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## Employment

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Current Associate Professor of Organizational Studies  
  
Associate Professor of Sociology (by courtesy)  
Associate Professor of Public Policy (by courtesy)  
  
Faculty Associate, Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics  
Faculty Affiliate, Poverty Solutions Initiative  
Faculty Affiliate, Program in Race, Law, and History  
  
2016-2023 Assistant Professor of Organizational Studies and Sociology (by courtesy)

## Education

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2016 Ph.D. Sociology, Harvard University  
2011 A.M. Sociology, Harvard University  
2008 B.A. History and Sociology, University of Michigan

## Publications

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### Books

Levine, Jeremy R. *When Crime Pays the Victim: How Victim Policy Shaped the Carceral State*.  
Under contract with Princeton University Press.  
  
Levine, Jeremy R. 2021. *Constructing Community: Urban Governance, Development, and Inequality in Boston*. Princeton University Press.  
  
Reviews: *ABA Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *Boston Review*; *City*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *Journal of the American Planning Association*; *Journal of Urban Affairs*; *Metropolitics*; *Social Forces*

### Articles & Chapters

Levine, Jeremy R. Forthcoming. "Whose Victimization Pays? Policing Innocent Victimhood in Victim Compensation Law." *Law & Society Review* 59(4).  
  
Levine, Jeremy R. and Kelly L. Russell. 2023. "Crime Pays the Victim: Criminal Fines, the State, and Victim Compensation Law, 1964-1984." *American Journal of Sociology* 128(4): 1158-1205.

*\*Co-winner, Charles Tilly Best Article Award, ASA Comparative-Historical Sociology Section*

Levine, Jeremy R., Theodore S. Leenman, Carl Gershenson, and David M. Hureau. 2018. "Political Places: Neighborhood Social Organization and the Ecology of Political Behaviors." *Social Science Quarterly* 99(1): 201-215.

Levine, Jeremy R. 2017. "Urban Politics and the Study of Urban Poverty: Promising Developments and Future Directions." *Sociology Compass* 11(12): 1-9.

Levine, Jeremy R. 2017. "The Paradox of Community Power: Cultural Processes and Elite Authority in Participatory Governance." *Social Forces* 95(3): 1155-1179.

Levine, Jeremy R. 2016. "The Privatization of Political Representation: Community-Based Organizations as Nonelected Neighborhood Representatives." *American Sociological Review* 81(6): 1251-1275.

*\*Winner, Student Paper Award, ASA Political Sociology Section*

*\* Winner, Student Paper Award, ASA Urban Sociology Section*

Levine, Jeremy R., and Carl Gershenson. 2014. "From Political to Material Inequality: Race, Immigration, and Requests for Public Goods." *Sociological Forum* 29(3): 607-627.

Levine, Jeremy R. 2013. "Organizational Parochialism: 'Placing' Interorganizational Network Ties." *City & Community* 12(4): 309-334.

Levine, Jeremy R. 2013. "When Environmental and Social Policy Converge: The Case of Boston's Fairmount Line." Pp. 153-163 in *Environmental Policy Is Social Policy - Social Policy Is Environmental Policy: Toward Sustainability Policy*, edited by Isidor Wallimann. New York: Springer.

Levine, Jeremy R. and William Julius Wilson. 2013. "Poverty, Politics, and a 'Circle of Promise': Holistic Education Policy in Boston and the Challenge of Institutional Entrenchment." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 35(1): 7-24.

## **Book Reviews**

Levine, Jeremy R. Forthcoming. Review of Benjamin H. Bradlow, *Urban Power* (Princeton University Press 2024). *American Journal of Sociology*

Levine, Jeremy R. 2023. Review of Claire Dunning, *Nonprofit Neighborhoods* (University of Chicago Press 2022). *Social Service Review* 97(1).

Levine, Jeremy R. 2023. Review of Dennis R. Judd, eds., *Private Metropolis* (University of Minnesota Press 2021). *Contemporary Sociology* 52(1).

Levine, Jeremy R. 2022. Review of Teresa Irene Gonzalez, *Building a Better Chicago* (NYU Press 2021). *Social Forces* 100(4).

Levine, Jeremy R. 2020. Review of David Pettinicchio, *Politics of Empowerment* (Stanford University Press 2019). *American Journal of Sociology* 126(3).

## Other Writing

Levine, Jeremy R. (2022 October 28). “The Many Meanings Of ‘Community’ And Nonprofits’ Place In Urban Policy.” *HistPhil*. Retrieved from <https://bit.ly/3gVN4fy>.

Levine, Jeremy R. (2020 September 4). “It’s Time to Move On From Community Consensus.” *Shelterforce*. Retrieved from <https://bit.ly/3i5mGf6>.

Levine, Jeremy R. (2017 June 5). “How ‘the community’ undermines the goals of participatory democracy.” *Work in Progress Blog*. American Sociological Association. Retrieved from <https://bit.ly/3ImJSn0>.

Levine, Jeremy R. (2016 November 7). “In many poor urban neighborhoods, nonprofits are superseding elected politicians as neighborhood representatives.” *USAPP—American Politics and Policy Blog*. London School of Economics. Retrieved from <http://bit.ly/2ezmgPY>.

## Under Review & In Progress

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Levine, Jeremy R. and Paige L. Sweet. “Who’s a ‘Good’ Victim of Gender-Based Violence? Credibility, Worthiness, and Ideal Victimhood in Victim Compensation Law.”

Semenza, Daniel C., Jeremy R. Levine, Tanya Sharpe, Kimberly Burke, and Brielle Savage. “Racial Disparities in Victim Compensation among Homicide Survivors in the United States.”

Dickman, Sam, Jeremy R. Levine, Chalem Bolton, Anna Conway, and Kelly L. Russell. “Racial disparities in victim compensation funds’ coverage of medical care and other services for adult survivors of sexual assault.”

## Policy Briefs & Memos

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| 2024 | “Inequality in Crime Victim Compensation.” Prepared jointly for the Center for Racial Justice and Poverty Solutions, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cited in Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), “Message from the OVC Director,” 1/6/25 (regarding Notice of Proposed Rulemaking RIN 1121-AA89)</li></ul> |
| 2023 | “Analysis of Racial Inequality in California victim compensation claims as it Pertains to Senate Bill 838.” Prepared for Senator Caroline Menjivar, California State Legislature.  |
| 2022 | “Analysis of Racial Inequality in New York Victim Compensation Claims as it Pertains to Senate Bill S7573A.” Prepared for Senator Zellnor Myrie, New York State Legislature.   |

- 2011 “Constituent Interaction with Government.” Commissioned by the Mayor’s Office, City of Boston.
- 2011 “Trends in Constituent-Generated Basic City Service Requests.” Commissioned by the Director of Constituent Engagement, Mayor’s Office, City of Boston.
- 2010 “Community-Based Organizations in the Circle of Promise.” Commissioned by the Education, Health, and Human Services Sub-cabinet, Mayor’s Office, City of Boston.

### **Fellowships & Grants**

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- 2013 Dissertation Research Fellowship, Center for American Political Studies Program on the American Republic, Harvard University
- 2011 Urban Doctoral Fellowship, Boston-Area Research Initiative (BARI), Harvard University
- 2010 Public Policy Fellowship, Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2009 NSF-IGERT Doctoral Fellowship, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

### **Presentations & Invited Talks (since 2016)**

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- 2024-2025 “When Crime Pays the Victim: How Victim Policy Shaped the Carceral State.”
- Yale University, Criminal Justice Roundtable
  - Rice University, Department of Sociology
- 2024 “Whose Victimization Pays? Policing Innocent Victimhood Amidst Mass Criminalization.”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- 2024 “Floozy and Flim-Flam Claims: How the State Constructs Good Victimhood” (with Paige L. Sweet).
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting
- 2024 “Engaging ‘The Community’: Traditional and Alternative Critiques.”
- Defining Community Workshop, Harvard University
- 2023 “Policing Innocent Victimhood in an Era of Mass Criminalization.”
- Justice and Injustice Mini-Conference, Rutgers University
- 2023 “Constructing Community: Central Findings and Methodological Musings.”
- The Ethnographic Café
- 2022 Panelist, “Community and Governance in Boston: Understanding the Role of Non-Profits in Politics and Policy.” Boston University Initiative on Cities

- 2022 Panelist, webinar for *Constructing Community*, American Bar Association Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development
- 2022 Critic, Author-Meets-Critics event for Teresa Irene Gonzalez, *Building a Better Chicago* (NYU Press 2021), Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting
- 2020-2022 “Crime Pays the Victim: Criminal Fines, the State, and Victim Compensation Law, 1964-1984.” (with Kelly Russell)
- Justice and Injustice Mini-Conference, Center for the Study of Inequality (CSI), Yale
  - The Poverty Penalty Symposium, University of Michigan Law School
  - American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
  - \*Social Science History Association Annual Meeting (cancelled due to COVID-19)
  - \*Comparative Historical Social Science Conference, Northwestern University (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2021 “Equity in Participation Means Some People Lose.”
- International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) North American Conference
- 2018-2022 “Constructing Community.”
- USC, Department of Sociology
  - USC, Ethnography of Public Life Workshop
  - Harvard, Kennedy School of Government
  - University of Michigan, Real World Perspectives on Poverty Solutions
  - Northwestern, Urban Sociology Workshop
  - University of Michigan, Ross School of Business ICOS
  - Stanford, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society (PACS)
  - UC Riverside, Blum Initiative on Global and Regional Poverty
  - University of Chicago, Department of Sociology
  - University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning
- 2016 “A Seat at the Table: Organizations, Legitimacy, and Power in Urban Governance.”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA

## Teaching & Advising

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### *Undergraduate Instructor*

The Social Organization of the City in Film (upper level seminar)  
 Urban Policy and Inequality in the U.S. (upper level seminar)  
 Urban Policy (lower level lecture)  
 Nonprofit Organizations in the U.S. & Beyond (upper level seminar)  
 Nonprofits (lower level lecture)  
 Advanced Research Methods  
 Advanced Research Practicum

### *PhD Committees*

Leah Jacobson, Sociology, UCLA

Andrew Messamore, Sociology, University of Texas '24

Deanna Kolberg-Shah, Political Science, University of Michigan '21

Michael Borsellino, Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan '21

### **Other Experience**

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2012-2013	The Boston Foundation/UMass-Boston <i>Research Consultant</i>	Boston, MA
2011	Office of the Mayor – City of Boston <i>Research Fellow with Director of Constituent Engagement</i>	Boston, MA
2010	Office of the Mayor – City of Boston <i>Public Policy Fellow with Education Sub-Cabinet</i>	Boston, MA
2006	Grandmont/Rosedale Development Corporation <i>Research Intern</i>	Detroit, MI

### **Honors, Distinctions, & Awards**

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2024	Charles Tilly Best Article Award (co-winner), Comparative-Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
2021; 2017	Nominee, Golden Apple Award for outstanding University teaching, University of Michigan (two separate nominations)
2016	Student Paper Award, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
2016	Student Paper Award, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
2013	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
2012	Nominee, Aage B. Sørensen Memorial Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Harvard University Department of Sociology

### **Interviews, Podcasts, & other Media Appearances**

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2025	“Federal cuts put non-profit sector on edge; health centers see ‘serious threat’ to patients.” <i>Dorchester Reporter</i> (May 14).
2024	“How the financial costs of gun violence hurt loved ones left behind.” <i>New York Amsterdam News</i> (October 3).

2024	"U-M study reveals racial and gender inequities in crime compensation." WEMU 89.1 FM (September 19).
2024	"Feedback from city-led workshops, survey shows that Bostonians want an earlier say on all project reviews." <i>Dorchester Reporter</i> (September 10)
2024	"Illinois Made It Easier for Gun Violence Survivors to Apply for Compensation. Why Aren't More Chicagoans Finding the Program?" <i>The Trace</i> (March 13)
2024	"Created Equal: Black victims of violent crime disproportionately denied compensation." WDET 99.1 FM (March 5)
2023	"A Random Shooting, a New Direction." LSA Magazine (Fall)
2023	"Season 4, Episode 7," CitySCOPE Podcast, Inclusive Economic Development Lab, Yale School of Management (November)
2023	"Racial disparities in denials of victims compensation benefits, researcher finds." <i>The Times Union</i> (January 23)
2022	"Who Represents 'The Community'? Parts 1 and 2." Streetsblog Talking Headways Podcast (March 17 & 24)
2022	"Smaller Cities, Poorer Regions Could Be Infrastructure Losers." <i>Governing</i> (January 11)
2022	"Unraveling the Mysteries of Urban Governance." <i>Governing</i> (January 6)
2021	"The New Politics of Community Development," Boston Neighborhood Network News, Boston Local Access (September 8)
2021	"Constructing Community (Ep. 16)". University of Cambridge Judge Business School's Social Innovation Think Tank (August 13)
2021	"Wade's World", ACORN Radio, KABF 83.3FM-Little Rock (July 23)
2020	"The Pandemic Has Pushed Aside City Planning Rules. But to Whose Benefit?" <i>The New York Times</i> (July 20)
2020	"Why the City-Nonprofit Relationship Must Change: Lessons from COVID-19." <i>Nonprofit Quarterly</i> (May 13)
2019	"Urban Renewal?" <i>Stanford Social Innovation Review</i> (Fall)
2017	"Nonelected Community Representatives." <i>Stanford Social Innovation Review</i> (Summer)

2016	“Urban Nonprofit Leaders Increasingly Influence Local Development.” <i>Philanthropy News Digest</i> (November 14)
2016	“When Nonprofits Are the New City Leaders.” <i>The Atlantic CityLab</i> (November 11)
2016	“Nonprofits, Not Elected Officials, Often Represent Poor Urban Communities in America.” <i>Nonprofit Quarterly</i> (November 8)
2014	“Who is Most Likely to Dial 311?” <i>Next City</i> (April 8)
2013	“Closing the Achievement Gap in Boston.” <i>IMPACT: Research from Harvard Kennedy School</i> (Summer)
2010	“Urban Mechanics: An Elite Group of Students is Designing Ways to Make the Gears of City Government Operate More Smoothly.” <i>Boston Globe</i> (August 22)

## Service

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### *To the Department/Affiliated Centers*

2025	Junior Faculty Mentorship, Organizational Studies
2024-	Organizer, Stone Working Group on Inequality and Political Economy (SWIPE)
2024	Visiting Fellowship Committee, Center for Inequality Dynamics (CID)
2024-2025	Junior Faculty Launch Mentorship Committee
2017, 2018, 2022, 2023, 2025	Undergraduate Admissions Committee, Organizational Studies
2020, 2024	Chair, Undergraduate Admissions Committee, Organizational Studies
2024, 2025	Lectureship Major Review Committee, Organizational Studies
2021	Lectureship Review Committee, Organizational Studies
2020	Ad-hoc Grade Grievance Committee, Organizational Studies
2016, 2018, 2022, 2025	Faculty Recruitment Committee, Organizational Studies
2017-2018; 2018-2019; 2020-2021; 2024-2025	Curriculum Committee, Organizational Studies



- 2018 Undergraduate Honors thesis reader, Organizational Studies
- 2016-2017 Undergraduate Awards Committee, Organizational Studies
- 2016-2017 Faculty co-organizer, Urban Workshop, Department of Sociology

*To the University*

- 2025- Real Estate Minor and Certificate Curriculum Committee
- 2018, 2019 Instructor, Qualitative Methods Seminar, Michigan Humanities Emerging Research Scholars Program (MICHHERS)
- 2017 Community Outreach Committee, University of Michigan Bicentennial event, “Failing Flint: Lessons from the Water Crisis.”

*To the Profession*

- 2025 Chair, Community and Urban Sociology Section Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association
- 2025 Comparative-Historical Section Charles Tilly Best Article Award Committee, American Sociological Association
- 2024-2026 Editorial board member, *City & Community*
- 2024 Reviewer, Dissertation Proposal Development (DPD) Workshop, Problem Solving Sociology
- 2020-2023 Publications Committee, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (elected)
- 2017 Chair, Community and Urban Sociology Section Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association
- 2017 Discussant, Stanford Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society (PACS) Junior Scholars Forum

Occasional reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *City & Community*; *Criminology*; *Community Development*; *Global Perspectives*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Journal of Rural Studies*; *Journal of Urban History*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Law & Society Review*; *Local Environment*; *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*; *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*; *PLOS One*; *Poverty & Public Policy*; *Race and Social Problems*; *Science Advances*; *Social Currents*; *Social Forces*; *Social Networks*; *Social Problems*; *Sociological Forum*; *Sociological Science*; *Sociology Compass*; *The Sociological Quarterly*; *Urban Affairs Review*; *Urban Studies*; Bristol University Press, Columbia University Press; Oxford University Press; Temple University Press; Yale University Press.

## **Professional Membership**

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American Sociological Association  
Law & Society Association

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