



# From Hong Kong to MSU

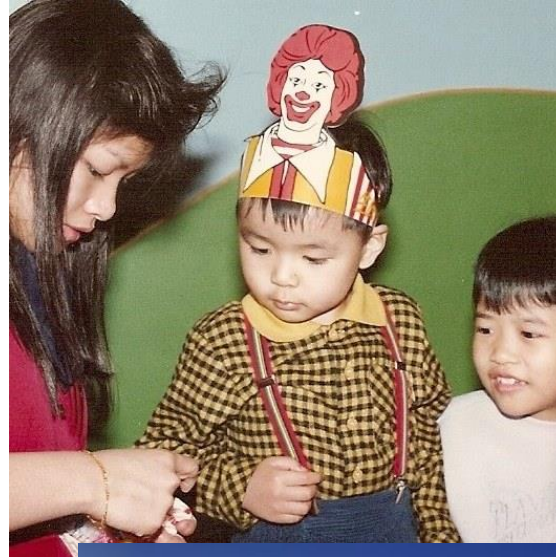
The Journey of Research Analyst Newman Wong

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# Where I am from

- ▶ Born and raised in Hong Kong
  - ▶ A former British Colony
  - ▶ Now a Special Administrative Region of China (one country, two systems)
- ▶ Languages
  - ▶ Native tongue of Cantonese
  - ▶ Fluent in English and Mandarin
  - ▶ Still learning Spanish
- ▶ Family
  - ▶ Recruited my cousin to attend MSU
  - ▶ The rest of my family is in Hong Kong



# From Hong Kong to MSU

- ▶ 2003-2004
  - ▶ Came to the states as a high school exchange student and graduated
- ▶ 2004-2008
  - ▶ Studied sociology at Del Mar College and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi
- ▶ 2008-2010
  - ▶ Attended graduate school at University of Oklahoma for my master's in sociology
- ▶ 2010-2011
  - ▶ Worked in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at Huston-Tillotson University in Austin
- ▶ 2011-Now
  - ▶ Work in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at MSU





# What I do at MSU

- ▶ Office of Institutional Research & Assessment
  - ▶ Maintain historical data
  - ▶ State, federal, and external reporting
  - ▶ Assist other departments with data needs
  - ▶ Conduct and analyze internal surveys
  - ▶ Assist with university-wide assessment process
  - ▶ Assist with SACS accreditation
- ▶ Other services
  - ▶ Taught as an adjunct in Sociology Department for 2 years
  - ▶ Assist with undergraduate research projects (10 students and 6 projects)
  - ▶ Advisor to the MSU Chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society
  - ▶ Serve on committees (e.g., Staff Senate, First-Year Seminar Task Force, etc.)



# What I do with Staff Senate

- ▶ Elected as a Senator to represent EEO Class 3 (Professional Staff)
- ▶ Elected by fellow Senators to serve as the Parliamentarian, which is part of the Executive Committee
  - ▶ Given a gavel to keep things in order
  - ▶ Plan agendas for monthly meetings
- ▶ Serve on the Scholarship Committee
  - ▶ Collect applications
  - ▶ Choose scholarship recipients with committee members
- ▶ Other projects by Staff Senate
  - ▶ First Staff Survey
  - ▶ Summer Sizzler
  - ▶ Signed thank-you cards to all staff





# Strengths & Achievements

- ▶ Top 5 strengths from StrengthsQuest
  - ▶ Analytical
  - ▶ Competition
  - ▶ Harmony
  - ▶ Maximizer
  - ▶ Positivity
- ▶ Achievements
  - ▶ Wichita Falls 20 Under 40, Class of 2015
  - ▶ Leadership Wichita Falls, Class of 2012
  - ▶ Honors Student of the Year, National Collegiate Honors Council, 2007
  - ▶ Mayor's Commendation, City of Corpus Christi, 2007
  - ▶ Finished college and graduate school debt-free



# Hobbies & Interests

- ▶ Hobbies
  - ▶ Travel, Yoga, Movies, and Food
- ▶ Interests
  - ▶ Cultures
  - ▶ Children and Youth
  - ▶ Education
- ▶ Community and Professional Services
  - ▶ Young Professionals of Wichita Falls, Vice President
  - ▶ Wichita County Teen Court, Advisory Board
  - ▶ First Step, Board of Directors
  - ▶ Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mentor
  - ▶ Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology, Vice President-Elect
  - ▶ Golden Key International Honour Society, Council of Advisors





# Why I like working at MSU

- ▶ People at MSU are nice and easy to work with.
- ▶ I have gained great work experience.
- ▶ My supervisors are flexible, so I can serve the university in different capacities.
- ▶ I get to interact with students, so they are more than just numbers.
- ▶ MSU has great lectures, cultural and athletic events.





Thank you for your time!