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Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT POSITION

2025 - Postdoctoral Scholar in Social Environments and Population Health, Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University

EDUCATION

2025 Ph.D., Sociology, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.
2022 M.A., Sociology, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.
2020 M.P.A., Governance of Migration and Diversity, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
2018 B.A., Political Science and Global Studies, Appalachian State University.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration • Family • Life Course • Population and Environment • Mixed Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Labovitz, Emma. and Ka U Ng. 2025. "Family formation and migration: The role of migration in shaping family formation." *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

*Gardner, Anna and **Emma Labovitz** 2024. "Mortality and movement: Migratory response to parental death in the wake of the 2004 Indonesian Tsunami." *Population and Environment* 46(16).

*Authors listed alphabetically - paper is equal authorship

Labovitz, Emma 2021. "Dreamers vs. immigrants: Impact of framing on Dreamers and irregular migrants." *Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration*, 10(1), 126-133.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Labovitz, Emma. "Migration and the Transition to Adulthood in Nepal." R&R, *Demographic Research*

Labovitz, Emma. and Sarah Hayford. "The implications of labor migration on sibling household labor." R&R, *Socius*.

Labovitz, Emma. and Emma Banchoff. “Parental migration and adolescent well-being: The role of fathers' migration in shaping youth mental health.” R&R, *Population Development Review*

Labovitz, Emma. “Gendered Consequences of Parental Migration for the Transition to Adulthood in Nepal.” Under review, *Journal of Marriage and Family*

WORK IN PROGRESS

Labovitz, Emma. “Rooted in relations: How family and civic obligations shape migration and other transition to adulthood aspirations.”

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024 Guzowski Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill
2024 Humane Studies Fellowship, IHS
2021 UNC Department of Sociology Pilot Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill
2019 – 20 Fulbright Scholar, U.S. Department of State
2019 – 20 Rotary Global Grant, Rotary Foundation
2019 – 20 Holland Scholarship, Dutch Government

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

2021 - 24 Research Assistant, UNC-Chapel Hill
2020 - 24 Predoctoral Trainee, Population Science Program, Carolina Population Center
2018 - 19 Research Internship Fellow, TEVEL Kathmandu, Nepal

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 Labovitz, Emma. “Navigating aspirations and capabilities: How youth in Nepal understand migration during the transition to adulthood.” Round table presented at session Life Course Transitions, Aging, and Health, American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. August 8-12.

2025 Labovitz, Emma and Emma Banchoff. “Parental migration and adolescent well-being: The role of fathers' migration in shaping youth mental health.” Poster presented at session P04 - Migration, Immigration, and Race/Ethnicity, Population Association of America, Washington, DC. April 10-13.

2025 Labovitz, Emma. “Reconceptualizing transition to adulthood: Bringing migration into transition to adulthood trajectories in a high labor migration setting.” Paper presented at Panel 1- Migration and Social Change in Nepal, CESLAM, Kathmandu, Nepal. February 17-18.

- 2024 Labovitz, Emma. “Reconceptualizing transition to adulthood: The impact of childhood migration contexts in a low- and middle-income country.” Paper presented at regular session – Centering Children and Families in the Study of International Migration, American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada. August 9-13.
- 2024 Labovitz, Emma and K. U. Ng. “Analyzing the trajectories of family-life transitions in the context of origin: Migration, marriage, and childbirth.” Paper presented at session 12-4 – Migration, Migrants, and Fertility and Reproductive Health, Population Association of America, Columbus, Ohio. April 17-20.
- 2024 Labovitz, Emma and Sarah Hayford. “Redefining roles: The implications of household migration on gendered childhood labor.” Poster presented at session P04 - Migration, Immigration, and Race/Ethnicity, Population Association of America, Columbus, Ohio. April 17-20. ***PAA poster presentation winner.***
- 2024 Gardner, Anna and Emma Labovitz. “Disasters in potential destination and their effects on migration decisions.” Poster presented at session P04 - Migration, Immigration, and Race/Ethnicity, Population Association of America, Columbus, Ohio. April 17-20. ***PAA poster presentation winner.***
- 2023 Labovitz, Emma. “Overseas and offspring: Implications of multi-level household migration on parity progression in origin context.” Paper presented at session 819 – Migration, Migrants, and Fertility, Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA. April 12-15.
- 2023 Labovitz, Emma and Anna Gardner. “Mortality and movement: Migratory response to parental death in the wake of the 2004 Indonesian Tsunami.” Paper presented at session 1406 – Disasters, Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA. April 12-15.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record:

- 2025 Sociology of Family (Borough of Manhattan Community College)
 2023 Sociology of Migration (UNC - Chapel Hill)

Teaching Assistant (UNC - Chapel Hill):

- 2024 Social and Economic Justice
 2023 Labor Force
 2022 Social Stratification
 2022 Sociology of Migration
 2021 Sociological Perspective
 2021 Race and Ethnicity
 2020 Sociology of Sexualities

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Associations
Population Association of America

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025 Session Discussant - Inequality in the Transition to Adulthood
2021 – 2025 Graduate Student Book Review Editor, *Social Forces*
2021 – 2023 Co-Director, UNC Interdisciplinary Migration Working Group
2020 – 2022 Co-Director, UNC Sociology Recruitment Weekend
2019 – 2023 Crosby Scholars High School Senior Mentor
Reviewer for *Social Forces*, *Population and Environment*, *Demography*, *Socius*

SKILLS

Languages: English (native), Spanish (intermediate), Nepali (beginner)
Software: Stata, R, Dedoose

REFERENCES

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