

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

Migration, demography, immigration law, immigrant and refugee health

PUBLICATIONS

Levesque, Christopher, Jack DeWaard, Linus Chan, Kazumi Tsuchiya, Olivia Toles, Michele Garnett McKenzie, Amy Lange, Kimberly Horner, Eric Ryu, & Elizabeth Heger Boyle. Forthcoming 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

Levesque, Christopher & Jack DeWaard. November 2021. "[Rusted and Rooted? Population Churning and Duration Expectancy in the U.S. Rust Belt.](#)" Initial submission under review: *Demography*.

**PAPER
PRESENTATIONS**

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.

**PUBLIC POLICY
&
OPINION**

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

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.

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.

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

May 2021 - September 2021
Consultant, U.S. Immigration Team
[Migration Policy Institute](#)

Assisted with 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](#)

Provided support to team members by performing analyses of 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 Profs. Linus Chan and Stephen Meili 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
[University of Minnesota - Twin Cities](#)

Designed a unique court observation survey using SDAPS and \LaTeX . Cleaned, coded, and analyzed court observation data using R and NVivo. Interviewed 60+ court volunteers and validating 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, Minneapolis, MN](#)

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 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, Minneapolis, MN](#)

TEACHING

June 2021 - August 2021

Instructor, Social Statistics (link to course page)
[University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Sociology](#)

August 2017 – May 2018

Teaching Assistant, Intro to Sociology (Cawo Abdi & Joyce Bell)
[University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Sociology](#)

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, \LaTeX , 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](#)

AWARDS

[2021](#)

UMN Sociology Anna Welsch Bright Research Award
American Sociological Association Dissertation Development Research Improvement Grant (ASA DDRIG)
UMN College of Liberal Arts Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (DDF)
Minnesota Population Center Graduate Student Research Grant

[2020](#)

UMN Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship
UMN Shimota Dissertation Development Summer Fellowship

[2019](#)

UMN Center for German & European Studies Travel Grant
UMN Holocaust, Genocide & Mass Violence (HGMV) Travel Grant

[2018](#)

FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) Summer Grant

[2017](#)

UMN Department of Sociology Professional Development Award

LANGUAGES

English & German (native speaker) | Turkish (C1) | Arabic (A2)