

**Peter Catron**  
**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. 2017 University of California, Los Angeles, Sociology  
M.A. 2011 University of New Mexico, Sociology (with distinction)  
B.A. 2008 University of New Mexico, Psychology (magna cum laude)

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**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

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Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, 2024-present  
Affiliate: Center for the Study of Demography and Ecology, 2018-present  
Affiliate: Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, 2019-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, 2018-2024

Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Sociology and Population Studies Center (PSC),  
University of Pennsylvania, 2017-2018

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Stratification, International Migration; Quantitative Methods; Historical Demography

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**REFEREED ARTICLES AND RESEARCH COMMENTS**

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Catron, Peter, Maria Vignau Loria, and Sarah Farr. 2024. "Contextual Boundaries: Skin Tone Stratification and Skill Transferability among Mexicans in the Age of Mass Migration." *Demography* 61(5): 1377-1402.

\*Winner: Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population, honorable mention

Abramitzky, Ran, Leah Boustan, Peter Catron, Dylan Connor, and Rob Voigt. 2023. "The Refugee Advantage: English-Language Attainment in the Early Twentieth Century." *Sociological Science* 10: 769-805

\*Authorship in alphabetical order

\*Media: Freakonomics

\*Featured on NBER ("Highlighted article")

Catron, Peter. 2023. "The Alien Citizen: Social Distance and the Economic Returns to Naturalization" *Social Problems* 70(2): 396-415

Catron, Peter. 2020. "The Melting-Pot Problem? The Persistence and Convergence of Premigration Socioeconomic Status in the Age of Mass Migration." *Social Forces* 99(1): 398-423.

Catron, Peter. 2019. "The Citizenship Advantage: Immigrant Socioeconomic Attainment across Generations in the Age of Mass Migration." *American Journal of Sociology* 124(4): 999-1042

\*Lead Article

\*Winner: Louis Wirth Best Article Award

\*Winner: IPUMS Research Award

Catron, Peter. 2016. "Made in America? Immigrant Occupational Mobility in the First Half of the Twentieth Century." *American Journal of Sociology* 122(2): 325-378.

\*Lead Article

\*Winner: Outstanding Graduate Student Paper for ASA IPM Section

Waldinger, Roger and Peter Catron. 2016. "Modes of Incorporation: A Conceptual and Empirical Critique." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 42(1): 23-53.

Catron, Peter. 2013. "Comment on Rosenfeld and Kleykamp, *ASR*, December 2009: Immigrant Unionization through the Great Recession." *American Sociological Review* 78(2): 315-332

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## BOOK REVIEWS

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Review of Sophie Gonick, *Dispossession and Dissent: Immigrants and the Struggle for Housing in Madrid*, Stanford: Stanford University Press. *American Journal of Sociology*

Review of Lauren Duquette-Rury, *Exit and Voice: The Paradox of Cross-Border Politics in Mexico*, Oakland: University of California Press. *American Journal of Sociology*

Review of Pierette Hondagneu-Sotelo, *Paradise Transplanted: Migration and the Making of California Gardens*, Berkeley: University of California Press. *International Migration Review* 49(4): e45-e46

Review of Shannon Gleeson, *Conflicting Commitments: The Politics of Enforcing Immigrant Worker Rights in San Jose and Houston*, Ithaca: ILR Press, 2012. *Work and Occupations* 40(3): 330-332.

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## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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Defensive Naturalization: Immigrants and Citizenship Acquisition in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century America (under review, with Nathan Hoffmann and Roger Waldinger)

Who Benefits from Citizenship? Heterogeneous Effects of Naturalization Decisions in the Early Twentieth-Century United States (under review, with Nathan Hoffman and Mingze Li)

The Endurance of Migration Flows: The Case of Mexico-US Migration (with Jenna Nobles and Sarah Farr)

Enemy Aliens: German Internment during WWI (with Kate Stovel and Todd Nobles)

Book Project: *Dreams and Disillusion at the Golden Door*

## **GRANTS**

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- 2025 University of Washington Summer Research Funding (\$6,000)
- 2025 CSDE Population Research Planning Grant (\$2,800)
- 2024 Department of Sociology seed grant (\$4,500)
- 2024 CSDE Population Research Planning Grant (\$1,000)
- 2024 University of Washington Summer Research Funding (\$4,000)
- 2023 CSDE Population Research Planning Grant (\$500)
- 2018 CSDE seed grant (\$15,000)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- 2025 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population, honorable mention, Sociology of Population section, American Sociological Association
- 2021 Louis Wirth Best Article Award, Section on International Migration, American Sociological Association
- 2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award of the Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility section of the American Sociological Association
- 2017 IPUMS Research Award for best contribution of U.S. research by a graduate student
- 2015 UCLA Departmental Teaching Award
- 2014 UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship
- 2014 UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship
- 2013 UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship
- 2013 American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Award
- 2013 UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship

## **INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCES**

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- 2025 Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University; Population Research Institution, Duke University
- 2024 Department of Demography, University of California, Berkeley
- 2022 UCLA Center for the Studies of International Migration; Office of Population Research, Princeton; Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
- 2021 Berkeley Summer Institute for Migration Research Methods (Invited Conference); IPUMS Data Intensive Research Conference (Invited Conference)
- 2020 University of Washington (Public); Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2019 Population Research Institute at Penn State University and the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative (BIMI) (Invited Teaching); Center for the Studies of International Migration, University of Washington; Department of Sociology, University of Washington; University of California, Los Angeles (Invited Conference); Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- 2018 Centre on Population Dynamics, McGill University
- 2017 Department of Sociology, University of Michigan; Department of Sociology, Columbia University; Department of Sociology, University of Washington; Department of Sociology, University of Iowa; Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania

- 2016 Department of Sociology, New York University  
 2014 Sciences Po (Invited Conference); Department of Sociology, University of California, Bakersfield

## **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2025 American Sociological Association  
 2024 Population Association of America  
 2023 American Sociological Association; Population Association of America  
 2022 Population Association of America  
 2021 European Social Science History Association; Population Association of America; Social Science History Association  
 2020 Population Association of America (Canceled COVID-19)  
 2019 Population Association of America  
 2018 American Sociological Association; Social Science History Association  
 2017 American Sociological Association; Population Association of America  
 2015 American Sociological Association  
 2014 American Sociological Association; Population Association of America  
 2013 American Sociological Association  
 2012 American Sociological Association

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### Editorial Activity

*American Journal of Sociology*, consulting editor, 2022-2024  
*American Sociological Review*, editorial board, 2023-2026  
*Demography*, deputy editor, 2022-2025, 2025-2027

### Manuscript and Grant Reviewer

*Acta Sociologica*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *Demographic Research*, *European Research Council*, *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, *International Migration*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, *Labor Studies Journal*, *Law and History Review*, *National Science Foundation*, *Population Development Review*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility Research*, *The Manchester School*, *Social Currents*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Science*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

### American Sociological Association

Robert D. Mare Graduate Student Paper Award Committee: 2025 ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section  
 Chair of Louis Wirth Best Article Committee: 2022 ASA International Migration section  
 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee: 2019 ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility section  
 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee: 2018 ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility section  
 Discussant: "Contexts and Trajectories of Incorporation" 2017  
 Roundtable organizer: 2013 American Sociological Association – International Migration Mini-Conference. "Shaping the Future of Immigration Research." New York, NY

### Population Association of America

Organizer: “Historical and contemporary mechanisms of migration” 2026  
Program Committee: 2025 PAA Annual Meeting; Migration, Immigration, and Urbanization  
Discussant: “Intergenerational Perspectives on Immigrant Integration” 2024  
Organizer: “Flash: New Data and Methods for Studying Migration” 2023  
Chair: “Family, Neighborhood, and Intergenerational Mobility” 2022  
Discussant: “Historical Studies of Inequality” 2021  
Discussant: “Immigrant Outcomes: Labor Market and Health” 2020 (Canceled COVID-19)  
Discussant: “Neighborhood Effects” 2020 (Canceled COVID-19)  
Organizer: “Historical Studies of Inequality” 2020  
Program Committee: 2020 PAA Annual Meeting; Economy, Labor Force, Education and Inequality

### University of Washington

CSDE, seminar chair (2021-2022, 2022-2023)  
CSDE, executive committee (2023-2024, 2024-2025)  
Department of sociology, curriculum committee (2023-2024)  
Department of sociology, diversity committee (2022-2023)  
Department of sociology, graduate admissions committee (2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2024-2025)  
Department of sociology, executive committee (2019-2020, 2023-2024)  
Department of sociology, hiring committee (2019)  
Department of sociology, undergraduate program and awards (2018-2019, 2024-2025[chair])

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### University of Washington:

Sociology 590: International Migration (W2020, W2022)  
Sociology 590: Social Stratification (S2023)  
Sociology 468: Occupations and Professions (A2025)  
Sociology 467: Immigration and Ethnicity (W2022)  
Sociology 459: The New Inequality (W2025)  
Sociology 401: Sociology of Immigration (A2019)  
Sociology 399: Undergraduate Internship (W2020, S2020)  
Sociology 360: Introduction to Stratification (W19; S19; A19; W21; S21, A21, S24, A24)  
Sociology 301: Workplaces and Social Mobility (S2023)  
Sociology 300: Logic of Inquiry (S2019; W2020; W2021, W2024, S2024, A2024)

## **ADVISING (completed)**

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### **Ph.D.**

- 2024 Breon Haskett (chair)
- 2023 Neal Marquez (committee member)
- 2022 Daiki Hiramori (committee member), Anne Tseng (committee member), Hannah Lee (committee member)
- 2021 Kate O'Neill (committee member)

### **Master's**

- 2024 Todd Nobles (chair; winner: Best Performance on the Master's Degree Award; Graduate School's 2025 Distinguished Thesis Award)
- 2023 William Atienza (chair)
- 2020 Breon Haskett (chair; winner: Best Performance on the Master's Degree Award)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Population Association of America  
American Sociological Association  
Social Science History Association  
IPUMS Big Microdata Network

## **REFERENCES**

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