

# Christopher Levesque

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- EMPLOYMENT** July 2023 - Present  
*Assistant Professor*, Sociology and Law & Society  
[Kenyon College](#) | Gambier, OH
- RESEARCH INTERESTS** Sociology of law, migration, social stratification, health, demography
- EDUCATION** August 2017 - June 2023  
*Ph.D.*, Sociology  
[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
- PUBLICATIONS** Ryo, Emily, Zoe Holtzman, & **Christopher Levesque**. Forthcoming 2026. “[Weaponizing Immigration Detention](#).” *Iowa Law Review*.
- Ryo, Emily, Ian Peacock, Weston Ley, & **Christopher Levesque**. 2026. “[Representation in Removal Proceedings](#).” *Indiana Law Journal* 101(3):753-812.
- Ryo, Emily, Ian Peacock, Weston Ley, & **Christopher Levesque**. 2025. “[Racial Disparities in Crime-Based Removal Proceedings](#).” *Minnesota Law Review* 109(5):1997-2088.
- Ha, Jasmine, Jack DeWaard, Guy Abel, Kazumi Tsuchiya, Jessie Pinchoff, **Christopher Levesque**, & Kobie Price. 2024. “[The globalization of international migration? A data-driven synthesis to inform theory and policy in the 21st century and beyond](#).” *Population and Development Review* 51(1):421-448.
- Ryo, Emily & **Christopher Levesque**. 2024. “[Immigration Detention as](#)

Racialised Wealth Extraction.” In *Immigration Detention and Social Harm*. Edited by Michelle Peterie. UK: Routledge Press. 155-174.

Johnson, Amy L., **Christopher Levesque**, Neil A. Lewis, Jr., & Asad L. Asad. 2024. “Deportation threat predicts Latino US citizens and noncitizens’ psychological distress, 2011 to 2018.” *Proceedings of the National Academies of the Sciences (PNAS)* 121(9):1-12.

- 2025 ASA Mental Health Section Best Publication Award, 2025 IPUMS Health Surveys Research Award

**Levesque, Christopher**, Linus Chan, & Kimberly Horner. 2023. “Process as suffering: How U.S. immigration court process and culture prevent substantive justice.” *Albany Law Review* 86(3):471-516.

**Levesque, Christopher**, Jack DeWaard, Linus Chan, Kazumi Tsuchiya, Olivia Toles, Michele Garnett McKenzie, Amy Lange, Kimberly Horner, Eric Ryu, & Elizabeth Heger Boyle. 2023. “Crimmigrating narratives: examining third-party observations of U.S. detained immigration court.” *Law & Social Inquiry* 48(2):407-36.

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.

## AWARDS

### *External*

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2025

ASA Mental Health Section Best Publication Award  
IPUMS Health Surveys Research Award

2021

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

2018

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

### *Kenyon College*

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2026  
Faculty Research Grant for “Suspended Judgement: Time, Punishment, and Action in U.S. Immigration Law.”(\$3,000)

2025  
Faculty Teaching Grant (with Nicholas Theis) (\$5,000)

*University of Minnesota*

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2023  
UMN Sociology Don Martindale Award (\$1,000)

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)

**PUBLIC  
ENGAGEMENT**

**Christopher Levesque.** 2024. “Podcast Interview: Who Seeks Asylum in Ohio.” *All Sides (WOSU/NPR)*. July 1, 2024.

Chishti, Muzaffar, Doris Meissner, Stephen Yale-Loehr, Kathleen Bush-Joseph, & **Christopher Levesque.** 2023. “At the Breaking Point: Rethinking the U.S. Immigration Court System.” *Migration Policy Institute*. July 2023.

**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**

Horner, Kimberly, **Christopher Levesque**, Isabel Bethke, & Michele Waslin. July 2026. “Behind Bars and Before the Bench: How Limited Access to Counsel Shapes the Narratives of Detained Respondents in U.S. Immigration Court.” CINETS Crimmigration Control International Network of Studies. Leiden, Netherlands.

**Levesque, Christopher**, Emily Ryo, & Ian Peacock. May 2026. “Spillover Consequences of Immigration Court Involvement on U.S. Communities.” Law and Society Association. San Francisco, CA.

**Levesque, Christopher** & Lilly Yu. November 2025. “Seeing “Down the Line”: Anticipating and Preventing the Collateral Consequences of Deportation via Affirmative and Defensive Legal Processes in the United States.” American Society of Criminology. Washington, DC.

**Levesque, Christopher**, Emily Ryo, Ian Peacock, & Weston Ley. October 2025. “Spillover Consequences of Immigration Court Involvement on U.S. Communities.” Vera Institute of Justice. Brooklyn, NY.

**Levesque, Christopher**. May 2025. “Access to Time in U.S. Detained Removal Proceedings.” Law and Society Association. Chicago, IL.

**Levesque, Christopher**. May 2025. “Temporal Dimensions of Lawyering Expertise.” Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference. Columbus, OH.

**Levesque, Christopher**, Emily Ryo, Ian Peacock, & Weston Ley. April 2025. “Exit Delayed: Racial Disparities in Time to Release from U.S. Immigration Detention.” Population Association of America. Washington, DC.

**Levesque, Christopher**. March 2025. “Temporal Expertise and Lawyering Roles in U.S. Immigration Courts.” American Psychology-Law Society. San Juan, PR.

**Levesque, Christopher**, Emily Ryo, Ian Peacock, & Weston Ley. June 2024. “Racial Disparities in U.S. Immigration Detention.” Law and Society Association. Denver, CO.

Yu, Lilly & **Levesque, Christopher**. June 2024. “Seeing Down the Line: Anticipating and Preventing the Collateral Consequences of Deportation via Affirmative and Defensive Legal Processes in the United States.” Law and Society Association. Denver, CO.

**Levesque, Christopher** & Lilly Yu. March 2024. “Examining U.S. Immigration Lawyers’ Time-Based Strategies in Affirmative and Defensive Procedure.” CINETS Crimmigration Control International Network of Studies. Portland, OR.

Ryo, Emily, Ian Peacock, Weston Ley, & **Christopher Levesque**. March 2024. “Racial Disparities in Crime-Based Removal Proceedings.” CINETS Crimmigration Control International Network of Studies. Portland, OR.

**Levesque, Christopher**. June 2023. “Examining the currency of time and timeliness in immigration removal proceedings.” Law and Society Association. San Juan, PR.

Ha, Jasmine, Jack DeWaard, Guy Abel, Kazumi Tsuchiya, J. Pinchoff, **Christopher Levesque**, & Kobie Price. April 2023. “The Globalization of International Migration? A Data-Driven Synthesis to Inform Theory and Policy in the 21st Century and Beyond.” Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA.

**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.