Dear Members,

I am honored and delighted to take up the position as Chair at a time when our section is thriving. Membership is at an all-time high of 539. By my count, around 70 people attended the annual business meeting. We have an excellent group of newly-elected officers: Frank Bean (chair-elect), Irene Bloemraad, Norma Fuentes, and Steve Gold (councilors), and Van Tran (student representative).

The mentoring luncheon at the ASA meeting in New York was a huge success, attracting over 80 members, including many graduate students as well as junior and more senior scholars. The luncheon, held at the Bombay Palace, provided an opportunity for exchanges about research, intellectual issues, and professional development. In addition, the food was terrific! Many thanks to Peggy Levitt and Wendy Roth for initiating and organizing the event. There is great enthusiasm for holding a similar mentoring lunch at the ASA meeting in Boston next year, and Helen Marrow and Van Tran are already working on finding a restaurant.

Because our section’s main day next year at the ASA meeting is the last day (Monday, August 4th), we are entitled to a “bonus session” – so altogether we can sponsor four sessions. Given the importance of today’s immigration debates in this country, we are planning a session that analyzes immigration policies, politics, and prospects. The other sessions will explore immigration, race, and ethnicity, new immigrant destinations in the United States, and immigration and intergenerational dynamics (see page 7 for details).
Looking further ahead, we are beginning to plan for another activity: a mini-conference to be held immediately before the 2009 ASA meeting in San Francisco (when the section’s primary day will be the first day of the meeting). At the business meeting in New York, there was great enthusiasm for the mini-conference, which will give additional opportunities for paper presentations as well as for intellectual – and personal – interactions among section members. We are in the process of forming a committee to organize the mini-conference and to look into possibilities of obtaining funding for it. The planning committee is being headed by Irene Bloemraad at UC-Berkeley. If you would like to help organize or share ideas about the mini-conference, please contact Irene at bloemr@berkeley.edu.

I have been enormously impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of section members who are eager to be involved in and contribute to section activities. As we continue to develop the section – and expand our numbers – I hope we will strengthen our connections to other social science disciplines that are also concerned with understanding the complex transformations in this country in the wake of the massive immigration of the last few decades. I hope, too, that we will strengthen and support the study of the dynamics of international migration outside of the United States – not only considering countries that send large numbers to the United States but also the causes and effects of migration in other sending, and receiving, societies as well. In line with my own current interests, I also would advocate more comparative, cross-national, studies that can yield additional insights into migration and its consequences for the people who move and the places where they settle.

Let me close by coming back to more basic organizational matters and say that I am looking forward to working with you and welcome your ideas, suggestions, comments, and participation as we move ahead in further expanding and building our section.

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Past and Present Chairs of the American Sociological Association’s Section on International Migration, Nancy Foner and Peggy Levitt, at our Business Meeting, NYC, August 2007.

Photo Credit: Steve Gold

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE!

CHAIR-ELECT: FRANK BEAN
COUNCIL: IRENE BLOEMRAAD; STEVE GOLD; NORMA FUENTES
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: VAN TRAN
Immigrants and Boomers: Forging a New Social Contract for the Future of America

By Dowell Myers

Many Americans regard the massive influx of immigrants over the past 30 years with great anxiety, fearing new burdens and unwanted changes to the nation’s ethnic, social, and economic identity. Virtually unnoticed in the contentious national debate over immigration is the even more significant demographic change about to occur as the first wave of the Baby Boom generation retires, slowly draining the workforce and straining the federal budget to the breaking point. In this forward-looking new book, Immigrants and Boomers, noted demographer Dowell Myers proposes a new way of thinking about these issues and argues that each of these two powerful demographic shifts may hold the keys to resolving the problems presented by the other.

Immigrants and Boomers looks to California as a bellwether state—where whites are no longer a majority of the population and represent just a third of residents under age twenty—to afford us a glimpse into the future impact of immigration on the rest of the nation. Myers opens with an examination of the roots of voter resistance to providing social services for immigrants. Drawing on detailed census data, Myers demonstrates that long-established immigrants have been far more successful than the public believes. Among the Latinos who make up the bulk of California’s immigrant population, those who have lived in California for over a decade show high levels of social mobility and use of English, and 50 percent of Latino immigrants become homeowners after 20 years. The impressive progress made by immigrant families suggests they have the potential to pick up the slack from aging boomers over the next two decades. The mass retirement of the boomers will leave critical shortages in the educated workforce, while shrinking ranks of middle-class taxpayers and driving up entitlement expenditures. In addition, as retirees sell off their housing assets, the prospect of a generational collapse in housing prices looms. Myers suggests that it is in the boomers’ best interest to invest in the education and integration of immigrants and their children today in order to bolster the ranks of workers, taxpayers, and homeowners America they will depend on 10 and 20 years from now.

In this compelling book, Myers calls for a new social contract between the older and younger generations, based on their mutual interests and the moral responsibility of each generation to provide for children and the elderly. Combining a rich scholarly perspective with keen insight into contemporary political dilemmas, Immigrants and Boomers creates a new framework for understanding the demographic challenges facing America and forging a national consensus to address them. (cont’d p. 4)
FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Dowell Myers, professor of urban planning and demography at the University of Southern California, has been awarded the 2007 Thomas and Znaniecki Award for *Immigrants and Boomers: Forging a New Social Contract for the Future of America*. The Committee was unanimous in its praise for the book, and in choosing it as the best book in the field of International Migration on behalf of the American Sociological Association’s Section on International Migration. The Committee was very impressed by Myers’ ability to simultaneously conduct a measured scholarly analysis while also dialogueing with current public debate on immigration, and to propose judicious and politically feasible prescriptions for a new social contract between aging white boomers and younger nonwhite immigrants. For example, Myers’ identifies the “Peter Pan fallacy” that occurs in many anti-immigrant analyses (whereby the low incomes and social capital of new immigrants is thought to persist without change into the future) and then debunk it using longitudinal data that show that immigrant income and educational levels rise over time. Such thoughtful analyses provide strong evidence for changing perceptions, and make it possible to imagine a more positive social contract for the future. The book is full of such analytical and political insight, making it a needed corrective to the shrill tone of much scholarship and of the debate today over immigration. For these and other reasons, the Committee is pleased to award Dowell Meyers the 2007 Thomas and Znaniecki Award.

The committee has also selected as an honorable mention...

*Janitors, Street Vendors and Activists: The Lives of Mexican Immigrants in Silicon Valley*

By Christian Zlolniski

This highly accessible, engagingly written book exposes the underbelly of California’s Silicon Valley, the most successful high-technology region in the world, in a vivid ethnographic study of Mexican immigrants employed in Silicon Valley’s low-wage jobs. Christian Zlolniski’s on-the-ground investigation demonstrates how global forces have incorporated these workers as an integral part of the economy through subcontracting and other flexible labor practices and explores how these labor practices have in turn affected working conditions and workers’ daily lives. In Zlolniski’s analysis, these immigrants do not emerge merely as victims of a harsh economy; despite the obstacles they face, they are transforming labor and community politics, infusing new blood into labor unions, and challenging exclusionary notions of civic and political membership. This richly textured and complex portrait of one community opens a window onto the future of Mexican and other Latino immigrants in the new U.S. economy.

FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Christian Zlolniski, Assistant Professor in Anthropology and in the Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Texas at Arlington, has been chosen to receive an Honorable Mention for the 2007 Thomas and Znaniecki Award for *Janitors, Street Vendors and Activists: The Lives of Mexican Immigrants in Silicon Valley*. The Committee was impressed with the book, which presents admirable ethnographic research, revealing an intimate portrait of the lives of the informants in several key dimensions: work in the informal economy, community politics, and family. Second, the book takes seriously two notions that get wide lip service in ethnographic work on migration, but rarely are realized through research: those of informant agency, and of their own experiences and choices within difficult contexts. Zlolniski’s description of how informants organize to improve their community, despite many obstacles, is compelling, and shows how immigrants, including undocumented ones, can act to affect their lives. *Janitors, Street Vendors and Activists* presents an empathetic picture of how new immigrants make their way in the midst of America’s most post industrial economy. All in all, Zlolniski’s book is an excellent contribution to the study of international migration, and the Committee is pleased to recognize *Janitors, Street Vendors and Activists* with this Honorable Mention Award.
Best graduate student paper:  
Suzanna Crage of Indiana University  
"Policy, Place, and Ideas: Refugee Aid Policy in Munich"

Suzanna Crage’s paper is an important analysis of local-level differences in refugee aid policy in Germany and the importance of cities in such policymaking. Crage asks why Munich - especially in a conservative Bavaria - expanded social aid to enhance the living conditions and integration of refugees, while most of Germany was developing policies to detract from them.

She creatively used a variety of data sources and methods, from transcripts of parliamentary debates and hearings, to newspaper coverage, interviews with government officials and NGO leaders, and observation in refugee aid offices. The Munich Model, which was based on a humanitarian paradigm, became dominant through mechanisms that included a confluence of local-level resources and ideas about refugees. Through these mechanisms, Crage argues that the Munich Model was able to overcome the broader institutional and political challenges to it, highlighting the important role of cities in policymaking about immigrants.

Honorable mention: Sandra Bucerius, of the University of Toronto  
"What Else Should I Do?: Cultural Influences on the Drug Trade of Migrants in Germany."

Sandra Bucerius’ paper is also coincidentally about migrants in Germany, but of a different sort. Her paper is based on rich and meticulous, ethnographic research with young male migrants in Frankfurt who are involved in drug dealing. Her study of these mostly second- and third-generation migrants from a variety of backgrounds provides a comparative perspective highlighting how unique cultural explanations about purity/impurity and honor, for instance, intersect with the rationality of drug economies. She draws attention to the limits of rational accounts of these economic transactions to show compelling evidence for the ways in which drug transactions are influenced by the cultural ideas of immigrants and social exclusion in Germany.

*The Graduate Student Paper Award Committee:*  
Maritsa V. Poros, Chair; Jon Fox; Eileen Diaz McConnell
Editorial: A Temporary Reprieve

As Mexican migrants forego traditional gateway states in the Southwest in favor of “new destinations”, it is not surprising that the backlash against undocumented Mexican immigrants in America has gone national. Nowhere is this backlash more apparent than in Small Town America. Last year, the coal-mining town of Hazleton, Pennsylvania (population 31,000) was the first such town to “get tough on illegals.” The city of Hazleton passed an ordinance, the Illegal Immigration Relief Act, spearheaded by Mayor Louis J. Barletta, which sought to crack down on undocumented immigrants by closing businesses that hired them, imposing $1,000 fines on landlords who rented to them, and making English the city’s official language. The domino-effect that followed from one small town to another was as swift as it was predictable.

On the Small Town Defenders website (www.smalltowndefenders.com), Mayor Barletta regurgitates rhetoric all too familiar to those of us who remember Governor Pete Wilson of California, who also used nativist sentiments and immigrant scapegoating for political gain (Massey 1995: 631-632). Like Pete Wilson, Mr. Barletta eagerly characterizes undocumented immigrants as taking advantage of America’s tolerance by refusing to learn English, using government services, and committing violent crimes. (Surprisingly, in a reminder that all politics is local, there was little in the way of the newest neo-conservative rhetoric, that of illegal immigrants’ potential for terrorist activity). In this case, as in many others, stereotypes stand in for empirical evidence—which overwhelmingly demonstrates that immigrants, regardless of legal status, learn English over time and generation, pay taxes, and work. As for crime, Julia Preston points out in a recent NYT editorial (July 27, 2007) that only 4 out of 428 violent crimes in Hazleton in the last 6 years was attributable to illegal immigrants, in keeping with a recent Immigration Policy Center report by Rubén G. Rumbaut and Walter A. Ewing which finds that incarceration rates for the foreign-born population are lower than those of the US-born (http://www.ailf.org/ipc/special_report/sr_feb07_resources.shtml).

In a decision that redirects small town “toughness”, Judge M. Munley on July 26, 2007 rescinded the Hazleton ordinance as unconstitutional. In effect, Judge Munley put small town America “on notice” by asserting that, “Hazleton, in its zeal to control the presence of a group deemed undesirable, violated the rights of such people, as well as others within the community.” As Julia Preston put it, Judge Munley reminded us that “illegal immigrants have the same civil rights as legal immigrants and citizens.”

In the immediate aftermath of the decision, small town America (in such places as Farmer’s Branch, Tx, Escondido, Ca, and Valley Park, Mo) is backing off. Ironically, undocumented immigrants have been revitalizing the business districts of such post-industrial towns across America; nevertheless, the anti-immigrant backlash is palpable and is having the desired effect — the undocumented are taking their leave. Predictably, as they go, businesses are closing up shop and fruit is dying on the trees.

Zolberg (1999) warns that in a climate where the state’s capacity to control immigration appears to be “out of control”, the “enactment of draconian measures that conflict with other societal objectives and desirable values” become legitimate (p. 75). With the failure this summer to pass and enact comprehensive immigration policy reform, vigilante movements like the Minutemen at the US-Mexico border and local anti-immigrant initiatives are on the rise. In the absence of policy, we should expect entrenched small town resistance and a rise in xenophobia and violence perpetrated against illegals whose labor is wanted but whose permanent settlement is not welcomed.

~ Zulema Valdez, WOM Newsletter Editor

Roads End bar on Broad Street in Hazleton, Pa., displays a sign on Thursday, July 26, 2007 that reads "ALL Legals Served." Carolyn Kaster -- AP
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AT THE 2008 ASA ANNUAL MEETING

UPCOMING SECTION SESSIONS:

I. IMMIGRATION POLICY, POLITICS, AND PROSPECTS
Organizer: Rubén G. Rumbaut

II. RACE, ETHNICITY, AND IMMIGRATION
Organizer: Nancy Denton

III. NEW IMMIGRANT DESTINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES
Organizer: Rubén Hernández-León

IV. IMMIGRATION AND INTERGENERATIONAL DYNAMICS
Organizer: Nancy Foner

x ROUNDTABLES
Organizer: Wendy Roth

Mark Your Calendar for 2008!
Next year’s Annual Meeting is Friday-Monday, August 1-4, 2008, in Boston, Massachusetts. The 2008 Call for Papers will be posted by the end of October, and the online paper submission site will be open around Thanksgiving. The deadline for paper submissions is JANUARY 16, 2008.
THE THOMAS & ZNANIECKI AWARD


THE GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The International Migration Section’s Graduate Student Paper Award Committee invites nominations and submissions for its annual graduate student paper competition. Students from any discipline may submit papers about any topic related to international migration broadly conceived. Papers must not yet be published at the time of submission and should be written during the 2007-8 academic year. Papers must be single authored and no more than 10,000 words including abstract and references.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED SOON...

WATCH FOR UPDATES VIA THE IMS LISTSERV
The International Migration Section invites nominations for the 2007 Distinguished Career Award. The award recognizes a lifetime of contribution to the field of the sociology of international migration. The first award was given to Alejandro Portes in 1998; recent award winners include Tamotsu Shibutani (2004), Edna Bonacich (2005), and Lydio F. Tomasi (2005).

The letter of nomination should include a statement of the lasting significance of the research conducted by the nominated scholar over the course of her or his career. The nomination should also include a copy of the scholar’s curriculum vitae, and an assurance that the nominee has given her or his permission for the nomination of the award. To be eligible for the Distinguished Career Award, scholars must be members of the American Sociological Association and the Section on International Migration at the time of the receipt of the award (not required at the time of nominations). Officers and members of the Section Council are not eligible to be nominated while they are in office. All nominated candidates will remain active for at least two rounds of the award. Nominations will be evaluated by the Distinguished Career Award committee (Nancy Foner, Chair; Peggy Levitt and Frank Bean, members).

Please submit all nominations by **March 15, 2008, to:**

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Frank Bean  
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RECENT AWARDS

Tracy Chu (Graduate School and University Center, CUNY) has been awarded a 2007-09 ASA-NIMH Minority Fellowship to support her dissertation, "The Pathology of Victimhood: Mental Health and the Social Construction of 'Trauma' Among Refugee/Asylum-Seeking Survivors of Political Violence in New York City."

Elaine Howard Ecklund (University at Buffalo, SUNY) and Michael Emerson (Rice University) recently received a grant for $190,194 from the Russell Sage Foundation for a study titled, "Religion and the Changing Face of American Civic Life." Through a comparison of five different immigrant groups to the native-born, the study will examine changes to civil society as a result of recent immigration to the United States.

Vivian Louie, Harvard University, is a Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar this year (2007-2008). She will be working on a book on the transition to college and identities among second-generation Dominican and Colombian immigrants in New York City and Boston.

Cecilia Menjivar, Associate Professor, School of Social and Family Dynamics Program in Sociology at Arizona State University, has been awarded the Distinguished Contribution to Research Award from the American Sociological Association’s Latino/a Section.

Silvia Pedraza was promoted to Full Professor of Sociology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is the author of Political Disaffection in Cuba’s Revolution and Exodus, published by Cambridge University Press.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loyola University Chicago’s Department of Sociology seeks to fill two tenure-track Assistant Professor positions beginning in Fall 2008. We are especially interested in candidates whose primary expertise will enhance our department’s historic strengths in urban sociology/public policy or sociology of religion/culture. We will give priority to applicants who can teach courses and mentor graduate students in quantitative analysis. Applicants whose scholarship is relevant for studies of environmental issues, transnational migration, and/or globalization will be especially attractive. Candidates must demonstrate a strong commitment to scholarly publication, grant-writing, and excellence in teaching, and should have completed a Ph.D. degree by August, 2008. Loyola is a nationally recognized research university in the Jesuit Catholic tradition. The sociology de-
partment, located on Loyola’s attractive Lakeshore Campus, has a well-established doctoral program as well as a strong commitment to undergraduate teaching. Candidates should send a statement of research and teaching interests, Curriculum Vitae, and three letters of reference to: Fred Kniss, Chair, Dept. of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL, 60626. Candidates must also register their application and submit an electronic CV at www.careers.luc.edu. Review of applications will begin October 1, 2007, continuing until the position is filled.
Loyola University Chicago is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer with a strong commitment to diversification of its faculty.

University of Texas at El Paso: The Department of Sociology and Anthropology invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Sociology (higher ranks considered) with a specialization in gender beginning Fall 2008. Applicants whose research interests also include health, demography, environment, crime, Latina/o, or U.S.-Mexico border populations are especially encouraged to apply. The department is building research capacity and seeks scholars who demonstrate the potential for research publication and external funding. The department offers an MA in Sociology and potentially an interdisciplinary PhD in transnational studies. The position will also support an active and growing Women’s Studies Program through cross-listed courses. The successful candidate must feel comfortable in a department with faculty from anthropology and geography as well as sociology. Collaborative opportunities exist at nearby schools of medicine and public health, as well as other units within the University, Universities in Cd. Juárez (Mexico), and in the bi-national community at large. El Paso/Ciudad Juarez, with over 2.2 million people, is the largest border metropolis in the world, offering outstanding opportunities for social science research. A leader in minority education, UTEP has approximately 20,000 students, mostly urban, commuter, and Hispanic working class. Approximately 3,000 students are enrolled in rapidly expanding graduate programs. The teaching load is three courses per semester (2/2 the first year) and applicants must be committed to teaching excellence.
QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Preference will be given to individuals having an earned academic or a professional doctorate. ABDs will be considered but the PhD must be completed by August 2008.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Send a letter of interest, Curriculum Vitae, one sample of written work, evidence of teaching proficiency if available, and names of three references. Send applications to Cheryl Howard, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, UTEP, El Paso, TX 79968. Review of applications will begin December 1, 2007 and continue until the position is filled. All underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. To learn more about the department, UTEP, and El Paso, please see http://academics.utep.edu/sociology. The University of Texas at El Paso is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation in employment or the provision of services.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Fordham University invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track appointment in sociology at the assistant or advanced assistant professor level, effective September 1, 2008. The department seeks candidates with teaching and research interests in urban sociology and/or sociology of religion. Candidates who can teach courses in race/ethnicity will be given particular consideration. Candidates should demonstrate promise of high quality research productivity and a commitment to teaching excellence. A Ph.D. is required. Principal teaching responsibilities will be at the Rose Hill (Bronx) campus; the usual teaching responsibilities include five courses per year. Individuals appointed will teach at both graduate and undergraduate levels and are expected to be active in the M.A. and Ph.D. programs. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and a copy of each of the following: curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching excellence from peer and/or student evaluations, two samples of scholarly writing or publications, and three letters of reference by the closing date of October 31st (no electronic submissions please). All material should be addressed to: Greta Gilbertson, Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Fordham
University, 441 East Fordham Road, Bronx, New York 10458. Fordham University is an independent Catholic University in the Jesuit tradition that welcomes applications from men and women from all backgrounds. Fordham University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

**University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).** Assistant Professor. The UMBC Department of Sociology and Anthropology invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position beginning August 2008. Primary research and teaching interests are open; however, preference will be given to those contributing to the department’s areas of focus in health and aging; diversity, gender & culture in global perspective; and, applied social science research and statistics. Candidates are expected to have an active program of research. The department has 17 full time faculty members with over 250 undergraduate majors and about 40 graduate students. The department consists of three undergraduate major programs (sociology, anthropology and health administration and policy) and an MA program in Applied Sociology. Faculty also participate in three interdisciplinary doctoral programs in Gerontology; Public Policy; and, Language, Literacy, and Culture. Faculty may also be affiliated with UMBC’s Erickson School (a new professional school focusing on integrated studies of aging, management, and policy) and its Center for Aging Studies.

UMBC is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Research University – High Research Activity. It has a diverse student population of 12,000 graduate and undergraduate students and is located in the dynamic Baltimore-Washington corridor. Salary and benefits are competitive. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and qualifications and a CV, and have three letters of reference sent. Pending final approval, review of applications will begin on October 15, 2007, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Send materials via email to cohen@umbc.edu or to Professor Jere Cohen, Recruitment Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, UMBC, 100 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250 (www.umbc.edu/sociology). UMBC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Minorities, women and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

**University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC).** Visiting Assistant Professor. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology of UMBC invites applications for a one-year full-time non-tenure track visiting assistant professor position beginning August 23, 2008 and renewable for up to 2 years. A Ph.D. and college teaching experience are required. The teaching load is 8 course equivalents per year. Teaching will include some combination of introductory sociology, anthropology, methods, statistics, and substantive specialty areas. The ability to teach a variety of courses at the undergraduate level is desirable. The department has undergraduate major programs in sociology, anthropology, and health administration and policy; a MA program in Applied Sociology; and is affiliated with three interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs: Gerontology, Public Policy, and Language, Literacy and Culture.

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**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.** The College of Arts and Sciences invites applications for a senior tenured faculty appointment, with the possibility of an endowed chair, in Latina/o Studies, to start as early as July 1, 2008. This search is multi-disciplinary within the Humanities and So-
cial Sciences including but not limited to African and Afro-American Studies (http://www.unc.edu/depts/afriafam/), American Studies (http://amerstud.unc.edu/), Anthropology (http://anthropology.unc.edu), History (http://history.unc.edu/), Political Science (http://www.unc.edu/depts/polisci/), and Sociology (http://sociology.unc.edu). The appointment will be made in one or more relevant departments. Competitive candidates will have strong records of research and teaching. Applicants should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and a list of 4 references to: Rhonda Whitfield, Department of History, Hamilton Hall, CB # 3195, Chapel Hill, NC 27599 - 3195. Consideration of applications will begin October 15, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. The University of North Carolina is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Northwestern University. The Department of Sociology invites applications for up to two tenure-track assistant professor positions. Substantive areas are open. Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, a letter describing research and teaching interests, three letters of recommendation, and two writing samples. We may request additional materials later. Please send materials to: Bruce Carruthers, Chair, Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, 1810 Chicago Ave., Evanston, IL 60208-1330 by October 1, 2007. We are committed to maintaining our diversity and welcome applications from women and members of minority groups. AA/EOE.

Northwestern University. The Department of Sociology invites applications for one position at the tenured Associate Professor level. Substantive areas are open. Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, a letter describing research and teaching interests, names of three references, and two writing samples. We may request additional materials later. Please send materials to: John Hagan, Chair, Senior Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, 1810 Chicago Ave., Evanston, IL 60208-1330 by October 1, 2007. We are committed to maintaining our diversity and welcome applications from women and members of minority groups. AA/EOE.

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WEBSITES, REPORTS, JOURNALS

MASON PROJECT ON IMMIGRATION
CENTER FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

STUDY ON ANTI-IMMIGRANT SENTIMENT

As part of the Mason Project on Immigration, the Center for Social Science Research has conducted a study of the social bases of anti-immigrant sentiment, using Virginia as an example of one southern state’s experience. The results are revealing of many fault lines that have opened up at the local and county level, and which are not likely to wane any time soon.

A summary of the findings can be found at www.cssr.gmu.edu.

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NEW! ESTIMATES OF THE UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION

The Office of Immigration Statistics (OIS) would like to announce the release of *Estimates of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population Residing in the United States: January 2006*. This report provides estimates of the unauthorized immigrant population residing in the United States as of January 2006, for periods of entry and leading countries of birth and states of residence. The PDF is available on the OIS website at:


HAVE YOU SEEN...
*Refugees and Asylees: 2006*

*Naturalizations: 2006*

*Legal Permanent Residents: 2006*

DID YOU KNOW...

Older editions of the *Yearbook of Immigration Statistics* back to 1996, including PDF files and Excel tables, are available on the OIS website at:


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“Symposium on Immigration: What Do We Know and What Do We Need to Learn?”

is now available to view online at www.nationalacademies.org/immigration.

Held at the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center in Irvine, CA in November 2006, the symposium looked beyond the rhetoric surrounding immigration and focused on what we have learned from existing research and on areas in which we need more research and analysis.

Special focus was given to economic integration and the fiscal impacts of immigration on the nation and local economies, to social and political integration, and to the effects immigration has on individuals and communities. The event featured presentations by experts in economics, sociology, political science, and medicine, and was structured to allow for dialogue among participants and attendees.

**Melvin Oliver**, Dean of Social Sciences at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and expert in poverty, inequality, social policy and interethnic relations chaired the symposium while a historical overview of immigration was provided by **David M. Kennedy**, the Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History at Stanford University, and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his book *Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War*.

**James P. Smith**, Senior Economist at RAND Corporation, and **Stephen Trejo**, Associate Professor of Econom...
ics at the University of Texas-Austin, addressed the fiscal impacts of immigration and the effects of immigration on the economy.

Guillermina Jasso, Professor of Sociology at New York University, and Louis DeSipio, Associate Professor of Political Science and Chicano/Latino Studies Program at the University of California, Irvine, focused on the social and political integration of immigrants with regard to identity, language, political participation, and legal status.

Rubén Rumbaut, Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Irvine, and José Escarce, Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles, and Senior Scientist at RAND Corporation, addressed how immigration affects individual and community well-being in areas such as the family, education, health, housing, and crime.

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The website is designed to provide researchers, instructors and interested citizens with substantive content pertaining to immigration issues, including resources for studying and researching immigration, teaching courses with immigration content and providing easy access to news stories on immigration in the US and abroad. This website includes: statistical information, archives, journals that publish on immigration, think tanks, and course syllabi. Comments welcomed! — Irene Bloemraad

MIGRES WEBSITE
European University Institute
The website offers descriptions and links for national and international institutions working with immigration, a list of journals on immigration, a selection of syllabi kindly contributed by various professors from different fields as well as a directory of scholars from both Europe and North America who currently work with immigration. Available at: http://www.iue.it/RSCAS/Research/MIGRES/
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Addressing how national immigration concerns play out at urban, rural, and suburban levels in the state of New York, this special issue of Social Text offers new insight into an area of study that has long been focused primarily on cities. As new Latino/a immigrants change the culture and social fabric of small communities and reshape policy concerns, suburban and rural regions are becoming key locations for anti-immigrant acts and immigrant social justice organizing. This special issue presents immigrant stories and community and advocacy responses that underscore the need to recognize the diversity of Latino/a immigrant experiences, and it explores the widely varying responses of towns, counties, and both new and established immigrant groups to the race, ethnic, and class tensions usually associated with cities.

While focusing on Central American and Mexican immigrants in New York state, the contributors to this issue—scholars, activists, artists, and filmmakers—situate their work within a national context and consider the paradox of the experience of Latino/a immigrants, who face increasing repression on the one hand and emerging opportunities on the other. Essays address the experience of transnational mothers who leave their children in the care of extended family to pursue low-wage U.S. jobs; the politics of gender and sexuality in immigrant communities; the social practices of day laborers as they wait for work on street corners; and the unlikely pairing of the Virgen de Guadalupe and New York State attorney general Eliot Spitzer as figures to whom Mexican immigrants appeal in their demands for rights and dignity. Other articles address the upsurge of immigrant mobility, anti-immigrant activities, and immigrant advocacy in non-urban locations.

Contributors: James E. Claffey, Carlos Ulises Decena, Alyshia Gámez, Margaret Gray, Angela Martínez, Melanie Nicholson, Pilar A. Parra, Max J. Pfeffer, Michele G. Shedlin, Carolyn Pinedo Turnovsky


Joseph Chamie and Mary G. Powers, Editors

International Migration and the Global Community is the outcome of a one-day forum held on October 26, 2005 to consider and discuss the recommendations of the Global Commission on International Migration and their implications. The forum was organized jointly by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Fordham University, and the Center for Migration Studies, with the support of a grant from the MacArthur Foundation. This publication includes the papers prepared for the forum by eleven leading experts, who were asked to review the Global Commission Report and its Recommendations, with attention to its strengths and any weaknesses.

ISBN 1-57703-047-8 Price: $15.00. Shipping and handling $4.00 first copy, $1.00 each additional copy. The publication may be ordered from the Center for Migration Studies, 27 Carmine Street, NY, NY 10014.
Angie Y. Chung

**Legacies of Struggle: Conflict and Cooperation in Korean American Politics**

*Stanford University Press April 2007*

Angie Y. Chung, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University at Albany, will be releasing her book "Legacies of Struggle: Conflict and Cooperation in Korean American Politics" with Stanford University Press in April. The book explores the dynamics of ethnic political solidarity between immigrant and second-generation Korean American organizations in Koreatown, Los Angeles amidst increasing class polarization, intergenerational tensions, and residential dispersal.

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Eric Fong and Chiu Luk, Editors.

**Chinese Ethnic Business: Global and Local Perspectives**

*Routledge 2007*

Providing a crucial understanding of how globalization impacts on the development of Chinese businesses, this book analyzes the unprecedented changes in Chinese ethnic business due to the process of globalization, specifically economic globalization, in the key receiving countries of the US, Australia and Canada. Focusing on the main themes of economic globalization and Chinese community development, transnational linkages, local urban structures, homogenization and place attachment, the team of internationally known contributors place the subject of Chinese ethnic business in the bigger picture of ethnic businesses and globalization. Including excellent methodology such as ethnographic studies, historical analysis, geographic studies and statistical analysis, this volume makes an important contribution to the field of ethnic businesses.
Color Lines, Country Lines:
Race, Immigration, and Wealth Stratification in America

LINGXIN HAO
Russell Sage Foundation
Released June 21, 2007

Drawing on twenty years of national survey data, Color Lines, Country Lines investigates how immigrants are faring as they try to accumulate enough wealth to join the American middle class, and how, in the process, they are transforming historic links between race and socioeconomic status. Hao finds that disparities in wealth among immigrants are large and growing, including disparities among immigrants of the same race/ethnicity. Indeed, many immigrant groups have acquired more wealth than native-born Americans of the same race/ethnicity. Hao traces these diverging paths to differences in the political and educational systems of the immigrants’ home countries, preferential treatment of some groups by U.S. immigration authorities and the U.S. labor market, as well as to the self-selection of immigrants. Color Lines, Country Lines shows how and why some immigrant groups are struggling to get by while others have managed to achieve the American dream and reveals the surprising ways in which immigration is reshaping American society. Ultimately, Hao argues that immigrants’ assimilation into the American mainstream and the impact of immigration on the American economy are inextricably linked, and each issue can only be understood in light of the other.

LINGXIN HAO is a professor of sociology at John Hopkins University.

God’s New Whiz Kids?
Korean American Evangelicals on Campus.

Rebecca Kim
New York University Press 2006

In the past twenty years, many traditionally white campus religious groups have become Asian American. Today there are more than fifty evangelical Christian groups at UC Berkeley and UCLA alone, and 80% of their members are Asian American. At Harvard, Asian Americans constitute 70% of the Harvard Radcliffe Christian Fellowship, while at Yale, Campus Crusade for Christ is now 90% Asian. Stanford's Intervarsity Christian Fellowship has become almost entirely Asian.

There has been little research, or even acknowledgment, of this striking development.

God’s New Whiz Kids? focuses on second-generation Korean Americans, who make up the majority of Asian American evangelicals, and explores the factors that lead college-bound Korean American evangelicals—from integrated, mixed race neighborhoods—to create racially segregated religious communities on campus. Kim illuminates an emergent "made in the U.S.A." ethnicity to help explain this trend, and to shed light on a group that may be changing the face of American evangelicalism.
Sacred Assemblies and Civic Engagement: How Religion Matters for America’s Newest Immigrants

Fred Kniss and Paul Numrich
Rutgers University Press 2007

Immigration to the United States has been a major source of population growth and cultural change throughout much of America’s history. Currently, about 40 percent of the nation’s annual population growth comes from the influx of foreign-born individuals and their children. As these new voices enter America’s public conversations, they bring with them a new level of religious diversity to a society that has always been marked by religious variety.

Sacred Assemblies and Civic Engagement takes an in-depth look at one particular urban area—the Chicago metropolitan region—and examines how religion affects the civic engagement of the nation’s newest residents. Based on more than three years of ethnographic fieldwork and extensive interviewing at sixteen immigrant congregations, the authors argue that not only must careful attention be paid to ethnic, racial, class, and other social variations within and among groups but that religious differences within and between immigrant faiths are equally important for a more sophisticated understanding of religious diversity and its impact on civic life.

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A Place at the Table: Multiculturalism and the Development of an American Hinduism

Prema A. Kurien
Rutgers University Press

Multiculturalism in the United States is commonly lauded as a positive social ideal celebrating the diversity of our nation. But, in reality, immigrants often feel pressured to create a singular formulation of their identity that does not reflect the diversity of cultures that exist in their homeland. Hindu Americans have faced this challenge over the last fifteen years, as the number of Indians that have immigrated to this country has more than doubled.

In *A Place at the Multicultural Table*, Prema A. Kurien shows how various Hindu American organizations-religious, cultural, and political—are attempting to answer the puzzling questions of identity outside their homeland. Drawing on the experiences of both immigrant and American-born Hindu Americans, Kurien demonstrates how religious ideas and practices are being imported, exported, and reshaped in the process. The result of this transnational movement is an American Hinduism—an organized, politicized, and standardized version of that which is found in India.

This first in-depth look at Hinduism in the United States and the Hindu Indian American community helps readers to understand the private devotions, practices, and beliefs of Hindu Indian Americans as well as their political mobilization and activism. It explains the differences between immigrant and American-born Hindu Americans, how both understand their religion and their identity, and it emphasizes the importance of the social and cultural context of the United States in influencing the development of an American Hinduism.

Prema A. Kurien is associate professor of sociology at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.
God Needs No Passport: Immigrants and the Changing American Religious Landscape

Peggy Levitt

The New Press, 2007

Thousands of Hindus fill the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City to worship with their guru from Gujarat, India. The Boston Garden plays host to a packed house of Brazilian Protestants, with ministers beamed in via satellite. Similar scenes are played out across middle America, where millions of new immigrants from Asia, Africa, and Latin America have settled over the past decade. While many Americans expect that immigrants will trade in one membership card for another, sociologist Peggy Levitt’s pathbreaking new account argues instead that many keep one foot in their countries of origin by participating in religious institutions—made possible by communications technology and the ease of international travel—that are a powerful but little-known force in today’s world.

Immigrants are changing the face of religious diversity in the United States, Levitt argues, helping to make American religion just as global as U.S. corporations. In a book with stunning implications for today’s immigration debates—where commentators routinely refer to a “clash of civilizations”—Levitt shows that the new realities of religion and migration are subtly challenging the very definition of what it means to be an American. God Needs No Passport reveals that American values are no longer just made in the U.S.A. but around the globe.

Peggy Levitt is associate professor and chair of sociology at Wellesley College.

The New Americans: A Guide to Immigration since 1965

Cambridge: Harvard University Press. 2007

Edited by Mary C. Waters and Reed Ueda (with Helen B. Marrow).

Salsa has replaced ketchup as the most popular condiment. A mosque has been erected around the corner. The local hospital is staffed by Indian doctors and Philippine nurses, and the local grocery store is owned by a Korean family. A single elementary school may include students who speak dozens of different languages at home. This is a snapshot of America at the turn of the twenty-first century.

This comprehensive guide, edited and written by an interdisciplinary group of prominent scholars, provides an authoritative account of the most recent surge of immigrants. Twenty thematic essays address such topics as immigration law and policy, refugees, unauthorized migrants, racial and ethnic identity, assimilation, nationalization, economy, politics, religion, education, and family relations. These are followed by comprehensive articles on immigration from the thirty most significant nations or regions of origin. Based on the latest U.S. Census data and the most recent scholarly research, The New Americans is an essential reference for students, scholars, and anyone curious about the changing face of America.
Organizing the Transnational
Labour, Politics, and Social Change

Edited by Luin Goldring & Sailaja Krishnamurti

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Migrants to Canada – whether immigrants selected for their educational credentials or investment capacity, temporary workers sought by employers, or refugees accepted on humanitarian grounds – often maintain or develop transnational ties and identities that link them to their homeland or a homeland-based group.

Organizing the Transnational contributes to the emerging body of scholarship on transnationalism and diasporas in several important ways. The volume attempts to articulate a cultural politics of transnationalism, rather than focusing separately on economic, or political, or social issues. Contributors move beyond the conventional focus on states and migrants to consider a wider array of institutions, actors and forms of mobilization that contribute to shaping transnational engagements and spaces. Finally, the focus on Asian and Latin American migrants adds breadth to the Canadian literature.

By presenting a diverse set of perspectives, including work by activists from the immigrant advocacy and NGO sectors as well as academics, Organizing the Transnational offers a unique approach to transnational and comparative migration studies that will appeal to sociologists, geographers, political scientists, activists, and advocates.

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