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**education** **Massachusetts Institute of Technology** 2013  
Ph.D. - Department of Political Science  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy

**Harvard University - Kennedy School of Government** 2004  
Masters in Public Policy  
Policy Area of Concentration: International Trade & Finance

**Howard University** 2000  
B.A. – History (Magna Cum Laude)

**academic appointments** **Pomona College**  
Assistant Professor 2018 - present  
Politics Department

**Swarthmore College**  
Visiting Assistant Professor 2017 – 2018  
Department of Political Science

Consortium for Faculty Diversity in the Liberal Arts 2015 - 2017  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Department of Political Science

**University of Pennsylvania** 2014 - 2015  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Penn Social Science and Policy Forum

### peer-reviewed publications

*books* [2023](#). *Transnational Social Protection: Social Welfare Across National Borders*. New York: Oxford University Press. With P. Levitt, K. Sun, and R. Paul.

*journal articles* 2019. “Social welfare grey zones: how and why sub-national governments provide when nations do not”, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 45(9):1595-1612 (with Peggy Levitt, Sonia Parella, and Alisa Petroff).

	2017. "The Missing Link? The Role of Subnational Governance in Global Social Protection" <i>Oxford Development Journal</i> , 45(1):47-63. (with Peggy Levitt)
<i>book chapters</i>	2017. "Bureaucrats and the Ballot Box: State-Led Political Incorporation in Ireland", in <i>The Politics of New Immigrant Destinations: Transatlantic Perspectives</i> , eds. A. Messina and A. Williamson. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
<b>other publications</b>	
<i>policy reports</i>	2013. "Medical Tourism and Economic Development in Puerto Rico." Prepared for the Foundation for Puerto Rico.
<b>manuscripts</b>	
<i>book projects</i>	"Pathways to Participation: Immigration and Civic Inclusion in New Destinations"
<i>working papers</i>	"Stony Grey Soil: Explaining the failure of far-right populist parties in Irish politics" (under review)
	"State of the Field: What's New About New Destinations"
	"When Policies Don't Make Publics: Immigration, Retrenchment, and the Perils of Bureaucratic Incorporation"
<b>works in progress</b>	"The view from below - and across: Comparative perspectives on immigrant integration in the UK and Ireland"
<b>awards</b>	2023. Wig Teaching Innovation Grant (\$270) 2021. Hirsch Research Initiation Grant (\$17,000) 2021. Pomona College NCFDD Faculty Success program sponsorship 2021. Wig Distinguished Professor award for excellence in teaching 2021. Wig Teaching Innovation Grant (\$290) 2019. Wig Teaching Conference grant (\$1,379) 2019. Wig Teaching Innovation Grant (\$800) 2019. Johnson Fund Award, "Free Speech in a Dangerous World" series (\$2,300) 2019. Justice Education at the Claremont Colleges Award (\$1,500) 2015. Faculty Research Support Award, Swarthmore College (\$700)

2013. Exemplary Diversity Scholar citation, National Center for Institutional Diversity, The University of Michigan.  
 2012-2013. Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies.  
 2011. Summer Study Grant, Center for International Studies, MIT.  
 2009-2010. European Union Research Grant, Commission for Educational Exchange – Fulbright-Schuman Program (Spain, Ireland, United Kingdom).  
 2009. Summer Study Grant, Center for International Studies, MIT.  
 2006-2007. MIT Presidential Fellow.

## **teaching**

### **Pomona College**

Comparative Social Policy, FA 2022  
 Introduction to Comparative Politics, FA 2018, SP2019, SP2020, SP 2021, SP 2023  
 When to Talk and When to Fight: Political Dialogue and Resistance, FA 2019, SP 2023  
 Comparative Politics of Europe, SP 2019, FA 2019, FA 2020  
 Chronicle of a Death Foretold? Global Perspectives on Democratic Decay, SP 2020, FA 2020  
 ID1: The Politics of Protest (First year seminar), FA 2018

### **Swarthmore College**

Introduction to Comparative Political Systems, Fall 2017  
 Policy in Practice, Spring 2017, Spring 2018  
 The Politics of Protest (First year seminar), Spring 2016, Fall 2017  
 Citizenship and Migration in Comparative Perspective, Fall 2015

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Graduate Student Teaching Certificate Program, MIT Teaching and Learning Lab, 2013  
 Teaching Assistant, 'Introduction to Comparative Politics', Fall 2008

## **selected conference presentations**

2021. "Stony Grey Soil: Explaining the failure of far-right politics in Ireland". Presented via zoom at the (virtual) 27<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists, June 22, 2021.

2019. "Transnational Health: Coordinating Care Across International Borders. Co-authored paper presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 29-September 1. (with P. Levitt, K. Sun and R. Paul)

2019. "International Cooperation: Rewriting the Social (Protection) Contract", Co-authored paper presented by R. Paul at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 29-September 1. (with P. Levitt, K. Sun and E. Dobbs)

2019. "Transnational Social Protection: Moving Forward the Agenda." Co-authored paper presented by P. Levitt at the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10-13. (with E. Dobbs, K. Sun and R. Paul)

2019. "Bypassing the Bosses: Immigrant Electoral Incorporation in Ireland". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, April 18-20.

2018. "What's New About New Destinations: 'Cinderella States' and Immigrant Political Incorporation in Western Europe". Paper presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists, Council for European Studies, Chicago, IL, March 28-30.

2017. "When Policies Don't Make Publics: Immigration, Retrenchment, and the Perils of Bureaucratic Incorporation" - Paper prepared for the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 31-September 3, 2017 - 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.

2016. "Social Welfare Grey Zones: How and why sub-national governments provide when nations do not" (with Peggy Levitt, Sonia Parella, and Alisa Petroff). Non-presenting co-author for paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria, July 10-14.

2015. "Migrants in Search of a Machine: Immigrant Candidates in Irish Elections". Paper presented at the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6.

2015. "The Missing Link? The Role of Subnational Governance in Global Social Protection" (with Peggy Levitt). Paper presented at the Global Social Protection Conference, Radcliffe Institute, Cambridge, MA, February 26-28.

2014. “Rethinking the JforJ Model for the 21st Century: Labor Organizing in the Sun Belt and Beyond”.  
- Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6  
- Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Chicago, IL, July 10-12.

2012. “Citizenship in Contested Regions – Immigrant and Political Incorporation in Northern Ireland and the Basque Country”  
- Paper presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> International CES International Conference of Europeanists, Boston, MA, March 22-24  
- Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15.

2012. “Of Citizenship and Conflict: Immigrant Political Incorporation in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland”. Paper presented at the Graduate Conference on Migration, Ethnicity, and Urban Inequality in Europe, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, March 2-3.

2011. “Old Grievances, New Institutions: Immigrant Political Incorporation in Northern Ireland”. Paper presented at the Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 18.

2011. “Social Partnership versus Sectarianism: Trade union responses to immigration in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland”. Panelist at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Madrid, Spain, June 23-25.

2010. “New Migrations, Old Challenges? Inter-governmental Conflict and Migration Policy in New Destinations”. Panelist at the New Migrations New Challenges? Trinity Immigration Initiative conference, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin Ireland, July 1.

#### **invited talks**

2022. Paper presentation, “ Pathways to Participation: Immigration and civic inclusion in new destinations “, University of Virginia Global Politics seminar, February 18.

2021. Panelist, “MIT Political Science Teaching Panel Q+A”, via Zoom, November 17.

2019. “Cinderella States: Rethinking Immigration Typologies in Western Europe and Beyond”, as part of the Claremont Graduate University “Tuesday Talk” series, Claremont, CA, November 15.

2015. Panelist, “The Global Refugee Crisis”, Swarthmore College.

2012. Panelist, “Revitalizing Innovation”. Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 28.

**service**

*institutional*

2022-2023. Work-Family Committee.

2021. Pomona College Commencement Speaker (introduction of honorary degree recipient)

2020-2021. Truman Fellowship Advisor (Pomona College)

2019-2020. Fulbright Committee (Pomona College)

2017-2018. Mentor, Rubin Scholar Mentoring Program, Swarthmore College

2015-2016. Faculty Liaison (Swarthmore), Tri-College Migration Faculty Working Group

2012-2013. Departmental Representative to the Graduate Women’s Association at MIT

2008-2009. Department Liaison to the Associate Dean for Minority Student Recruitment, MIT

*to the discipline*

2021-2022. Communications Committee, Race and Racism section, Council for European Studies

2021. Reviewer, Spring Centennial Research Grants, American Political Science Association

2015-2016. Elections Committee Member, Migration and Citizenship Section of the American Political Science Association

*Ad-hoc Reviewer: American Journal of Sociology, British Journal of Sociology, International Migration Review; International Studies Perspectives*

**professional memberships**

American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Political Studies Association of Ireland, Council for European Studies, National Conference of Black Political Scientists

**research affiliation**

2013-2018. Research Affiliate, Global Social Protection Project, Transnational Studies Initiative, Harvard University.

Summer 2009; Spring 2010. Visiting Researcher, Institute for International Integration Studies (IIIS), Trinity College Dublin.

Winter 2009-2010. Visiting Researcher, Center for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences, Juan March Institute, Madrid, Spain.

2009-2013. Graduate Student Affiliate, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA..

Summer 2007. Visiting Researcher, Escuela de Graduados en Administración Pública y Política Pública, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico, August 2007

**non-academic  
work experience**

Lead Researcher, Service Employees International Union, Local 11, Miami, FL, July 2004 – August 2006.

Paralegal, Affirmative Action Group, Laner Muchin, Chicago, IL, January 2001 – August 2002.

**references**

Michael Piore, David W. Skinner Professor of Political Economy, Emeritus, MIT, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Room E53-470, Cambridge, MA 02139, 1-617-253-3377, [mpiore@mit.edu](mailto:mpiore@mit.edu)

David A. Singer, Associate Professor of Political Science, MIT, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Room E53-470, Cambridge, MA 02139, 1-617-258-9372, [dasinger@mit.edu](mailto:dasinger@mit.edu)

Mary Waters, John L. Loeb Professor of Sociology, Harvard University, 540 William James Hall, 33 Kirkland St., Cambridge, MA 02138, 1-617-495-3947, [mcw@wjh.harvard.edu](mailto:mcw@wjh.harvard.edu)

Peggy Levitt, Luella LaMer Slaner Professor in Latin American Studies; Professor of Sociology, Wellesley College, Pendleton East, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02481, 1-781-283-2186, [plevitt@wellesley.edu](mailto:plevitt@wellesley.edu)