A Note from the Chair:

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the section as Chair this past year. We have accomplished much off the momentum built by past section officers and council members. In particular, I’d like to thank Past Chair Silvia Dominguez and outgoing Secretary-Treasurer David Embrick for their excellent administrative guidance and mentorship. A warm thanks, as well, to Chair Elect, Zulema Valdez, and the rest of the section council for their substantive deliberations on many important matters. I’d like to recognize outgoing council members Cynthia Feliciano and Chalane Lechuga for their three years of service. Surely we will miss our outgoing graduate student representative, Joanna Perez, who spearheaded the fine work on our website and newsletter.

Congratulations to our new section officers and council members! It is this little recognized, yet important professional service that keeps our section alive and vibrant. I want to personally thank you now for your leadership. While this service can go unnoticed it is an excellent networking mechanism, particularly for junior faculty. It provides you enhanced access to senior scholars and potential external tenure and promotion reviewers. Biographies of our incoming officers and council members are included in this issue of Notas. You can find more about our current section officers at http://www.asanet.org/sectionlatino/officers.cfm. Please let us know if you are interested in running for office. We had a very robust slate this year!

The vast majority of the membership voted in favor of the revised bylaws. They will go into effect after our August conference. As is the case for many governance documents, they are living documents and need ongoing review and revision. Suggested revisions to the bylaws often arise when the actual work of the council is carried out. At our business meetings this year, I will solicit advice from council on additional revisions that I will bring to the general membership for consideration.

In terms of membership and based on monthly data, we have consistently been ahead of the previous year’s monthly membership totals. We are on pace to surpass last year’s membership total and should easily reach 400 members. Reaching 400 members by October 1 will earn us another session for a total of 3 sessions for the 2015 conference in Chicago. Let’s not let this opportunity slip away.

Please take time to read about our section award winners. We have an amazing group of young and seasoned scholars that have, and are doing, excellent research, teaching and service. To further demonstrate, we have a special feature on Dr. Cecilia Menjivar who was recently awarded a prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship.

Also in this issue of Notas, Chair-Elect Dr. Zulema Valdez provides a preview of section sessions and activities. Drs. Elizabeth Vaquera and G. Cristina Mora inform us of a developing junior faculty mentor/mentee program. Dr. Onésimo Sandoval, provides a demographic portrait of Hyper Pueblos in the U.S. Dr. Danny Gascón gives us an informative article about what you can do while in San Francisco. Dr. Lorena Garcia reports on the inaugural Latina/o Studies Association conference. Also in this issue are recent publications, awards, and new positions of section members.

Please enjoy as you read on the plane on your way to San Pancho!

~Ed Muñoz
# New Elected Section Officers

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<td>Dr. Julie A. Dowling is an Associate Professor in the Department of Latina/Latino Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with affiliations in Sociology and Gender and Women’s Studies. Her book, <em>Mexican Americans and the Question of Race</em> (2014, UT-Austin Press), explores the disjuncture between federal definitions and regional constructions of race, examining Mexican American responses to the U.S. Census race questions. She has published articles on Latino racial identity construction and racial attitudes in a variety of journals including <em>Social Science Quarterly, Sociological Perspectives</em>, and <em>Latino Studies</em>. And her recent co-edited volume with Jonathan Inda, titled <em>Governing Immigration Through Crime</em> (2013, Stanford University Press), critically examines restrictive immigration laws, border policing, raids, detention, and deportation, as well as focuses on how immigrants develop ideological frameworks to resist and refashion their identities in the context of a culture of surveillance. Overall, her research agenda highlights racial profiling and discrimination as central experiences of US-born and immigrant Latinos in the US, informing both how they are seen by others, and how they in turn construct their own racial identities.</td>
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<td>Dr. Edward Flores is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Merced. He is author of <em>God’s Gangs: Barrio Ministry, Masculinity and Gang Recovery</em> (NYU Press, 2013), and has published in the journals <em>Social Problems</em> and <em>Ethnic and Racial Studies</em>. His fields of research include race, gender, immigration and religion.</td>
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<td>Dr. Veronica Terriquez is an Assistant Professor in Sociology at the University of Southern California. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology at UCLA, her Masters degree in Education at UC Berkeley, and her B.A. in Sociology at Harvard University. Her work examines how demographic characteristics, along with civic organizations, schools, and other institutions, shape the incorporation of Latino and other immigrants. As part of this broad research agenda, she has conducted studies that primarily focus on immigrant parents’ civic engagement in schools, and transitions to adulthood among the children of immigrants. Terriquez is affiliated to the USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration and the UCLA Institute for Democracy, Education, and Access.</td>
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<td>Dr. Jessica M. Vasquez is Associate Professor of Sociology at University of Oregon. She received her B.A. in English from Princeton University (1998) and her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley (2007). She specializes in race/ethnicity, Mexican Americans/Latinos, family, migration, and intermarriage. Her first book, <em>Mexican Americans Across Generations: Immigrant Families, Racial Realities</em> (New York University Press, 2011), is on the racial/ethnic identity formation of Mexican Americans and was listed in <em>Choice's</em> &quot;Annual Outstanding Academic Titles.&quot; Her article “Making authentic identity: Tradition and the invention of racial selves” (co-authored with Christopher Wetzel) in <em>Ethnic and Racial Studies</em> (2009) was co-winner of the Latino/a Sociology Section Best Article Award in 2010. Additional articles have been published in <em>Ethnic and Racial Studies, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Forum, Sociological Spectrum</em>, and <em>Du Bois Review</em>. She has been a Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation and a Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow and is currently writing her second book on Latino family formation.</td>
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<td>Sandra Alvear is approaching her third year of graduate studies in the Department of Sociology at Rice University. Her primary research interests include urban sociology, educational inequalities, and immigrant incorporation. Currently, Ms. Alvear is conducting a longitudinal analysis of bilingual education programs in a large urban school district in Texas. She also has an on-going project examining immigrant incorporation of Mexican Americans in the greater Houston area.</td>
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Every April the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation awards its prestigious fellowship (http://www.gf.org/about-the-foundation/the-fellowship/) to about 200 individuals selected from thousands of candidates from the U.S. and Canada. Award recipients, judged to be in their mid-careers, “are intended for men and women who have already demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts.”

Our own, past Section Chair and ASA Vice-President Elect, Dr. Cecilia Menjívar is one of this year’s Guggenheim Fellows. A worthy selection by the committee as Dr. Menjívar’s “mid-career” vitae shows 6 authored, edited and co-edited books; 4 edited and co-edited special issues of professional journals; over 80 single and co-authored refereed journal articles; and numerous encyclopedia contributions, book reviews, commentaries, reports, and other non-refereed publications. Her ongoing work as described below will keep her productive for years to come.

Menjívar’s Guggenheim Fellowship project will focus on writing Living with the Law in Arizona: Immigrants’ Everyday Encounters With and Through Law, based on her longitudinal study of Central American immigration to Phoenix, Arizona. These immigrants live for years, if not decades, in tenuous legal spaces created by the gaps and inconsistencies of immigration law, a condition that heightens the impacts the law has on their lives. As such, this book will depict lived experiences of state power in the form of contacts with law enforcement and the immigration bureaucracy as well as immigrants’ contacts with institutions such as schools, hospitals, and churches. While the book will shed light on strategies immigrants adopt to deal with the fear and risk of deportation, it will also illustrate immigrants’ understanding of the law more generally, how their experiences of living “hyper aware” of the law also have transformative effects in their lives and their understandings of the law. As immigration law increasingly pushes more immigrants to live in uncertain legal spaces for longer periods of time, this book will have policy relevance as well.

¡Felicidades Profesora Menjívar!
¡Muy bien hecho!
A Note from the Chair- Elect:

During the week I write this President Obama has declared a humanitarian crisis in south Texas, as Central American women and children cross the Río Grande from Mexico into Texas. Unprecedented numbers of migrants are being detained by the Border Patrol in temporary facilities and warehouses. There, women and children sleep on concrete floors, receive inadequate care, some experience abuse while in custody, and are living in overcrowded and squalid conditions, increasing their risk of contracting communicable diseases. In the last eight months 47,000 unaccompanied minors have been detained by the Border Patrol, which as the Washington Post reports, is up “92 percent from the same period in the fiscal year.” In 2013, more than 36,000 mostly Central American migrants have requested asylum along the southwestern border, which is triple the 2012 number (most of which are denied). At this time, FEMA has been charged with responding to this “crisis,” as migrants wait for their date in court. According to the Obama administration and in the best case scenario, FEMA will, within seven days, place detained migrants with family members who reside in the US. Unaccompanied minors without family in the US or who are unable to contact family will likely be placed in foster care. I can’t help but wonder what would have happened to these women and children if that video had not been leaked to the news media.

As that humanitarian crisis continues to unfold, Eric Cantor, the second ranking House republican and House majority leader who has served in congress for 13 years, lost his Virginia primary. If the twitter-verse is to be believed, this is the first time a sitting majority leader has lost since 1899 (when the seat was created, according to Politico). Cantor was defeated by an almost unknown Tea Party challenger, David Brat, who raised only a small fraction of Cantor’s campaign funds (reports from CNN and the Washington Post indicate it was a 25 to 1 difference, or $5,000,000 to $200,000). Ironically, it appears that Cantor’s defeat was due in part to the redrawing of Virginia districts, which made his district even more conservative (and supposedly safer from Democratic challengers). That said according to most pundits and political analysts, his historic defeat can also be traced to Brat’s and his supporter’s depiction of Cantor as an “ally” on immigration. Dave Brat’s anti-immigrant, nativist campaign successfully challenged Cantor, even though Cantor, in a last minute attempt to regain his footing, distributed mailers that indicated he was preventing Democrats from giving “illegal aliens a free ride.” As a consequence of this stunning upset, immigration reform is yet again, likely dead. And it appears that the right is not yet ready to deal with its “Latino Problem.” (This, when all is said and done, may not be that different from the Left’s “Latino Problem.”)

Although rarely mentioned in the news, a growing professional and middle class of Latinas/os is quietly (re)shaping the Latina/o American landscape. Intermarriage rates are on the rise, college enrollments are up, and the dynamic heterogeneity of the Latina/o population is observed in national, ethnic, panethnic, and racial identity formations – which is currently causing quite a challenge to the United States Bureau of the Census as they attempt to introduce a new Latino racial category of identity.

It is in this context that the ASA’s Section on Latina/o Sociology celebrates its 20th year! Our program activities fall on Tuesday, August 19th. These include our roundtable sessions at 12:30-1:30pm, our business meeting at 1:30-2:10pm, and our paper sessions. Relatedly, the ASA regular sessions on “Latino/as” are being held on Monday, August 18th. See the ASA program schedule for further information on these and other sessions. This year, our reception is co-sponsored with the Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities on Sunday, August 17th at 7:30pm. Finally, Earlier this summer, Elizabeth Vaqueru and Cristina Mora contacted our members via the listserv to organize a first-time Mentoring Initiative, which will bring together senior and junior scholars during the ASA for one-on-one meetings for advice and support (for more information on this program please attend the business meeting). It is really fantastic to see the continuing commitment to mentoring our graduate student and faculty members. I’d also like to take this opportunity to thank our council and Joanna Perez for her work on our newsletter.

Our program and section activities reflect the heterogeneity of the Latina/o population in the United States, and the exciting scholarship that attempts to capture this dynamic population. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve as Chair of our section, which I believe is one - if not the most – exciting, dynamic, and fun sections at the ASA. I look forward to joining you in San Francisco this August.

Sincerely,

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Chicagoans have plenty to be proud of when it comes to their city. Chicago-style pizza, sports teams with championships, and world-renowned museums, to name just a few things. Often referred to as the “city of neighborhoods,” Chicago is also noted for being home to one of the largest Latina/o populations in the United States. And now Chicago has one more thing to be proud of because this July it will be the site in which scholars, artists and activists interested in Latina/o communities and Latina/o Studies will convene for a historic conference, Imagining Latina/o Studies: Past, Present, and Future: An International Latina/o Studies Conference.

This is not the first conference focusing on Latina/o Studies or Latina/o communities, but what makes this conference unique is that it is the inaugural conference and launching of the creation of a Latina/o Studies Association. Scholars attending the 2012 Latino Studies Section meeting at the Latin American Studies Association conference in San Francisco decided to move forward with exploring the possibility of creating an International Latina/o Studies Association. There had already been ideas and informal conversations among various individuals and groups about forming a Latina/o Studies Association prior to this meeting. But following this meeting, there were more informal meetings held at academic conferences to gauge interest in such an organization, such as at the Puerto Rican Studies Association and American Studies Association. After two years of “grassroots” planning, an International Latina/o Studies Association will be launched at the Chicago conference this July.

Building on the history and work of Chicana/o Studies and Puerto Rican Studies as well as the contributions of the emergence of Cuban Studies, Dominican Studies, Dominican Studies, and Central American and South American Studies, the Imagining Latina/o Studies: Past, Present, and Future: An International Latina/o Studies Conference will provide a space in which new questions and research agendas can be developed for Latina/o Studies. The conference will highlight work that adds to and generates the growth of Latina/o Studies, particularly work in a range of disciplines and fields that take a comparative and interdisciplinary approach to the study of Latinas/os.

This is sure to be a conference of interest and relevance to many of our ASA Latina/o Sociology section members. There are three business meetings scheduled to take place during the Chicago conference this summer in which there will be an official vote to launch the organization and critical conversations on items such as the organization’s mission statement, priorities, structure, and identifying and establishing committees. These business meetings are open to all conference participants who are interested in collaborating on the development of the association. It is a great opportunity to become involved in the first organization dedicated to the comparative and interdisciplinary study of Latinas/os as well as the shaping the future of the field of Latina/o studies. We hope to see many of our colegas from the ASA Latina/o Sociology section there!

http://www.latinostudiesconference.com

Faculty Mentor/Mentee Program:

This year the Latina/o Sociology Section launched an exciting new pilot project - the Latina/o Section Junior Professor Mentoring Program. The project aims to pair Assistant Professors with more senior, tenured scholars as junior professors navigate the ropes of the tenure system. Eleven junior professors from across the country were matched with senior colleagues, and the pairs will coordinate meetings (over lunch, dinner, coffee, etc.) at ASA. We hope the pairing will result in lasting relationships beyond the summer and that these matches will create a new safe, space for junior professors to discuss the anxieties, procedures, and strategies of the tenure track. The section has yet to resolve officially whether the program will be permanent, but we thank all participants for taking part in this pilot program.

–Dr. G. Cristina Mora & Dr. Elizabeth Vaquera
Burgeoning Latino Pueblos in the U.S.
By: Dr. Onésimo Sandoval

According to the 2012 American Community Survey 1-year estimates, there were 52,961,017 Latinos living in the U.S.\(^1\) This latest number is remarkable for a couple of reasons. First, the 53 million Latinos highlight the fact that U.S. has the third largest Latino population in the world, behind Brazil and Mexico, respectively. Second, this number also means that since 2000, 17,655,199 Latinos were added to the U.S. population. Finally, the 53 million Latinos suggest that the projected growth of Latinos will continue to (re)shape villages, towns, and cities throughout the U.S.

In the fall of 2013, I began a research project called “The Demographic Portrait of Latino Pueblos and Hyper-Pueblos in the U.S.” This project conceptualizes two types of Latino towns: (1) The Pueblo (50% to 74% Latino) and (2) The Hyper-Pueblo (75% to 100% Latino). In this newsletter, I will briefly share the initial results from the descriptive part of the study.

To identify Latino pueblos, I used the U.S. Census category of place. According to the U.S. Census, “place may refer to incorporated places, such as a city, town, village, and census designated place (CDP).”\(^1\) Table 1 shows the growth of Latino pueblos by total population size of the pueblo. In 1990, there were 426 pueblos compared to 1,379 pueblos in 2010. This increase in pueblos represents a 224% increase. If we restrict the analysis to pueblos that had a total population size greater or equal to 1,000, the number of pueblos increased from 353 in 1990 to 712 by 2010. This increase in pueblos represents a 102% increase. Figures 1 and 2 show the spatial distribution of Latino pueblos by state. In more than half of the states (31), Latino pueblos can be found. In 14 states, there are at least 4 Latino pueblos and in 9 states there are at least 10 Latino pueblos.
Of the 1,379 pueblos in 2010, the majority of them can be classified as hyper-pueblos (732). The remaining 647 Latino pueblos had a Latino population that was between 50% and 74%.

One of the weaknesses of looking at all places, is that some of them (i.e., CDP) are rather small. The next set of figures focus on Latino pueblos with at least 1,000 residents. (See Figure 3) Among the 712 Latino pueblos, with at least 1,000 residents, 331 (46%) were classified as hyper-pueblos. According to the 2012 5-year ACS estimates, 119 of these pueblos had a majority Latino foreign-born population (See Figure 4). In 33 of these Latino pueblos, the Latino poverty rate was 50% or greater (See Figure 5). Finally, in 655 of the 712 Latino pueblos, the majority of Latinos 5 years or older speak Spanish at home as the primary language. Table 2 shows the 25 largest Latino pueblos.

The next stage of the analysis examines the micro patterns of spatial inequality within the pueblos. Some of the questions that will be explored include: What is the magnitude of racial segregation in these Latino pueblos? Are there pan-Latino neighborhoods in the pueblos? How many of these pueblos are old suburbs and new suburbs? Are foreign-born and native-born Latinos sharing the same neighborhoods? What is the spatial relationship between Latino poverty and overall poverty?

Understanding the macro and micro patterns across and within the Latino pueblos will provide important insights into the changing demographic landscape of the U.S. Traditionally, academics have looked at how Latinos shaped cities like Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York, which have large Latino populations. This project focuses on Latino majority towns, regardless of population size, to explore how place is (re)shaped by the Latino demographic transitions. This study also will provide important empirical evidence to understand how Latinos will continue to (re)shape the mosaic fabric of American towns throughout the U.S.

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1 This number does not include 3,631,408 Puerto Ricans living in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
2 A CDP is a city, town, or village that has no government.
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ASA Annual Meeting
Latino/a Sociology Section Schedule:

**Joint Reception**: Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Latino/a Sociology on Sunday (August 17th) at 7:30pm.

**Business Meeting**: Tuesday (August 19th) 1:30pm- 2:10pm

**Regular Sessions**: Monday (August 18th)
  *Session Organizer: Zulema Valdez*

  Ethnic, Racial, and Other Social Group Formations among Latinos/as in the United States (2:30-4:10pm)
  
  Racialization of Latinas/os (4:30-6:10pm)

**Paper Sessions**: Tuesday (August 19th):

  Mixed Legal Studies and Transnational Families (8:30-10:30am)
  *Session Organizer: Shannon Marie Gleeson*

  The Latino/a Middle Class (2:30-4:10pm)
  *Session Organizer: Norma E. Fuentes*

**Roundtable Sessions**: Tuesday (August 19th) 12:30-1:30pm
  *Session Organizers: Chalane E. Lechuga & Lisa M. Martinez*

  Table 1: Youth and Parents
  Table 2: Immigrant Incorporation
  Table 3: Religion
  Table 4: Latina/os in Latin America
  Table 5: Politics/Policy/Law
  Table 6: Labor Markets and Work
  Table 7: Identities
  Table 8: Gendered Lives
  Table 9: Latina/os and Education

**Invited Session**: Tuesday (August 19th)
  *Session Organizer: Zulema Valdez*

  Food, Land, Health, and Social Justice (10:30-12:10pm)

*Check out the ASA Annual Meeting Website for more conference information: [http://www.asanet.org/am2014/am2014cfm.cfm](http://www.asanet.org/am2014/am2014cfm.cfm)*

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**Featured Event: Joint SLS-SREM Reception**

This year the Section on Latin@ Sociology will be hosting our first joint reception with the Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities. The Sections boast some of the best and brightest scholars in Sociology. Graduate students and early stage faculty may enjoy the camaraderie and chance to meet with people who share their interests and experiences. So whether you are looking to meet up with old friends, make new ones, or just want to see what the Sections are all about, stop by:

**Location**: Slide

430 Mason St
San Francisco, CA 94102
(between Geary St & Post St in Union Square)

**Date**: Sunday, August 17th, 2014

**Time**: 7:30 PM

[http://www.slidesf.com](http://www.slidesf.com)
Things to do in San Francisco

Beinvenidos a San Francisco! I haven’t lived in the Bay Area long, but what I’ve come to learn is that there is always something going on in The City! You can play tourist downtown, make a day of it in gigantic Golden Gate Park, take in Latino culture in the Mission, or catch a great live show any night of the week. What follows is a quick guide of things to do.

Things to Know

- Mark Twain once wrote, "The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco." While you’re here, remember to carry a light sweater or jacket. The city is known for its drizzle and fog — even in August.
- BART trains (https://www.bart.gov) and Muni buses (http://www.sfmta.com) can get you to most places in the city. If you’re headed anywhere other than north-south, Muni buses are the way to go. Smartphone users: Muni and Bart each have several useful apps... (Welcome to San Francisco!)

Sites and Activities

- Union Square (http://www.unionsquareshop.com) is the place to go if you are in the mood to do the touristy thing. It is within walking distance of the conference hotel and has plenty of high-end shops and boutiques. I am told the Macy’s, and top-floor Cheesecake Factory restaurant, are very nice. The Square is also a good jumping-off point for a city tour as the San Francisco Cable Cars run past frequently, as do a number of other tour buses.
- Golden Gate Park (http://www.sfgate.com/neighborhoods/sf/goldengatepark/) is full of surprises, including a golf course, an amphitheater, a buffalo reserve, two very nice museums, and a lake where you can rent paddle boats. The park is huge, so bring a pack with snacks and water, and wear comfortable shoes. Trust me, it’s worth the bus ride. Sutro Baths (http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/cliff-house-sutro-baths.htm) near Golden Gate Park were once a popular bathhouse, but now all that remains are seaside ruins. You can walk down and around the platforms where the baths once stood and can sometimes find sea lions swimming in the pools below. There are trails running all around the area with great views of the Pacific. Look for the "Land’s End" trail for views of the Golden Gate Bridge.
- The Mission District (http://www.sanfrancisco.travel/neighborhood/mission-district/) is San Francisco’s corazón Latino. The area has lots to see and do. To get a taste of the neighborhood’s history and Latin culture Precita Eyes (www.precitaeyes.org) organizes walking tours of the city’s various murals and Galería de la Raza (www.galeriadelaraza.org) showcases projects by Chicano and Latino artists and activists.
- Stern Grove Festival (http://www.sterngrove.org/home/concertsevents/2014-season/schedule/august-17/) is a public, annual, and admissions-free concert series held in a beautiful outdoor amphitheater. On Sunday, August 17th at 2PM you can check out internationally renowned Brazilian musician Sergio Mendes will bring his brassy bossa nova sounds to the Grove. He will be supported by San Francisco based band LoCura, blending musical styles from rumba to rock to flamenco and funk.

Food

- R&G Lounge (http://www.rnglounge.com) is a great Chinese restaurant in the heart of Chinatown. Even President Obama and first family paid a visit in early 2012.
- Brenda’s French Soul Food (http://frenchsoulfood.com) in the Civic Center offers Southern-inspired food infused with Sicilian, French and Filipino accents.
- Tropisueño (http://www.tropisueno.com) in the Financial District is a great upscale Mexican restaurant that is walkable from the conference.
- El Farolito (http://www.yelp.com/biz/el-farolito-san-francisco-2) in the Mission is more of the down-home Mexican food with short lines and low prices.

Nightlife

- Biscuits and Blues (http://www.biscuitsandblues.com) in the Financial District is one of the top blues clubs in the nation and is walkable from the conference. The club offers San Francisco’s best in national and regional blues acts while also showcasing great Southern food.
- Roccapulco (http://www.roccapulco.com) is a hip dance hall featuring live Mexican and Caribbean music. International stars take the stage to rock out in this Bernal Heights club. Look into a taxi or public transportation to get here.
- Make-out Room’s (www.makeoutroom.com/) $5 cover and $3 beers make for an awesome night in the city. On different nights of the week both DJs and live bands pump out 60s and 70s Soul and Funk, and many of the Mission’s hottest Latin and Caribbean bands. BART or Muni should get you to the club, no problem.

Hope to see you soon. Saludos!

Luís Daniel Gascón, Assistant Professor
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Awards, Publications, and New Positions:

**AWARDS:**

Dr. Cecilia Menjívár was appointed to the National Academies of Science/National Research Council Committee on Immigrant Integration, see link: https://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/CommitteeView.aspx?key=49598


Dr. Randol Contreras (University of Toronto) was awarded the 2013 UC Press Exceptional First Book Award for his book, *The Stickup Kids: Race, Drugs, Violence, and the American Dream* (University of California Press, 2013). He received the honor at the 23rd Annual Literary Award Festival, hosted by PEN Center USA.

**PUBLICATIONS:**


**NEW POSITIONS:**

Chalane E. Lechuga started her first tenured-track position at the Metropolitan State University of Denver as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chicana/o Studies.
**Current ASA Latino/a Sociology Section Officers**

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Zulema Valdez, University of California Merced

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**Student Representative (2-Year Term):**
Joanna Perez, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (2014)

**Note from the Newsletter Editors:**
Thank you to everyone who took time out of his or her busy schedule to send in material for the newsletter. Thank you to our current and newly Elected Section Officers, Section Award Committee Members, and ASA Annual Meeting Session Organizers for your hard work and dedication. We especially would like to thank Ed for his leadership and support throughout the entire process. We truly hope that you all enjoy reading through this newsletter and we look forward to seeing you all in SF!

~Chalane and Joanna

**Note of Gratitude from the Student Representative:**
It has truly been my pleasure and honor to serve as your Graduate Representative these past two years. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to work along with so many amazing and inspirational faculty members nationwide. I wish the incoming student representatives, Lorena and Sandra, the best!

~Joanna Perez

**ASA Latino/a Sociology Section Links:**

Website: [http://www.asanet.org/sectionlatino/officers.cfm](http://www.asanet.org/sectionlatino/officers.cfm)

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Sociological-Association-Section-on-Latinoa-Sociology/158966549101](https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Sociological-Association-Section-on-Latinoa-Sociology/158966549101)

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