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EMPLOYMENT

2020 - Assistant Professor of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Public Health

EDUCATION

2020 Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University
2015 M.A., Sociology, Harvard University
2009 B.A., Health: Science, Society, and Policy, Brandeis University
summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

JOURNAL ARTICLES (* denotes student co-author at time of writing)

- 2025 **Moinester, Margot.** "Deportation in an Era of Devolved Discretionary Power: State-level Variation in U.S. Immigration Enforcement." Accepted. *Social Problems*.
- 2025 Ilana Seff, **Margot Moinester**, Cyril Bennouna*, and Lindsay Stark. "Measuring and Assessing Refugee Success in the U.S. across Disciplines: A Scoping Review of Quantitative Studies." *Journal of Refugee Studies*. feaf023.
- 2025 Romo Alba, Cinthia*, Ariela Schachter, and **Margot Moinester.** "Resisting Enforcement: The Civic and Political Mobilization Effects of Encountering the Immigration Enforcement System." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/233264922513214>
- 2025 Bennouna, Cyril*, **Margot Moinester**, Lindsay Stark, Ali Lateef*, Najat Qashua, and Ilana Seff. "How refugees conceptualize success: Grounding definitions and examining heterogeneity." *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 44(1), 88-105.
- 2024 **Moinester, Margot.** "The Control Boom: U.S. Interior Immigration Enforcement, 1971-2010." *American Journal of Sociology* 129(5): 1147-1492.
- Louis Wirth Best Article Award, American Sociological Association
 - Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population Award, American

Sociological Association

- Dorothy S. Thomas Award, Population Association of America

- 2024 **Moinester, Margot** and Kaitlyn Stanhope. "Extending Driver's License Access to Undocumented Immigrants: Comparing Perinatal Outcomes following this Policy Shift." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 65(3): 324-339.
- 2022 **Moinester, Margot**, Ariela Schachter, & Ella Siegrist*. 2022. "Disparities in Loss from COVID-19: Comparing Across and Among First- and Second-Generation Latinx and Asian Adults." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 8: 23780231221090011.
- 2019 **Moinester, Margot**. "A Look to the Interior: Trends in U.S. Immigration Removals by Criminal Conviction Type, Gender, and Region of Origin, Fiscal Years 2003-2015." *American Behavioral Scientist* 63(9): 1276-1298.
- 2018 **Moinester, Margot**. "Beyond the Border and into the Heartland: Spatial Patterning of U.S. Immigration Detention." *Demography* 55(3): 1147-1193.
- 2008 **Moinester, Margot**. "The Nature of Risk: HIV/AIDS and the Deaf Community in the United States." *Disability Studies Quarterly* 28(4).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2015 Shostak, Sara and **Margot Moinester**. "Beyond Geneticization: Regimes of Perceptibility and the Social Determinants of Health." In *Reimagining (Bio)Medicalization, Pharmaceuticals and Genetics: Old Critiques and New Engagements* edited by Susan E. Bell and Anne E. Figert. New York, NY: Routledge.
- 2015 Shostak, Sara and **Margot Moinester**. "The Missing Piece of the Puzzle? Measuring the Environment in the Postgenomic Moment." In *Postgenomics* edited by Sarah Richardson and Hallam Stevens. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 **Moinester, Margot** and Kaitlyn Stanhope. "Providing driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants improves birth outcomes, research shows." *The Conversation*.
- 2024 **Moinester, Margot** and Kaitlyn Stanhope. Policy Brief. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/00221465241269117>

WORKING PAPERS *(available upon request)*

Moinester, Margot, Ariela Schachter, Khoi Ngo*. “Immigration Enforcement Exposure and its Consequences for Mental Health.” *(Under Review)*

Moinester, Margot and Ariela Schachter. “The Expanding Reach of Immigration Enforcement: Understanding Who Experiences Fear of Deportation in the United States.” *(In progress)*

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2025 Faculty Research Grant, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, Washington University in St. Louis. Title: The Long Arc of U.S. Immigration Enforcement (\$3,520).
- 2024 Faculty Research Grant, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, Washington University in St. Louis [with Ilana Seff (co-PI) and Lindsay Stark (co-PI)]. Title: Refugee Success: Developing Refugee-Grounded Definitions and Measurement (\$10,000).
- 2023-2024 Scholars Strategy Network and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Equity Scholar
- 2022 Seed Grant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Washington University in St. Louis [with Ilana Seff (PI) and Lindsay Stark (co-PI)]. Title: Refugee Success: Developing Refugee-Grounded Definitions and Measurement (\$30,000) (Role: co-PI).
- 2022 Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity & Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis [with Ilana Seff (co-PI) and Lindsay Stark (co-PI)]. Title: Refugee Success: Developing Refugee-Grounded Definitions and Measurement (\$30,000) (Role: PI).
- 2022 Trustee Grant, Russell Sage Foundation [with Ariela Schachter (PI)]. Title: A Longitudinal Study of Changes in Deportation Fears, Wellbeing, and Integration among First- and Second-Generation Latinx and Asian Adults (\$174,500) (Role: co-PI).
- 2021 Impact Grant, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, Washington University in St. Louis [with Ariela Schachter (PI)]. Title: Deportation Fear and its Collateral Consequences (\$150,000) (Role: co-PI).
- 2020 Faculty Research Grant, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, Washington University in St. Louis. Title: The Long Arc of U.S. Immigration Enforcement (\$4,200).
- 2018 Tobin Project Graduate Student Fellow
- 2017-2019 NSF Law & Inequality Doctoral Fellowship, American Bar Foundation

- 2017 Summer Research Grant, The Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University. Title: Growth and Inequality in American Immigration Enforcement (\$2,600)
- 2017 Mid-Dissertation Research Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. Title: Growth and Inequality in American Immigration Enforcement (\$4,000)
- 2015 Research Grant, Kennedy School Program on Criminal Justice, Harvard University. (\$900)
- 2015 Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. Title: Geography of Risk: Causes and Consequences of Inequality in the Spatial Patterning of U.S. Immigration Enforcement (\$3,874)
- 2015 Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University. Title: Geography of Risk: Causes and Consequences of Inequality in the Spatial Patterning of U.S. Immigration Enforcement (Declined)
- 2014-2017 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Graduate Student Affiliate Research Support, Harvard University (\$7,046)
- 2013 NSF-IGERT Doctoral Fellowship, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard University
- 2008 Davis Project for Peace Grant (\$10,000)

AWARDS

- 2025 Louis Wirth Best Article Award, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association
- 2025 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population Award, American Sociological Association
- 2019 Dorothy S. Thomas Award, Population Association of America
- 2019 Best Student Paper Award, Sociology of Population Section, American Sociological Association
- 2018 Honorable Mention, Student Paper Award, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association
- 2016 Certificate of Distinction, Harvard Bok Center for Teaching and Learning (for Teaching Practicum and Introduction to Social Movements)
- 2015 Certificate of Distinction, Harvard Bok Center for Teaching and Learning (for Death by Design)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2025 “Entrenched Fear: Understanding Who Experiences Fear of Deportation in the United States.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2024 “The Control Boom: U.S. Interior Immigration Enforcement, 1971-2010. Department of Sociology, University of Texas, Austin, TX.
- 2024 “The Control Boom: U.S. Interior Immigration Enforcement, 1971-2010. Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2024 “Understanding the Impact of County Immigration Climate on Birthweight among Immigrant Birthing People across Restrictive and Supportive Federal and State Immigration Policy Climates.” Annual Meeting of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences, St. Louis, MO.
- 2024 “Immigration Enforcement Exposure and its Consequences for Mental Health” Annual Meeting of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences, St. Louis, MO.
- 2024 “The Expanding Reach of Immigration Enforcement: Understanding Who Experiences Fear of Deportation in the United States.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Columbus, OH.
- 2022 “Immigration Enforcement, Borders, and Displacement.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA. (invited Presidential Panel).
- 2022 “Beyond Ethnoracial Categories: Disparities in Social Network Loss from COVID-19 among First- and Second-Generation Latinx and Asian Adults.” Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 “Deportation and Place: Understanding Spatial Variation in U.S. Interior Immigration Enforcement”
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Virtual.
 - Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.
 - American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.
- 2019 “Policing Noncitizens: Risk of Removal from the U.S. Interior, 1971-2010”
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.
 - Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
 - American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2017 “Disparities by Nationality in U.S. Immigration Apprehensions, Detentions, and Deportations, 1980-2010.” Invited Presentation at Criminalizing Immigrants: Border Controls, Enforcement, and Resistance at Cornell University.

- 2016 “Beyond the Border and into the Heartland: Spatial Patterning of U.S. Immigration Detention.”
- Crimmigration in the Shadow of Sovereignty Conference, College Park, MD.
 - American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2013 “Measuring the Environment in the Postgenomic Moment: Implications for Health Disparities Research.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY. (with co-presenter, Sara Shostak).

TEACHING

Washington University in St. Louis

Migration and Health (Spring 2021; Spring 2022; Spring 2023)

Punishment and Inequality (Fall 2020; Fall 2022)

Research Design (Fall 2021; Fall 2024)

Harvard University

Teaching Practicum (Fall 2016)

- Awarded Certificate of Excellence and Distinction in Teaching

ADVISING

Washington University in St. Louis

Master's Thesis Committee Member

2025 Iteoluwakiishi (Rebecca) Arigbabu

2023 Cinthia Romo Alba

2022 Cilka Bidwell

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor

2022 Asia Porter

2021 Rachel Sznajderman

Harvard University

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Undergraduate Mentor

2017 Margot Mai (Anthropology)

2016 Jonathan Sands (Social Studies)

2015 Amalia Bersin (Social Studies)

Mentoring in American Political Studies Program

2016 Sarah Rahman (Sociology)

2015 Jonathan Sands (Social Studies)

2013 Megan Monteleone (Social Studies)

SERVICE

Washington University in St. Louis

Department of Sociology

Faculty Search Committee, 2022, 2024

Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee, 2020-2023

College of Arts and Sciences

Developing an Interdisciplinary Public Health Major Committee, 2022-2023

Population Association of America

Organizer, "Consequences of Immigration Policy and Border Enforcement," Annual Meeting, 2025

Dorothy S. Thomas Award Committee, 2020, 2021, 2022

Discussant, "Impacts of Immigration Policies and Enforcement," Annual Meeting, 2022

Law and Society Association

Graduate Paper Prize Committee, 2022

American Sociological Association

Discussant, "Intersectionality, Racism, and Health," Annual Meeting, 2024

Law & Social Inquiry, Editorial Committee, 2018-2020

Occasional Reviewer: *American Behavioral Scientist*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *International Migration Review*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Society and Mental Health*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association

Law and Society Association

Population Association of America

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science