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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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#### **University of Chicago, 2021 - 2025**

Harper-Schmidt Fellow in the Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts  
Collegiate Assistant Professor, Social Science Division

### EDUCATION

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#### **Boston University, the Department of Sociology, Boston, Massachusetts**

Ph.D. Sociology, May 2021

Dissertation Committee: Julian Go (Chair), Japonica Brown-Saracino, Nazli Kibria,  
Emily Barman, and Heba Gowayed

Title: Rescaling Resettlement: How Meso-Level Actors Shape Refugee Policy

#### **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

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Migration, Race and Ethnicity, Political Sociology, Global and Transnational Sociology,  
Urban Sociology, Social Theory

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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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**

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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 Kasinitz. Routledge Press.

## **IN PROGRESS**

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**Between Race and Legality: Local Context and the Shaping of Refugee Belonging**  
Revise and resubmit at *Social Problems*

**How are Refugees Selected for Resettlement? Quotas, Infrastructures, and the Construction of Clean Cases**  
Under review at *American Sociological Review*

**‘But how does it leave us?’ Hope, Waiting, & Violence in a Refugee Resettlement Program**  
Work-in-progress, presented at SSHA 2021

**Rethinking Legal Status and the Refugee/Undocumented Divide**  
Work-in-progress with Kara Cebulko (Providence College)

**Integration or Articulation? The Relevance of Stuart Hall for Migration Theory**  
Work-in-progress, presented at SSHA, 2020

## **BLOG POSTS**

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**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**

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**Collegiate Assistant Professor**, Self, Culture, & Society (2021 – 2025)

**Lecturer**, Introduction to Sociological Theory, Solo Instructor (Spring 2020)

**Instructor**, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Professor Saida Grundy (Fall 2019)

**Teaching Fellow**, Principles in Sociology, Professor Max Greenberg (Spring 2017)

**Teaching Fellow**, Principles in Sociology, Professor Ashley Mears (Spring 2016)

**Teaching Fellow**, Introduction to Sociology, Professor Itai Vardi (Fall 2015)

## **GUEST LECTURES**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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 (*confirmed*)

**Refugee Incorporation in 'Welcoming' Cities**

Issues in Global Development, Emory University, 2018

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**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

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

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

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

**Anti-Racism Workshop**, 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

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**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) May 2011 – Sept 2011 (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) funded)

## REFERENCES

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