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Hometown: NYC

Program and degree: Graduate School of Social Work, Ph.D.

Year: 2nd year

Undergraduate institution: Brown University, BA in English and American Literature

How I found my way to Boston College: I was working for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health as a Service Coordinator, and realized I wanted to further my education and understanding in the field of social work. I was accepted by BC's Graduate School of Social Work in 2004 for the MSW program, and decided to continue on in the doctoral program after finding that social work was a field I wished to become an expert in.

Summary of my research, teaching, service at Boston College: I have worked with a number of professors in the Graduate School of Social Work in understanding resilience, growth, and coping for vulnerable persons. I hope to focus on issues of resilience and coping with immigrant families, and understand the dynamic of discrimination in the acculturation process as the topic of my dissertation. In January 2008, I will begin a part time job with Rani Dalgin at Research Services as a Research Consultant in hopes of honing my skills in quantitative as well as qualitative analysis while assisting in the research of professors from multiple disciplines.

How I define being a representative of diversity: I am a Chinese American from a working class immigrant family, and I grew up in the city of New York. My background allows me to have an added perspective in the experience of inner-city immigrants, and I endeavor to apply my skills in conducting research, designing interventions, and doing clinical work for this population while contributing to knowledge in social work practice.

How I define the word diversity: Diversity is the social phenomenon of pluralistic cultures existing side by side with one another.

What I hope to do with my fellowship: I hope to finish my Ph.D. and go forward to improve the lives of persons who have been marginalized by society.

My Favorite Quote: "As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light of meaning in the darkness of mere being."
Carl Jung, *Memories, Dreams, Reflections* (1963).