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Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Vanderbilt University, 2022 – 2025

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology
Coordinator, Borders of Citizenship Initiative, College of Arts & Sciences

University of Chicago, 2021 - 2022

Harper-Schmidt Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts
Collegiate Assistant Professor, Social Science Division
Affiliated Academic Appointee, Department of Sociology

EDUCATION

Boston University, the Department of Sociology, Boston, Massachusetts

Ph.D. Sociology, June 2021
Dissertation Committee: Julian Go (Chair), Japonica Brown-Saracino, Nazli Kibria,
Emily Barman, and Heba Gowayed

University of Sussex, the School of Global Studies, Brighton, United Kingdom

M.A. in Migration Studies, August 2012
Thesis Supervisor: Katy Gardner

University of Warwick, the Department of Sociology, Coventry, United Kingdom

B.A. in Sociology, May 2011
Thesis Supervisor: Gurminder Bhambra

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Migration, Refugees, Race & Ethnicity, Global & Transnational Sociology, Space &
Place, Organizations, Relational Sociology, Social Theory

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Watson, Jake. Forthcoming. Standardizing Refuge: Pipelines and Pathways in the US
Refugee Resettlement Program. *American Sociological Review*.

Watson, Jake. 2022. Rescaling Resettlement: Local Welcoming Policies and the Shaping
of Refugee Belonging. *Social Problems*, Online First, spac041

Watson, Jake. 2019. Welcoming Refugees and the Cultural Wealth of Cities: Intersections
of Urban Development and Refugee Humanitarianism. *International Journal of Urban
and Regional Research* 43(5): 983-999

Go, Julian & **Jake Watson**. 2019. Anticolonialism: From Imagined Communities to
Colonial Conflict. *European Journal of Sociology* 60(1): 31-68

Watson, Jake, Saher Selod, & Nazli Kibria. 2019. 'Let's Hope the Boston Marathon Bomber is a White American': Racializing Muslims and the Politics of White Identity. *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* 26(4): 450-469

- Featured on *Race.Ed*, an interdisciplinary network showcasing research that makes a critical contribution to studies on race and decolonial studies.

Watson, Jake. 2018. Family Ideation, Immigration, and the Racial State: Explaining Divergent Family Reunification Policies between Britain and the US. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 41(2): 324-342

- Received 2018 Best Graduate Student Paper Award from the American Sociological Association's Section on Global & Transnational Sociology

Kibria, Nazli, **Jake Watson** & Saher Selod. 2018. Imagining the Radicalized Muslim: Race, Anti-Muslim Discourse and Media Narratives of the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombers. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 4(2): 192-205.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Kibria, Nazli, Saher Selod & **Jake Watson**. 'Imagining the "Muslim Terrorist": Media Narratives of the Boston Marathon Bombers. In: *Growing Up Muslim in Europe and the United States* eds. Bozorgmehr, Mehdi and Philip Kasnitz. Routledge Press.

IN PROGRESS

Beyond Humanitarian Exception? Refugee Resettlement in an Age of Containment
Book Manuscript in Progress

Institutional Fields in a Global Racial Order: Racialized Inclusion and Refugees in the US and Brazil, with Katherine Jensen (Assistant Professor, UW-Madison)
Accepted at ASA 2023 – Transnational Racializations
Presented at SSHA 2022 – Contexts of Reception in Global and Historical Perspective

"Our Future is Here": Contesting Displaced Hopes and Harms in a Refugee Resettlement Program
Accepted for submission to *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, Special Issue: Resettlement as Institution
Presented at ASA 2021 – International Migration Section Panel: From Violence to Security: Global Migration and Local Resettlement

Threading the Social Safety Net: The Precarious Organizational Work of Resettling Refugees, with Heba Gowayed (Assistant Professor, Boston University)
Accepted for presentation at ASA 2022 - Voluntary and Nonprofit Organization Regular Session

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Muslim Racialization and the Politics of White Identity
Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power

Unpacking the 'Refugee Crisis' (editor and introduction)
Political Power and Social Theory

Migration and NHS Entitlement Reform
The Migrationist

TEACHING

Lecturer, Globalization & Transnationalism, Vanderbilt University (Spring, 2023)

Lecturer, Immigration in America, Vanderbilt University (Fall, 2022)

Lecturer, Introduction to Sociology, Vanderbilt University (Fall, 2022)

Collegiate Assistant Professor, Self, Culture, & Society, University of Chicago (2021 – 2022)

Lecturer, Introduction to Sociological Theory, Boston University (Spring, 2020)

Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Boston University (Fall, 2019)

Teaching Fellow, Principles in Sociology, Boston University (2015-2017)

GUEST LECTURES

Migration & Development

Social Contexts of Public Policy, Professor Patrick Greiner (Spring 2023)

Refugees, Racialization, and Identity

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Global Challenges II – The Global Crisis of Forced Displacement, Professor Carrie Preston (Spring 2020)

Historical and Comparative Methods

Graduate Student Research Methods, Professor Emily Barman (Fall 2019)

AWARDS + FELLOWSHIPS

Travel Grant (2019)

Provided by the Eastern Sociological Society to attend a mini-conference in March.

Best Student Paper Award (2018)

Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

Henry S. Newman Fellowship Award (2018)

Non-service fellowship for 2018-19 academic year.

Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (2017)

Non-service fellowship for a semester of international fieldwork in Kampala, Uganda.

Morris Grant (2017)

Research grant for fieldwork in Clarkston, Georgia.

ESRC Workshop Funding (2017)

Travel and expenses to participate in European Social Research Council workshop on Diaspora Politics and Contested Sovereignty, London.

Concordia University Scholarship (2017)

Full scholarship to attend a summer school at Concordia University, Canada.

Initiative on Cities Early Stage Urban Research Award (2016)

Research grant for fieldwork in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Morris Grant (2016)

Summer funding for collaborative research with Prof. Nazli Kibria.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Fellow (2015)

Tuition and stipend to attend ICPSR Summer Program

Dean's Fellowship (2014/5)

Non-service fellowship for PhD study.

Margret Stacey Giving to Warwick Prize (2011)

Single-winner award for academic excellence at the University of Warwick.

Warwick University Academic Scholarship (2009-10)

Two year academic scholarship.

INVITED TALKS

Resettlement Strategies: Learning from National Examples & Local Actors

Two-Part Seminar for Welcoming America, 2021

The Infrastructure of the 1980 Refugee Act, an Anatomy of its Undermining, and how to Rebuild it

Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, 2020

Refugee Incorporation in 'Welcoming' Cities

Issues in Global Development, Emory University, 2018

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES & PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

Context of Reception in Global and Historical Perspective

Social Science Historical Association, 2022

Presentations

Institutional Fields in a Global Racial Order: Racialized Inclusion and Refugees in the US and Brazil with Katherine Jensen

Panel: ASA Annual Meeting, 2023 (Race, Gender, and Class)

Standardizing Refuge: Pipelines and Pathways in the US Refugee Resettlement Program

Panel: ASA Annual Meeting, 2023 (International Migration)

How are Refugees Selected for Resettlement? Quotas, Infrastructures, and the Construction of Clean Cases

Panel: ASA Annual Meeting, 2022 (Organizations, Occupations, and Work Regular Session)

Resource Bricolage: The Local Work of Refugee Resettlement in the United States

with Heba Gowayed (Assistant Professor, Boston University)

Panel: ASA Annual Meeting, 2022 (Voluntary and Nonprofit Organization Regular Session)

Congolese Refugees and the Institutional Logics of anti-Blackness in a Global Racial Order, with Katherine Jensen (Assistant Professor, UW-Madison)

Panel: SSHA Annual Meeting 2022

How are refugees selected for resettlement? Quotas, Infrastructures, and the Construction of Clean Cases

Panel: SSHA Annual Meeting, 2021

'But how does it leave us?' Waiting, Hope, and Violence in a Resettlement Program

Panel: ASA Annual Meeting, 2021

Ethnic Subjects and Legal Status: How Local Regimes of Reception Shape Refugee Incorporation

Roundtable: ASA Annual Meeting, 2020

Ethnic Subjects and Legal Status: How Local Regimes of Reception Shape Refugee Incorporation

Harvard Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop, Harvard University, 2020

Refugees and Incorporation Projects

Panel: Critical Migration Studies Mini-Conference, Eastern Sociological Society, 2020

Integration or Articulation? Exploring the Relevance of Stuart Hall for the Sociology of Immigration

Invited panel: Social Science History Association, 2019

Welcoming Refugees and the Cultural Wealth of Cities: Intersections of Urban Development and Refugee Humanitarianism

Roundtable: ASA Annual Meeting, 2018

Examining Intersections between Refugee Humanitarianism and Urban Development Projects in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Urban Inequalities Workshop, Initiative on Cities, 2017

'Welcoming Cities,' Symbolic Economies, and the Welcomed Refugee: Explaining Refugee Labor in Urban Development Agendas as Clientelist Politics

Panel: European Social Research Council Workshop in London, 2017

Divided Families and Divided Nations: Reexamining Cross-National Differences in the Politics and Regulation of Family Reunification in the UK and US

Round table: ASA Annual Meeting, 2016

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Panel: Eastern Sociological Society, 2016

Divided Families and Divided Nations: Reexamining Cross-National Differences in the Politics and Regulation of Family Reunification in the UK and US

Workshop Panel: Presented at Where I Fare Well, There is My Home: Migration, Past and Present, Duke University March, 2016

Why Did They Do It?" Muslims, Terrorism and the Boston Marathon Bombings

Round table: Third ISA Forum of Sociology, 2016

Migrant Rights Advocacy in an Age of Managed Migration: A View from the UK

Panel: Eastern Sociological Society, 2015

Citizenship beyond Community

Graduate Student Conference - University of Oxford, April 2012

SERVICE

Occasional Reviews: American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology; Social Problems; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; International Journal of Urban and Regional Research

Coordinator: I co-ordinate an inter-disciplinary, campus wide initiative of the Dean of Arts and Sciences at Vanderbilt University on borders, migration, and citizenship. This includes setting programs, developing themes, hosting external speakers, and running a faculty paper workshop. The theme for 2023/4 is The Politics of Refuge Above, Below, and Beyond the State.

Anti-Racism Workshop: I initiated a new workshop for undergraduates at Boston University on having complex conversations with family and friends about race and racism. I co-led the inaugural session in July 2020

Presider, Global and Transnational Sociology ASA Roundtable Session, Critical Refugee Studies II, 2020

Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2018 – 2019

Research Cluster Coordinator, Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2018 – 2021

Webmaster, Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2018 – 2021

Student Editor and Webmaster, Political Power and Social Theory, 2015 – Ongoing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Heba Gowayed, January 2020 – May 2021

Research Assistant, Michel Anteby, June 2016 – September 2016

Research Assistant, Professor Nazli Kibria, November 2014 – November 2016

Research Assistant, Migrants' Rights Network (MRN), May 2012 - November 2012

Psycho-Social Caseworker, Cape Town Refugee Center (CTRC) April 2011 – Sept 2011
Funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

REFERENCES

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