

# AARON PONCE

Curriculum Vitae

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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2022-  
Fall 2025 Assistant Professor, Department of International Studies, Indiana University  
Visiting Research Fellow, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Oxford  
2020-2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo  
2018-2019 Visiting Scholar, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, Indiana University  
2016-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University  
• Core faculty in the Center for Gender in Global Context  
2013-2014 Research Associate in Global Attitudes, Pew Research Center, Washington D.C.

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Indiana University Bloomington, Sociology 2016  
Dissertation: *Migration and Universalism*  
Committee: Patricia A. McManus (chair), Arthur S. Alderson, Clem Brooks, Brian Powell  
J.D. University of Wisconsin Law School, Law 2010  
M.A. University of Texas at Austin, Linguistics 2006  
B.A. University of Miami, International Studies and Political Science (*cum laude*) 2001

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

International Migration  
Race & Ethnicity  
Islamophobia  
Globalization  
Political Sociology  
Language and Linguistics

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Ponce, Aaron. 2025b. "How Do Intergroup Contact and Cultural Racism Shape Anti-Muslim Sentiment in Europe?" *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. 26:1407-1433. (DOI:10.1007/s12134-025-01230-8).

Ponce, Aaron. 2025a. "A Genealogy of Islamophobia in a Global Critical Race Framework: Religion, Whiteness, and Controlling Rationality." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 48(1):119-141. (DOI:10.1080/01419870.2024.2317953).

Ponce, Aaron. 2024. "Ethnoracist Exclusion and Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in Europe: A Hybrid Model Analysis Using the European Social Survey, 2002-2016." *Ethnicities*. 24(1):31-56.

Ponce, Aaron & Sandra Marquart-Pyatt. 2023. "The Religious Foundations of Welfare, Social Inclusion, and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Europe." *Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion*. 62(4):802-822.

Ponce, Aaron. 2023. "Social Trust, Human Values, and Anti-immigrant Sentiment: Does Trust Work With or Against Values?" *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*. 35(3):1-13.

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- Ponce, Aaron. 2020. "Affective Solidarities or Group Boundaries? Muslims' Place in America's Racial and Religious Order." *Ethnic & Racial Studies*. 43(15):2785-2806.
- Ponce, Aaron. 2019c. "Histories of Conquest, Diversity, and Social Cohesion in Former Colonial Europe." *Social Currents*. 6(5):440-463.
- Ponce, Aaron. 2019b. "Is Welfare a Magnet for Migration? Examining Universal Welfare Institutions and Migration Flows." *Social Forces*. 98(1):245-278.
- Ponce, Aaron. 2019a. "Excluding Europe's Muslims: Symbolic Boundaries and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes Along a Racial-Ethnic Hierarchy." *Humanity & Society*. 43(4):375-402.  
 • *Humanity and Society* Distinguished Paper Award from Association for Humanist Sociologists
- Ponce, Aaron. 2017. "Gender and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Europe." *Socius*. 3:1-17.
- Ponce, Aaron. 2016. "From Macro-Structural Forces to Social Connectedness: Uncovering the Determinants of South-South Migration." *International Journal of Sociology*. 46(2):85-113.  
 • Lead article in special issue on Migration in the Global South
- Pizmony-Levy, Oren and Ponce, Aaron. 2013. "Framing Strategies and Public Support for the Legalization of Marriage Between Two People of the Same Sex." *Sociological Perspectives*. 56(2):169-190.
- Ponce, Aaron. 2012. "Shoring up Judicial Awareness: LGBT Refugees and the Recognition of Social Categories." *New England Journal of International and Comparative Law*. 18(1):185-204.

### Other Research Publications

- Marquart-Pyatt, Sandra and Aaron Ponce. 2023. "Attitudes Toward Redistribution and Democratic Governance Over Time" *Poland: Thirty Years of Radical Social Change*, edited by Kazimierz M. Slomczynski et al. Leiden, Brill.
- Ponce, Aaron. 2022. "Studiet av rase i Europa: Hva kan surveydata bidra med?" ("What Can Survey Research Contribute to the Study of Race in Europe?") *Rasisme: Fenomenet, forskningen, erfaringene (Racism: Phenomena, Research, Experiences)*, edited by C. A. Døving. Oslo: Universitetsforlaget.
- Ponce, Aaron. 2020. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. Book review of *Outsiders at Home: The Politics of American Islamophobia*, by Nazita Lajevardi, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Ponce, Aaron. 2019. "Immigration and the Welfare State" for *The Routledge International Handbook of Migration Studies*, edited by S. J. Gold and S. J. Nawyn.
- Smith, Shawna N. and Ponce, Aaron. 2014. "Databases and Statistical Systems: Overview." *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*. Edited by James D. Wright. Elsevier.
- Ponce, Aaron (lead writing responsibility) with Global Attitudes Project team. 2013. "Mexicans and Salvadorans Have Positive Picture of Life in U.S." Survey Report. Pew Research Center, Washington D.C.
- Ponce, Aaron (lead writing responsibility) with Global Attitudes Project team. 2013. "Tunisians Disaffected with Leaders as Conditions Worsen." Survey Report. Pew Research Center, Washington D.C.
- Ponce, Aaron. 2013. "Naturalization and Language Requirements." *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*. Edited by Carlos E. Cortés. Sage Publications.

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Ponce, Aaron. 2013. "Naturalization." *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*. Edited by Carlos E. Cortés. Sage Publications.

### Public Writings

Ponce, Aaron. 2024. "Mary in Islam." *Muslim Voices Blog*. December 22, 2024.  
(<https://blogs.iu.edu/muslimvoices/2024/12/22/mary-in-islam-by-dr-aaron-ponce/>).

### Under Review or in Progress

Ponce, Aaron. "Islamophobic Europe: Religious Pasts and Futures in a Globalized Modernity." (in progress)

Ponce, Aaron. "Tracing the State of Modernity: Controlling Rationality and its Antitheses in the Case of Islamophobia" (in progress)

### AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

#### External

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| 2021      | Jury Member for Fair Europe group, RegioStars Awards 2021<br>Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), European Commission (EU EC)                                      |
| 2017      | German Universities Excellence Initiative, International Summer School, "Vocational Integration in Post-Migrant Society"<br>Technische Universität Dresden, Dresden Germany                 |
| 2015-2016 | National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, "Migration and Universalism"<br>United States NSF Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Science (# 1519228) |
| 2012-2013 | BORDERS Award in Immigration Research<br>United States Department of Homeland Security, University of Arizona   |
| 2011      | Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Norway)<br>United States Department of Education, Indiana University Center for the Study of Global Change                                    |
| 2009      | Best Paper Award for "Immigration Law and the Construction of Sexual Categories"<br>National Sexuality Resource Center Midwest Conference   |

#### Internal

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| 2024      | Trustees Teaching Award<br>Indiana University, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs   |
| 2023      | Faculty Assistance in Data Science program, Research Assistants for new data science project<br>Indiana University, Office of the Vice President for Research |
| 2013-2014 | Latino Studies Dissertation Fellowship (not taken)<br>Indiana University Latino Studies Program   |

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- 2013      Advanced Departmental Fellowship  
Indiana University Department of Sociology
- 2009-2011   Conference Travel Grants  
Indiana University Department of Sociology
- 2009-2010   Graduate Scholar's Fellowship for Members of Underrepresented Groups  
The University Graduate School, Indiana University
- 2007      Public Interest Law Foundation Summer Fellowship  
University of Wisconsin Law School
- 2006-2008   Advanced Opportunity Fellowship for Underrepresented Students  
University of Wisconsin Law School

**TEACHING**

Indiana University:

- 2024-2025   Origins and Evolution of International Law (INTL 350), undergraduate course
- 2022-2024   Global Migration and Race (INTL 343), undergraduate course
- 2023-2025   Research Design in International Studies (INTL 315), undergraduate course
- 2023      Human Rights Multidisciplinary Seminar (INTL 705), graduate seminar

University of Oslo:

- 2022      Social Movements in the Age of Migration (SOSGEO 4801), graduate course convener
- 2021, 2022   Migration, Diversity, and Integration (SOSGEO 2800), undergraduate course lectures (x2)
- 2021      Introduction to Sociology (SOS 1004), undergraduate seminar leader (two sections)
- 2020      Introduction to Sociology (SOS 1001), undergraduate seminar leader (two sections)
- 2020, 2021   Nordic Welfare Society (SOS 2603), undergraduate course lecture

Michigan State University:

- 2018      Contemporary Sociological Theory (SOC 816), graduate seminar
- 2016-2018   Sociological Theory (SOC 488), undergraduate course
- 2016      Political Sociology (SOC 331), undergraduate course

Indiana University:

- 2015      Introduction to Sociology (S100), undergraduate course
- 2012      Global Society (S308), undergraduate course
- 2011-2012   Social Problem (S201), undergraduate course
- 2010-2011   Lab Instructor, Research Methods in Sociology (S370), undergraduate course
- 2008-2009   Teaching Assistant: Social Problems and Policies (S101), Sociology of Childhood (S344)

**STUDENT MENTORSHIP & COMMITTEES**

Indiana University:

- 2022-2024   Masters thesis, Reader: Andrew Carringer, Miral Alabed, Grace Gott, Chloe Halbert

University of Oslo:

- 2021      Leader, Working Group for Language at ISS, student assisted research project on language use
- 2021-2022   Masters thesis, Committee head: Susanne Grefsrud Apalnes
- 2021-2022   Masters thesis, Committee member: Deborah Thavithu
- 2021-2022   Masters thesis, Committee member: Suhad Hadi

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Michigan State University:  
2017-2018 Qualifying Paper, Committee member: Jihan Mohammed

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 *Whiteness, Religion, and Secularity: Islam and Muslims in Europe*  
Session on Global Whiteness, International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco
- 2024 *How Do Intergroup Contact and Cultural Racism Shape Anti-Muslim Sentiment in Europe?*  
Session on Explaining Attitudes toward Immigrants, European Social Survey Conference, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2022 *Connecting Racial-Ethnic Exclusion and Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in Europe*  
Indiana University, Department of International Studies
- 2021 *Connecting Racial-Ethnic Exclusion and Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in Europe*  
University of Oslo, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, Race, Ethnicity and Migration Seminar
- 2021 *Nordic Values, Anti-Immigrant Sentiment, and Racial-Ethnic Exclusion in Nordic Europe*  
Workshop on (Non-)Whiteness and Racialization in the Nordic Countries, 20th Nordic Migration Research Conference, Online/University of Helsinki
- Session: Bright Boundaries and Immigrant Incorporation in Comparative European Perspective, 27th Council for European Studies, Online/University of Iceland
- 2019 *The Welfare State, Religion, and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Europe* with Sandra T. Marquart-Pyatt  
Session on Religion in a Cultural Diverse Europe, European Social Survey Conference, Mannheim, Germany
- 2019 *Affective Solidarities or Group Boundaries? Muslims' Place in America's Racial and Religious Order*  
Indiana University, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, Bloomington, IN
- 2018 *Gender and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Europe*  
Michigan State University Migration and the Humanist Perspective Symposium, East Lansing, MI
- 2017 *Excluding Europe's Muslims: Symbolic Boundaries and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes Along a Racial-Ethnic Hierarchy*  
Session on Race and Ethnicity, American Sociological Association Meetings, Montreal, Canada
- 2017 *Are the Nordic Universal Welfare States a Magnet for Migration?*  
Session on The Shaping of Nordic Asylum Policy, Nordic Asylum Law Seminar, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2017 *The Relationship of Human Migration to Climate Change*  
Invited Talk for United Nations Association of the USA, Greater Lansing Chapter, East Lansing, MI
- 2016 *From Macro-Structural Forces to Social Connectedness: Uncovering the Determinants of South-South Migration*  
Session on New Directions in Migration Research, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

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- 2015 *Linguistic Distance or Difference? Bringing Linguistics Into the Study of Immigrants' English Language Proficiency*  
Latino Roundtable Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *Using Stata to Estimate Sample Design Effects: An End-User Program*  
Presentation of automated method for calculating sample design effects, Pew Research Center, Washington D.C.
- 2011 *The Sources of Attitudes Toward State Action*  
Session on Public Opinion, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 *Mainstream Political Contexts & Anti-Immigrant Sentiment*  
International Migration Roundtable Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, NV
- 2010 *The (Non-)Effects of Competing Frames on Public Support for Marriage Between Two People of the Same Sex with Oren Pizmony-Levy*  
Session on Political Sociology, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA
- 2009 *Immigration Law and the Construction of Sexual Categories: The Case of Mockeviciene v. U.S.*  
Session on Conflict and Change in Contemporary Immigration, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA

#### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2007-2008 Administrative Assistant, Center for Patient Partnerships  
University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School
- 2008 Cross-Cultural Negotiations Team Member  
University of Wisconsin Law School and Nagoya University Graduate School of Law, Japan
- 2007 Intern, Migrant Worker Project  
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., Madison, WI
- 2002-2004 English Instructor, Japan Exchange and Teaching Program  
Hitachiota City Board of Education, Japan
- 2002 Translator and Interpreter, National Institutes of Health  
Clinical Center, Bethesda, MD

#### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- 2024-2025 Member, Hiring Committee for International Law and Ethics search  
Indiana University Department of International Studies
- 2024-2025 Member, Graduate Studies Committee  
Indiana University Department of International Studies

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- 2023-2024 Session Organizer, Social and Political Trust in Comparative Perspective (2 sessions)  
International European Social Survey Conference, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- 2023-2026 Member, Curriculum Committee  
Indiana University Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies
- 2023-2024 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee  
Indiana University Department of International Studies
- 2022 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee  
Member, Search and Hiring Committee  
Indiana University Department of International Studies
- 2020 Member, Working Group on Language Policy at ISS  
University of Oslo Institutt for sosiologi og samfunnsgeografi, Oslo, Norway
- 2018-2019 Session Organizer, Democratic Values in Comparative Context  
International European Social Survey Conference, University of Mannheim, Germany
- 2018 Chair Search Committee member  
Michigan State University Department of Sociology
- 2016-2018 Graduate Education Committee member  
Michigan State University Department of Sociology
- 2015 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant Panel  
Indiana University Department of Sociology
- 2015 Faculty and Graduate Student Mentor Award Committee  
Indiana University Department of Sociology
- 2010 Panelist on *Taking the Qualifying Examination*  
Proseminar for Second-Year Graduate Students, Indiana University Department of Sociology
- 2009-2011 Graduate Recruitment Committee Member  
Graduate Student Association, Indiana University Department of Sociology
- 2009-2010 Department Website Task Force Member  
Graduate Student Association, Indiana University Department of Sociology

Occasional reviewer for:

*American Sociological Review; American Journal of Sociology; Social Forces; European Sociological Review; Sociological Focus; Journal of the Scientific Study of Religion; Ethnic & Racial Studies; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; International Sociology; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Comparative Migration Studies; Current Sociology; Journal of Baltic Studies; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Politics, Religion, & Ideology; Religions*

Granting agencies: U.S. National Science Foundation

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

English, Spanish      fluent, native speaker

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Norwegian advanced level writing, understanding, and speaking  
*Language Certificate* (B2/C1 CEF level), University of Oslo International Summer School

Swedish advanced level reading and understanding

Danish advanced level reading and writing

*Languages with at least intermediate knowledge:* Levantine Arabic, Modern Standard Arabic, French, Portuguese

*Beginner-Intermediate level (A2-B1):* Turkish