



Institute for
Immigration Research

Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report

Mission

The IIR's mission is to produce valid, reliable, and objective multidisciplinary research on immigrants and immigration to the United States and to disseminate this information through peer-reviewed academic journals, as well as in print and digital formats that make this research easily accessible to policy-makers, the media, the business community, and the general public.

Vision

As of 2018 there are approximately 44.7 million foreign born individuals in the United States, comprising 13.7 percent of the population. While not an historic high, the number of immigrants has increased significantly since 1970. Furthermore, today's immigrants hail from more diverse countries of origin and backgrounds than those of past generations.

Immigration has been an emotional and contentious issue throughout U.S. history, and today's conversation is no different. Current debates over the nature and impact of immigration have been clouded by an abundance of myths and misinformation that frequently go unchallenged. Many Americans lack an understanding of how the legal immigration system works, what paths are available for migrants, the benefits that immigrants are eligible for, and the fiscal and economic contributions of all immigrants.

Recognizing the harm that misinformation can have on decision making and immigration policies, and the damage that misinformed and hateful rhetoric can have on communities, the IIR responds with balanced, objective and verifiable facts. As a university-based research center with staff, students, and Faculty Affiliates with expertise in multiple aspects of immigration, the IIR is well placed to conduct research and disseminate factual, reliable, unbiased, and objective information about immigrants and immigration in the United States.

Fiscal 2021 in Review

The IIR's primary long-term goals are:

- That Mason and Mason faculty are recognized as national leaders in multidisciplinary immigration research, and that the IIR be recognized as a preeminent, multidisciplinary immigration research institute with regional, national, and international reach and influence.
- To be responsive to major social, economic, political, and cultural shifts, such as the recent global pandemic, economic recession, and renewed emphasis on social

inequalities, by researching the impact of such shifts on immigrant communities and the contributions made by immigrant communities.

The IIR's intermediary goals are:

- **To engage** in relevant research, to produce accurate, reliable and supportable information to counter myths, misinformation and disinformation, and to provide evidence as to how immigrants contribute to the US economy, culture, and society.
- **To research** the impact of ongoing social change, including COVID-19, the associated economic downturn, and concurrent social unrest on immigrant communities, and the potential ways in which immigrants are affected by these changes and may also contribute to solutions to these pressing problems.
- **To disseminate** our research findings in ways that build relationships with our primary audiences: academics, policy-makers, the business community, the media, and the public.
- **To train and equip** undergraduate and graduate students with the conceptual and methodological tools to be the next generation of immigration scholars.
- **To expand** the IIR's funding base through new partnerships and funding sources.

Working with the IIR faculty affiliates, graduate students and undergraduate students, efforts towards these goals are guided by the IIR core personnel:

- Dr. James Witte, IIR Director
- Dr. Michele Waslin, IIR Program Coordinator
- Dr. Wenjing Wang, IIR Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- Katharine Rupp, IIR Office Manager

The IIR's faculty affiliates include:

- Dr. Amy Best
- Dr. Bryan Caplan
- Dr. Carol Cleaveland
- Dr. Sarah Cobb
- Dr. Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera
- Dr. Tyler Cowen
- Dr. Ben Gatling
- Dr. Justin Gest
- Dr. Lisa Marie Gilman
- Dr. Lisa Gring-Pemble
- Dr. Daniel Griswold
- Dr. Katie Kerstetter
- Dr. Dae Young Kim
- Dr. Marissa Kiss
- Dr. Maurice Kugler
- Mr. Nishit Sahay

- Dr. Eric Waithaka

Despite the challenges of COVID-19 during FY21, the IIR successfully continued its work virtually. The IIR's regular weekly planning meetings and monthly IIR/CSSR all-staff meetings were held on Zoom, as were IIR Colloquia and Advisory Board meetings. Core personnel also regularly met one-on-one on Zoom throughout the year. Certainly, there were disadvantages associated with this necessity and the IIR is looking forward to a safe return to campus in the fall of 2021. On the other hand, there were also important lessons learned during this time: the IIR was able to use Zoom to reach a broader national audience for its colloquia, and it was able to participate in international research collaboration, such as the Parallel Pandemic Project, despite limits on travel.

The COVID-19-related limits on travel also produced some cost savings for the IIR, but these were heavily outweighed by additional expenses. Some of these expenses were related to making the office environment safe as limited use resumed, but the largest expenses were related to international tax management fees and other unanticipated costs for support of a graduate student, who was out of the country when the pandemic began and could not safely return to the United States.

Research, Scholarly and Creative Work

Over the past academic year, despite working remotely, the IIR has produced a number of reports, fact sheets, and journal articles. Much of the IIR's work has focused on the intersection of the COVID-19 pandemic and immigration. Members of the IIR team have also published several op-eds on a variety of topics.

Immigration and the COVID-19 Pandemic

- In its report, [“Immigrant Workers and the COVID-19 Pandemic,”](#) the IIR examined industries that have been important during the pandemic and focused on four with the highest shares of foreign-born workers: Agriculture, Manufacturing, Wholesale and Retail Trade, and Transportation. In these four industries, there are approximately 3,984,000 foreign-born workers who make up 20 percent of the workforce. This report examines the immigrant workers in these four industries along a variety of socio-economic variables, compare them to similarly situated native U.S. workers, and discuss the important contributions these workers have made during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as their critical role in rebuilding the economy post-pandemic.
- In December 2020, the IIR released its annual report on foreign-born Nobel laureates, *Leading Through Creativity and Innovation: The 2020 Nobel Laureates, MacArthur and Schmidt Science Fellows, and Immigrant Scientists in Search of a COVID-19 Vaccine*. Fanni Farago, an IIR graduate research assistant and PhD student in Sociology, was the author of the paper. In 2020, none of the Nobel Prize winners from the United States were foreign-born individuals. However, four of the year's 12 Laureates were foreign born and were associated with U.S. research institutions or universities at some point in their careers. In addition, four of the 21 MacArthur

Fellows and at least four of the 22 Schmidt Science Fellows were foreign born and living in the United States. Moreover, immigrants are among the scientists and researchers working to find a COVID-19 vaccine. This report profiled all of these high-achieving immigrants.

- Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, workers who specialize in scientific research have helped create COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutic treatments; workers who focus on the use of technology for work and other daily life activities have enabled millions of people to transition their professional and social activities to online platforms. The IIR's report, *Continuing to Lead Through Creativity and Innovation During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond: Immigrant Scientists and Information Technology Workers*, written by Dr. Waslin and IIR Graduate Research Assistant Fanni Farago, explores immigrant workers in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services industry sector and the Information industry. The report also tells the personal stories of immigrant workers who have made exceptional contributions to their field and to mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic
- Dr. Waslin and IIR affiliate faculty member Dr. Carol Cleaveland published an article, [COVID-19: Threat and Vulnerability Among Latina Immigrants](#), that was published in the *Journal of Women and Social Work*. Using a critical feminist theoretical perspective, this discussion examines the mechanisms informing these outcomes including lack of access to health insurance and health care and work in low-waged jobs with high potential exposure to the virus. In addition, it examines related risks to this population, including domestic violence during stay-at-home orders. The article argues that social workers can join forces with immigrant-led organizations to support advocacy to reverse government policies that limit immigrants' access to health care as well as ensuring that Latina women workers earn adequate wages for essential jobs.
- IIR's director Dr. Witte's [op-ed](#) was published by NBC News in December 2020. In it, Witte discusses why the United States cannot let immigration politics trump public health and why immigrants must be vaccinated, regardless of immigration status. "We can end this pandemic only if we provide care to everyone around us. The virus doesn't discriminate based on immigration status, and neither should we."

Attitudes Towards Immigrants

- Over the past year, essential workers—in a range of areas from healthcare, food processing, service and delivery, and transportation—have taken risks to help the nation through the COVID-19 health and economic crises. While many have acknowledged the significance of foreign-born workers in this effort, a deep divide still exists within America on this topic. IIR Director Dr. Witte conducted a 2020 post-election survey of a representative sample of 662 residents of the D.C.-Baltimore metropolitan area. These [survey results](#) show that, for more than half of respondents, the experience of COVID-19 demonstrates new Americans as assets to the nation. When asked to what extent they agree that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has shown that immigrants strengthen the country as they fill essential

roles in the economy, 61% agreed. On the other hand, nearly one in four (23%) agreed with the statement that immigrants weaken the country as they may introduce new diseases.

Immigrant Self-Employment

- Drs Wang and Witte worked with IIR affiliate Dr. Maurice Kugler to complete a project on immigrant entrepreneurship. They looked at the factors that allow immigrant entrepreneurs to be successful in various geographic areas in the US. Their research resulted in two articles that have been submitted to journals for publication.

Immigration Policy

- Dr. Waslin wrote an [op-ed](#) in the *New York Daily News* about immigration-related executive orders signed by President Biden. This op ed explained that, while Biden had signed a relatively large number of immigration-related executive orders and proclamations, it did not signal a trend toward policymaking through executive action. Rather, these documents negated the large number of executive actions signed by the previous administration.
- Drs. Waslin and Witte published [an article](#), “Guiding Principles for Immigration Policy in a Post-Pandemic World” with the Center for Growth and Opportunity at Utah State University. The article was part of a symposium on immigration and economic recovery after COVID-19 and discusses the positive-sum benefits of immigration and decentralized solutions to immigrant needs during COVID-19. In it, the authors push back on the idea that immigrants take more than they give to a country and to an economy. They point to how immigrants help grow economies and how states and localities responded to the needs of immigrants during the pandemic.

Immigrants and Sports

- IIR alum Dr. Marissa Kiss and former Mason professor Dr. Earl Smith published an [op-ed](#) in the Philadelphia Inquirer featuring their research into Major League Baseball, immigration, and race.
- Marissa Kiss was also quoted in an article in OZY.com, “[Can Small-Town America Survive Pandemic's Hit to Minor League Baseball?](#)” This article describes how international baseball players transform small towns.

Immigration Data on Demand (iDod)

- Immigration Data on Demand (iDod) provides academics, policy-makers, and the public with unbiased and objective information related to immigrants and immigration in the United States. This service is provided, free of charge, to help individuals and institutions examine the immigrant populations of their particular geography. To date, the IIR has published nearly 300 iDod fact sheets. In FY2021 alone, the IIR published 65 new iDod fact sheets, more than one per week, that covered 20 states and the District of Colombia, as well as profiles of specific

- As noted below, the IIR has received external funding from the Charles Koch Foundation to replicate the ATI survey in six additional cities, Boston, Detroit, Miami, Philadelphia, San Jose, and Seattle, which are the same cities that served as the basis for the “Steps to Success” report. These surveys went in the field in June of 2021 and data collection will be completed over the summer. As part of this project, survey results will be presented in virtual town halls in each of the cities.

Proposals Submitted for External Funding

Description	PI	Sponsor	Period of Performance	Budget
Parallel Pandemic Project	James Witte	U.S. State Department	7/01/2020-6/30/2021	\$25,200
Attitudes Towards Immigrant Project	James Witte	Charles Koch Foundation	04/01/2020-12/31/2021	\$45,000
Institute for Immigration Research	James Witte	Immigrant Learning Center of Malden, MA	07/01/2021-06/30/2023	\$550,000
Trans-Atlantic Platform Recover, Renewal, and Resilience in a Post-Pandemic World (T-AP RRR)	James Witte	National Science Foundation	06/01/2022-05/31/2024	\$200,000
Inclusive Decision Support for Addressing Food Insecurity in a Diverse Community	James Witte	National Science Foundation Smart & Connected Cities	07/01/2021-06/30/2022	\$150,000
The Impact of Disability on Immigrant Labor Force Participation	James Witte	U.S. Department of Labor	06/01/2021-09/15/2021	\$30,000
Work and Housing Behavior Risks for Low-Income Latinos and Covid-19	Carol Cleaveland (PI), James Witte (CO-PI)	National Institute of Health	09/01/2020-08/31/2022	\$431,750
Low Income Latinos and COVID-19	Carol Cleaveland (PI), James Witte (CO-PI)	TD Bank Foundation	09/01/2020-08/31/2022	\$200,000
Impact of COVID-19 on Latino Workers	Carol Cleaveland (PI),	Mason College of Health & Human Development	01/01/2021-12/31/2021	\$26,000

AI Institute	J.P. Singh	National Science Foundation	Jim get details	\$19,999,500 Total \$94,000 IIR
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Active Externally-Funded Awards

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Institute for Immigration Research	James Witte	Immigrant Learning Center of Malden, MA	07/01/2022-06/30/2024	\$550,000
			Total	\$646,200

External Research, Scholarship or Creative Partnerships

- Going back to 2012, Dr. Witte has a long-standing collaboration with scholars at the University of Karachi, Pakistan (UoK) through a U.S. State Department funded grant. Though the funding for this partnership has ended, the collaboration has been maintained. With the onset of COVID-19, the IIR and the Department of Public Administration at the UoK initiated the Parallel Pandemic Project (PPP) <https://parallelpandemicproject.com/>. Initially an informal series of discussions between the IIR and the UoK, with funding from the U.S. Consulate in Karachi, the PPP evolved into a more formal two-phase initiative. In phase one, nine thematic sessions in July and August of 2020 brought together faculty and graduate students from the two institutions to discuss how different aspects of social and economic life in Pakistan and the United States were affected. In phase two, over twenty graduate students in Pakistan and the United States were given stipends to work with faculty to develop research proposals to undertake research on differences and similarities in the impact of COVID-19 on the two countries.
- Based on the PPP project one research proposal has been submitted to the NSF in response to the Trans-Atlantic Platform Recovery, Renewal and Resilience in a Post-Pandemic World (RRR) Call for Proposals <https://transatlanticplatform.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/RRR-Call-for-Proposals-Final-and-Clean-version-2-1.pdf>. Listed below under proposals submitted, this proposal brings together collaborators from Brazil, Colombia, France, Germany, Pakistan and the United States to extend the PPP approach to a broader set of social and cultural contexts. This team with Dr. Witte as Lead PI, along with its \$200,000 request to NSF, also seeks over \$800,000 in funding from other national social science agencies to undertake a two-year cross-national comparative project.

- A further outcome of the IIR and UoK collaboration has been a recently awarded grant to the UoK from the U.S. Educational Foundation in Pakistan, *Building Community Resilience Through Integrated & Applied Social Science*. This grant seeks to build on the IIR-UoK collaboration and extend it to six other Pakistani universities through a series of workshops. Though the funding for the project goes to the UoK and the other six universities in Pakistan, Drs. Witte and Wang and IIR graduate research assistant Kevin Nazar are serving as facilitators for individual workshop sessions.

New partners

- As discussed below in the section on Training and Dissemination Activities, in the past year has begun to develop partnerships with ConnectedDMV and the Capital Area Food Bank.
- The IIR has become a member of the Immigrant Professional Integration (IMPRINT) coalition. This is a group of organizations active in the emerging field of immigrant professional organization. The coalition works closely with business, government, higher education, and other partners to raise awareness about the talents and contributions of immigrant professionals.

Educational Activities

One of the IIR's intermediary goals is to prepare the next generation of immigration researchers. We do this in a variety of ways.

- First, our postgraduate fellow and our graduate research assistants work closely with Drs. Witte and Waslin on a number of research projects, as described above. In this way, the students have the opportunity to collaborate with experts, hone their skills, and be introduced to a broader network of scholars and opportunities. The students' work is featured on the IIR's website. The students also have the opportunity to work with Dr. Waslin on marketing the IIR and disseminating their work to a broader audience.
- Second, we provide multiple opportunities for professional development and extracurricular learning.
 - We offer monthly professional development training sessions that feature experts in areas of interest to graduate students as they continue their careers. These sessions are open to graduate students throughout the college as well as to our affiliate faculty members and their students.
 - The IIR also convenes a regular colloquium series. Generally held in person on campus, our colloquia have been webinars throughout FY2021. The IIR has invited noted experts on immigration to speak on a variety of topics. By holding virtual events, we have attracted a nationwide audience and speakers from across the United States.
- Third, the IIR provides the GRAs with regular updates regarding recent developments in immigration policy, theory, and research. They are notified of upcoming conferences.

They are also notified of opportunities to present their work, network, and learn new skills.

The fiscal year 2021 group of IIR students is as follows:

- IIR Postdoctoral Fellow (year 3) Dr. Wenjing Wang
- Graduate Students:
 - PhD Students
 - Amanda Warner
 - Delmer Kevin Nazar Pastor
 - Dhruv Deepak
 - Eirini Giannaraki
 - Fanni Farago
 - Kellie Wilkerson
 - Mohammad “Ismail” Noraddini
 - Nancy Murray
 - Pamela Ramirez-Graves
 - Masters Students
 - Juliann Evans
 - Cassius Hossfeld (Clemson University)
 - Manraaj Najjar
- Undergraduate Students
 - Leia Pequignet
 - Marisol Florez
 - Navneet Chahil
- Volunteers/Interns
 - Daphne Pfoser (High School Student)
 - Matthew Xu (High School Student)
- Parallel Pandemic Project Participants
 - Abdul Aleem Qureshi (University of Karachi)
 - Adbenake Adebayo (George Mason University)
 - Affad Ahmad (University of Karachi)
 - Aleezay Khaliq (George Mason University)
 - Asiya Naz (University of Karachi)
 - Bijesh Gyawali (George Mason University)
 - Bilal Ahmed (University of Karachi)
 - Bilal Majeed (University of Houston)
 - Bushra Shahzad Khan (Iqra University)
 - Fahad Hussain Kango (University of Karachi)
 - Faraz Ansari (Johns Hopkins University)
 - Farva Batool (University of California, Davis)
 - Hira Arif (University of Karachi)

- Jessica Carges (George Mason University)
- Lilianna Deveneau (George Mason University)
- Mohsin Mehmood (University of Karachi)
- Mudassir Shamsi (University of Karachi)
- Mustafa Hyder (University of Karachi)
- Nayab Yasir (University of Karachi)
- Rimsha Shahid (University of Karachi)
- Salman Khatani (Iqra University)
- Sameen Mustafa (University of Karachi)
- Shafaq Zehra (University of Karachi)
- Sharmeen Mehmood (University of Karachi)
- Sobia Jamil (University of Karachi)
- Sumrin Kalia (Free University-Berlin, Germany)
- Tehmina Faisal (University of Karachi)
- Warda Hussaini (University of Karachi)
- Zain Amman (University of Karachi)

Educational or training activities for student affiliates or post-doctoral fellows

- The IIR has continued to hold regular meetings throughout fiscal year 2020, but the meetings were held virtually rather than in-person. Each month the IIR and the CSSR hold a joint all-staff meeting during which administrative announcements and updates were provided, and each team member provides updates on their work. As a part of these monthly meetings, the IIR offered professional development workshops on a variety of topics.
 - CSSR/IIR Professional Development Monthly Workshops

▪ GRA Orientation	Aug 2020
▪ Immigration 101	Sep 2020
▪ Graduate School Funding	Nov 2020
▪ Student Support & Advocacy Resources	Nov 2020
▪ Zotero Resources	Dec 2020
▪ Job Search Documents- Cover Letter/CV/Resume	Jan 2021
▪ Preparing for the Academic Job Search	Feb 2021
▪ Preparing for the Applied Social Science Jobs	Mar 2021
▪ SciENCv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae	April 2021
▪ SciENCv: Workshop Part II	June 2021

On-campus educational activities sponsored (e.g., lecture series, conferences)

- During the summer of 2020, Dr. Waslin conducted weekly meetings with staff and students to discuss the intersection between immigration and the COVID19 crisis. Outside speakers talked to the group about how their research changed during the pandemic, the type of research being conducted about immigrant workers, and how European countries have reacted to the pandemic.

- Because of the pandemic, the IIR's regular colloquium series was successfully transformed into a webinar series. The IIR hosted four webinars during fiscal year 2020. Each webinar had between 80-120 registrants, and a good percentage of those who registered attended and stayed for the entire event.
 - **Immigrant Writers in the US: New American Voices Award Winners Share Their Stories-** Thursday, April 8, 2021. Three past winners of the Institute for Immigration Research New American Voices Award shared how they draw from their own experiences to tell beautiful, complex stories about immigrants' lives in the US. **Speakers:** Lysley Tenorio, Winner of the IIR New American Voices Award 2020; Melissa Rivero, Winner of the IIR New American Voices Award 2019; Hernan Diaz, Winner of the IIR New American Voices Award 2018; and Benjamin Gatling, Associate Professor, Department of English, George Mason University (Moderator).
 - **Immigration in 2021 and Beyond-** Wednesday, February 10, 2021. This webinar explored the future of U.S. immigration policy after Inauguration Day 2021. Speakers looked at how the Executive branch, Congress, and the Supreme Court plan on dealing with immigration. **Speakers:** Tomas Jimenez, Stanford University; Don Kerwin, Center for Migration Studies; Alex Nowrasteh, Cato Institute; Nicole Narea, VOX News; and Anna O. Law, CUNY Brooklyn.
 - **Balancing Academia and Policy: How Immigration Scholars Work with Immigrant Communities-** Wednesday, December 2, 2020. The IIR hosted a discussion about how academics from a variety of disciplines work with immigrant communities and policymakers to impact immigrants' lives. **Speakers:** Els de Graauw, Baruch College, the City University of New York; Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, Penn State Law; Austin Kocher, Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC), Syracuse University; Ruth Wasem, University of Texas at Austin LBJ School of Public Affairs.
 - **COVID-19 & Immigrant Communities-** Wednesday, October 7, 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated communities across the United States and has given us a new appreciation for the role all essential workers play in our economy and in our lives. Speakers addressed the role of immigrants as essential workers and healthcare providers, how it has left them vulnerable to the virus, and the impact that changes to immigration policy have had on immigrant communities. **Speakers:** Carol Cleaveland, School of Social Work; Guadalupe Correa Cabrera, Schar School of Policy and Government; Julia Gelatt, Migration Policy Institute.
 - Dr. Witte gave a TEDx talk during the annual **Mason TEDx Conference**. The theme of the 2021 conference was "The New Normal," and participants spoke about how the pandemic has affected their lives. Dr. Witte gave a presentation on the Parallel Pandemic Project and how the pandemic has affected life in Pakistan and in the United States differently.

Training and Dissemination Activities

- In the summer of 2020, Dr. Witte concluded a series of five focus groups that he facilitated at the request of Liza Wilson Durant, the associate provost for strategic initiatives and community engagement. The focus groups included members of the diverse Arlington area to assess their views on the impact of the Mason Institute for Digital Innovation (IDIA) on the local community. Apart from the value of the input from these focus groups for IDIA, this activity expanded the IIR's network with community partners, and specifically led to collaborative activities with two important local groups. First, Dr. Witte conducted a pair of focus groups with the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) <https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/> and ConnectedDMV <https://www.connecteddmv.org/> in December of 2020 to elicit idea about how CAFB could better serve the region's residents, including its immigrant communities. Second, as noted in the proposal submission section, Dr. Witte submitted a planning grant proposal to the NSF Smart & Connected Cities program with ConnectedDMV to study how to develop digital tools to address food insecurity in the region.

Media appearances

- This year the IIR was selected to participate in a new CHSS program to work with the Clyde Group, a Washington based public relations and public affairs firm. During the year Drs. Witte and Waslin have been in regular contact with the staff and the Clyde Group and on the CHSS communications team. This has been a valuable and informative process that not only led to specific outcomes, but has the IIR thinking more broadly as to how to better present our work to a broader audience.
- With the help of the Clyde Group, in addition to the op-eds mentioned above, the IIR has been quoted in several articles:
 - Dr. Waslin quoted in "GOP Governors Answer Texas' Call to Send Forces to the Border, But What Is Their Role?" <https://www.tampabay.com/news/nation-world/2021/07/07/gop-governors-answer-texas-call-to-send-forces-to-the-border-but-what-is-their-role/>
 - Dr. Waslin quoted in "Why Revoking Trump's Executive Orders Isn't Enough to Undo Their Efforts." <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/why-revoking-trumps-executive-orders-isnt-enough-to-undo-their-effects/>
 - Dr. Waslin appeared on Univision in January 2021 speaking about immigration actions taken by the new Biden Administration.
 - Dr. Waslin was quoted in Voice of America in January 2021 regarding immigration actions taken by the Biden administration. <https://www.voanews.com/episode/biden-expected-change-key-immigration-policies-4520071>
 - Dr. Witte was quoted in *European Pharmaceutical* magazine about the role of immigrants in the COVID-19 vaccine.

<https://www.epmmagazine.com/pharmaceutical-industry-insights/covid-19-pharma-news/how-immigration-has-helped-covid/>

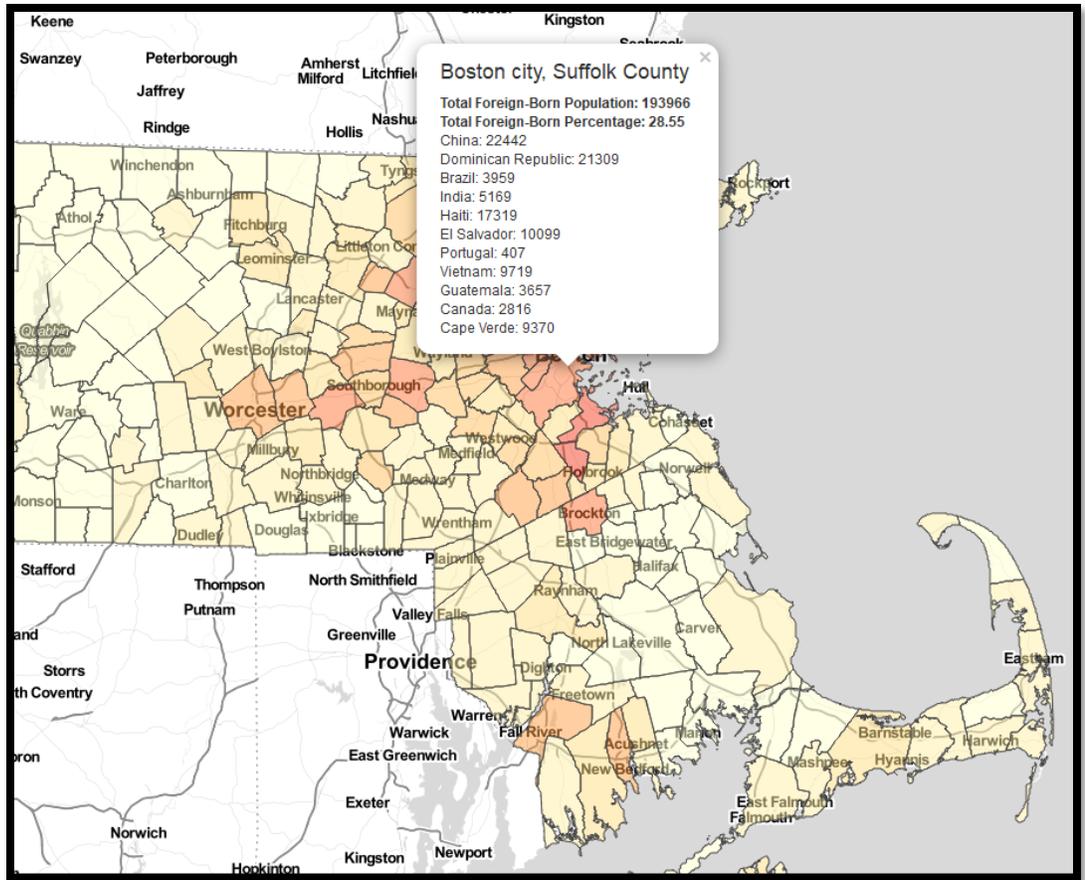
- IIR affiliate faculty members have also been quoted in the media, and occasionally the media notes their affiliation with the IIR.
- The IIR had been featured on the cover of *Horizon Magazine*, published by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS). The issue included an article about the IIR and its primary funder, Diane Portnoy. It was distributed to more than 31,000 alumni electronically, and another 19,600 received a printed copy.

Web-based postings or dissemination of materials or programs

- The IIR has expanded its social media presence by posting regularly on publications and events. The IIR posts on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn. The IIR also has a mailing list of more than 1,000 individuals who receive regular updates on IIR activities and publications via email.

Translational Activities

- The annual **IIR New American Voices Award** was held on October 6th online. Founded in 2018, Fall for the Book and the Institute for Immigration Research created an award to recognize recently published works that illuminate the complexity of the human experience as told by immigrants, whose work is historically underrepresented in writing and publishing. The 2020 virtual event featured a discussion among the judges and the finalists. Lysley Tenorio, author of *The Son of Good Fortune*, was the winner.
- **Interactive map of Massachusetts.** Our partner organization, the ILC, asked the IIR to produce a series of iDod factsheets on the foreign-born population in Massachusetts. In addition to the factsheets, the ILC asked the IIR to develop an online interactive mapping tool to explore this data. Dr. Wang developed this tool and then with assistance from the ILC staff this tool is now available on the ILC website: <https://www.ilctr.org/quick-ma-immigration-statistics/> Along with the maps, users can request interactive charts and data tables to describe the foreign-born population of Massachusetts based on immigrants' place of birth, as well as country of origin.



- ACT-IAC** For the second year in a row, Dr. Witte has served as the university-based judge for the ACT-IAC Igniting Innovation Awards (<https://www.actiac.org/act-iac-event/igniting-innovation-2020-conference-and-awards>). ACT-IAC is collaborative partnership between different levels of government, the private sector, and university communities to develop best practices, new solutions, and innovative strategies to improve government through the application of technology. This year's competition yielded nearly 200 entries from federal state and local agencies, large and small tech firms, and universities. As part of the team of seven judges, Dr. Witte reviewed the materials from the top 40 finalists and participated in the selection of the winning entries.

Expenditures

Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet (IIR FY 21 Annual Report Budget_072921) for expenditures for Fiscal Year 2021.