

Peter Catron
Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

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)

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Stratification, International Migration; Quantitative Methods; Historical Demography

REFEREED ARTICLES AND RESEARCH COMMENTS

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

BOOK REVIEWS

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.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Who Benefits from Citizenship? Heterogeneous Effects of Naturalization Decisions in the Early Twentieth-Century United States (Revise and Resubmit, *American Sociological Review*, with Nathan Hoffman and Mingze Li)

Defensive Naturalization: Immigrants and Citizenship Acquisition in Early 20th Century America (Revise and Resubmit, *International Migration Review*, with Nathan Hoffmann and Roger Waldinger)

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

- 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

- 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

- 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

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

Editorial Activity

American Journal of Sociology, consulting editor, 2022-2024

American Sociological Review, editorial board, 2023-present

Demography, deputy editor, 2022-present

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 (2021-2023)
CSDE, executive committee (2023-present)
Department of sociology, curriculum committee (2023-2024)
Department of sociology, diversity committee (2022-2023)
Department of sociology, graduate admissions committee (2020-2023, 2024-present)
Department of sociology, executive committee (2019-2020, 2023-2024, 2025-2026)
Department of sociology, hiring committee (2019)
Department of sociology, undergraduate program and awards (2018-2019, 2024-present [chair])

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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)

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

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

REFERENCES

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