

Emma R. Labovitz

Curriculum Vita

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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. in Political Science and Global Studies, Appalachian State University.,
summa cum laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration • Family Demography • Mixed Methods

PUBLICATIONS

*Garner, 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.

WORK IN PROGRESS

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

Labovitz, Emma. and Sarah Hayford. "The implications of labor migration on sibling household labor." *Revise and Resubmit at International Migration Review*

Labovitz, Emma. "Reconceptualizing transitions to adulthood to incorporate labor migration in low- and middle-income countries."

Labovitz, Emma. and Emma Banchoff. "Parental Migration and Adolescent Well-Being: The Role of Fathers' Migration in Shaping Youth Mental Health." *Under review at Social Forces*

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024	Graduate Research Assistant, UNC-Chapel Hill, \$13,000
2024	Guzowski Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill, \$1,500
2024	Humane Studies Fellowship, IHS, \$2,000
2024	Graduate Research Assistant, UNC-Chapel Hill, \$1,000
2022	Graduate Research Assistant, UNC-Chapel Hill, \$4,000
2021	UNC Department of Sociology Pilot Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill, \$1,000
2021	Graduate Research Assistant, UNC-Chapel Hill, \$1,500
2020 – 2024	Predoctoral Trainee, Carolina Population Center
2019 – 2020	Fulbright Scholar, U.S. Department of State, €15,600
2019 – 2020	Rotary Global Grant, Rotary Foundation, \$31,000
2019 – 2020	Holland Scholarship, Dutch Government, €5,000
2017	Travel Research Grant, Office of Undergraduate Research, \$1,500
2014 – 2018	Wilson Scholar, Appalachian State Merit Scholarship, \$60,000

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025	Labovitz, Emma R. 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 R. “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 R. “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 R. 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 R. and Hayford, Sarah “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. <i>PAA poster presentation winner</i>
2024	Gardner, Anna and Labovitz, Emma R. “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 R. “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 R. and Gardner, Anna “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.
- 2018 Labovitz, Emma R. “Rhetoric vs. Reality: The Repercussion of Refugees in Sweden and its Subsequent Depiction in U.S. Media.” Poster presented at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK. April 12-14.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow:

- 2025 Sociology of Family
2023 Sociology of Migration

Teaching Assistant:

- 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

- 2021 – 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*

LANGUAGE

English - native
Spanish – proficient
Nepali – beginner

REFERENCES

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