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EDUCATION

Boston University, the Department of Sociology, Boston, Massachusetts
Ph.D. Sociology, expected July 2020
Dissertation Committee: Julian Go (Chair), Japonica Brown-Saracino, Nazli Kibria,
Emily Barman, and Heba Gowayed
Title: The Social Organization and Outcomes of Refugee Humanitarianism

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

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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

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 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

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

Drafted. Plan to submit to Social Problems

Who Gets Selected for Resettlement? A Social-Organizational Perspective

Work in Progress

Integration or Articulation? The Relevance of Stuart Hall for Migration Theory

Presented at SSHA Annual Meeting, November 2019

Race and Refugees: How Local Context Shapes Refugee Identity

Work in Progress

Theorizing Social Space in Immigration Studies: A Critical Review

Work in Progress

BLOG POSTS

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, 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

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

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

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

Roundtable: ASA Annual Meeting, 2020 (confirmed)

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

Occasional Reviews, American Journal of Sociology; Social Problems; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

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 – 2020

Webmaster, Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2018 – 2020

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Heba Gowayed, January 2020 - ongoing

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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