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EDUCATION

August 2017 - Present

PhD Student, Sociology, expected May 2023

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

Co-advisors: Jack DeWaard & Elizabeth Heger Boyle

Minor: Population Studies

October 2013 - July 2014

DAAD Research Fellow, Social Studies

[Humboldt Universität zu Berlin](#) | Germany

Advisor: Gökçe Yurdakul

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 and Jack DeWaard. Forthcoming. "Migrations in the U.S." In *Companion to the Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*. Edited by Anthony M. Orum. UK: Wiley Blackwell Publishing.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

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

"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 2019. New York, NY.

"Measuring 'Context' when Studying Racial Identity and Family Decisions among Mixed-Heritage People in the U.S." Co-authors: Drs. Carolyn Liebler and Miri Song. Population Association of America 2019. Austin, TX.

"Comparing far-right populism and collective memory in the American and German context." Memory Studies Association 2019. Madrid, Spain.

"Monuments of shame in Charlottesville und Berlin." DAAD Zentrenkonferenz 2018. Berlin, Germany.

"Monuments, memory, migration: collective guilt and xenophobia of the German far-right." American Sociological Association 2018 (Section on Collective Memory).

WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2018 - Present

Research Assistant, Transparency and Engagement in U.S. Immigration Court

[University of Minnesota - Twin Cities](#)

In collaboration with the UMN Law School's James H. Binger Center for New Ameri-

cans and the UMN Human Rights Initiative, I interviewed 60+ volunteers and helped validate local volunteer immigration court observer data using nationally representative data from the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC).

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 2019 - December 2018

Research Assistant, MPC Short-Term RA Program

[Minnesota Population Center, Minneapolis, MN](#)

Assisted UMN faculty projects with a population studies focus that often result in a publication and/or grant proposal. Each project lasted 3-4 weeks. Examples of work include:

- Used IPUMS and NHGIS data to map net migration rates for unincorporated areas in Miami-Dade county in decades between 1950 and 2010 (Dr. Fernando Burga, Fall 2018)
- Compiled SES data from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program (SEER) database by census tract for 2000 Census SF3a and 2012-16 ACS; ran factor analysis using SAS to re-construct SEER's SES index (Dr. Logan Spector, Fall 2018)
- Gathered county-level U.S. Census data for years 1980-2010 using IPUMS; performed Principal Components Analysis (PCA) and k-means cluster analysis in order to cluster similar county-years based on demographic and housing characteristics (Dr. Carolyn Liebler, Summer 2018)

December 2014 – July 2017

Assistant Immigration Paralegal

[Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen Loewy, LLP, New York, NY](#)

Managed a caseload of 25-30 immigration-related petitions and green card applications at a time for those anticipating U.S. employment in consulting and healthcare fields.

August 2014 – December 2014

Program Coordinator / Home Health Aide

[Renewal Care Foundation, New York, NY](#)

Administered holistic long-term care for those with Alzheimer's and similar neurocognitive disorders. Managed HR records and assisted with client-stakeholder relations.

December 2011 – September 2012

Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dr. Michael Jones-Correa

[Cornell Government Department, Ithaca, NY](#)

Administered holistic long-term care for those with Alzheimer's and similar neurocognitive disorders. Managed HR records and assisted with client-stakeholder relations.

SKILLS

Basic and advanced statistics in Stata and R (OLS and logistic regression, event history analysis, multilevel modeling), SAS (factor analysis and PCA), GIS modeling, data visualization using Tableau and Datawrapper, \LaTeX , NetLogo, interviewing methods, & NVivo. I also possess Special Sworn Status as a researcher at Minnesota's Census Research Data Center (RDC).

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

January 2018 – May 2018
Teaching Assistant, Intro to Sociology (Instructor: Dr. Joyce Bell)
[University of Minnesota, Twin Cities](#)

August 2017 – December 2017
Teaching Assistant, Intro to Sociology (Instructor: Dr. Cawo Abdi)
[University of Minnesota, Twin Cities](#)

**AWARDS &
GRANTS**

[2018 FLAS \(Foreign Language and Area Studies\) Summer Grant](#) for a ten-week beginner Arabic language course at the University of Minnesota

[2017-18 Hella Mears Fellowship](#) for graduate summer research through UMN's Center for German European Studies

[2013-14 DAAD \(German Academic Exchange Service\) Study Scholarship](#) for an independent research project on education and political participation within Turkish-Berliner communities.

[2013-14 Fulbright Cyprus ETA Program \(Declined\)](#)

[2011 CLS \(Critical Language Scholarship\) Summer Grant](#) for a two-month advanced Turkish language course in Ankara, Turkey

[2010 FLAS \(Foreign Language and Area Studies\) Summer Grant](#) for a three-month intermediate Turkish language course in Istanbul, Turkey

[2009-13 Telluride Association Scholarship](#)

ACTIVITIES

June 2019
Trainee

[5th Annual Berkeley Workshop in Formal Demography, Berkeley, CA](#)

Participated in a week-long workshop covering a variety of demographic methods and applications with special emphasis on migration, organized by Drs. Josh Goldstein (Demography, UC Berkeley) and Magali Barbieri (INED).

December 2018 – June 2019
Volunteer Researcher

[Protecting Immigrant Families \(PIF\) Research Group](#)

In collaboration with Dr. Katherine Fennelly (UMN Humphrey School) and graduate students at UMN Public Health. Helped code and analyze public comments regarding the proposed “public charge” regulation for use in legal arguments against the proposed rule.

June 2013 – Present

Board Member, TASP TASS Program Admissions Board
[Telluride Association, Ithaca, NY and Ann Arbor, MI](#)

Coordinate 200+ interviews nationwide and screen 1,000+ applications per year for Telluride's summer programs at Cornell University, University of Michigan, and Maryland-College Park.

January 2016 – July 2017

Volunteer Scribe

[New Sanctuary Coalition, New York, NY](#)

Prepared and assembled I-589 Asylum applications for Honduran and Salvadoran asylum-seekers based in New York City.

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