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Education

Hertie School

Berlin, Germany

PHD, GOVERNANCE (SUBMITTED 06.06.2024)

September 2021 - present

- Research Training Group "The Dynamics of Demography, Democratic Processes and Public Policy" (DYNAMICS)
- Title: "Bureaucracy as Borders: Refugees' Experiences of Citizenship at Government Offices"
- Supervision: Prof. Dr. Anke Hassel & Prof. Dr. Markus Promberger

University of Amsterdam

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

GUEST RESEARCHER, POLITICAL SCIENCE

Oct-Nov 2023

- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Floris Vermeulen

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI, United States

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION - GPA 3.83

2017 - 2019

- Thesis on social benefits program administration in Wisconsin (mixed methods)

New York University

New York, NY, United States

BA, SOCIOLOGY - GPA 3.93

2011 - 2015

- Minors in Politics and Hebrew & Judaic Studies
- Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

PUBLISHED

Frank, E. 2023. Beyond their years: Unaccompanied minors and the social construction of categories. Book Review of *Forever 17* by Ulrike Bialas. *Culture, Practice & Europeanization*, 8(2), 264-266. <https://www.nomos-eLibrary.de/10.5771/2566-7742-2023-2-264.pdf>

Frank, E. 2022. Determinants of welfare benefit use of immigrant groups - longitudinal evidence from Germany. *Frontiers in Sociology*, Sec. Migration and Society. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2022.839352>

"Vulnerabilities Beyond Age - Filling the gaps in asylum hearing procedures for unaccompanied minors" (2020), policy brief for the EU Horizon 2020 project VULNER

UNDER REVIEW

"A Normal Refugee"?: Civic Stratification and the Stratification of Belonging (qualitative)

"Legal Status & Refugees' Perceptions of Justice," with Anton Nivorozhkin (quantitative)

"Penny for Your Thoughts: The Income Divide in Media Effects on Immigration Attitudes" (quantitative)

"Paper Walls: Administrative Burden and the Unequal Inclusion of Refugees" (qualitative)

"Not in My Backyard: Unraveling Local Dynamics of Welfare Chauvinism" (quantitative)

WORKING PAPERS

"A Causal Link Between Family Reunification and Mental Health" (quantitative)

Teaching Experience

Winter 2023-24 Social Policy Research (Guest Lecture), FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Winter 2023-24 Migration & the Welfare State (Guest Lecture), University of Kassel

Summer 2023, Winter 2023-24 Conducting Research with Interviews (Guest Lectures), Hertie School

Summer 2023 Queer & Feminist Issues in Methodologies (Guest Lecture), Humboldt University of Berlin

Winter 2021-22 Work & Immigration from a Welfare State Perspective (Guest Lecture), Humboldt University of Berlin

Professional Experience

WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Berlin, Germany

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

07.2024 - present

- Regression analyses of survey data to study immigrants' mental health, in conjunction with qualitative exploratory research and real-world laboratories conducted by the other project members
- Understand the role of diverse family and living arrangements, including transnational families, in shaping mental health outcomes and trajectories among migrants, with a strong focus on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and dementia.

Berlin Institute for Empirical Integration & Migration Research (BIM)

Berlin, Germany

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

06.2021 - 06.2024

- Project "Migration and the welfare state: migration models, fiscal effects, acceptance, and institutional adaptability," work package studying attitudes towards immigration and welfare at the EU level
- Statistical analysis of longitudinal and multilevel data; quantitative text analysis of newspaper data
- Drafted research papers for publication
- Presented research at conferences and webinars
- Wrote DFG grant proposal

Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research / Population Europe

Berlin, Germany

DISSEMINATION COORDINATOR

07.2019 - 08.2021

- Dissemination activities for the European Commission Horizon 2020 project VULNER, addressing understanding and application of asylum law comparatively across eight EU and non-EU countries
- Organization of international policy expert meetings with academics, politicians, and civil society
- Composition of policy briefs to inform stakeholders of findings & provide evidence-informed policy recommendations
- Other dissemination materials managed include regular research digests, webinars, a podcast series, and social media

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI, United States

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

07.2017 - 05.2019

- Cleaning and coding of interview transcripts for an interdisciplinary law & social science research project
- Developed and implemented data organization system
- Cleaned, organized, coded, and conducted regression analysis of quantitative data
- Wrote detailed analytical memos to inform ongoing research

Bard College Berlin

Berlin, Germany

REFUGEE STUDENT PROGRAMS ANALYSIS & DEVELOPMENT INTERN

06.2018-08.2018

- Wrote and edited grant applications
- Conducted literature review on blended learning and pedagogy of refugee populations
- Completed qualitative program evaluation by interviewing displaced students and coding participant responses

Safety Net Project, Urban Justice Center

New York, NY, United States

SENIOR LEGAL ADVOCATE

06.2015-06.2017

- Advocated for English- and Spanish-speaking, low-income clients at administrative hearings
- Advocated with local government officials for benefits reforms
- Trained benefits recipients on their legal rights and educated volunteers
- Litigated \$440,000 total retroactive benefits and \$67,000 total ongoing benefits for clients
- Trained and mentored junior advocates

Skills

Quantitative Stata (advanced regression techniques, data wrangling), R (text processing, web scraping, data wrangling, visualization, statistical modeling), SPSS

Qualitative Interviews, ethnography, MAXQDA, Dedoose, NVivo

Soft Skills Grant application writing, presentations, scientific communications, dissemination

Languages English (native), German (C1), Spanish (B2), Hebrew (B1)

Selected Presentations

- 2023 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting
- 2023 Administrative Burden Workshop, organized by Donald Moynihan & Martin Baekgaard
- 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference
- 2023 European Political Science Association (EPSA)
- 2023 International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) Conference
- 2023 European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet) doctoral workshop “Social policy and crises - multiple perspectives,” WZB Berlin Social Science Center
- 2023 German Sociological Association (DGS), “Comparing Recent and Older Refugee Migration in and to Europe – Sociological Perspectives”
- 2022 DeZIM-Tagung
- 2022 14th International German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) User Conference, Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW)
- 2021 FIS-Forum, Deutsches Institut für Interdisziplinäre Sozialpolitikforschung (German Institute for Interdisciplinary Social Policy Research)
- 2021 IAB-ECSR Interdisciplinary Conference: “Refugee Migration and Integration Revisited: Lessons from the Recent Past”, Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung (IAB) & European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR)

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2023	Funding for research stay at the University of Amsterdam	3,500€
2018-2019	Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for German, UW-Madison	\$15,000
2018	Summer Internship Funding, UW-Madison	\$5,000
2017-2018	La Follette School Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison	\$15,714
2017-2018	Stone Scholarship, University of Wisconsin-Madison	\$5,000
2014-2015	Eryk Spektor Jewish Studies Scholarship, New York University	

Outreach & Professional Development

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- 2023 DYNAMICS Student Representative
- 2022 DYNAMICS Retreat Organizing Committee
- 2018-2019 Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Officer, La Follette School of Public Affairs

DEVELOPMENT

- **Workshop: Directed Acyclical Graphs**, 2022, Prof. Felix Elwert
- **Essex Summer School: Causal Inference and Experiments in the Social Sciences**, 2022, Dr. Ryan T. Moore

SELECTED VOLUNTEER WORK

- **BASE Berlin, 2022**, temporary housing of refugees from Ukraine
- **Seebrücke NGO, 2021**, review of emails to support information gathering on those needing emergency transport out of Afghanistan
- **New York Cares, 2015**, ESL course for Spanish speakers

Referees

- **Dr. Tim Müller**, Humboldt University of Berlin; t.mueller@hu-berlin.de
- **Prof. Dr. Anke Hassel**, Hertie School; hassel@hertie-school.org
- **Prof. Dr. Markus Promberger**, Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg; Markus.Promberger@iab.de