

Christopher Levesque

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EDUCATION

August 2017 - Present

PhD Candidate, Sociology, expected May 2023

[University of Minnesota - Twin Cities](#) | Minneapolis, MN

Committee: Jack DeWaard & Elizabeth Heger Boyle (co-advisors), Christopher Uggen, Ryan Allen, Linus Chan

Minor: Population Studies

August 2017 - August 2020

Master of Arts, Sociology

[University of Minnesota - Twin Cities](#) | Minneapolis, MN

Minor: Population Studies

August 2009 - May 2013

Bachelor of Arts, Government & German Studies, *magna cum laude*

[Cornell University](#) | Ithaca, NY

Advisor: Michael Jones-Correa

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Demography, migration, social stratification, sociology of law

PUBLICATIONS

Levesque, Christopher, Jack DeWaard, Linus Chan, Kazumi Tsuchiya, Olivia Toles, Michele Garnett McKenzie, Amy Lange, Kimberly Horner, Eric Ryu, & Elizabeth Heger Boyle. 2022. "[Crimmigrating narratives: examining third-party observations of U.S. detained immigration court.](#)" *Law & Social Inquiry*.

Tsuchiya, Kazumi, Olivia Toles, **Christopher Levesque**, Kimberly Horner, Eric Ryu, Linus Chan, & Jack DeWaard. 2021. "[Perceived structural vulnerabilities among detained noncitizen immigrants in Minnesota.](#)" *PLoS ONE* 16(6): e0252232.

Levesque, Christopher & Jack DeWaard. 2021. "[Migration and Migrants in the United States.](#)" In *Companion to the Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*. Edited by Anthony M. Orum. UK: Wiley Blackwell Publishing.

UNDER REVIEW

Christopher Levesque. August 2022. "[Time is on their side? Survival and cause-deleted approaches to studying U.S. immigration court decisions.](#)"

Christopher Levesque. August 2022. "[Losing Slowly: Comparing Perceptions of Procedural Fairness in Upper Midwest Immigration Courts.](#)"

Pando, Cynthia, **Christopher Levesque**, & Elizabeth Heger Boyle. August 2022. "Subjective Well-being among Migrant Iraqi Women: A Closer Look at Reasons for Migration."

AWARDS

External

2021

American Sociological Association Dissertation Development Research Improvement Grant (ASA DDRIG) (\$14,500)

2018

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Grant (\$7,500)

University of Minnesota

2021

UMN Sociology Anna Welsch Bright Research Award (\$5,000)

UMN College of Liberal Arts Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (DDF) (\$25,000)

Minnesota Population Center Graduate Student Research Grant (\$2,000)

2020

UMN Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship (\$25,000)

UMN Shimota Dissertation Development Summer Fellowship (\$4,000)

2019

UMN Center for German & European Studies Travel Grant (\$500)

UMN Holocaust, Genocide & Mass Violence (HGMV) Travel Grant (\$1,500)

POLICY & OPINION

Christopher Levesque. 2022. "Book Review: Deported Americans." *Border Criminologies (University of Oxford)*. May 6, 2022.

Gelatt, Julia, Jeanne Batalova, & **Christopher Levesque**. 2021. "Immigrant and Other U.S. Workers a Year into the Pandemic: A Focus on Top Immigrant States." Policy Brief in *Migration Policy Institute*. June 30, 2021.

Christopher Levesque. 2021. "Book Review: Banned: Immigration Enforcement in the Time of Trump." *Border Criminologies (University of Oxford)*. March 26, 2021.

Batalova, Jeanne, Mary Hanna, & **Christopher Levesque**. 2021. "Frequently Requested Statistics on Immigrants and Immigration in the United States." Policy Brief in *MPI Migration Information Source*. February 11, 2021.

Allen, Ryan, Jack DeWaard, Erika Lee, & **Christopher Levesque**. 2018.

"The Trump administration's proposed changes to the 'public charge' rule lack merit." Op-ed in *MinnPost*. December 12, 2018.

**PAPER
PRESENTATIONS**

Levesque, Christopher. August 2022. "Presenting a movie not a piece of paper': attorneys' fairness perceptions and strategies in deportation court." American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA.

Levesque, Christopher. July 2022. "Losing Slowly: Comparing Perceptions of Procedural Fairness in Upper Midwest Immigration Courts." Law and Society Association. Lisbon, Portugal.

Levesque, Christopher. April 2022. "Deportation in new destinations: examining regional variation in immigration court decisions." Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA.

DeWaard, Jack, Jasmine Trang Ha, **Christopher Levesque**, Kobie Price, Kazumi Tsuchiya. April 2022. "The globalization of international migration: A demographic decomposition of international migration rates, 1990-2015." Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA.

Levesque, Christopher. April 2022. "Representation in new destinations: reflecting on attorneys' perceptions of immigration court in the Upper Midwest." Midwest Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.

Levesque, Christopher. May 2021. "Studying Spatial Contexts of the U.S. Immigration Court System." Law and Society Association. Virtual Meeting.

Levesque, Christopher. May 2021. "Mapping immigration court processes, outcomes, and deportation decisions." Population Association of America. Virtual Meeting.

Levesque, Christopher & Jack DeWaard. May 2021. "Rusty and rooted: estimating duration of residence in the U.S. Rust Belt before, during, and after the Great Recession." Population Association of America. Virtual Meeting.

Levesque, Christopher, Jack DeWaard, Linus Chan, Michele Garnett McKenzie, Kazumi Tsuchiya, Olivia Toles, & Amy Lange. May 2020. "Detained and denied: third-party observers' perceived civic and democratic costs of detained immigration court." Law and Society Association. Virtual Meeting.

Levesque, Christopher & Jack DeWaard. April 2020. "Calculating duration expectancy to describe Rust Belt migration before, during, and after the Great Recession." Population Association of America. Virtual Meeting.

Levesque, Christopher. August 2019. "Assimilation or exclusion? Refugee access to health in Germany after the migrant crisis." American Sociological Association. Section on International Migration. New York, NY.

Levesque, Christopher. August 2019. "Screening for the 'Good Life': Nurses' Insights into the New Era of Refugee Health Care and Integration in Minneapolis, St. Paul." The Society for the Study of Social Problems. New York, NY.

Liebler, Carolyn, **Christopher Levesque,** & Miri Song. April 2019. "Measuring 'Context' when Studying Racial Identity and Family among Mixed-Heritage People in the U.S." Population Association of America. Austin, TX.

**POSTER
PRESENTATIONS**

Tsuchiya, Kazumi, **Christopher Levesque,** & Jack DeWaard. "What factors influence bond decisions for immigrant detainees in immigration court? Understanding the confluence of criminal history and mental health in immigration bond hearings." Population Association of America 2020. Virtual Meeting.

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

August 2022 - May 2023
Research Assistant, Health, Neighborhood Context, and Mobility
[Minnesota Population Center](#)
NIH# [5R01HD090014-04](#)

January 2022 - August 2022
Research Assistant, Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation
[Minnesota Population Center](#)
NICHD# [R01HD099182-01A1](#)
Coded and analyzed international health survey data from IPUMS-DHS. Researched with Dr. Elizabeth Heger Boyle (Sociology) and Cynthia Pando (UMN Public Health) on topics related to migration, well-being, and women's health.

May 2021 - September 2021
Consultant, U.S. Immigration Team
[Migration Policy Institute](#)
Assisted by co-writing immigration court reform research, with emphasis on trends in technology, attorney representation, and geography.

January 2021 - April 2021
Research Intern, U.S. Immigration Team
[Migration Policy Institute](#)
Helped team clean, describe, and analyze U.S. immigration statistics, including data related to immigration courts, refugee admissions, and the unauthorized immigration population.

September 2020 - May 2021

Research Fellow, Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship
[University of Minnesota Law School, Binger Center for New Americans](#)
Worked with Professors Linus Chan and Stephen Meili (UMN Law School) examining how immigrant detainees' family networks and criminal background influence judges' deportation decisions across all U.S. immigration courts.

January 2018 - August 2020

Research Assistant, Transparency & Engagement in Immigration Court
[UMN Sociology - University of Minnesota, Twin Cities](#)

Designed a unique court observation survey using SDAPS and L^AT_EX. Cleaned, coded, and analyzed court observation data using R and NVivo. Interviewed 60+ court volunteers and validated local observer responses using nationally representative data from the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC).

May 2019 - August 2019

Research Assistant, Measuring 'Context' when Studying Racial Identity
[Minnesota Population Center](#)

Assisted Dr. Carolyn Liebler (Sociology) by analyzing county-level U.S. Census data for years 1980-2010 using IPUMS; performed Principal Components Analysis (PCA) and k-means cluster analysis.

June 2018 – December 2018

Research Assistant, Migration and Migrants in Terrifying Times
[UMN Sociology - University of Minnesota, Twin Cities](#)

Provided research and administrative support for Dr. Jack DeWaard's (Sociology) interdisciplinary collaborative workshop in partnership with the Immigration History Research Center and the Humphrey School for Public Affairs.

June 2018 - December 2018

Research Assistant, MPC Short-Term RA Program
[Minnesota Population Center](#)

Developed code and cleaned data on projects for UMN faculty in Pediatrics, UMN Sociology, Public Health, and the Carlson School of Management.

TEACHING

Summer 2021

Instructor, Social Statistics ([link](#) to course page)

[UMN Sociology - University of Minnesota, Twin Cities](#)

Fall 2017 & Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant, Intro to Sociology (Cawo Abdi & Joyce Bell)

[UMN Sociology - University of Minnesota, Twin Cities](#)

SERVICE

January 2022 – Present

Co-organizer, Law, Criminology, and Justice (LCJ) Writing Group
UMN Sociology - University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

April 2022

Session Chair, "Flash: New Data and Methods in Migration Research"
Population Association of America

September 2020 – May 2021

Graduate Representative, Programming Committee
Minnesota Population Center & Life Course Center

August 2019 – May 2020

Graduate Representative, Promotion, Tenure, & Salary (PT&S) Committee
UMN Sociology - University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

SKILLS

Stata, R, QGIS, Tableau, L^AT_EX, quasi-experimental modeling (e.g., RDD), survey design, interviewing methods, & NVivo. I also possess Special Sworn Status as a researcher at Minnesota's Census Research Data Center.

TRAINING

June 2019

Berkeley Workshop in Formal Demography
University of California, Berkeley

September 2019 - Spring 2021

Graduate Training Program in Population Studies
Minnesota Population Center

LANGUAGES

English & German (native speaker) | Turkish (Intermediate)