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### **CURRENT POSITION**

May 2021-Present                      Postdoctoral Research Associate  
Center for Integration Studies  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Technische Universität Dresden

### **PREVIOUS POSITION**

September 2020-May 2021      Postdoctoral Fellow (*Guest Affiliate May-September 2021*)  
Department of Ethics, Law, and Politics  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious  
and Ethnic Diversity

### **EDUCATION**

September 2020                      Ph.D., Sociology, Boston University  
Dissertation: *How Humanitarian Relief ‘Works’:  
International Aid Organizations and Local Labor in Crisis  
Contexts*  
Committee: Julian Go (Chair), Emily Barman, Noora Lori,  
Ashley Mears  
Research Interests: Global/Transnational Sociology,  
Aid/Development, Work & Occupations, Organizations,  
Race/Ethnicity, Middle East

December 2011                      B.A., International Studies  
*Minor in Public Administration, Minor in Economics*  
American University, Washington, DC  
Phi Beta Kappa, Summa cum Laude  
GPA: 3.95/4.0 Scale

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

Ward, P. 2022. “Worth our work? The (in)visible value of refugee volunteers in the transnational aid sector.” *Work, Employment and Society*.  
DOI: 10.1177/09500170221082481

Ward, P. 2021. "Capitalising on 'local knowledge': The labour practices behind successful aid projects, the case of Jordan." *Current Sociology* 69(5): 705-722.

Ward, P. 2020. "'What do they want from us?' How locals work to meet their employers' expectations in Jordan's aid sector." *Sociology of Development* 6(3): 318-337.

Ward, P. 2014. "Refugee cities: Reflections on the development and impact of UNHCR urban refugee policy in the Middle East." *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 33(1): 77-93.

Esser, D. and P. Ward. 2013. "Ageing as a global public health challenge: From complexity reduction to aid effectiveness." *Global Public Health* 8(7): 745-768.

Ward, P. 2012. "Evolving roles of national and international NGOs in protracted urban refugee contexts: The case of Iraqis in the Middle East." *Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration* 2(1): 17-20.

### **Other Publications**

Ward, P. 2022. Book review of *Give and Take: Developmental Foreign Aid and the Pharmaceutical Industry in East Africa*, by Nitsan Chorev, *Journal of World-Systems Research* 28(1).

Ward, P. 2018. "Place matters: Understanding aid work in Jordan through cafe interviews." American Center for Oriental Research Blog.  
<<https://www.acorjordan.org/2018/02/06/understanding-aid-work/>>.

Ward, P. 2016. "'Are you really a refugee?': Exploring academia's impact on framing current discourse and approaches to resettlement," in *After the Flight: The Dynamics of Refugee Settlement and Integration*, M. Poteet and S. Nourpanah (eds), UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 81-102.

Ward, P. 2016. Book review of *Transit States: Labour, Migration and Citizenship in the Gulf*, A. Khalaf, O. AlShehabi, and A. Hanieh (eds), *Journal of Arabian Studies* 6(1): 118-121.

### **In Progress**

Ward, P., Mears, A., and M. Anteby. "Learning to labor like a hard-working immigrant: The dual control of temporary migrant workers." *Under Review*.

Ward, P. and M. Abudalu. "Self-reflexivity deflected: Assumptions, contingencies and 'moments of mismatch' in global South research contexts." *Revise and Resubmit*.

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

**German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik Guest Researcher Fellowship**, *Contested Mobilities* Project, 2020/2021 (*declined*)

**Human Resources Policy Institute Research Award**, Boston University, with Michel Anteby and Ashley Mears, 2019 (\$4,000).

**Council of American Overseas Research (CAORC) Pre-Dissertation Fellowship**, 2017-2018 (\$19,500).

**Morris Dissertation Support Grant**, Department of Sociology, Boston University, 2017-2018 (\$2,000).

**Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Travel Grant**, Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies and Civilizations, Boston University, 2016 (\$1,500).

**Morris Student Travel Grant**, Department of Sociology, Boston University, 2015-2019 (\$500).

**Dean's Fellowship**, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University, 2014-2019 (\$20,000).

**Fulbright Research Fellowship**, Fulbright Canada, York University's Centre for Refugee Studies, 2012-2013 (\$15,000).

**Research Grant for Discussion Paper Series**, UNDP Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries (ACIAC) Program, with Qasem Newashi, 2012 (\$15,000).

**Independent Research Grant**, UNHCR Small Grants Programme, 2011-2012 (\$5,000).

**Travel Scholarship Grant**, American University, Washington, DC, 2011 (\$2,500).

**Tuition Academic Merit Award for Academic Excellence**, American University, Washington, DC, 2008-2011 (\$20,000).

## **CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited Lecture, Department of Sociology, Humboldt Universität Berlin**, virtual. "Self-reflexivity deflected: Assumptions and moments of mismatch conducting qualitative research." January 2021.

**Invited Lecture, Department of Sociology, Technische Universität Dresden**, virtual. Many moving parts: Continuity, disruption and change in global humanitarian aid relations." December 2021.

**Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting**, virtual. Panel Co-Organizer and Presenter. “About time: Theorizing temporal constructions of belonging in the contemporary Levant.” December 2021.

**International Humanitarian Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Paris (via Zoom). Presenter. “A Change in ‘Pace’ or Stuck in Place? Temporal Dimensions of Local Worker Mobility in the Transnational Aid Sector.” November 2021.

**Invited Lecture, Societal Change Forum, Technische Universität Dresden**, virtual. “Learning to be ‘local’: The effects of changing labor practices on national aid workers, the case of Jordan.” November 2021.

**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, virtual. Presenter. “Beyond the binary: Accounting for local contingencies in social science research from ‘the global South’” (with M. Abudalu). August 2021.

**Society for the Study and Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Conference**, virtual. Decolonizing Development Miniconference. Moderator and Presenter. “‘The Local’ as the new ‘Modern’? Continuities and change in the humanitarian aid research industry.” July 2021.

**Centre for Global Migration Studies (CeMig) Workshop on Socio-Legal Perspectives on Borders**, Göttingen, Germany (via Zoom). Presenter. “Worth our work? The (in)visible value of refugee volunteers in the transnational aid sector.” January 2021.

**Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Washington, DC (via Zoom). Presenter. “Is it really worth the work? How aid organizations produce precarity in the workplace, the case of refugee volunteers in Jordan.” October 2020.

**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, California (via Zoom). Presenter. “Learning to labor like a hard-working immigrant.” (with M. Anteby and A. Mears). August 2020.

**Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting**, San Antonio, Texas. Presenter. “Who speaks for the local? The role of aid workers in ‘localizing’ humanitarian aid in Jordan.” November 2018.

**Social Science History Association Annual Meeting**, Phoenix, Arizona. Presenter. “‘Position available...for Nationals only’: Examining racializing work routines and processes in the humanitarian aid sector, the case of Jordan.” November 2018.

**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Presenter. “Reframing exploitation as humanitarian? Exploring workers’ construction of ‘the local’ in Jordanian aid organizations.” August 2018.

**American Sociological Association Pre-Meeting Workshop on Race and International Organizations**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Presenter. “‘Working’ for trust: Rethinking organization-donor relations through racializing hiring practices.” August 2018.

**Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology Annual Seminar**, Bielefeld, Germany. Presenter. “Working to include or exclude the ‘vulnerable’? The role of aid workers’ constructions of ‘the local’ in shaping aid distribution processes, the case of Jordan.” July 2018.

**Decolonizing the Social Workshop**, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. Presenter. “What state of exception? Imperial origins of the ‘new’ migration-security narrative, the case of the contemporary Middle East.” May 2017.

**Second Conference on Managing Migration in World Society: International Organisations in Migration Politics**, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. Invited Presenter. “Classifying migrants to classify themselves: Global migration management as an emerging social field.” March 2017.

**Middle East Studies Association Fiftieth Annual Meeting**, Boston, Massachusetts. Presenter. “Beyond the dollar signs: Gulf states, UNHCR, and shifting refugee relief practices.” November 2016.

**International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) Annual Conference**, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland. Panelist Co-Organizer and Presenter. “Many ‘moving’ parts: Rethinking refugees, relief, and knowledge production on migration.” July 2016.

**Producing Knowledge on Migration: Methodology, Epistemology and Ethics**, University of Paris 13, Paris, France. Presenter. “All talk? Examining institutions’ roles in shaping migration management discourse in global forum spaces.” May 2015.

**Invited Lecture, Department of Economics, Marquette University**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. “Contested spaces: Exploring urban refugee policy in the Middle East.” May 2015.

**American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, Illinois. Presenter. “Aging as a global public health challenge: Dimensions of demographic divergence in the Global South” (with D. Esser). August 2013.

**Immigration and Settlement: Precarious Futures? 2013 RCIS Conference**, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada. Presenter. “Assessing the refugee ‘label’ and process in the labour market: Perceptions of refugee workforce experiences in Canada.” May 2013.

**Oxford University's Thirtieth Annual Refugee Studies Centre Conference**, Oxford University, Oxford, England. Presenter. "Refugee cities: Reflections on the development and impact of UNHCR urban refugee policy in the Middle East." December 2012.

## **TEACHING**

**Instructor**, Methods and their Meanings: Critical Considerations for Qualitative Research, Summer 2022

**Teaching Fellow**, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Global Challenges, Spring 2020

**Instructor**, Introduction to Sociology, Summer 2019

**Teaching Fellow**, Introduction to Sociology, Fall/Spring 2015-2017

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**English Editor & Consultant**, Parallel Perspective Consulting (Q Perspective). Amman, Jordan. January 2018-December 2019 (occasional contracts).

**Research Assistant**, Questrom School of Business at Boston University, Department of Organizational Behavior. Boston, Massachusetts. September 2016-December 2017.

**English Editor**, Al-Bawaba News Group. Amman, Jordan. September 2013-July 2014.

**Project Assistant/Grantwriter**, Al-Hayat Center for Civil Society Development. Amman, Jordan. February 2011-July 2011.

## **SERVICE**

**Graduate Co-Chair**, Boston University's Pardee Initiative on Forced Migration and Human Trafficking, 2015-2016.

**Member of Student Editorial Board**, *Political Power and Social Theory*, 2015-2019.

**Occasional Reviewer**, *Refugee Survey Quarterly*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Organization Science*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association (2014-Present)

Middle East Studies Association (2015-Present)

Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics (2021-Present)

International Humanitarian Studies Association (2021-Present)

## **LANGUAGES**

**English** (native)

**Arabic** (Reading: Intermediate; Writing: Intermediate; Speaking: Advanced Intermediate)

**German** (A2 Level)

## REFERENCES

### **Julian Go**

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