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AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION SECTION

MESSAGE FROM THE SECTION CHAIR



I hope many of you, like me, are excited to go to the Windy City for the 2025 annual meetings in August. Chicago holds personal and professional significance for me. I spent over 6 years at the University of Chicago for my graduate training, which built the foundation for much of my professional career. One of my first pleasant surprises as an international student was that Professor Evelyn Kitagawa (who pioneered the technique of standardization) tutored me for a course I had missed because I arrived at Chicago one semester late. I may be a good example of how the University of Chicago faculty (and, I believe, faculty at many other American universities) supported international students in the late 1980s. I was also fortunate to work with or take classes from some of the most influential sociologists of our time: Douglas Massey, Marta Tienda, James S. Coleman, and William J. Wilson, among others. Their mentorship has had a lasting impact on me.

Of course, as our section chair, returning to Chicago also prompts me to reflect on the field of international migration and especially some of the seminal ideas by the Chicago School sociologists. I am reminded that two of our section awards- the “Thomas & Znaniecki Best Book Award” and the “Louis Wirth Best Paper Award” - have deep connections with the Chicago School of Sociology! After all, Thomas and Znaniecki’s landmark book was done in the city of Chicago which pioneered several key methods for migration research that remain influential today. For migration scholars, Park and Burgess’ conception of assimilation continues to spark debate and inspire revisions by many leading scholars in our section.

Speaking of assimilation, I can’t think of a better setting than Chicago to discuss this theoretical concept. That’s why I have invited a rising star of our field, Lucas Drouhot (now at NYU-Shanghai), who has been remarkably productive in recent years and is conducting exciting work on assimilation in the European context. Some of you may recall that in my last chair’s message, I wrote about the need for more research on the Global South. To that end, I’ve also invited Amanda Cheong (currently at UBC), who wrote a thought-provoking essay (with some colorful photos from her fieldwork) about “statelessness” in Southeast Asia. Many of us may recall the story of a stateless traveler in “The Terminal (2004)” (portrayed by my favorite actor Tom Hanks). I very much appreciate the creativity and sociological imagination displayed in both invited essays.

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I am also happy to share some good news about our section's membership. When I became section chair-elect, I noticed that our membership had been declining for a few years. In fact, as of May 2025, it had dropped below 600. In early spring, we formed an ad hoc membership committee composed of Irina Chukhray (student representative), the late Ali Chaudhary (our section secretary/treasurer), and Milly Yang. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we were able to launch a graduate student membership drive. The campaign was a great success- as of late June, our membership had risen to 641! Many thanks to the anonymous donor for your generosity and support, and to the Ad Hoc Membership Drive Committee for your effective work! I warmly welcome all new section members, especially graduate students, who represent the most dynamic group in our section and its future!

As many of you have learned by now, 2025 has been a tough year for our section as we lost three important figures in immigration studies: Richard Alba, Ali Chaudhary, and Jeffrey G. Reitz. Richard was my close colleague and good friend for many years at Albany (before he moved to the CUNY Graduate Center). I worked closely with Ali during my term as section chair and in fact had a zoom meeting with him just a week before his untimely passing. While discussing membership drive logistics, Ali also mentioned his desire to start a Music Center at Rutgers University... I did not have the chance to meet Jeff in person. Please take time to read the tributes in this newsletter written by section members as we celebrate the lives of three distinguished colleagues. I have also organized a memorial session at ASA on August 9, where seven colleagues will speak. I want to thank all who contributed essays and agreed to speak. Everyone is welcome to offer remarks at the session, and I hope many of you can join us for this special event.

Let me also give you a quick preview of our section's full slate of activities at this year's ASA meetings. Thanks to Jean Beaman (soon to be our section chair) who, together with the program committee, has organized several very exciting sessions. I also want to thank section members who submitted session ideas through our survey- these often inspire our yearly programming. In addition to paper and roundtable sessions, we will host business meeting and award ceremony, the highly popular mentoring lunch, and a joint reception with the Asia and Asian American section. For many years now, Ethnic and Racial Studies (ERS) has generously donated support for our section events and is doing so again this year- Thank you to the ERS leaders! I will be in touch separately with more details on section events.

Finally, warm congratulations to our newly elected council members:
 Chair-Elect: Elizabeth Aranda, University of South Florida
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 Blanca A. Ramirez, University of Texas at Austin,
 Student Representative: Melissa Hurtado Nuez, Rice University

I look forward to seeing you all in Chicago in August.

I would also like to thank two past chairs, David Cook-Martin and Jody Agius Vallejo, and Chair-elect Jean Beaman for their unwavering support and sage advice throughout the year. Special thanks to our council members and especially committee chairs: Nadia Flores-Yeffal and Jaeun Kim for DEIJ Committee, Andrew Le for Mentoring and Professionalization Committee, and all Section Award Committee members for your tireless work and dedication. I especially want to recognize Jaeun, who committed enormous amount of time to the DEIJ committee despite being on sabbatical this year. Sincere thanks as well to the Communications Committee, who are behind the beautiful design of our World on the Move newsletter: Blanca A. Ramirez, Chen Liang (WOM Co-Editors), Jean Beaman, Irina Chukhray, and Alice Silu Chen. For two years in a row, Xuemei Cao has helped organize our section reception- thank you, Xuemei!

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At a Glance

ASA 2025 International Migration Section Events

Sat, August 9: REFEREED ROUND TABLES, BUSINESS MEETING, MEMORIAL SESSION, AND IM PAPER SESSION

20266 - Right-Wing Politics, Mobilities, and Immigrant Conservatism

West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Toronto
8:00 to 9:30 am

20452 - MENA Global Migration and Identities
West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Lobby Level/Green, Crystal C
10:00 to 11:30 am

ASA International Migration Section Mentoring Lunch (RSVP only) | Lao Sze Chuan
12 pm

20862 - International Migration Refereed Roundtables
West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Regency C,
2:00 to 3:00 pm.

20962 - Section on International Migration Business Meeting

West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Regency C
3:00 to 3:30 pm

21064 - Environment, Climate Change, and Mobility
West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Acapulco
4:00 to 5:30 pm

21466 - Memorial Session in Honor of Ali Chaudhary, Richard Alba, and Jeffery G. Ritz
West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Toronto
8:30 to 10 pm

Sun, August 10: IM INVITED SESSION AND RECEPTION

31466 - Joint Reception: Section on International Migration; Section on Asia and Asian America
West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Toronto
8:00 to 10:30 pm



**RIGHT-WING POLITICS, MOBILITIES, AND IMMIGRANT CONSERVATISM
WEST TOWER, HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO, FLOOR: BALLROOM LEVEL/GOLD, TORONTO
8/9 8:00-9:30 AM**

Session Organizer: Sharon Quinsaat, Grinnell College, and Jesse Yeh, Northwestern University

Presider: Jesse Yeh, Northwestern University

Discussant: Corey D. Fields, Georgetown University

“Hindutva and Hinduphobia: Transnational authoritarianism, racialized youth mobilization and nationalist politics of the US-Indian diaspora.” Debadatta Chakraborty, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

“Immigrants against Immigrants? Mapping Generational Trends of Anti-Immigration Attitude among Hispanic Immigrants (2002-2022).” Ann Jiang, University of California San Diego

“Minority Nationalisms, Radical Right-Wing Political Parties and Anti-immigrant Sentiment: Catalonia and the Breakaway Process.” Xavier Escandell, Grinnell College, Alin Mihai Ceobanu, University of Florida, Pau Mari-Klose, University of Zaragoza

“Political Position Immigrant Attitudes to Other Immigrants in Chile” Cristian Alberto Doña Reveco, University of Nebraska-Omaha

Resisting China, Supporting Trump? Mapping Political Identities Among Hong Kongers in the United States. Kennedy Chi-pan Wong, University of Southern California, Maggie Shum, Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Erie-Behrend College

**MENA GLOBAL MIGRATION AND IDENTITIES
WEST TOWER, HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO, FLOOR: LOBBY LEVEL/GREEN, CRYSTAL C
8/9 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

Presider: Ayse Perihan Kirkic, Florida International University

Discussant: Neda Maghbouleh, University of British Columbia

“Engagement with mosques and faith-based organizations: Belonging, and identity of second-generation immigrants from the MENA region” Aleezay Khaliq, Loyola University Maryland

“Imagined Destinations: The Role of Collective Imagination in Shaping Emigration and Return Among Iranians.” Sara Hormozinejad, University of Toronto.

IM PAPER SESSIONS

2025 ASA ANNUAL MEETING, CHICAGO

(cont')

“The lived experience of female college-educated Iranian immigrants with faith-based institutional discrimination.” Homa Sadri, University of California-Irvine

“Palestinian Migrants in the US: A Sociological Study of Silencing.” Louise Cainkar, Marquette University.

“Temporary Protection through Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for Palestinians in the United States.” Rawan Arar, University of Washington.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND MOBILITY

WEST TOWER, HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO, FLOOR: BALLROOM LEVEL/GOLD, ACAPULCO
8/9 4:00-5:30 PM

Presider: Jake Watson, University of California-San Diego

Discussant: Kathryn McConnell, University of British Columbia

“Everybody Moves: Climate, Networks, and Mobility in Honduran Communities.” Loring J. Thomas, Princeton University, Ziang Xu, Yale University, Vahid Satarifard, Yale University, Michael Oppenheimer, Princeton University, Nicholas A Christakis, Yale University

“It’s Too Hot to Incorporate! Climate Change and Immigrant Incorporation in the Valley of the Suns.” Andrew N. Le, Arizona State University-Tempe.

“Reimagining Climate Migration: Discursive and Embodied Reorientations to Land Through Gardening with Newcomer Youth of Colour.” Riann Lognon, University of Calgary, Pallavi Banerjee, University of Calgary, Chetna Khandelwal, University of Calgary, Megha Sanyal, University of Calgary, Santanu Dutta, University of Calgary, Pratim Sengupta, Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary.

“Residential Mobility and Community Recovery After Disasters Amidst Changing Climates: The Case of Northern New Mexico.” Daniel Jenks, University of Pennsylvania”

“The Narrative of Safety and Resilience: How Climate Havens Frame Efforts to Accommodate Climate Migrants.” Elizabeth Kiester, Hood College, Saleh Ahmed, Michigan State University, Elizabeth Eklund, Purdue University

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SECTION MEMBER ESSAYS**Assimilation: Imperfect but Indispensable**

By **Lucas Drouhot, NYU- Shanghai**

Sociologists do not generally like the concept of assimilation and what it evokes – a sense of forceful cultural loss and one-sided change, if not purposeful erasure. The historical record is filled with assimilationist political projects that have resulted in great harms to other human groups deemed different and problematic. A wariness against ‘assimilation’ in its political acceptance is thus well-justified. However, scholars of assimilation in the late 20th and 21st century have generally meant something different, away from assimilation as prescriptive concept and a political project. My impression has often been that migration scholars previously unacquainted with the modern scholarly definition mistake it for its political, prescriptive usage and thus dismiss it out of hands. This, I want to briefly argue here, is a mistake. Assimilation can be a powerful and useful concept – arguably imperfect, but ultimately indispensable.

In the 1990s, migration scholars in the United States started to study the second generation, and realized ‘assimilation’ – with important twists from the prescriptive notion just mentioned – could be useful in describing the social reality the descendants of post-1965 migration. What “twists” took place, exactly, and what do we mean by assimilation today? Quite simply, we refer to the fact that immigrants and their children, conditional on their legal status and voluntary entry at destination and moderated by their ethnoracial and social class backgrounds, tend to do well in the contemporary United States. Empirical dynamics of assimilation do not entail a melting pot in which immigrants lose themselves – rather, they rely on and are signaled by equal socioeconomic opportunities between immigrant-origin and native populations and intergroup blending in terms of social relations. Increasing similarity in terms of cultural practices with native populations may occur, but cultural difference from what is considered mainstream may prosper and endogenously evolve if it is not heavily stigmatized, depending on the regional context in which they unfold. Ultimately, intergenerational mobility and relational amalgamation in friendships and unions may lead to a sense of belonging and identification as (hyphenated) Americans.

Assimilation is worthwhile of intellectual consideration because, quite simply, it is a powerful and long-term undercurrent actively shaping the contemporary United States (and Western Europe, see below). This message may not resonate with sociologists in the current times of seemingly ever-increasing politicization of immigration. And yet, when taken together, research findings at the intersection of many social science fields – education and achievement in schools and universities, labor market integration, spatial and neighborhood attainment, intermarriage, linguistic acquisition, identity change to name a few – in the United States and Western Europe suggest that the single most important dynamic at play among the descendants of immigrants is one of intergenerational progress and growing inclusion (Drouhot and Nee 2019, Bucca and Drouhot 2024). I do not wish to put forward an overly rosy lens, however: yes, patterns of ethnoracial segregation in certain marginalized neighborhoods and discrimination on labor markets remain, and some ethnoracial groups make quicker progress than others; many individuals of immigrants origins may still perceive stigmatization in their everyday lives even though they experience upward mobility compared to where their parents started; and yet, such segregating dynamics at the second generation do not constitute a master trend. Rather voluntary migrants and their descendants in Western liberal societies do well by most standards, as predicted under Alba and Nee’s (2003) new assimilation theory. Emerging evidence on the contemporary third generation in Western Europe, where the data infrastructure has become richer than in the United States, suggest that the grandchildren of immigrants will likely experience assimilation, albeit in different forms and to varying degree across origins and destinations (Zhao and Drouhot 2024).

SECTION MEMBER ESSAYS**Assimilation: Imperfect but Indispensable (Cont'd)**

Assimilation, in its current scholarly form (Alba and Nee 2003, Nee and Alba 2013), remain an imperfect concept, however. As I have argued elsewhere (Drouhot 2024a, 2024b), it does not take culture, collective belonging and the lived experiences of immigrant populations very seriously due to its behavioral and demographic focus. Additionally, the relationship between political power, the attitudes and behaviors of non-immigrant natives and assimilation remains somewhat unclear, and assimilation theory thus finds itself rather ill-equipped to provide a full understanding of the powerful wave of nativism that has swept through the U.S. and Western Europe in the last two decades, and the politicization of the boundaries of the imagined community of the nation-state it has brought forward. Certain empirical developments, such as the new European literature on the “integration paradox” documenting how more highly educated immigrants perceive more, not less discrimination, challenge assumptions within assimilation theories regarding the links between immigrant socioeconomic attainment and their subjective experiences of belonging (Schaeffer and Kas 2023, Drouhot 2024). Despite these shortcomings, assimilation remains precious as an organizing concept to think of immigrant inclusion as a complex, multifaceted process operating at the intersection of multiple empirical domains – stratification in schools, and labor markets, tie formation in social networks, and cultural difference, subjective inclusion and identity shifts. These different empirical facets challenge mainstream social scientific practices of the division of intellectual labor, and render organizing concepts and theories more important than ever to bridge highly specialized epistemic communities – so that assimilation is, in fact, imperfect but also indispensable.

In closing, I wish to salute the memory of Richard Alba, who has recently left us. Richard was a towering intellectual figure and undoubtedly one of the most important scholars involved in the revival of the concept of assimilation in American sociology at the turn of the century. His passing weighs on my mind as I typed these very words and feel a sense of tremendous intellectual debt and gratitude. I have found and continue to find myself re-reading Richard’ work in the course of my own, marveling at its highly characteristic blend of empirical rigor, analytical precision, historical depth and vivid storytelling about incorporation of immigrant populations in multiple societies. Contemporary scholarship on the social trajectories of immigrants, mine included, stands on the shoulders of Richard’ minds and words. His work provides us with a tremendously rich legacy to engage with and build on as we continue to strive to understand the destiny of immigrants and their descendants across the United States, Western Europe and beyond.

New York, July 2025

SECTION MEMBER ESSAY

A Reflection on Statelessness

By **Amanda Cheong, University of British Columbia**

2024 marked the official conclusion of the decade-long #IBelong campaign, launched in 2014 by the UN Refugee Agency with the ambitious aim to “end statelessness within ten years.” According to international law, a stateless person is someone “who is not considered as a national by any State under the operation of its law.” Without citizenship, famously pronounced by Hannah Arendt as “the right to have rights,” stateless people are often deprived of numerous rights and protections, including education, healthcare, employment, political representation, freedom of mobility, and more. While there has been major progress in the reduction of statelessness worldwide over the course of the campaign, thanks to countries’ legislative reforms and registration efforts, this human rights crisis persists. Further, with new forms mobility and displacement, and the turn to insularity of some countries’ citizenship laws, new cases of statelessness continue to emerge. Yet, statelessness remains a marginalized and little understood issue, including within academic scholarship.



MY FATHER’S RECORD OF LANDING IN CANADA

I myself had never even heard of the term until I was well into my undergraduate degree. It was only late in my youth that I discovered that many of my family members, including my father, did not have passports from their birth country of Brunei Darussalam, from where they emigrated beginning in the 1970s and 1980s. This struck me as odd, given that they would have had to cross international borders in order to settle in Canada. I learned that they did not have passports because they did not have citizenship—not from Brunei or anywhere else. They were “stateless.” This revelation marked a paradigm shift in the way that I understood citizenship, as I could no longer take for granted that every person is necessarily neatly slotted into the political membership of at least one nation-state—that every person automatically legally belongs somewhere. My professional commitment to studying is inspired by a close personal connection to the issue (Cheong 2017), and in my work I document how stateless people engage in politics and claims-making in the face of abject political exclusion.

SECTION MEMBER ESSAY

A Reflection on Statelessness (Cont'd)

By **Amanda Cheong, University of British Columbia**



SOURCE: [UNHCR](#)

To mark the launch of the #IBelong campaign, the UN Refugee Agency collaborated with the United Colors of Benetton on a series of posters, along with a [video](#). They featured highly stylized, dramatically-lit images of people—mute, mostly racialized, their bodies fetally curled, helplessly mounted on top of stands, actually rotating as if they were globes. This bizarre objectification of stateless people is a stark contrast to the stateless people I have known through my life and my research.

Contrary to popular advocacy messaging claiming that stateless people “belong nowhere” or are “invisible” (Cheong 2025a), the communities I work with have strong convictions about their attachments to their lands, communities, and heritages (Cheong et al. 2025). Furthermore, in response to their abject political exclusion, they ardently, creatively, and bravely politically mobilize to make claims for recognition, sometimes in ways that unsettle and denaturalize the colonial foundations of our current system of nation-states (Cheong 2025b). Through grassroots community-based research partnerships, I endeavour to support the knowledge-creation and intellectual leadership capacities of stateless people, who have traditionally been spoken on behalf of within scholarly and practitioner spheres. Stateless people’s political voices are central, rather than marginal, to debates about citizenship and belonging.



ARTISTIC ACTIVISM WORKSHOP WITH FORMERLY STATELESS YOUTH IN KOTA KINABALU, SABAH, MALAYSIA, JULY 2024

IN MEMORY OF THREE DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES

TRIBUTE TO DR. JEFFERY G. REITZ, DR. RICHARD ALBA, AND DR. ALI R. CHAUDHARY

Dr. Jeffrey G. Reitz (1947–2025), Professor Emeritus of Sociology, and R.F. Harney Professor Emeritus of Ethnic, Immigration and Pluralism Studies at the University of Toronto

By Irene Bloenraad, University of British Columbia

Jeff Reitz’s scholarship on immigration, inequality and diversity not only helped to shape our field, but also inspired a multitude of researchers, including me. His comparative research on immigrant inequality and public opinion—particularly between the U.S. and Canada—opened new intellectual space at a time when most cross-national studies focused on Europe. Jeff’s writing challenged assumptions about cultural “framings” of migration, pushing us to look instead at immigration policy, labour markets, and structural inequalities. His contributions helped put Canadian immigration scholarship in conversation with researchers around the globe.



Jeff was more than a scholar to me. I first wrote to him as an undergraduate, full of questions about graduate school and his research. He replied (with a type and signed letter, delivered by mail!) and incredibly, he asked for my feedback on working papers that he sent. That generosity marked every stage of our relationship. During my PhD, he agreed to serve on my dissertation committee, even though I wasn’t a student at the University of Toronto. He asked hard questions—about my project’s testable implications, falsifiability, and feasibility—but always with the aim of making my work stronger.

We overlapped at Harvard, where he held the Mackenzie King Chair in Canadian Studies. I was still an unsure grad student, but he made space for me—inviting me to small dinners with visiting speakers and turning those gatherings into a little circle of Canadiana in the middle of American academia. His support during that time made a lasting difference in how I saw myself as a scholar.

Even later, when we didn’t always agree—especially about the role of multiculturalism in immigrant integration—Jeff engaged thoughtfully and with good humor. For him, the real engines of immigrant outcomes were economic selection, labour market structure, and racial hierarchies. He didn’t shy away from critique, but he did not make it personal. His curiosity, rigor, and occasional sharp quip always came with a twinkle in his eye.

Jeff’s scholarship was prolific and globally recognized, but his real legacy, for me, lies in his generosity and mentorship. He shaped my thinking, challenged my assumptions, and opened doors. He will be deeply missed and very fondly remembered.

IN MEMORY OF THREE DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES

Remembering Professor Jeffrey Reitz

By Leafia Zi Ye, University of Toronto

I was caught in disbelief, as many others were, when I learned of the passing of Prof. Jeffrey Reitz. Jeff was highly active, both in his home departments at the University of Toronto and in the academic field, up until his sudden passing in March. At age 79, he was regularly attending departmental talks in Sociology and events at the Munk School of Global Affairs. He always showed up in a neat button-down shirt and asked sharp questions with great interest. Earlier this year, he was preparing to promote his new book while also starting work on several new projects. Jeff brought so much enthusiasm to any room he was in, and it is hard to imagine that he is now gone.

My very first time interacting with Jeff in person was at a department reception in Fall 2023. As an icebreaker, Jeff asked what drink I was having and how it was. I had ordered mine out of panic – I don't generally drink – and it was a strawberry juice beer (is that a thing?). Not wanting to admit that I had no idea what alcohol is, I told Jeff in confidence that mine was "alright" and "had an interesting kick to it." To my surprise (and dismay), Jeff was immediately curious by that description and ordered the same beer just to try it. I could see reserved regret on his face after one sip, but we had a good laugh about it later. This is certainly not the best example but perhaps captures a bit of what Jeff was like as a colleague and friend: he was kind, curious, always open for new ideas, and appreciated the silly things.

Although I hadn't gotten to know Jeff for very long, I was lucky to have had several conversations with him about our research over the last two years and learned a lot from him. Jeff was a pioneer in studying immigration and ethnicity from a cross-national perspective and an expert on immigrant incorporation in Canada, the US, as well as France and Australia. He was devoted to understanding the role of social institutions in shaping immigrants' socioeconomic outcomes – an effort that was clear throughout his influential book *Warmth of the Welcome* (1998), for which he received the Thomas and Znaniecki Book Award from the IM section. Jeff was an avid collaborator and kept a long list of research interests, and in the last three years published on topics ranging from headscarf policies and social boundaries in France and Canada to the outmigration of high skill workers from Mexico. Just last year, he even agreed to participate in my research project that contains a cross-national comparison between US and Canada. He provided valuable feedback on the project proposal, and I will deeply miss his expertise going forward.

One of the last times I saw Jeff was at a celebration of his work and career hosted by the Munk School, where I also met Prof. Richard Alba who delivered the keynote address. It was a joyous event, and the audience chuckled when Richard shared an anecdote of him learning about correlations for the first time from Jeff when they were both students at Columbia. It is immensely sad to think that we have now lost both of them. I find comfort in knowing that their stories and ideas will live on, and the influence of their kindness on others will always be remembered.

IN MEMORY OF THREE DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES

Remarks on the Passing of Jeffrey Reitz

By Suzanne Model

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Research Associate; Center for Population, Inequality and Policy; University of California at Irvine

It is with great sadness that I write in memory of Jeffrey Reitz: friend, mentor, and scholar of the highest caliber. From the first day that I contacted him, in response to his 1990 book chapter: “Ethnic Concentrations in Labour Markets and Their Implications for Ethnic Inequality”, he was a warm, helpful and enthusiastic correspondent, a generous colleague, and a shameless promoter of my research.

I first encountered Jeff’s work in the context of my dissertation, which examined the economic effects of the ethnic composition of the workplace. Previously, “middleman minority theory” had exclusive domain over this line of inquiry, focusing entirely on small businesses owned and staffed by ethnic minorities. But Jeff took a different approach. In planning the landmark 1979 Toronto study, *Ethnic Pluralism in an Urban Setting*, he included questions about the ethnicity of respondents’ supervisors, co-workers, subordinates and customers. This innovation allowed him to explore the relationship between ethnicity and employment in a more nuanced fashion. While the salience of this line of inquiry has declined, it provides an example of Jeff’s style, which was to look where few had looked before.

Arguably, Jeff’s most significant contribution was to demonstrate the value of cross-national comparison for international migration research. Noticing that native white Canadians believed their society responded more positively to immigrants than American society, he began comparing immigrant outcomes in his homeland and his hostland. Moreover, whenever possible, he controlled for ethno-racial differences by comparing culturally similar groups; for instance, West Indians in the US and West Indians in Canada. Unsurprisingly (to him), the results showed immigrants faring about the same in the two countries. Indeed, occasionally, the US was the more attractive destination. The best summary of this line of work is the short volume he published with Raymond Breton in 1994 titled: *The Illusion of Difference: Realities of Ethnicity in Canada and the United States*.

This result not only contradicted popular opinion but also challenged the widespread assumption that Canada’s predominantly skill-based admissions regime produced a more competent workforce than America’s kin-based admissions regime. And here lies one of Jeff’s major policy contributions: the discovery that, in practice, there is little difference in the “quality” of immigrants to Canada and immigrants to the US. His explanation for this finding is complex, drawing partly on the way Canada’s admission rules are actually implemented and partly on the observation that, for most migrants (including the “best and the brightest”), America is their “most favored” destination.

IN MEMORY OF THREE DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES

Remarks on the Passing of Jeffrey Reitz (Cont'd)

By Suzanne Model

Over time, Jeff expanded his comparative lens, an approach that, he confided to me, “provides wonderful opportunities for travel”. Support for this admission comes from his CV, which shows Jeff holding some kind of visiting position in no less than nine countries! Adding Australia to the mix resulted in his excellent 1998 book: *The Warmth of the Welcome*. In explaining cross-national variations in immigrant prosperity, Jeff gives more credit to institutional differences such as labor market regulations, educational opportunities and social welfare provisions than to immigration laws. Next, with the passage of time, he joined other migration scholars in paying more attention to the second generation. Thus, his co-authored 2011 article: “Comparisons of the Success of Racial Minority Immigrant Offspring in the United States, Canada and Australia.” In this study, he introduced a previously under-studied outcome: household income. This addition fit well with Jeff’s emphasis on the effect of institutional differences because it focuses attention on a relatively neglected economic institution: the family. With the completion of this project, he turned to his final, most ambitious cross-national inquiry: “Muslim Minorities in France, Quebec and Canada: Social, Economic and Political Integration”, a project he undertook in collaboration with Patrick Simon, Director of Research at the Institut National d’Etudes Démographiques in Paris.

Although cross-national research was arguably the mainstay of Jeff’s agenda, he pursued several other research questions. One focus was the implications for immigrant integration of Canada’s official support for “multi-culturalism”; another was the ability (actually the inability) of the Canadian economy to fully utilize the skills of its immigrant work force. Even as he spent increasing amounts of time in the warm climes of Mexico, aging was no reason to stop producing. At this writing, Jeff has two co-authored, posthumous publications: an article, “Second Generation Education and Earnings Across Birth Cohorts: Ethno-racial Variations in Canada” and a 427 page book, *Reshaping the Mosaic: Canadian Immigration Policy in the 21st Century*. Attention to Jeff’s CV reveals an unusually large number of collaborators. Many worked with him as graduate students. This fact is encouraging: it means that, even though Jeff has left us, we can expect additional insights into the research questions he first illuminated. For this, and for the body of work he left behind, we should all be grateful.

IN MEMORY OF THREE DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES



Richard D. Alba (1942–2025), Distinguished Professor Emeritus in Sociology, Africana Studies at CUNY Graduate Center

By Irene Bloenraad, University of British Columbia

Richard Alba was a giant in sociology whose research profoundly shaped how I—and many others—understand immigration and integration. His 1990 book *Ethnic Identity: The Transformation of White America* showed me as a graduate student how rigorous quantitative methods could explore ethnic identity at a time when survey research was dauntingly complex and computers took up entire rooms. Later, as a new faculty member, *Remaking the American Mainstream* (2003), co-authored with Victor Nee, became a cornerstone in my classes, offering a thought-provoking blend of theory and empirical analysis on immigrant integration across generations. Later still, his collaboration with Nancy Foner on *Strangers No More* was an important voice in debates around cross-national integration outcomes. Richard and Nancy compared outcomes across six countries that spanned the Atlantic Ocean, multiple immigrant origin groups, and more than a dozen measures of integration. Impressively, he spoke the majority language of some of those countries as well.

Richard's generosity shaped my early career. I first met him at the ASA meetings when he was the vice-president—a time when I felt like a small voice in a massive, impersonal conference. He welcomed me into a small group of established scholars who were chatting in the hotel reception. He asked thoughtful questions about my research, and remembered both my name and my ideas at later meetings. In that moment, he didn't just talk about inclusion—he enacted it. His willingness to defend his scholarship, sometimes fiercely, while embracing emerging voices, taught me that openness and standing behind one's ideas can be complementary values. I draw inspiration not just from his books but also his engagement in those scholarly conversations: the attentive listener, the debater, the bon-vivant who bridged countries and generations.

IN MEMORY OF THREE DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES

A Guiding Light in My Intellectual Journey: A Tribute to Professor Richard Alba

By Min Zhou, University of California, Los Angeles

I still find it hard to believe that Professor Richard Alba is no longer with us—his passing was so sudden, and far too soon. Just last April, I saw him at the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) induction ceremony in Washington, D.C. He appeared in good health, fully engaged, and radiating the warmth and intellectual vitality that had always defined him. We shared a brief but meaningful conversation, and I felt a deep sense of pride as we walked across the stage to sign the NAS Registry of Membership. That moment now feels even more poignant—a final glimpse of a scholar, mentor, and friend who profoundly shaped my intellectual journey.

When I arrived at SUNY-Albany in 1984, I was a newcomer in every sense—"fresh off the boat" from China, with a B.A. in English and little understanding of sociology or American race relations. I enrolled in Richard's graduate seminar on ethnicity without knowing it would become a turning point in my intellectual life. At the time, international migration was a marginal subfield in sociology. But Richard's seminar—and his groundbreaking book *Italian Americans: Into the Twilight of Ethnicity*—opened my eyes to the complexities of immigrant life, identity, and assimilation in America.

What struck me most was Richard's rare ability to combine high expectations with deep empathy. He never made me feel inadequate for my lack of social science training. Instead, he created a space where I could grow intellectually without fear. He brought abstract theories to life through historical context, empirical rigor, and real-world relevance. For someone like me, who had never deeply considered issues of race or assimilation, his seminar was transformative. It gave me the vocabulary to understand my own experience as a newcomer and planted the seeds for my lifelong academic focus.

When I began my dissertation on New York's Chinatown, Richard's work on Italian Americans offered both inspiration and methodological grounding. His theory of assimilation provided a powerful framework for understanding how immigrant communities evolve and interact with broader American society. He encouraged me to look beyond surface-level differences and examine deeper processes of integration and exclusion. He was instrumental not only in helping me navigate the challenges of working with limited data—such as using U.S. census statistics to study Chinatown's ethnic economy and residential assimilation—but also in guiding me toward developing a mixed-methods approach—then rarely employed in the study of immigrant communities. I still vividly remember how Richard consistently challenged me with thoughtful questions and incisive critiques—pressing me to justify the proxies I used for concepts like ethnic enclave, ethnic economy, and residential assimilation; to refine my regression models; and to interpret findings that initially seemed counterintuitive. His mentorship sharpened my thinking and strengthened my work.

IN MEMORY OF THREE DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES

A Tribute to Professor Richard Alba (Cont'd)

By Min Zhou



Richard was a staunch defender of classical assimilation theory, which he revitalized and refined into what is now known as neo-assimilation theory. His scholarship brought clarity, rigor, and nuance to a field often clouded by complexity and laid the groundwork for generations of sociologists to come. As my own thinking evolved though, I found myself diverging from Richard's theoretical path, turning to the perspective of segmented assimilation to explore the limitations of classical assimilation models. In many ways, this divergence seemed a "rebellion"—a challenge to the very framework that had shaped my early work. Yet despite our theoretical differences, we maintained deep mutual respect. Our debates were spirited but never personal, and our friendship endured, grounded in shared curiosity and a commitment to truth.

Looking back, I feel incredibly fortunate to have studied under Richard. His legacy lives on not only through his many influential publications—including his most recent article, "From White Supremacy to a Multiracial Mainstream in Hawai'i," which has just been published in the *Du Bois Review*—but also through the countless students he mentored and inspired. For me, he was the first to show that my immigrant experience could be a source of scholarly insight, not a barrier. He taught me that good sociology begins with good questions—and that those questions often arise from the margins, from lives lived between cultures and identities.

As I reflect on my time at and beyond SUNY-Albany, I am filled with deep gratitude for Richard's guidance, wisdom, and kindness. He helped shape the scholar I would become, and his work continues to inform my research, teaching, and mentoring. In a world that often feels fragmented and uncertain, his unwavering commitment to clarity, compassion, and intellectual integrity remains a guiding light.

Professor Richard Alba, may you rest in peace.

IN MEMORY OF THREE DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES

Ali R. Chaudhary (–2025), Associate Professor of Sociology at Rutgers University in New Brunswick

By Irene Bloenraad, University of British Columbia

Ali was a mentee, colleague, co-author, and a dedicated citizen of the International Migration Section of the ASA. By the time I first encountered him—as a graduate student at UC-Davis—he was already embodying the dedication that defined his career. Balancing doctoral studies with running a family business and commuting 60+ miles to the Interdisciplinary Immigration Workshop at Berkeley, he brought boundless curiosity to every conversation. He sought to ask big questions, comparing the civic integration of Pakistani immigrants in London, New York and Toronto. He embraced large statistical datasets, and also thrilled to doing in-depth interviews with organizational leaders in the community. Running a business and publishing academic articles was not enough: he was also a skilled musician. After 9/11, when Pakistani civic organizations and their leaders faced heightened scrutiny, Ali's research became ever more vital.



When he moved to Rutgers University as a junior professor, Ali carried forward his interest in immigrant organizations. He was the impetus for a co-authored article, written also with Shannon Gleeson, that encourages migration scholars to center organizations in our debates and scholarship. When he was nominated to run for the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the ASA's International Migration Section, he expected to lose but, upon being elected, he paid forward to a younger generation of section members the support it had given him. Ali will be profoundly missed. His career embodied the belief that taking on real-world questions—from civic integration to music to organizational stigma—calls for dedication and imagination.

By René D. Flores,
The University of Chicago

Ali Chaudhary was a good friend. As fellow migration scholars, we met at ASA in the early 2010s while still in graduate school. Alongside other junior scholars, we formed a feedback circle—exchanging drafts, ideas, and encouragement over the years. Ali came to academia through an unconventional route, and he often felt like an outsider. “I shouldn’t be here with you guys,” he’d sometimes say. “This wasn’t in the plans for me.” It was as if he had narrowly escaped a harder life, one with fewer second chances. In recent years, he began moving away from immigration research and toward his true passion: music. An accomplished jazz musician, he brought deep thought to his creative work—most recently exploring how instruments like the guitar reflect symbolic boundaries in society. He often played at ASA receptions, generously sharing his talent. He was so good that other sociologists often mistook him for a professional musician, forgetting he was one of them. Like his music, his scholarly work was honest and sharp. His comments on our manuscripts often cut to the core. We talked often about work and life. He spoke with deep love and pride about his two young children. Rest in peace, Ali. You are missed, my friend.

IM SECTION COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



Blanca Ramirez, Editor

Blanca is an assistant professor of Sociology at UT Austin. Her research explores the broader consequences of the immigrant deportation regime, including the implications of local policies on immigration lawyering. Her multiple award-winning work has been published in *Social Problems* and *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* and her research has been published in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* and *Violence Against Women*.



Chen Liang, Editor

Chen Liang is an incoming assistant professor at National Taiwan University. Her research examines how racialized immigrants struggle to obtain political power and influence, and how they refashion race relations in the process. Her dissertation uses a combination of ethnographic fieldwork and in-depth interviews to study Asian Americans' political incorporation and participation in Houston, Texas. Her research has been published in *Social Problems*, *Qualitative Sociology*, and *Sociological Perspective*.



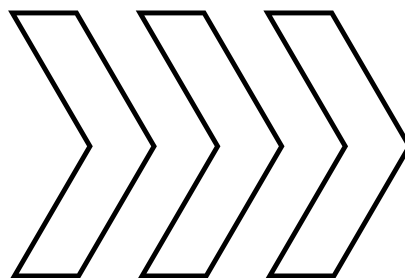
Irina Chukhray, Student Representative

Irina Chukhray, is Assistant Director of Institutional Research at San Francisco Bay University. Her work advances data-informed strategies to support immigrant students and promote equity, access, and success in higher education. Earning her doctorate in sociology from UC Davis, Dr. Chukhray's research on the educational trajectories of immigrant youth has been supported by fellowships from the Immigration Initiative at Harvard University, the Penn Migration Initiative at University of Pennsylvania, and the Center for Studies in Higher Education at UC Berkeley.



Alice Silu, Editor

CHEN, Alice Silu received her B.A. in English and M.A in Sociology. Her research areas crosscut social demography, immigration, and Chinese diaspora. Her current research interests focus on the Chinese and international immigrants in Belt and Road Initiatives. In this area, she tries to examine the adaptation and integration in host society and the migration consequences at country of origin and destination.



IM MENTORING & PROFESSIONALIZATION COMMITTEE



Andrew N. Le

Andrew Le is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics at Arizona State University. He received his Ph.D. from the Sociology Department at the University of California Los Angeles. His research has been published in various venues including *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Sociological Forum*, *Social Currents*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, and *Ethnicities*.



Jesse Yeh

Jesse Yeh is Assistant Professor of Instruction of Legal Studies at Northwestern University. Their research theorizes social differences and rightwing politics in the current post-neoliberal moment. Their current book project examines how everyday people engage with immigration and racial politics.



Han Liu

Han Liu is a Bridge-to-Faculty Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Sociology and Demography at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). Before joining UTSA, he was a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University, and he received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University at Albany. Han specializes in social stratification, international migration, population health, and spatial demography. Some of his recent work appeared in the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, and the *Journal of Urban Health*.



Sam Dinger

Sam Dinger is a PhD candidate in Sociology at NYU. He is a scholar of forced migration and masculinities in the contemporary Arab world. His research uses ethnographic methods to explore how young Syrian men in Lebanon make tough decisions about their futures when facing dramatic deterioration in their legal status and economic security. Sam's book project, tentatively entitled *No Country for Young Men: Masculinity and Migrant Futures in Lebanon*, is under advance contract at the University of Chicago Press.



Michelle S. Dromgold-Sermen

Michelle S. Dromgold-Sermen is an Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at George Mason University. She received her PhD in Sociology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research focuses on membership and belonging, legality and immigrant incorporation, U.S. immigration law and policy, time and waiting, and refugee resettlement using multiple and mixed methods. She has published in *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, and *Social Problems*.



Cate Bowman

Cate Bowman is an assistant professor of sociology at Austin College in Sherman, TX. Cate's research is at the crossroads of immigration policy and labor studies, with a specific focus on how and why U.S. immigration policy is changing from a family reunification and humanitarian-based model to one that increasingly privileges short-term immigration for labor purposes. Cate's research has focused on the J-1 Summer Work Travel and her more recent work interrogates the U.S. government's migrant labor data regime. She is a member of Migration that Works, a coalition of labor, migration, civil rights, anti-trafficking organizations and academics advancing a rights-based labor migration model and an external researcher on the United States Department of Agriculture's newly launched Farm Labor Stabilization and Protection (FLSP) Pilot Program.

IM DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION SUB-COMMITTEE

Nadia Flores-Yeffal (Co-Chair)



Nadia Y. Flores-Yeffal is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Texas Tech University and the Director of the Texas Tech Population Center. She received her M.A. in Demography in 2001 and her Ph.D. in Sociology in 2005 from the University of Pennsylvania. Flores-Yeffal is the author of the book, *Migration-Trust Networks: Social Cohesion in Mexican U.S.-Bound Emigration*, published in 2013 by Texas A&M University Press. Her current research focuses on issues related to the criminalization of immigrants and the role of social networks on issues related to health and migration.

Jaeun Kim (Co-Chair)



Jaeun Kim is Korea Foundation Endowed Associate Professor of Sociology and Professor of Law (by Courtesy) at the University of Michigan. She studies race/ethnicity/nationalism and migration/citizenship from a transnational perspective. Kim is the author of the award-winning book, *Contested Embrace: Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea* (Stanford University Press 2016). Her article won the 2019 ASA Theory Prize. She was a member of the Institute for Advanced Study (2016–2017) and a fellow at Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (2020–2021), where she now holds a permanent fellow position (2024–).

Carlo Handy Charles



Carlo Handy Charles is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Windsor, a Visiting Scholar at the University of Michigan's Sociology Department, and a Fellow at the Institut Convergences Migrations, CNRS-Paris. His current book project examines the impacts of queer transnational relationships among Haitian migrants and nonmigrants across eight countries. His research has been supported by the Canadian Sociological Association, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, France's National Center for Scientific Research Foundation, Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Jane Lilly Lopez



Jane Lilly Lopez is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Brigham Young University. Her scholarship probes the intersections of citizenship, international migration, law, community, and belonging. Her book, *Unauthorized Love: Mixed-Citizenship Couples Negotiating Intimacy, Immigration, and the State*, examines inequalities built into US family reunification law and their consequences for mixed-citizenship American couples living within and outside the US.

Sharon Quinsaas



Sharon Quinsaas is a scholar of social movements and migration and currently Associate Professor of Sociology at Grinnell College. She has conducted research and published on a wide range of topics, including migrant conservatism, transnational repression, and news discourse on immigration. Her first book, *Insurgent Communities: How Protests Create a Filipino Diaspora* (The University of Chicago Press, 2024), explains the dynamic process through which a diaspora is strategically constructed and looks to Filipinos in the United States and the Netherlands to argue that diasporas emerge through political activism.

2025 ASA INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION SECTION

Award Winners

**ARISTIDE ZOLBERG
DISTINGUISHED STUDENT
SCHOLAR AWARD**

**Adriana P. Ramírez (Ph.D. Candidate,
UC Berkeley)**

“Double Citizenship as a Double-Edged
Sword: Young Return Migrants’ Code-
Switching for Belonging in Mexico”
(Social Problems)

**Honorable Mention: Chen Liang
(Ph.D. Candidate, UT Austin)**

“Asian Americans’ Racialized
Incorporation into the Political Field”
(Social Problems)

**AWARD FOR PUBLIC
SOCIOLOGY**

Co-Winners:

Caitlin Patler. UC Berkeley.

Daniel Martinez. University of Arizona.

**DISTINGUISHED CAREER
AWARD**

Peggy Levitt. Wellesley College.

LOUIS WIRTH ARTICLE AWARD

CO-WINNERS:

**Galli, Chiara (University of Chicago), &
Garip, Filiz (Princeton University).**

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migration theory. *International
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enforcement, 1971-2010. *American
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**THOMAS & ZNANIECKI
BOOK AWARD**

**Lisa Sun-Hee Park (UC Santa Babara),
Erin Hoekstra (Independent Scholar),
and Anthony M. Jimenez (Rochester
Institute of Technology).** The Third Net:
The Hidden System of Migrant Health
Care,

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Chiara Galli (University of Chicago)
Precarious Protections: Unaccompanied
Minors Seeking Asylum in the United
States.

**Maryann Bylander (Lewis and Clark
College)** The Trade-Offs of Legal Status:
Safe Migration, Documentation, and Debt
in Southeast Asia.

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2025 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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Ismee Tames	Traces of Kinship Care: Preliminary Findings From Nansen Passport Holders' Documents in the League of Nations and Arolsen Archives
Franziska M. Lamp-Miechowiecki	Making Single Mothers Matter: Reflections on the Vulnerability and Agency of Displaced Persons in Postwar Occupied Austria and Beyond
Melissa Walls	The Perpetual Influence of Historical Trauma: A Broad Look at Indigenous Families and Communities in Areas Now Called the United States and Canada
Bariş Ülker	Taking Care of Others and the Self through Islamic Funeral Service in Berlin
Mary Fraser Kirsh	Witnessing the Recovery: Storytelling and Family Building, from Belsen to Ireland
Adnan Mahmutović	The True, the Good, the Spiteful: An Auto(bio)psy of Bosnian Refugee Experience in Sweden

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Dilek Yildiz Arkadiusz Wiśniowski Guy J. Abel Ingmar Weber Emilio Zagheni Cloé Gendronneau Stijn Hoorens	Integrating Traditional and Social Media Data to Predict Bilateral Migrant Stocks in the European Union
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MEMBER NEWS

Andrea Gómez Cervantes & Brittany Battle were funded by the Arnold Ventures for the project: “Comunidades Confined Survey: Immigrant Wellbeing”

Cecilia Menjivar will be the director of the Center for the Study of International Migration (CSIM) at University of California, Los Angeles starting July 1, 2025.

Gullermina Jasso won the 2024 ISJR Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR). They are the first sociologist to win this award and will deliver the [Award Lecture at the ISJR biennial conference in Seattle, July 2025.](#)

Irene Bloemraad moved from UC Berkeley to the University of British Columbia where she is the President’s Excellence Chair in Global Migration; Co-director, Centre for Migration Studies; and Professor, Departments of Political Science and Sociology.

Jacob Richard Thomas became an Assistant Professor, Corvinus University of Budapest, Department of Sociology.

Chen Liang became an Assistant Professor, National Taiwan University, Department of Sociology.

Janet Mancini Billson, Professorial Lecturer at George Washington University, has received numerous honors including the Lester F. Ward Distinguished Contributions to Applied and Clinical Sociology Award, the Stuart A. Rice Career Achievement Award, the Lifetime Award for Sociological Practice, and the Alumni of the Year Award from Baldwin-Wallace College. She has also served as a Visiting Scholar with the Well-Being in Developing Countries Research Group at the University of Bath, a Killam Visiting Professor in Canadian Studies at Bridgewater State University, and delivered a keynote speech at the AACS Annual Meeting on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Olivia Hu has won the 2025 ASA Section on Sexualities Graduate Student Paper Award for her article, “Racialized Romance: An Intersectional Analysis of East Asian Women’s Masculinities Construction Processes,” published in *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

Silvia Pedraza, Professor of Sociology and American Culture at the University of Michigan, has received the Distinguished Career in Cuban Studies Award from the Latin American Studies Association’s Cuba Section. She previously served as Chair of the ASA’s International Migration Section and has been active on several of its committees.

Sukie Xiuqi Yang has been awarded the 2025 American Sociological Association Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (ASA DDRIG), a highly competitive grant supporting sociological dissertation research nationwide



ANNOUNCEMENTS

APSA Pre-Conference on Narrative and Text Analysis in the Study of Migration and Citizenship -- Registration Open!

APSA Pre-Conference on Narrative and Text Analysis in the Study of Migration and Citizenship, to be held at the Centre for Migration Studies at the UBC-Vancouver campus on Wednesday, September 10, 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM, at the Ponderosa Ballroom, UBC Vancouver Campus.

You can sign up here: <https://migration.ubc.ca/events/event/apsa-pre-conference/>. That registration page also includes the program schedule.

The conference aims to bring together scholars working with qualitative, interpretive, and computational methods to examine how language, discourse, and storytelling shape public understanding, inform policy, and influence the lived experiences of migrants. The conference will start with a workshop on using AI and machine learning methods for text analysis for beginners and those who are curious, showcase three thematic panels, and close with a roundtable discussion of lessons from the day and reflections on whether and how different methods serve distinct purposes in illuminating issues of migration & citizenship, whether within academic circles or beyond them. We have an exciting mix of established and junior scholars on the program.



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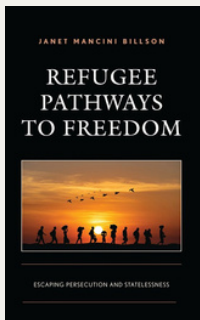
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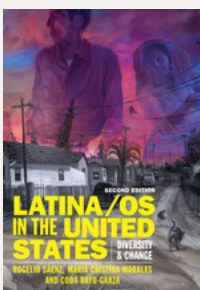
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