fields of social and behavioral sciences, health management and policy.
- **Service Contributions:** Played a key role in departmental committees, including curriculum development and faculty recruitment.

2010 - 2013: Assistant Professor

Department: Health Management & Informatics, University of Missouri School of Medicine

Responsibility highlights:

- **Teaching & Course Development:** Developed and taught courses on health information technology, research methods and other courses in healthcare.
- **Research Contributions:** Conducted research in health informatics, focusing on the adoption of electronic health records and their impact on patient care.
- **Mentorship:** Supervised graduate research, leading to multiple publications in peer-reviewed journals.

2007 - 2008: Visiting Assistant Professor

Department: Sociology, Brown University

Responsibility highlights:

- **Teaching:** Taught undergraduate and graduate courses in the sociology of health, emphasizing the role of social factors in health disparities.
- **Research:** Conducted research on healthcare access and quality, with a focus on vulnerable populations.

Grant Funding (Selected)

Pending: Principal Investigator (with Xin Li, Paul Morgan, Yanli Zhang-James & Salvador Dura-Bernal)

Project: Addressing Algorithmic Bias in AI-ML Research on ADHD Children through a Human-AI Collaboration Interface

Source: National Science Foundation/National Institutes of Health (NSF-NIH Smart Health Solicitation)

<https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/smart-health-biomedical-research-era-artificial>

Time Period: 07/01/25 – 06/30/29

Estimated Funding: \$1,200,000 (R01)

Description: Leading a groundbreaking project aimed at addressing algorithmic bias in AI-ML research on ADHD children by integrating social and behavioral science theory into the development of a software-based human-AI collaboration interface.

Expected Outcome: The project is expected to result in the development of a pioneering human-AI collaboration tool that improves the accuracy and fairness of ADHD diagnoses. This tool will be tested in clinical settings, with the potential for broad adoption across healthcare systems. A very strong multidisciplinary research team is in place, with a high probability of success.

Transferability: Very possible to transfer, as it only involves changing the PI's academic affiliation. The funding agencies are generally open to transferring grants when the PI moves to a new institution, and this project could be successfully continued at U-Memphis with the appropriate resources.

Pending: Principal Investigator (with Mishu Islam)

Project: Multimodal scene generation for heart attack scenario creation with a human-AI interface

Source: SONY

<https://www.sony.com/en/SonyInfo/research-award-program/?#FocusedResearchAward>

Time Period: 09/01/25 – 06/30/26

Estimated Funding: \$150,000

Description:

Expected Outcome:

Transferability: Very possible to transfer, as it only involves changing the PI's academic affiliation.

Funded: Co-PI (PI for Component B on Machine Learning)(with Kristin Sommerhalter & Yuchi Young)

Project: Surveillance of Spina Bifida Across the Lifespan (Component A and Component B)

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

https://taggs.hhs.gov/Detail/AwardDetail?arg_AwardNum=NU01DD000047&arg_ProgOfficeCode=281

Time Period: 07/01/24 – 06/30/29

Estimated Funding: \$2,000,000 (5 years for Component A, 2 years for Component B; \$340,000 funded for FY 2024 for Component A; increased funding will be provided for both Components A & B in FY 2025 and beyond)

Description: As the Co-PI responsible for the machine learning component, I developed advanced models to analyze longitudinal health data of individuals with Spina Bifida. This project is among the first to utilize the supercomputing power of U-Albany's CEAIS, funded by NYS government and IBM. My role includes designing the machine learning algorithms, interpreting the data, and collaborating with CDC officials to ensure the results inform public health strategies.

Outcome: The project has already generated valuable insights into the long-term health outcomes of individuals with Spina Bifida, which are being used to inform public health strategies at both state and national levels. The development of machine learning models has also advanced the field of disease surveillance.

Transferability: A limited of the funding allocated to my salary may be transferable. But the use of U-Albany's specific resources, particularly CEAIS, makes full transferability challenging. Ongoing collaboration with U-Albany from U-Memphis is feasible and may lead to joint research initiatives.

Funded: Co-Investigator/Senior Personnel

Project: Center for Emerging Artificial Intelligence Systems (CEAIS)

Source: New York State Government/IBM

Time Period: Ongoing (started from 2024)

Total Funding: \$20M

Description: Contributed to the strategic direction of the CEAIS, focusing on the application of AI to healthcare challenges. This includes leading initiatives that integrate AI with public health data to improve disease surveillance and response systems. My role involves working closely with IBM's research team to develop innovative solutions that can be scaled across New York State (NYS) and beyond. I advocated for funding support from both IBM and NYS, and relevant support from U-Albany and other relevant parties.

Outcome: The CEAIS has established itself as a leading center for AI research, with significant contributions to public health. The center's work has led to the development of research

initiatives, such as AI+ in U-Albany, Global Center for AI and Mental Health (GCAIMH), computing tools, etc. Latest: I'm being nominated as the Interim Director for GCAIMH.

Transferability: Transferring this grant to U-Memphis is difficult due to its strong ties to New York State and IBM. However, there is potential for collaboration between CEAIS and U-Memphis, which could lead to the establishment of a new Center of Excellence at U-Memphis. Small seed grants for joint research are also possible, facilitating cross-institutional projects.

Funded: Principal Investigator (with James Song & Xuemei Cao)

Project: I-Corps: Developing a Data Analytics Platform for Pain Management and Alternative Treatment

Source: National Science Foundation

https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=2011302&HistoricalAwards=false

Time Period: 01/15/20 - 06/30/21

Total Funding: \$50,000

Description: Led the development of a novel data analytics platform that utilizes AI and machine learning to provide insights into pain management and alternative treatments. The platform is designed to predict treatment outcomes based on patient data, helping healthcare providers make more informed decisions.

Outcome: The NSF I-Corps grant was instrumental in establishing significant industry partnerships, including collaborations that contributed to the establishment of the U-Albany AI center. Another notable outcome was the partnership with Avalon SteriTech, which secured a 9M Series A funding round from Softbank, highlighting the commercial viability of the developed platform. <https://www.avalonsteritech.com/whats-new/avalon-steritech-closes-pre-series-a-round-funding>. I published a case study with colleagues in Europe and Singapore about this partnership. <https://hbsp.harvard.edu/product/100SMU-PDF-ENG>

Transferability: The project is completed, so transferability is not applicable. However, the industry partnerships and the methodologies developed during the project could be leveraged to establish similar collaborations at U-Memphis, particularly in the context of AI applications in healthcare.

Finalist (declined due to travel restrictions): Principal Investigator

Project: Using Social Media to Promote Climate Change Awareness in China

Source: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Time Period: 12/16/20 - 08/31/22

Total Funding: ~\$25,000

Description: Designed and implemented a research project that analyzed the effectiveness of social media campaigns in increasing climate change awareness among Chinese citizens. The project involved developing content strategies that resonate with the target audience and evaluating the campaigns' impact on public attitudes and policy changes.

Outcome: The project successfully increased public engagement on climate change in the targeted regions, influencing local policy discussions and contributing to greater environmental awareness. The findings have been published in several peer-reviewed journals, providing a model for similar initiatives in other regions.

Transferability: This project is completed, so transferability is not applicable. The experience and findings from this project can be used to inform similar initiatives at U-Memphis, particularly in the context of public health communication.

Funded: Co-Principal Investigator (with Yuchi Young)

Project: Community Health Assessment (CHA) of Mid-Hudson Region

Source: Orange County Health Department and USAID

Time Period: 05/01/2021 - 01/31/2022

Total Funding: \$10,000

Description: Co-led this assessment project aimed at evaluating and improving community health services in the Mid-Hudson region. The project involved collecting and analyzing health data, identifying gaps in services, and making recommendations for public health interventions.

Outcome: The CHA project provided actionable recommendations that have been implemented by local health authorities to improve access to care and address health disparities in the Mid-Hudson region. The project has been recognized as a model for other community health assessments in similar regions.

Transferability: This project is completed, so transferability is not applicable. However, the methodologies and insights gained could be applied to similar community health projects at U-Memphis, potentially leading to new grant opportunities.

Funded: Co-Investigator (with Unal Tatar)

Project: Pain Detection and Support through a Community-Oriented Internet of Things (IoT) Sensing Network

Source: University at Albany (NSF seed funding)

Time Period: 08-01-2019 – 12-31-2019

Total Funding: \$25,000

Description: Played a key role in the design and implementation of an IoT-based pain detection system that utilizes community-generated data for early intervention and support. This project represents a significant advancement in the use of IoT for health monitoring, allowing for real-time tracking of pain symptoms and timely interventions.

Outcome: The IoT sensing network developed through this project has improved pain management in the targeted community, reducing hospital visits and improving patient quality of life. The project has been used as a case study in several academic publications and conferences. IBM researchers have started working with U-Albany researchers, indirectly contributing to the CEAIS a few years later.

Transferability: This project is completed, so transferability is not applicable. The experience and findings from this project can be used to inform similar initiatives at U-Memphis.

Funded: Principal Investigator (with Shao Lin)

Project: Establishing a Social Media Alert System for Extreme Weather Events and High Pollution Days Targeted at Vulnerable Populations

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Time Period: 01/01/15 - 09/30/15

Total Funding: \$329,448

Description: Developed and tested a social media-based alert system to inform vulnerable populations about extreme weather and pollution events. The system was designed to improve public health responses in real-time by providing timely and accurate information to at-risk groups.

Outcome: The alert system was successfully implemented in several high-risk areas, significantly improving response times during extreme weather events. The system has been

adopted by multiple public health agencies as a model for similar initiatives.

Transferability: This project is completed, so transferability is not applicable. However, the system and findings from this project could inform future similar initiatives at U-Memphis.

Funded: Co-Investigator (with Huibin Guo)

Project: Research on Intrapreneurship-Driven Mechanism Coupling with Human Resource Management about "China Time-honored Brand" Enterprises

Source: National Science Foundation China

Time Period: 01-01-2015 – 12-31-2017

Total Funding: \$93,587

Description: Contributed to research examining the interplay between intrapreneurship, health and human resource management in historic Chinese enterprises. The project aimed to identify strategies for sustaining innovation and competitiveness in these firms.

Outcome: The research led to the development of a new theoretical framework for understanding intrapreneurship in established organizations, which has been widely cited in academic literature.

Transferability: This project is completed, so transferability is not applicable. The research findings and experience can inform future research at U-Memphis, particularly in the areas of global health research involving China.

Funded: Principal Investigator

Project: The Enabling Role of Social Media for Immigrants' Health: A Pilot Study of Chinese Immigrants

Source: University at Albany

Time Period: 03-01-2014 – 04-30-2016

Total Funding: \$2,500

Description: Led a pilot study exploring how social media can be used to improve health outcomes among Chinese immigrants. The project focused on understanding how these communities access health information online and the role of social media in bridging language and cultural barriers.

Outcome: The pilot study identified key factors that influence the effectiveness of social media in promoting health among immigrant communities, leading to the development of targeted interventions. The findings have been published in several academic journals and used to inform public health campaigns.

Transferability: This project is completed, so transferability is not applicable. However, the findings could be leveraged for similar projects focused on immigrant health at U-Memphis, potentially leading to new research collaborations or grants.

The above were more recent projects in which I was PI or played a significant role at U-Albany. During my stay at U-Albany and U-Missouri, I also participated in other funded projects as Co-Investigator and Significant Personnel.

Consultancy Funding (After Tenure)

Consultant (with TPP Fang & Rashima Rajah)

Project: Collaborative Study of Cobotization in the Hospitality Industry with SHKP Hotel

Division

Source: Avalon SteriTech (in collaboration with Sun Hung Kei Property (Hong Kong))

Time Period: 11/01/22 - 03/31/23

Total Funding: \$40,000

Description: Provided expert consultancy on the integration of collaborative robots (cobots) in the hospitality industry, focusing on enhancing customers' health, operational efficiency and service quality. My role involved advising on the design and deployment of cobots in various hotel operations, assessing the impact on labor, and recommending strategies for smooth integration.

Outcome: The consultancy led to the successful deployment of cleaning cobots in several hotels and other organizations, improving operational efficiency and customer satisfaction. The project also contributed to Avalon SteriTech securing additional funding and expanding its market presence.

Transferability: This project is completed, so transferability is not applicable. However, the expertise developed could inform similar consultancy projects at U-Memphis, particularly in sectors exploring automation and AI integration.

Senior Consultant

Projects: Real World Evidence Research

Source: Various pharmaceutical companies including Merck, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Celgene, and Biogen for Real World Data and Observation Research

Time Period: May 2018 – Present

Description: Served as a senior consultant on numerous projects, advising pharmaceutical companies on the design and implementation of real-world evidence studies to support drug development and regulatory approval processes. My contributions included designing study protocols, analyzing large datasets, and ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

Outcome: These consultancy projects have resulted in several successful drug approvals, contributing to the advancement of treatment options in areas such as oncology and neurology. The real-world evidence generated has also been used to inform clinical guidelines and policy decisions.

Transferability: The consultancy role is ongoing and based on relationships with pharmaceutical companies. Transferability to U-Memphis would depend on maintaining these industry connections and potentially establishing similar consultancy opportunities in the Memphis area.

Consultancy Funding (*Before Tenure*)

Senior Consultant

Project: Understanding Medicaid Recipients' Service Experience

Source: NY Health Foundation/Medicaid Matters New York (MMNY)

Time Period: Oct 2017 - Jan 2018

Description: Provided insights into Medicaid recipients' experiences, helping to shape policy recommendations for improving service delivery. My role included conducting focus groups, analyzing service utilization data, and presenting findings to state health officials.

Outcome: The project led to actionable recommendations that have been implemented to improve service delivery for Medicaid recipients in New York State, resulting in better patient

satisfaction and access to care.

Transferability: This project is completed, so transferability is not applicable. However, the methodologies and insights could be useful for similar projects focused on Medicaid populations at U-Memphis.

Senior Consultant

Project: Enabling DOH Employees to Adopt Technology at Work

Source: New York State Department of Health

Time Period: Nov 2015 - Mar 2016

Description: Advised on strategies to enhance technology adoption among Department of Health employees, aiming to improve workplace efficiency and innovation. My responsibilities included conducting training sessions, developing user manuals, and evaluating the effectiveness of the technology implementation.

Outcome: The project resulted in improved technology adoption rates within the DOH, leading to increased efficiency and better use of digital tools in public health management.

Transferability: This project is completed, so transferability is not applicable. However, the experience could be relevant for similar projects at U-Memphis involving technology adoption in public health or other sectors.

Awards during graduate studies

National Science Foundation Dissertation Award – 2006

University of Wisconsin-Madison – Nanoscale Science & Engineering Center Research Award–
2004

University of Wisconsin-Madison – Center for International Business Education Travel Award –
2003

HKUST Postgraduate Studentship (Full Award) – 1998-2000

Publications (h-index = 36 by Google Scholar)

After Tenure (more recent)

1. **Leung, R.** " Using Decision Tree Models to Predict Nurse Employment Status: A Comparative Analysis of Model Parameters, Runtime, and Predictive Accuracy" *Healthcare* (under review).
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3. **Rajah, R., Fan, T.P.C., & Leung, R.** (2024). "Avalon SteriTech: Lessons from an Ex-IP Lawyer as a Startup Founder in Biotech and AI" *Case study published in Harvard Business Publishing Education & Singapore Management University Centre for Management Practice.*
<https://hbsp.harvard.edu/product/100SMU-PDF-ENG> **Importance:** This case study provides a detailed examination of the challenges and strategies involved in founding a biotech startup, with a focus on the intersection of intellectual property law and AI innovation.
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Importance: This white paper discusses the integration of machine learning in disease surveillance systems in New York State, highlighting the potential for AI to revolutionize public health data analysis and response strategies. The paper was commissioned by the U-Albany Center for Emerging Artificial Intelligence Systems, leading to a CDC grant.
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Importance: This paper was invited by IEEE, leading to several collaborations.
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Importance: This assessment report provides an in-depth analysis of community health needs in the Mid-Hudson region, offering evidence-based recommendations for public health interventions and resource allocation. The report has informed local health policies and contributed to the improvement of community health services.
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46. Global Burden of Disease Study (GBD) collaborators (including **R Leung**). 2014. Global, regional, and national levels and causes of maternal mortality during 1990—2013: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013. *The Lancet* 384 (9947), 980-1004, doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(14)60696-6 (**Impact Factor: 53.25**)

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Presentations at Invited Panels/ Scholarly Conferences (selected)

After tenure

1. Leung, R. 2024. “Addressing algorithmic bias in AI-enabled mental health research” *AI Applications in Healthcare: The Next Frontier* organized by *NY Life Science*, Albany, NY. https://www.linkedin.com/posts/activity-7204311299105665024-2gal?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop
2. Leung, R. 2023. “Leveraging digital health to improve patient management & knowledge dissemination”, *Nanyang Technological University Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine Invited Seminar*, Singapore.
3. Leung, R. “Using ChatGPT effectively”. Presented at Professional Development Workshop at the *Academy of Management*, Boston 2023.
4. Leung, R. & Fan, P. “A Multilevel Framework of AI in Management,” *Academy of Management Paper Development Workshop*, Singapore, 2022.
5. Leung, R. 2022. “An interdisciplinary approach to computational sociology”, *Chinese University of Hong Kong Department of Sociology’s Seminar series*, Hong Kong. <https://www.soc.cuhk.edu.hk/event/an-interdisciplinary-approach-to-computational-sociology/>
6. Leung, R. 2022. “Evaluating job performance and attrition with machine learning models”, *National University of Singapore invited lecture*, Singapore.
7. Leung, R. 2019. “Improving health research with innovative data collection and analysis: Implications for Asian Americans”, *RepresentAsian in Data Conference 2019*, *Harvard Medical School*, Boston, MA, Aug 24, 2019.
8. Leung, R. Mentor for Professional Development Workshop (Mentoring International Students in Health Care Management), Health Care Management Section, *Academy of Management (AOM)*. Boston, MA. August, 2019.

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9. Leung, R. Mentor for Professional Development Workshop (Mentoring International Students in Health Care Management), Health Care Management Section, *Academy of Management (AOM)*. Chicago, IL. August, 2018.
10. Leung, R. “Social Media Analytics”. *Lighting Talk*, *University at Albany*, April 2018.
11. Leung, R. Utilizing Social Media for knowledge-making: A research framework. 2017 Meeting of the *Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S)*. Boston, MA. Sep 2017.
12. Leung, R. Using New Information Technology to Increase Emergency Preparedness. *International Conference on Environmental Pollution and Health*. Guangzhou, China. May 2017.
13. Leung, R., Rogers, A., & Lin, S. “Using Social Media to Disseminate Climate Change Knowledge”. *Human Health in the Face of Climate Change: Science, Medicine, and Adaptation Conference*, Spain, May 2015.
14. Leung, R. “Social Networks—Background and Applications for Public Health Practice”, *CCH Lecture Series*, *New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)*, Albany, Nov 20, 2015

15. Leung, R., Li, J. "Using Social Media to Engage the Hard-to-Reach Populations". *Digitizing Demography Conference* at Facebook Headquarter in Menlo Park, CA, August 2014.
16. Leung, R. "Mobile Health in US and China" Invited talks in *School of Public Health, Peking University & Hebei University of Economics and Business*, China, April 2014.
17. Leung, R. "Social Media Applications in Health" Invited talk at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Rensselaer, NY, March 2014. <http://rpi-sts.wikispaces.com/Colloquia+Spring+2014>
18. Leung, R. "Mobile Apps for Mental Health in China: Towards A Research Agenda". *American Sociological Association (ASA)* conference in San Francisco, CA, August 2014.
19. Leung, R. "Building effective social media for public health" Presented in the *American Public Health Association (APHA)* conference in Boston, MA, Nov 2013. <https://apha.confex.com/apha/141am/webprogramadap/Paper285615.html>
20. Leung, R., Li, J. 2013. "The contested nature of social media in health". Presented in *Society for the Scientific Study of Science (4S)* conference in San Diego, CA, Oct 2013.
21. Leung, R. & Li, J. 2012. "A Two-Part Study of Social Media for Health Care Organizations" Presented in *Medicine 2.0 2012* at Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

Professional reports/published posters/ Other Short articles/essays (selected)

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2. Leung, R. & Li, J. 2006. "Cultural Bonds in High-Tech Development: Collaboration between Chinese Researchers in Nanotechnology," Technical Proceedings of the 2006 NSTI Nanotechnology Conference.
3. Leung, R. 2016. Using social media to improve parent-child relationships. *Atlas of Science* (Sep 30, 2016). Available at <http://atlasofscience.org/using-social-media-to-improve-parent-child-relationships/#more-16475>
4. Leung, R. 2015. Social Media's Global Impact: Implications for Public Health. *GlobalSynergies* 1: 12. Available at <http://www.albany.edu/international/assets/Global-Synergies-final7.pdf>
5. Leung, R. 2015. US-China relations: From Cybersecurity to Cyber-collaboration. *ChinaDaily.com.cn*. (09-24-2015). Available at http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/opinion/2015-09/24/content_21970831.htm

Selected Teaching & Pedagogical Administration Responsibilities (after tenure)

Health Information Technology & Health Analytics (MPH Program, U-Albany, 2023/24):

Description: Developed and taught advanced courses in Health Information Technology and Health Analytics, focusing on the application of AI and big data in public health. The courses received high evaluations (4.8/5 and 4.6/5, respectively) and have become integral parts of the MPH curriculum. The courses are designed to equip students with the skills needed to analyze and interpret complex health data, preparing them for careers in health informatics.

AI for Talent Management and Organizational Design (MBA/MS, NUS, 2022/23):

Description: Introduced a new course that explores the role of AI in managing talent and

designing organizational structures. The course covers topics such as AI-driven recruitment, employee performance evaluation, and organizational behavior modeling. With a course evaluation of 4.2/5, it has been well-received by students, particularly those interested in the intersection of technology and management.

AI in HR Management (EMBA, NUS, Spring 2024):

Description: Introduced a new executive-level course on AI applications in HR management, delivered in collaboration with NUS and NCCU. The course emphasizes practical applications of AI in workforce management, including predictive analytics for employee retention and performance. The course is part of the EMBA curriculum and has been highly rated by participants.

Using R for HR Analytics and Machine Learning (BBA, NUS; MPH, U-Albany):

Description: This course teaches undergraduate students how to use R for HR analytics and machine learning, with a focus on data-driven decision-making in human resources. The course received a rating of 4.1/5 and has been instrumental in preparing students for careers in data analytics.

Organization Design Theory (MA, Chinese University of Hong Kong):

Description: Taught an advanced course on organization design theory, focusing on the principles of designing effective and adaptable organizations. The course integrates classical theories with contemporary challenges in organizational design, particularly in the context of digital transformation. The course was well-received, with an evaluation score of 5.2/6.

Supervision:

Description: Supervised over 100 MPH/DRPH/MHA/MA students at U-Albany, U-Missouri, NUS, and CUHK. Mentored students in their research projects, guiding them through the development of research proposals, data collection, and analysis, leading to successful thesis defenses and publications in peer-reviewed journals.

List of MA/MPH/DRPH/PhD advisees (U-Albany only):

2013-14: Joe Chiarenzelli, Samantha Schuffenecker, Lee Alexis, Shannon Doherty, Joe Hosri

2014-15: Ayoade Adeyemi, Sofya Andemicael, Donette Ritchie, Sambhavna Dhawan Khanna, Ashley Rogers, Iris Shi, Shen Wang

2015-16: Nerissa George, Evan Harasta, Wayne Lawrence, Yumeng Luo, Erting Sa, Anuj Sikchi, Sarah Zahakos, Akua Boakye-Yiadom

2016-17: Karissa Doerr, Amna Hussain, Andrew Lewis, Megan Scott, Kristine Voos, Nishat Fatima, Abby Jama-Adan, Parth Shah, Saieed Khalil

2017-18: Sara Weinman, Sisi Yeung, Elizabeth Rybczyk, Sabrina Khan, Samantha Williams

2018-19: Beverly Andres, Anne-Marie Fitzgerald, Fatima Hussain, Enmanuel Perez, Cynthia Louis-Juste, Cindy Huang, Regine Russell, Megan Winderl, Oluwatomi (Tomi) Alade

2019-20: Cindy Huang, Fareedat Bello, Andrey Demchenko, Kapru Htoo, Patrick Schumacher, Noha Maddah, Sahil Chaudhry

2020-21: Rhea Chavda, Rida Saeed, Andrei Chell, Emmanuel Nyarko

2023-24: Rhorianne (Rhor) Foster, Alexis Marie Williams, Puneet Kaur Singh, Karson Saunders, Julia del Pozo, Zachary Taylor, Junior Florent, Rutwik Das

2024-25: Ashanti Adams, Jordyn Clarke, Julia Del Pozo, Junior Florent, Allison Klein, Kelly-Jean O'Neill-Knasick, Karson Saunders, Puneet Singh, Zachary Taylor

Pedagogical Administration

Report on Increasing Enrolment in the MPH Program

Description: Authored a comprehensive report comparing MPH programs across the United States and providing strategic recommendations to increase enrollment at U-Albany. The report suggested innovative curriculum changes, targeted marketing strategies, and partnerships with healthcare organizations to attract more students to the program.

Curriculum Changes & Course Redesigns

Description: Led the redesign of the MPH curriculum at U-Albany, introducing accelerated options for mid-career students and developing an AI certificate program for MPH students. These changes have made the program more accessible and relevant to current public health challenges, leading to increased enrollment and student satisfaction.

Recruitment of New Faculty

Description: Played a key role in recruiting new faculty members with expertise in health informatics and AI, enhancing the department's research capabilities and expanding its course offerings. The recruitment process involved identifying key areas of growth, conducting interviews, and facilitating the integration of new hires into the department.

Development of Online Offerings

Description: Expanded the department's online course offerings, making it easier for working professionals to pursue advanced degrees. The online courses are designed to be as rigorous and interactive as their on-campus counterparts, using the latest in educational technology to enhance learning outcome

Service (Selected)

University at Albany, State University of New York, 2013 – Present:

HPMB Department

Track Director, Health Policy & Management, 2018 – Present:

Description: As Track Director, I am responsible for overseeing the Health Policy & Management program, ensuring that the curriculum meets the highest academic standards and aligns with the needs of the public health sector. My role includes coordinating faculty, managing student admissions, and leading efforts to continuously improve the program.

Chair, Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management Hiring Committee, 2023-24:

Description: Chaired the committee tasked with hiring a new Assistant Professor for the department. The process involved defining the job description, reviewing applications, conducting interviews, and making final hiring recommendations to the Dean. Successfully recruited a candidate with a strong background in health policy and data analytics.

Chair, Personnel and Curriculum Committee, 2024 - Present:

Description: Lead the committee responsible for evaluating and improving the department's curriculum and overseeing personnel matters. This includes reviewing course proposals, making recommendations for curriculum enhancements, and evaluating faculty performance for promotion and tenure decisions.

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2016 - 2023:

Description: Contributed to the ongoing development and refinement of the department's curriculum, ensuring that it remains current with trends in public health and healthcare management. Participated in the evaluation of new course proposals and the redesign of existing courses to better meet the needs of students and the healthcare industry.

Member, Student Affairs Committee, 2013 – 2015:

Description: Served on the committee responsible for addressing student concerns, including academic advising, career counseling, and student life. Played a key role in enhancing the student experience by implementing new support services and resources for graduate students.

School of Public Health

Member, APCA (Tenure Review) Committee, 2024-present:

Description: Review tenure applications within the School of Public Health, assessing candidates' research, teaching, and service contributions. Provide detailed evaluations and recommendations to the Dean regarding tenure decisions.

Member, Assistant Professor of AI Hiring Committee, 2023 - Present:

Description: Participated in the recruitment of a new Assistant Professor specializing in AI for public health applications. This involved identifying key areas where AI could be integrated into

the School's research and teaching, interviewing candidates, and helping to select the most qualified individual.

Member, MPH Steering Committee, 2019:

Description: Played a key role in steering the direction of the MPH program, particularly in building new MS and certificate programs in Health Analytics in collaboration with the College of Emergency Preparedness & Cybersecurity. My work involved aligning program objectives with industry demands and ensuring the curriculum prepares students for careers in public health and analytics.

Member, MPH Admissions Committee for the School of Public Health, 2017-2024:

Description: Reviewed and evaluated applications for the MPH program, focusing on selecting candidates with the potential to succeed in the field of public health. My contributions helped maintain the program's high standards and attract a diverse and talented student body.

Member, Global Health Subcommittee with Sun Yat-sen University Partnership, 2017:

Description: Worked on strengthening the partnership between U-Albany and Sun Yat-sen University, focusing on collaborative research and student exchange programs. This involved coordinating joint research projects, facilitating faculty exchanges, and organizing international conferences.

Chair of Hiring/Retention Subcommittee & Member of Diversity Committee, 2014 – 2021:

Description: Led efforts to promote diversity and inclusion within the School of Public Health. My role involved developing strategies to recruit and retain a diverse faculty, organizing workshops on inclusive teaching practices, and contributing to the School's diversity action plan.

University-level Service

UPDATED: NOMINEE FOR CO-DIRECTOR, Global Center for AI in Mental Health

Member, University Senate Council on Research (CoR), 2024 – Present:

Description: Serve on the University Senate's Council on Research, providing guidance on research policies, promoting interdisciplinary research initiatives, and advocating for resources to support faculty research.

Member, Hiring Committee for Instructional Developer, 2019 – 2020:

Description: Participated in the recruitment of an instructional developer to support the University's online learning initiatives. My role involved identifying the skills and experience needed to enhance online course offerings and participating in the interview process.

Member, Truman Scholarship Committee, 2018 - 2020:

Description: Reviewed applications and conducted interviews for the prestigious Truman Scholarship, which supports students pursuing careers in public service. My contributions helped select candidates with strong leadership potential and a commitment to public service.

Member, Educational Technology Advisory Group, 2018 – 2020:

Description: Advised on the integration of educational technology into the University’s curriculum, with a focus on enhancing online learning and supporting faculty in adopting new teaching tools.

University of Missouri, Columbia (2010-2013)

Core Faculty/Member, MU Informatics Institute, 2010-2013:

Description: Played a key role in advancing the interdisciplinary research and educational mission of the institute, and contributed to the development and implementation of informatics programs that integrated data science, health information systems, and technology-driven solutions to address complex health challenges.

Core Faculty/Member, Health Informatics Curriculum Committee, 2010 – 2013:

Description: Shaped the curriculum for the Health Informatics program at the University of Missouri, actively involved the design and revision of course content to ensure it reflected the latest developments in health informatics, data management, and technology integration in healthcare.

Professional Service

Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation, 2023 – Present:

Description: Review grant proposals submitted to the NSF, providing expert evaluations on their scientific merit, feasibility, and potential impact. My reviews help ensure that NSF funding supports high-quality, innovative research.

Grant Reviewer, National Institutes of Health, 2023 – Present:

Description: Evaluate grant proposals submitted to the NIH, focusing on projects related to health informatics, public health, and AI applications in healthcare. My contributions help guide NIH funding decisions to support research that advances public health.

Professional Development Workshop Organizer, Academy of Management’s Health Management Section, 2019-2021:

Description: Organized and facilitated workshops at the Academy of Management’s annual meeting, focusing on topics such as mentoring international students and integrating AI into health management education. These workshops provided valuable professional development opportunities for attendees.

Research Committee Member, Academy of Management’s Organization and Management Theory Section, 2016 – Present:

Description: Contribute to the development of research agendas and initiatives within the Organization and Management Theory Section. My work includes organizing symposia, reviewing submissions, and promoting research that advances the field of organizational theory.

Reviewer, Lancet, Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA), Nature, American Journal of Public Health (AJPH), Health Care Management Review (HCMR) (these are some of the most prestigious journals in public health), 2013 – Present:

Description: Provide peer reviews for manuscripts submitted to Lancet, JAMA, Nature, AJPH, HCMR, offering constructive feedback to authors and ensuring the publication of high-quality research in health care management.

Reviewer, Academy of Management Review (AMR), Academy of Management Journal (AMJ), Organization Science (OS), Management and Organization Review (MOR) (these are some of the most prestigious journals in management) 2013 – Present:

Description: Provide peer reviews for manuscripts submitted to AMR, AMJ, OS and MOR offering constructive feedback to authors and ensuring the publication of high-quality research in health care management.

Reviewer, American Sociological Review (ASR), Journal of Social and Behavioral Science (JSBS), Science, Technology and Human Values (STHV) (these are some of the most prestigious journals in social and behavioral science), 2006 – Present:

Description: Provide peer reviews for manuscripts submitted to ASR, JSBS, HCMR, offering constructive feedback to authors and ensuring the publication of high-quality research in social studies of science.

Chair, Articulating the Sensibilities of Social Media, Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S), Boston, MA, Sep 2017:

Description: Organized and chaired a session at the 4S annual meeting, focusing on the role of social media in shaping public health narratives. The session brought together scholars from various disciplines to discuss the implications of social media on health communication.

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR) Serious Games, 2013 – Present:

Description: Serve on the editorial board of JMIR Serious Games, overseeing the review process for submissions and contributing to the journal's strategic direction. My role involves ensuring that the journal publishes innovative research on the use of serious games in healthcare.

Editorial Board Member, International Journal of Disaster Response and Emergency Management (IJDREM), 2018 – Present:

Description: Provide editorial oversight for IJDREM, ensuring that the journal publishes high-quality research on disaster response and emergency management. My contributions include reviewing submissions, advising on special issues, and promoting the journal within the academic community.

Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation's Science Technology & Society Section, 2018 – Present:

Description: Review proposals for the NSF's Science Technology & Society Section, focusing on interdisciplinary research that explores the societal implications of technological advancements. My reviews help guide NSF funding decisions in this critical area.

Grant Reviewer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 2018 – Present:

Description: Evaluate grant proposals submitted to NOAA, focusing on projects that address the intersection of climate change, public health, and technological innovation. My reviews contribute to NOAA’s efforts to support research that addresses pressing environmental challenges.

Grant Reviewer, Corporation for National & Community Service’s Social Innovation Fund, 2015 – 2016:

Description: Reviewed grant proposals for the Social Innovation Fund, assessing their potential to drive social change and improve community outcomes. My work involved evaluating the scalability, sustainability, and impact of proposed projects.

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5. Enrollment Update

Presentation

Presented by Brian Meredith and John
Baworowsky

Undergraduate Recruitment Update

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Brian Meredith, Ed.D.
Interim VP Enrollment Mgt

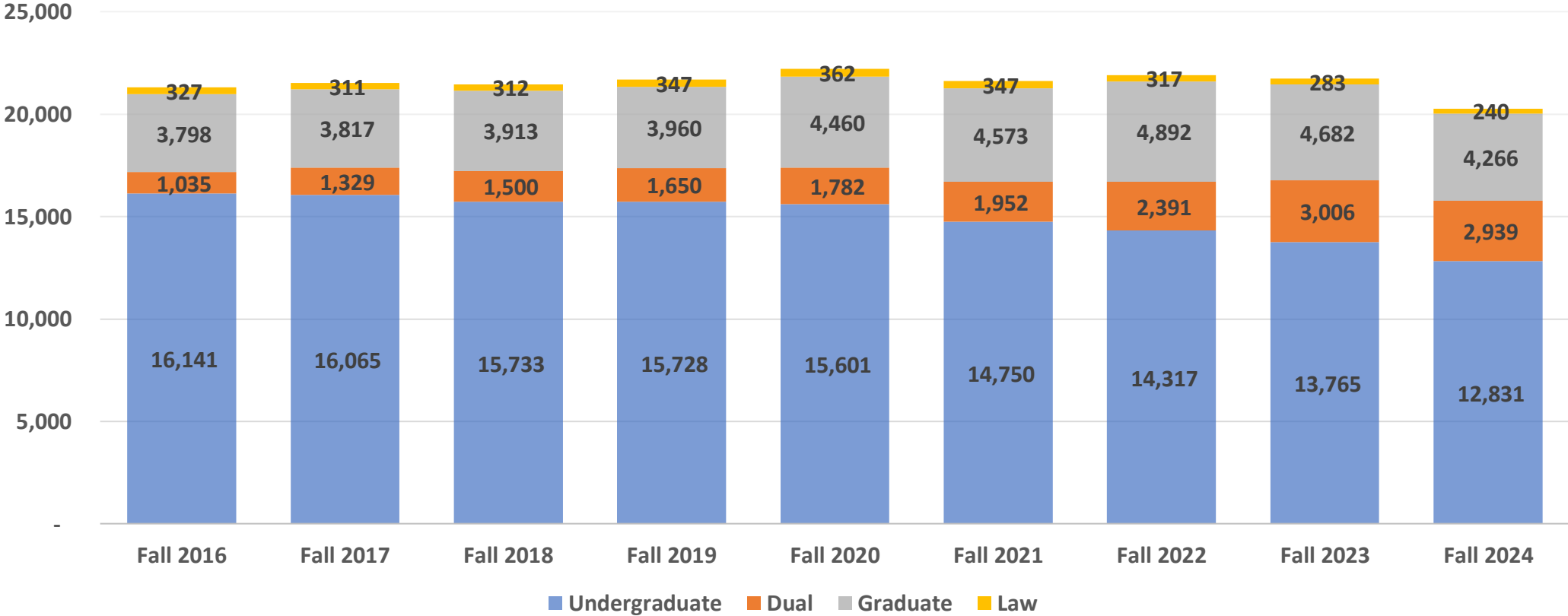
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Interim Senior VP Enrollment Mgt

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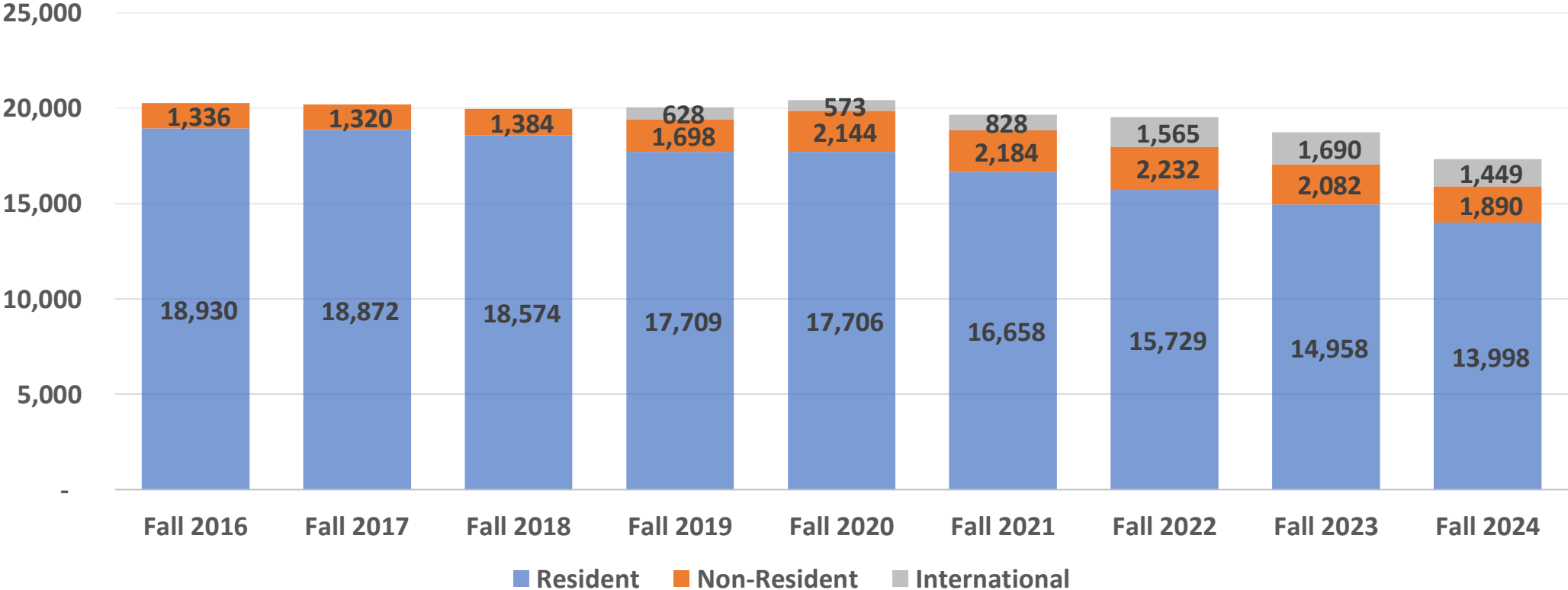


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Headcount Trend by Class



Headcount Trend by Residency Excludes Dual enrollment



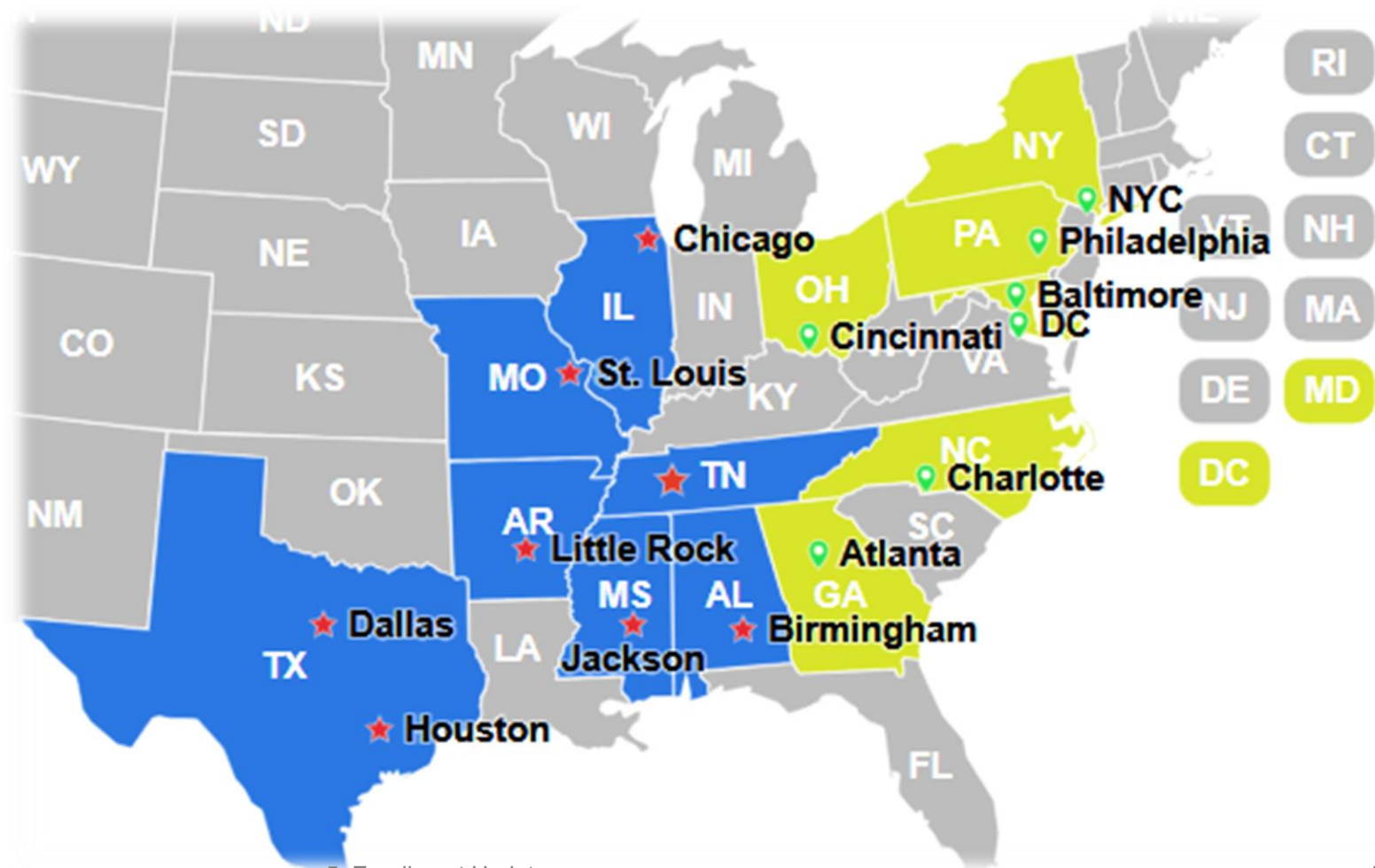
Fall 19 first year of new Non-Resident and International tuition structure

Short Term Strategies: Things we are doing to impact fall 2025.

- Move to Capture from EAB for recruitment support
 - Focusing on fewer applications, while targeting students more likely to enroll
 - Data-guided approach for recruitment staff follow-up strategy to impact yield
- Continue to improve academic quality (ACT/GPA) of first-year students
- Expanding recruitment in out-of-state markets, while trying to gain market share in TN
- Reviewing Drop for Non-Payment (DNP) policies to impact retention
- Enhancing transfer enrollment by strengthening partnerships with community colleges and nurturing our waitlist and denied freshmen.
- Focus on increasing yield of dual enrollment students
- Engaging non-enrolled admitted first year to recruit them back via Reconnect Initiatives.

States/Cities where we travel, host programs, and target digital recruitment

Expansion states/cities we are targeting with digital recruitment messages



Long Term Strategies:

Things that will impact fall 2026 and beyond

- Campus visit program enhancement designed to get more people to visit and to increase yield of visitors.
- Illinois and Texas regional recruiters to grow two promising out-of-state markets.
- Academic program-specific messaging in our CRM to further engage students and increase conversion and yield.
- Financial aid & scholarship optimization to focus on areas of potential growth while putting our scholarship dollars to the most effective use.
- Further development of guidance counselor relationship-building.
- Expand student search using Capture to increase top of funnel activity.

6. Additional Business

Presentation

Presented by Jeffrey Marchetta

7. Adjournment

Presented by Jeffrey Marchetta