

# 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

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.

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

**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.

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

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

**Levesque, Christopher**. August 2018. "Monuments, memory, migration: collective guilt and xenophobia of the German far-right." American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.

**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. Washington, D.C.

**PUBLIC POLICY  
&  
OPINION**

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*. Published June 30, 2021.

**Christopher Levesque**. 2021. "Book Review: Banned: Immigration Enforcement in the Time of Trump." *Border Criminologies (University of Oxford)*. Published 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*. Published 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*. Published December 12, 2018.

**BOOK REVIEWS  
&  
INTERVIEWS**

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

**Levesque, Christopher**. 2018. "Holocaust Memory and the Migrant 'Double Bind' in Contemporary Germany: Interview with Michael Rothberg." *The Society Pages*. Published June 28, 2018.

**RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE**

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

Currently assisting with immigration court reform research, with emphasis on trends in technology, attorney representation, and geography.

September 2020 - Present  
*Research Assistant*, National Policy Context and Psychological Distress among Noncitizens in the United States  
[Stanford University](#)

Currently studying with Profs. Asad Asad and Neil Lewis, Jr. the effect of DACA's announcement and rescission on non-citizen psychological distress using a regression discontinuity design. Research for this project uses private NCHS data housed within the Census' Research Data Center.

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  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . 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

September 2020 – May 2020

*Graduate Representative*, Programming Committee  
[Minnesota Population Center & Life Course Center](#)

August 2019 – May 2020

*Graduate Representative*, Promotion, Tenure, & Salary (PT&S) Committee  
[University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Sociology](#)

## SKILLS

Stata and R (advanced proficiency), SAS (basic proficiency), ArcGIS, Tableau,

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, 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

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 Center for German & European Studies Hella Mears Fellowship

UMN Department of Sociology Professional Development Award

2013

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Study Scholarship

Fulbright Cyprus ETA Program (Declined)

2011

CLS (Critical Language Scholarship) Summer Fellowship

## LANGUAGES

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