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# World On the Move

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION SECTION



## MESSAGE FROM THE SECTION CHAIR

David Cook-Martín, University of Colorado Boulder

### Connection matters...

We hear this sociological truism in just about every domain of our lives. Recognition of social connection and its importance may never have been more apparent than during the two years of pandemic "social distancing". Yet our association experienced some of its lowest membership numbers. Fortunately, the International Migration section membership has declined at a slower rate. Still, after a post-pandemic rebound in membership, we are now at just over 600 members, a drop of 44 members since August 2022.

In contrast to this bleak snapshot stand the dynamic efforts of members to foster connection and engagement: organizing professionalization and mentoring events, connecting of mentors and mentees on an ongoing basis, and developing policies and practices to make awards and opportunities open to a broader range of members.



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