

2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Latina/o Sociology Section

Introduction

Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section's vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2024 to August 2025 and a fiscal year from January 2025 to December 2025. This report is shared publicly.

Section Governance

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2024 and August 2025.

Business Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

Agenda and minutes of the ASA 2025 Business meeting (in Chicago, August 2025) are included as Attachments to this report.

Council Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes of all council meetings. Minutes must include a list of council members present and a summary of decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

Agendas and approved meeting minutes of Council meetings (online, post ASA 2024, September 2024, and ASA in Chicago, August 2025) are included as Attachments to this report.

Awards

Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

Latina/o Sociology Section Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award

Winner:

Chiara Galli, Precarious Protections: Unaccompanied Minors Seeking Asylum in the United States

Honorable Mentions:

Stephanie Canizales, Sin Padres, Ni Papeles: Unaccompanied Migrant Youth Coming of Age in the United States;

Robert C. Smith, Dreams Achieved and Denied: Mexican Intergenerational Mobility

Latina/o Sociology Section Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award

Winner: Enrique Alvear Moreno, University of Chicago, "The Paradox of Sanctuary: How Punitive Exceptions Converge to Criminalize and Punish Latinos/as." Law & Social Inquiry: 1-27. 2024.

Student Paper Award

Winner:

Jozef C. Robles

Remnants of illegality: DACA, legal status, and unlearning illegality (published in 2024 in Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies)

Honorable Mention:

Roger S. Cadena Jr.

Beyond Puzzlement: Rethinking Latino Conservatives' Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration in the Trump Era (working draft under review)

Distinguished Career Award:

Winner:

Elizabeth Aranda

Professor of Sociology and Director of the Immigrant Well-Being Research Center in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Florida.

2025 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2025 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2024. Please account for any substantive differences.

The 2025 budget aligns closely with the spending and income patterns observed in 2024, though it reflects strategic adjustment. In 2024, the Montreal meeting concluded with total expenses of \$8,364 and income of \$11,792, supported largely by a \$10,000 grant from the UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute. This led to a healthy year-end balance of \$13,507. The event's costs were primarily driven by food and drink expenditures in support of the section's mentoring roundtables and reception, underscoring the challenges of hosting in a major city while maintaining meaningful engagement among section members.

The 2025 Chicago budget demonstrates a deliberate shift toward diversified funding and tighter expense management. Total projected expenses of \$7,930 show a 5% reduction from the prior year, while projected income of \$10,114 reflects new streams, including \$2,695 in member donations and \$686 in premium dues. LPPI support decreased to \$5,000 and is not expected to continue beyond 2025, but this was offset by stronger member contributions. The Section anticipates a modest net gain of approximately \$2,184, reflecting its adaptation to evolving funding dynamics.

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2024 and August 2025.

Provide an overview of the Section's communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

As Chair, I was the sole person sending emails to the listserv. Although not instituted, I intentionally moved to twice a month regular posts, condensing all requests, on or around the 15th and 30th/1st of each month. Only when needed did time sensitive emails go out. Section members are often sending messages last minute, and this strategy helped members organize their requests. (Other sections such as Sex & Gender, and Race, Gender, and Class, follow a similar structure.) In the past, a message here or there was missed from being posted, so I also wanted to save each message request into a document before the 15th or 30th/1st, compile them, and send them out.

There is no explicit communications strategy for the Section, thus, the Digest twice a month is a baseline strategy for future Chairs to build upon.

I have wondered if this should be the work of the Secretary/Treasurer, and have noted this suggestion for future elections (Angela García, the current Secretary/Treasurer, entered a different understanding of her roles, and I would not impose these on her, but might be worth a discussion before the ballot for Section Officers goes out).

In addition to the listserv, the two student representatives collaborated on the Newsletter production. They also posted on FB, IG, Bluesky, and X (formerly Twitter).

Our newsletters lagged on being posted in the ASA page. I made sure the previous years' missing Newsletters, and those from my year as Chair, were sent to sections as soon as they came out.

[Attached are the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Newsletters. There is no external website for the Section besides the one within ASA's website].

Describe the Section's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

As of now, the Section has no formal, written goals in terms of diversity - that is, there is no policy document or mention on the By-Laws - yet the section, as one of the few led and comprised it is majority by non-white sociologists (still, the mainstream of the discipline and the Association) is organically poised to produce a much more diverse set of nominees, candidates for Council roles, and panelists.

Before reading this report, I did not see any information on the Officers Manual (there is only one mention referencing "people of color, women, sociologists from small institutions or who work in government, business, and other applied settings, and international scholars in all of its programmatic activities and in the business of the Association" in discussing diversity), not the ASA website (there is one page addressing DEI in similar, general terms), nor generally, when I attended the American Sociological Association training to new officers. When elected,

throughout the training for new Officers, and in the regular updates as Chair-elect, and Chair, I saw no mention to have the Section determine, discuss, or even promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – needless to say, I was taken aback by the query in the report – at almost every iteration of the report: regarding activities, programming, awards, etc. Because of all of this, the request to address DEI, which is not structured through our labor as officers, seems opaque in mandate. A friendly suggestion would be to instill in the leadership communication throughout the process (nomination, orientation, monthly reminders, expand it on the Manual, expand it on the Website, etc.) that DEI is integral to the workings of the Association, and thus, needs to be foregrounded in the Section's work and activities.

Provide an overview of the section's programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

Here are the panels and roundtables, organized by Chair-Elect G Cristina Mora:

1. Towards an Unruly Latinx Sociology Mon, August 11, 8:00 to 9:30am

This session—which builds on themes from a forthcoming special issue also titled Towards and Unruly Latinx Sociology— invites submissions that speak to what we consider to be an unruly Latinx sociology. We conceptualize unruliness as something not easily defined, not easily characterized within current paradigms, and transcendent of disciplinary binds. An unruly Latinx sociology is methodologically and theoretically innovative and creative. Unruly Latinx sociology is our attempt to foreground new directions in the field. We welcome submissions that challenge traditional paradigms used to study Latinx populations. We seek contributions that question how empire, racial capitalism, heteropatriarchy, carcerality, anti-Indigeneity, and anti-Blackness have shaped processes related to Latinx experiences, identities, and categories. What does a Latinx sociology that centers power and systems of oppression look like? We also welcome submissions centered on methodology and teaching related to Latinx sociology. Where can Latinx Sociology go if we pay attention to how systems of oppression have been reproduced in research and teaching? We also invite submissions that contend with pedagogy and curriculum development for Latinx Sociology, community rooted research and practice in Latinx communities, or papers that interrogate the epistemological bases of conducting research on/with Latinx populations.

This panel emerged out of a call for a special issue in Sociological Perspectives. The Chair-elect incorporated the call for manuscripts into the program. It meets the goals and values of the section by providing intellectual exchange about the state of the field and future directions, as well as provides continuity to articles being considered for the special issue, or articles that emerged out of those initial conversations. Inclusion is an aspect addressed by the insertion of the X as radicalizing the project of thinking Latinidad.

2. Latinos in Comparative Places Mon, August 11, 2:00 to 3:30pm

Description

This session invites submissions that center place and comparison in Latinidad. We imagine the idea of place to be both physical and symbolic, with papers that examine Latinxs across different geographical regions or across distinct social locations (i.e. generation, class, political ideology). Indeed, today Latinos are located in a variety of “places” from the Great Plains to the sandwich generation to the far-right. This session will center this diversity through comparison to better understand the ways that Latinxs are re-shaping ideas about place in the US.

This panel extends the discussion on Latinas/os through specific localities and settings, in order to think through Latinidad as it continues to expand. It meets the goals and values of the section by mapping a state of the field through five phenomenal presentations that move Latina/o discussions from the traditional West coast or NYC venues. It thus diversifies the project of place, space, and nationality in the local makings of Latinidad.

3. Section Roundtables Mon, August 11, 4:00-5:00pm

Table 1: Latinx in Higher Education: Experiences, Barriers, and Strategies for Success

Table 2: Latinx Racial and Ethnic Identity: Self-Perception, Census, and Fluidity

Table 3: Latinx Migration, Labor, and Social Mobility

Table 4: Health, Social Safety Nets, and Aging in Latinx Communities

Table 5: Latinx Communities, Fear, and Political Engagement

Table 6: Latinx Cultural Identity and Representation in Society

Table 7: Institutional Policies, Disaster Response, and Latinx Resilience

Roundtables produce an engaging conversation, intellectually stimulating, for students, and junior and senior faculty alike. They extend the cumulative knowledge of its members, placing grad students and senior and junior faculty in more direct conversation. Given their size, and more informal forum, these provide for a better balance of representation between public and private universities, students, junior, and senior faculty, and a broader representation of gender and sexual orientation too.

Mentoring and Reception event organized by Chair Salvador Vidal-Ortiz

Mentoring – Dr. Edeline Burciaga agreed, for a second year in a row, to coordinate the Mentoring efforts. We followed a similar format than 2024 in Montreal, except that we shortened the roundtables time, and started with the visit of a Spencer Foundation colleague, Dr. Anthony Williams, who is a sociologist. (The Spencer Foundation is located in Chicago, making for a perfect match between our needs and the conference location.) After Dr. Williams’ brief introduction and presentation of the fellowships and grants from the Foundation, eleven mentors supported 28 mentees in attendance, addressing items such as (see full report from Dr. Burciaga at the end of this report). Of those mentees, 18 were graduate students, 4 were postdoctoral fellows, 5 were assistant professors, and 1 was an undergraduate student; most identified as Latina/o/e/x with a few identifying as African American; most mentees (24) identified with female pronouns.

Reception – Following the mentoring session, we held a reception, covered in full by membership donations, the Latino Studies journal, and external funds from UCLA. Between 125-150 attended, and catering was delivered and served by the local Puerto Rican restaurant, Nellie’s.

Provide an overview of the Section's programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

Given the calendar year 2025's political developments, the section's student representatives intended to produce a webinar with other sections, although this time around, efforts were duplicate, and the student representatives postponed their efforts. We aspire to launching some events this coming year.

ATTACHMENTS

Post ASA Latina/o Sociology Council Meeting Agenda/Minutes (bullet points are Minutes)
September 13, 2024, 4 PM (EST)

MEMBERS

Chair: Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, American University/
University of Connecticut (as of Jan 2025)
Chair Elect: G Cristina Mora, UC - Berkeley
Past Chair: Vilma Ortiz, UCLA
Secretary/Treasurer: Angela S. Garcia, University of Chicago
3rd year council members: Edelina M. Burciaga, University Colorado - Denver
Casandra Salgado, ASU
2nd year council members: Rocío García, ASU
Michael Rodriguez-Muñiz, UC - Berkeley
1st year council members: María Rendón, UC - Irvine
Uriel Serrano, UC - Irvine
Student representatives: Fructoso Basaldua, University of Illinois at Chicago (2nd year)
Caroline Martínez, UC - Irvine (1st year)

AGENDA

[Salvador (SVO) discusses items unless otherwise noted]

1. Updates

- Membership: as of Sept 1, we had 347 members - this (mid 300s) seems our normal or constant membership. Task: Develop membership drive for Chair-elect as soon as they are elected in May/June, because we have until August 31st to up our section numbers.
- *Committees are complete* (I actually told 2-3 members that I could not incorporate them into the committee structure!). I followed the By-laws in requesting/assigning labor. We could have a conversation about the timeline and assignments. Suggestion: Next Chair may want to appoint Awards committee Chair *before* the ASA meetings, so, when volunteers come in, that person can have actual input on who their sub-committee chairs are! This year, I chose all committee members while I figured out who would run the awards committees. (Related note: Volunteers tend to be ABD/junior faculty, I had to tap into personal networks to find certain senior roles.)
- Nominations - all but a second Chair-elect candidate have been identified from the pool of volunteers and self-nominations. That Committee has a full set of cards to work with!
- Changing membership fees - Initial Council discussion (delayed, no decision, this would require By-laws changes, not implementing for now given pending/potential funds).

2. [Angela] **Budget** – in-flux, information comes in months later. Best estimates from ASA:

- the Section's beginning balance for 2024 was \$10,039. In 2024, we received \$10,000 from UCLA's Latino Politics and Policy Institute (LPPI). That, coupled with the Section's budget allocation (\$1,833), brought the total income for this year to \$11,833.
- The Section spent \$7,990.38 on the reception and mentoring roundtables at the 2024 annual meetings in Montreal.

- The section also spent \$374.05 on Award Plaques that were mailed out prior to the 2024 annual meetings.

2024 Beginning Balance: \$10,039.00

2024 Income (so far): + \$11,833.00

2024 Expenses (so far): - \$8,364.43

Current Ending Balance: \$13,507.57

- Vilma gives an update on UCLA's LPPI. We have some signals that they will continue to fund the section, though potentially at a lower amount.

3. Fundraising Plans – SVO will request support from 6 Chicago-based universities and other universities near the Chicago area; also requesting a meeting with Latino Studies journal editor to explore donations (I'm told to not expect much financial support from the journal but to try regardless). I am preparing a request for approval to ASA about seeking donations for a reception/mentoring event. While the Bylaws say that there will be a Mentoring event every time the section meets on the 1st and 3rd day, we just had 2 ASAs in a row with mentoring events. SVO will have a conversation with Michael Rodriguez's Muñiz's sister, and brother-in-law, who own a Puerto Rican restaurant in Humboldt Park, [Nellie's](#). Considering our reception options but starting with a local lead. In communication with Lorena García, Chair of the reception committee. A mentoring event may or may not take place (similar to Montreal - a 90-minute pre reception event) depending on the funding. Julie Dowling will serve as our local contact, though we are rethinking the idea of holding a mentoring event at UI - Chicago, since it is not close enough to the downtown area. SVO can report to Council via email in several months. If we decide to hold an event, Roosevelt University is a possibility for holding it because of location.

- Michael volunteers to ask Northwestern for funds to help support LatSoc in Chicago in 2025 annual meeting reception.

4a. Mentoring events in between ASA meetings.

- Edelina provides overview of mentoring events:
 - Well attended mentoring event in Montreal. Close to 50 section members looking for mentoring in various areas and 13-15 people who participated as mentors in Montreal. High levels of interest in mentoring continuing in the future.
 - In the future, potential to hold mentoring event before the roundtables, to take advantage of moments when people are already coming together.
 - During Montreal, attendees at mentoring event expressed interest in outside/alt-academic job streams. Potential to hold a virtual event on this in the fall and again in the spring of the 2024-2025 academic year.

4b. Mentoring panel, ASA 2025, Chicago. Link not out yet, will be posted early Nov., with a Spring deadline. (See emailed PDF.) Task: have a couple of members propose a workshop, or one team of proposed presenters from the mentoring volunteer list to be panelists for such a panel. (SVO can take part in it, or have some Mentoring committee configuration lead it.)

- Edelina will inquire with committee about availability and interest in taking this on as a sub-committee.

- Cristina begins conversation on how mentoring workshop coincides with Norma Williams workshop? Answer from group: they are two separate things. Mentoring events were supported by LPPI funds and presented to funder as a deliverable. No Norma Williams for 2025 ASA Chicago meetings (we only do these when we meet day 1 of the conference, and in 2025 we meet on day 3). Calling the event separately a mentoring event may make it easier to market to universities/funders than calling it a reception.

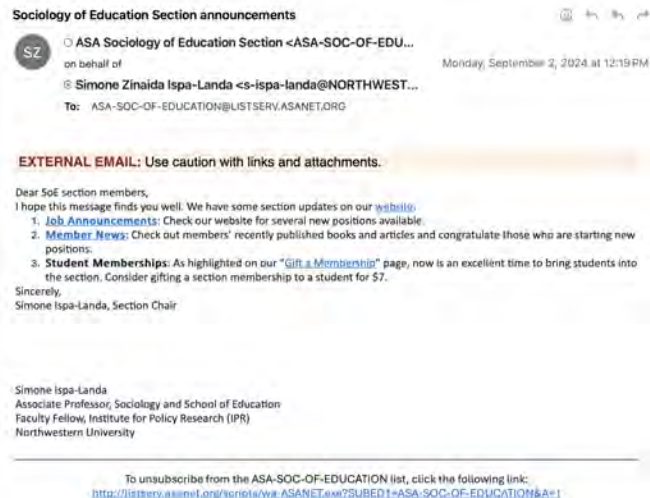
5. Forms to standardize (or simply circulate as new Council members come in)? – Award Chair - Guidelines. Cynthia Feliciano prepared a document last year (2023) with guidelines to the Awards Chair; SVO added to them, and these were circulated previously. Do we need to approve them? There are similar forms for Chair/Chair elect, and for Secretary-treasurer in draft form. Task: Decide: Should these become 'official'?

- General interest; these documents are seen as helpful to getting the work of the committees established.
- Angela will add to shared folder in the Google drive for council members to review these documents; will also circulate google drive link to council so all have access.

6. Council structure - Lorena García and I had made a proposal (not up for vote) about assigning rotating, specific roles to Chairs, Chair elects, Secretary-treasurer, but particularly past-Chairs and Council members (the latter, by year). It would have required changes in the By-laws, which I want to hold off on doing - this is tied to other potential By-laws changes, such as membership fees. Suggestion: Present a(ny) proposal to next year's Council for their vote, with feedback; for now, some roles (i.e., Publications Chair from Council; less so the Awards Chair that oversees all 4 sub-committees) need to be better established (their tasks clarified or made operational, or their roles need to become active/involve volunteers sooner - before the September 1st deadline to start their roles), if we are not reimagining roles/changes in By-laws.

- Example: publication committee does not have specific charge based in our bylaw documents
- Balance between volunteers for sections (who are often junior scholars) and council members/officers

7. Listserv Use - Angela and SVO are authorized to post. Task: Function, who should run it, whether announcements can be posted online (see Sociology of Education email pic).



Context: Had a situation (which at this point is only an example and does not matter) - someone emailed a call for papers over the summer and it was never posted - I received it a second time, but was not told they had sent it before. This is the call I ended up posting with a note for members to be aware of the deadlines to avoid unnecessary cluttering, not knowing that they had sent it before. (It was 1 of 3 emails of very quick turnaround requests.) Task: Decide whether we keep the listserv as is, or we consider a centralized way, either a QR-code based page, or website system, to have these be directly populated by the members.

- Caroline and Fructoso can share with Salvador the google forms used for Notas to see if they work for the regular announcements sent out.

8. Minutes – Any questions on the Minutes? See again the links to [Council](#) and [Business](#) Meeting from Montreal. (Thanks, Angela, for typing them in real time!)

- Question related to listserv—anything that needs to be sent out would be to all section members (not just students); if it is supposed to go to just students it can go with a heading directed to that population

9. For the good of the order

[Cristina, if you have updates about the programming/topics, etc., share them here.]

- Programming ideas: something on the election; keep it broad to two main topics; consider leaving it open and pulling together a topic that might emerge from submissions; potentially have one panel with a topic and one open; papers that aren't on panels will be accepted to round tables; Census changes or panel on counting Latinos; potential panel lead by Uriel on "what Latinx sociology is" that will preview an upcoming special issue.
- Salvador to send out reminder announcement to submit ideas to Cristina for 2025 panels, if possible on Monday with regular digest email

Latina/o Sociology ASA Council Meeting

August 11, 2025, 4-5 PM (Central)

Council Meeting agenda and Minutes (Minutes appear in bullet points)

1. Welcome

Current Council

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	Casandra Salgado, ASU *
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	Michael Rodriguez-Muñiz, UC Berkeley
1st year council members:	María Rendón, UC-Irvine
	Uriel Serrano, USC *
Student representatives:	(Outgoing) Fructoso Basaldua, UIC *
	Caroline Martínez, UC Irvine (on Zoom)

Recently elected, not required to attend:

Chair-Elect:	José Muñoz, California State University, San Bernadino
Council Members elect:	Verónica Valencia González, University of South Carolina *
	Tomás Encarnación, US Census Bureau
Student representative elect:	Daniela Carreon, Arizona State University*

* Council members were absent (COVID, traveling back home)

2. Membership

As of July 7th, we had 360 members. The section usually has mid-300 members.

ASA will fold regular sessions into sections in future meetings. The section can expect to receive regular sessions on Latino Sociology. More information forthcoming.

3. Budget, Expenses, Income

Summary

2025 Beginning Balance: \$13,508
2025 Income (so far): + \$10,114
2025 Expenses (so far): - \$7930.48
Current Ending Balance: \$15,691.52

As of our Fall 2024 council meeting, the budget was \$13,508.

INCOME

In terms of income in the budget, we get that in two ways—from fundraising, and from section membership dues.

In terms of section fundraising:

- A UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute LPPI grant for the mentoring event: \$5000. Council acknowledged that this grant is unlikely to continue in the future.
- Donations from senior section members and Latino Studies journal: \$2695 (aprox; some paper checks may still arrive).

In terms of section membership dues:

1. Section allocation—base: \$1023
 - based on Sept 1 2024 final section membership count
 - Sections with 300 or more members receive a base allocation of \$1,000
 - Sections with fewer than 300 members and more than 200 members receive: (# of section members – 100) x \$5
 - Sections with 199 or fewer members receive a base allocation of \$500
2. Section allocation—per member: \$710
 - Based on Sept 1 2024 final section membership count
 - Sections receive two dollars for each member.
 - This means we had 355 enrolled members in the section as of Sept 1 2024
 - We had 360 members as of July 1, 2025
3. Premium dues—\$686 (regular members \$502; student members \$184; low income \$0)
 - Dues that go above the standard base rates of \$10 for regular members, \$5 for students, and \$10 for low-income and high school teacher members. These dues are determined by the section.
 - Based on 2024 membership count
 - Evenly divided through the length of the membership, meaning section receives 1/12 of the premium dues income each month

EXPENSES

Mentoring event & reception	Funds Spent
Food & drink	6750
Space rental	750
Janitorial service	170.6
Awards	
Plaques & postage	259.88
Communications	
NA	
TOTAL COSTS	7930.48

This leaves us with a current ending balance of: \$15,691.52.

This amount is sufficient for a mentoring event and reception at ASA 2026 in NYC. However, given that a UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute grant is unlikely in the future, such events at future meetings will need additional funds.

3. Fundraising Efforts—Mentoring & Reception

For a second year in a row, the Section has pursued a 1-hour Mentoring event, followed by the reception offsite, which raised logistical and fundraising challenges. Once we realized Nellie's, a Puerto Rican restaurant and preferred venue for dinner was inaccessible to members (since it is located in Humboldt Park, away from downtown), Salvador preemptively requested a vote from Council (November 2024) to approve his use of up to \$7,000 from the section's budget, in order to have a projected amount of funds for the mentoring and reception, which we knew would require rental space close to the conference hotels, and as a result, catering. By that time, we did not yet know whether UCLA's Latino Policy & Politics Institute would be able to sponsor us, nor how much. Salvador prepared two proposals for ASA approval late November/early December, each for up to \$5,000: one for the mentoring event, and one for the reception. (ASA insisted in managing proposal estimates with care, as they can be audited if we proposed fundraising for an amount, but ended up raising more.) Over winter break, Vilma Ortiz and Salvador wrote a proposal to the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute, which resulted in a \$5,000 donation. With it, we reached our fundraising goal for mentoring. Edelina reports that across three mentoring tables (focused on article writing and navigating the job market; navigating tenure; book writing and navigating the job market), 47 graduate students and early career faculty signed up.

In May/June, we launched a fundraising effort for the reception, targeting senior faculty members, private and public Universities in Illinois (Sociology Departments and Latina/o and Latin American Studies), and the *Latino Studies* journal. As of July 31st, 2025, we have received \$ 2,695 in member donations, University donations, and funding from the journal; we remain within the 5K limit for the reception fundraising. We might receive a handful of checks from faculty who preferred to send them through snail mail, and those won't be accounted until received by Angela and submitted to ASA (no money has come in from the Illinois Universities). The fundraising for the reception might exceed the current \$2,695. Salvador estimates 120-135 people attended the reception.

Long term, Council needs to think of other fundraising strategies. Consider:

- (a) alternating between fully funded receptions and charging for reception
- (b) co-hosting receptions (and/or mentoring events) with other sections. Consider coordinating with First Gen section; SREM section also expressed interest in co-hosting.
- (c) raising membership dues; this means a change in the bylaws and a vote by membership. Many sections without journals are between \$10-\$15 membership charge. LatSoc section is currently at \$10.
- (d) target senior faculty for donations to support mentoring event/reception; must coordinate with Marc Fernando at ASA
- (e) target senior faculty for donations to sponsor student memberships; must coordinate with Marc Fernando at ASA

4. Awards

Discussion of guidelines for the Julian Samora Distinguished Career Award. Cristina Sue, who Chaired this committee, highlighted three points that illustrate challenges:

- There were many mid-career stage applicants for a position that requires evidence of a more senior person/career, suggesting there might be a way to limit the award to Full Professors (with the recommendation that mid-career awards be considered as a separate award – which in our case would mean a 5th award, or to alternate between the two)
- Unclear whether research needed to be most evident, when teaching and mentoring are also mentioned in the description of the award, but foregrounding publications as part of the package for nomination tilts committees against teaching and mentoring, to which they recommend either aligning the call based on future discussions about the goal of the award, or separate awards
- Regarding self-nominations, only one came in this year. Perhaps having one nominee (at a minimum) as requirement would level the plain field for all candidates/applicants/nominees.

Discussion of how to address these challenges to the Julian Samora Distinguished Career Award:

- Consider forming an ad-hoc committee to think through all awards and criteria, updating any existing rubrics/guidelines.
- Council is not concerned about self-nominations and prefers to keep nomination process as open as possible to solicit strong list of candidates for award
- Council finds more concern in the award being open to both full and mid-career scholars. High interest in creating an early career award that may support LatSoc scholars through tenure process. Discussion of counting early career as 8-10 years post-PhD. Creating new award would entail changes to by-laws.

Other discussion:

- Having a council person coordinate/chair awards committees is useful practice
- Section has implemented an informal agreement to find a sub-committee Chair other than the previous year's award winner, including the winner only as a member of the committee. If this practice continues, it may require that the By-laws are revised.

5. Mentoring

For ASA 2025, Edelina reports that across three mentoring tables (focused on article writing and navigating the job market; navigating tenure; book writing and navigating the job market), 47 graduate students and early career faculty signed up.

The section has shifted to hosting the event every year. Important to think about sustainability of this, given funding outlook and the fact that ASA does not give us space for this in the conference sites.

Consider return to the schedule of first and third day of the program for the Norma Williams Professorial Seminar (which is an all-day event). Council discussed advantages of yearly, hour-long event at ASA over full-day Norma Williams seminar. This may require revising the by-laws to remove the seminar as linked to section's first and third days on the ASA program.

For ASA 2026, consider approaching CUNY for roundtable space.

Council discussed including focus on non-academic jobs in mentoring event. Council member Tomás Encarnación is interested in helping with this.

Discussion around mentoring events via Zoom during the academic year, considering organizing workload and importance of mentorship.

6. Discussion items:

Potential bylaws changes to pursue, keeping language flexible to avoid repeated changes:

- Early career award. Consider creating an early career award that may support LatSoc scholars through tenure process. Such a new award would entail changes to by-laws.
- Norma Williams mentoring event. Consider expanding language from previous full day conference to include possible annual mentoring hour.
- Section has implemented an informal agreement to find a sub-committee Chair other than the previous year's award winner, including the winner only as a member of the committee. If this practice continues, it may require that the By-laws are revised.
- Dues changes. Many sections without journals are between \$10-\$15 membership charge. LatSoc section is currently at \$10. Consider raising to \$12-13.

Roundtables included 32 participants, 7 tables, and 25 papers.

7. Items raised last year Chair/Council did address:

- Standardize year roles for Council members/provide a better structure to Council service
- Revise and approve drafts of forms for roles (Awards committee Chair; Secretary-Treasurer, Chair-elect/Chair/Past-Chair)
- Mentoring panels within ASA program (we did not succeed in submitting a workshop request from ASA to have a Mentoring session within the program; encourage Council to take this up in the future)

- Listserv use/management (Chair has to produce Digests. Determine if future Secretary/Treasurer should take this on or we follow Ed, or R/G/C section models, where people follow a QR code to upload their info)

8. Things to consider for 2026 and beyond

- ASA's allocation of panels will change in 2026, as Regular Sessions are being merged into Section allocation sections.
- How to run programming for the remote/zoom year that comes in 2028.
- Consider how to better include or interface the First Gen section.
- Newsletter—plans to highlight people on job market in a manner that better aligns with job market calendar

9. For the good of the order

Latina/o Sociology ASA Business Meeting

August 11, 2025, 5-5:30 PM (Central)

Business Meeting Minutes

43 attendees present

1. Welcome

Current Council

Chair:	Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, University of Connecticut
Chair Elect:	G Cristina Mora, UC Berkeley
Past Chair:	Vilma Ortiz, UCLA
Secretary/Treasurer:	Angela S. Garcia, University of Chicago
3rd year council members:	Edelina M. Burciaga, University Colorado–Denver * Casandra Salgado, ASU *
2nd year council members:	Rocío García, ASU (on Zoom) Michael Rodriguez-Muñiz, UC Berkeley
1st year council members:	María Rendón, UC-Irvine Uriel Serrano, USC *
Student representatives:	(Outgoing) Fructoso Basaldua, UIC * Caroline Martínez, UC Irvine (on Zoom)

Recently elected, not required to attend:

Chair-Elect:	José Muñoz, California State University, San Bernadino
Council Members elect:	Verónica Valencia González, University of South Carolina * Tomás Encarnación, US Census Bureau
Student representative elect:	Daniela Carreon, Arizona State University*

* Council members were absent (COVID, traveling back home)

2. Awards

Thanks to Rocío Garcia, Chair of the Awards Committee, and all committee members.

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3. Membership & Budget

Membership – as of July 7th, we had 360 members; mid 300s seems our base membership

Budget Summary

2025 Beginning Balance:

\$13,508

2025 Income (so far): + \$10,114

2025 Expenses (so far): -

\$7930.48

Current Ending Balance:

\$15,691.52

INCOME In terms of income in the budget, we get that in two ways—from fundraising, and from section membership dues.

In terms of fundraising;

- For mentoring event, we received a UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute LPPI grant: \$5,000
- For reception, we solicited donations from senior members and Latino Studies journal: \$2,695 (aprox; some paper checks may still arrive)

In terms of section membership dues (based on 2024 membership count):

Section allocation—base: \$1023.

- Sections with 300 or more members receive a base allocation of \$1,000

Section allocation—per member: \$710.

- Sections receive two dollars for each member (We had 355 enrolled members in the section as of Sept 1 2024 and 360 members as of July 1, 2025)

Premium dues—\$686 (regular members \$502; students \$184; low income \$0)

- Dues that go above the standard base rates of \$10 for regular members, \$5 for students. These dues are determined by the section.

EXPENSES

Mentoring event & reception	Funds Spent
Food & drink	6750
Space rental	750
Janitorial service	170.6
Awards	
Plaques & postage	259.88
Communications N/A	
TOTAL COSTS	7930.48

This leaves us with a current ending balance of: \$15,691.52 to apply towards ASA 2026 and beyond.

4. Planning for Next Year's Program – Ideas for Panels (José Muñoz)

Places to reach out to for space in NYC:

- CUNY
- El Centro
- Dominican Institute

Sections to collaborate with for reception:

- SREM will reach out to LatSoc

Panel ideas:

- Latinx resistance and resilience
- Critical Afro-Latine perspectives.
- Experience of Latine students in HSI during attacks on DEI
- More on Unruly Latinx panel; extend from this year
- Latine conservatism and forms of politics
- Political participation of Latine populations
- Experiences of first-gen, working class Latine in universities
- Future of LatSoc in Trump Times
- Transnational LatSoc issues to bring in non-US perspectives

5. Volunteers for next year's activities

Sign-up sheets and google form circulated

6. For the good of the order

ASA 2025, Chicago
Latina/o Sociology Mentoring Roundtables
Report
Edelina Burciaga (edelina.burciaga@ucdenver.edu)

The Latina/o Sociology Roundtables took place on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at Roosevelt University, right before the Latina/o Sociology Section Reception. This was the second year the roundtables were organized.

2025 Mentoring Roundtables:

Attendance:

- 39 section members
- 28 mentees
- 11 mentors

Mentee information:

- 24 mentees used she/her pronouns, 4 used he/him pronouns (Note: some mentees identified she/her and they/them pronouns)
- 24 mentees identified as Latinx/e/a/o, Hispanic,
- 4 mentees identified as Latinx/e/a/o, Hispanic, Black, African American
- 18 mentees were graduate students, 4 were postdoctoral fellows, 5 were assistant professors, and 1 was an undergraduate student.

Overview:

Like last year, mentors and mentees were organized by topics: (1) Navigating the Job Market, (2) Article writing, (3) Book writing, and (4) Navigating tenure. This year, there was the most interest in article writing, followed by book writing, navigating the job market, and finally navigating tenure. The event also featured a guest speaker, Anthony Williams, Program Officer with the Spencer Foundation who discussed funding opportunities. The roundtables lasted an hour, and mentors and mentees engaged in discussion the whole time. Having the roundtables right before the section reception is good because section members are able to continue discussions.

Thoughts/Reflections:

- Having a mentoring event before the section reception has been great for building community and connecting folks. I think continuing this in years when the Norma Williams Workshop is not happening would be great.
- I think 60-75 minutes is a good amount of time for the roundtables. This gives folks time to get from the conference site to where the roundtables are being held.
- It's helpful to have some structure by using the topics to organize folks, but also leaves flexibility. Some options to consider for the future:
 - o Organizing folks by area of research interest (this felt complicated but could be impactful)
 - o Having mentees switch midway through to a different topic (again, could be complicated)

- In 2024 and 2025 we had about 15-18 people sign up to be mentors, and about 4 were not able to make it each year. We ended up with about 11-12 mentors and this worked out well.
- In 2025, the majority of mentors were assistant professors which is great because it means our members are paying it forward.
- It was really helpful this year to have two people help with check-in! and to have other council members (Lorena, Salvador, and Casandra) around to support.
- The tasks that are involved in coordinating include:
 - o Creating the call for mentors
 - o Creating the registration for mentees
 - o Assigning mentors to topics and tables
 - o Creating sign-in sheets for the day of
 - o Creating signs or some way for mentees to know which tables/topics are available
- I let the conversation flow, but in the future, someone could consider providing guiding questions, an agenda, etc.
- The forms can be found in a google drive folder entitled Mentoring 2025:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pjlwwtao_Ld46q5bU9RMCOBG9sjZppo?usp=drive_link



Latina/o Sociology



Business Meeting

ASA – CHICAGO, IL

AUGUST 11, 2025

5:00 – 5:30 PM

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Follow the QR code and select the right list to sign up:



(I will re-post a similar slide with the QR code again.)



With deep thanks for their/your service:

Awards: Rocío García Chaired the Awards committee, constituted by all 4 sub-committees

Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award

Stephanie Ortiz [Sub-committee Chair], Veronica Valencia-González, Beatriz Aldana Marquez, Diego de los Ríos, Asad Asad

Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award

Carolyn Pinedo Turnovsky [Sub-committee Chair], Ana Lopez Ricoy, José Atilés Osoria, Casandra Salgado

Cristina Maria Riegos Student Paper Award

Isabel García Valdivia [Sub-committee Chair], Vanessa Delgado, Melanie Escue, Arturo Enamorado III, Brian Cabral

Julian Samora Distinguished Career Award

Christina Sue [Sub-committee Chair], Roger S. Cadena, Nilda Flores-González

Mentoring committee: Edeline M. Burciaga, Nancy Plankey-Videla, Ian Carrillo, Marisela Bañuelos, Alessandra Bazo Vienrich, Karen Tejada

Nominations: Uriel Serrano, Giovanni Burgos, Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz

Notas newsletter: Fructoso Basaldua and Caroline Martínez

Program: Overall: G. Cristina Mora; section panel organizers: Uriel Serrano, Rocío R. García, Cristián Alberto Doña Reveco & Francisco Lara-García; roundtable organizers: Tomás E. Encarnacion & Luis E. Tenorio.

Reception sub-committee: Lorena García, Amaury Rijo-Sánchez

Plaques purchased by: Angela S. García



Business meeting logistics: (QR Codes/Volunteer and Sign-up Sheets): Angela S. García, Vilma Ortiz



Welcome, new Council members

Chair-Elect:

José Muñoz, California State University, San Bernadino

Council Members:

Verónica Valencia González, University of South Carolina;

Tomás Encarnación, US Census Bureau

Student representative:

Daniela Carreon, Arizona State University



Thanks to Uriel Serrano, Giovanni Burgos & Michael Rodriguez-Muñiz (nominations committee).

Main Agenda Items:



AWARDS



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2026 PROGRAM IDEAS

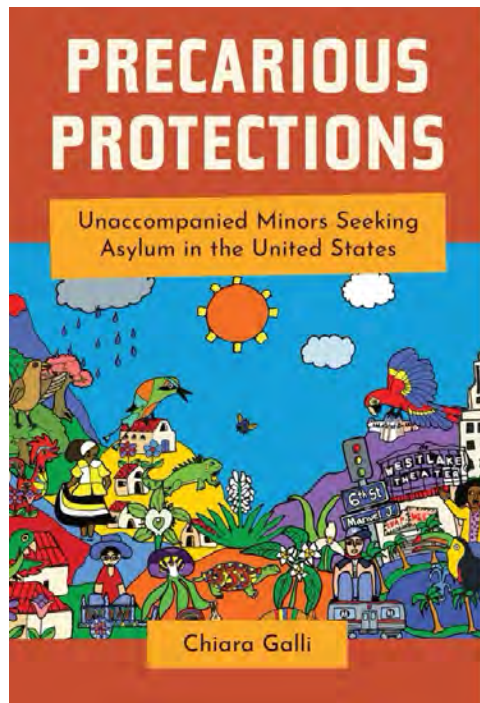
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Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award

PRESENTED BY: SALVADOR VIDAL-ORTIZ

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE:

STEPHANIE ORTIZ (SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR)
VERONICA VALENCIA-GONZÁLEZ
BEATRIZ ALDANA MARQUEZ
DIEGO DE LOS RÍOS
ASAD ASAD (PAST WINNER)



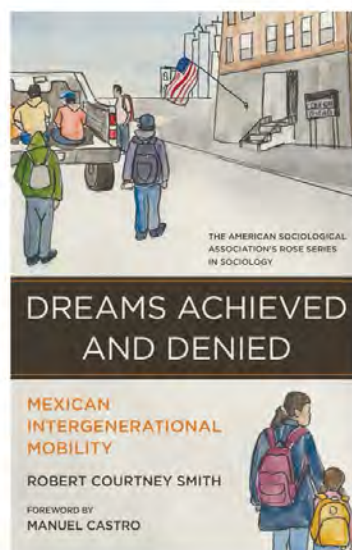
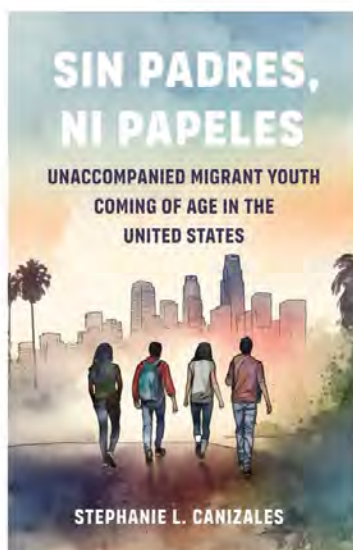
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Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award

PRESENTED BY: SALVADOR VIDAL-ORTIZ

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The Paradox of Sanctuary: How Punitive Exceptions Converge to Criminalize and Punish Latinos/as

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Abstract

Sanctuary cities define themselves as metropolises that refuse to share information, personnel, and facilities with federal immigration authorities to police immigrants. While research suggests that sanctuary cities contest the criminalization of migration, a growing literature depicts how these urban sanctuaries could, in practice, perpetuate hierarchies and exclusionary politics against noncitizens. Yet, most of these studies conceive of urban sanctuary as local policies designed to challenge federal power and, thus, fail to fully capture how sanctuary policies could actually rely on the criminalization of migration to govern cities' political problems. Drawing upon 1,900 pages of archival materials and 100 newspaper articles, this article takes the case of Chicago to study how and why the urban sanctuary expands immigrants' rights while reinforcing policing with punitive implications for Latino "undeserving" noncitizens. As a form of racialized governance, I argue that Chicago's sanctuary policies activate a set of punitive exceptions that—in response to distinct political urgencies—allow law and immigration enforcement to converge and control Latino undocumented workers, "criminals," and "gangs." This study not only challenges the premise that sanctuary cities necessarily resist federal power but also illustrates how they could strengthen the legitimacy of the state and racialized police power.

Keywords

Sanctuary cities, punitive immigration, immigration policy, policing, racial justice

(No honorary mentions in this category.)



Cristina María Riegos Student Paper Award

PRESENTED BY: ISABEL GARCÍA VALDIVIA

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE:

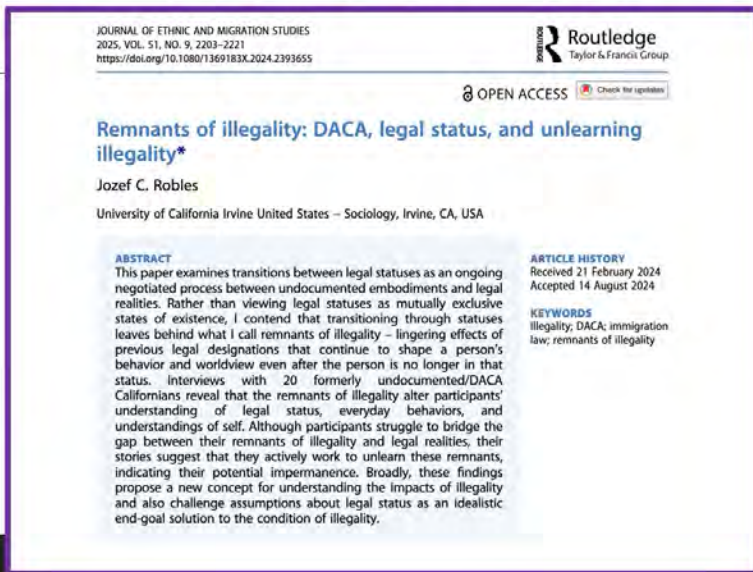
- ISABEL GARCÍA VALDIVIA (SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR)
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Highlight from the committee: Weaving powerful quotes from formerly Latina/o/x undocumented/DACAmented adults with immigration scholarship offers a compelling story that illustrates how access to legal status does not "fix" the harms of illegality.



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Roger Cadena, University of Notre Dame, "*Beyond Puzzlement: Rethinking Latino Conservatives' Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration in the Trump Era.*" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (online first, 2025).



Highlight from the committee: This timely paper does an excellent job of revealing the intra-group heterogeneity and provides an extensive contextualization of voting preferences among Latina/o/x voters in the United States.





Julian Samora Distinguished Career Award

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA SUE (SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR)

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE:

CHRISTINA SUE
ROGER S. CADENA
NILDA FLORES-GONZÁLEZ (PAST WINNER)



Julian Samora Distinguished Career Award

Winner:

Elizabeth Aranda,
University of South Florida



Dr. Aranda has made extensive contributions to the field of Latina/o sociology through her scholarly work, leadership, teaching, and mentoring. Her research, which has been funded by the National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, and other organizations, has been dedicated to understanding and documenting the integration experiences of Latina/os in the U.S., with a specific focus on emotional health and well-being. Dr. Aranda's leadership and commitment to public sociology are evidenced by her founding of the University of South Florida's Im/migrant Well-Being Research Center and her media engagements, including numerous op-eds. She also has an extensive history of actively supporting students and junior scholars in the subfield. In sum, the committee was extremely impressed with Dr. Aranda's nomination packet and could not think of a more deserving winner for this prestigious lifetime achievement award.

FINANCES



Budget & Fundraising efforts;
Section membership



2025 BUDGET REFLECTS UCLA'S LPPI 5K MENTORING DONATION + MEMBERSHIPS; IT ONLY REFLECTS PARTIAL RECEPTION CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

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Total Expenses	8,364	
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$3,469	
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Net Assets - Beginning Balance	\$10,039	
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As of July 31st, those donations reached a total of \$2,695 (not pennies!)

NOTE: These donations won't appear on the Budget until after ASA ends. Finance reports move at a slow pace! The budget I will show you only has until June 30th, missing 1K+ in donations.



RECEPTION DONORS



Also, thanks to the *Latino Studies* journal editor, Marta Caminero-Santangelo

a few “anonymous” donors [thank you!]

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 Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz
 Christina Sue
 David Takeuchi
 Zulema Valdez

General sense of the Budget (unofficial balance included)

INCREASE AUGUST 2024-JUNE 2025

UCLA LPPI (Mentoring)	\$ 5,000.00
Reception donations	1,520.00
Unofficial total is 2,695 as of July 31	
Membership	<u>1,733.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,253.00
Unofficial total \$ 9,428 as of July 31	

MENTORING/RECEPTION/AWARD EXPENSES

Mentoring/Reception rental space	\$ 920.60
Catering	6,750.00
Plaques	<u>259.88</u>
TOTAL	\$ 7930.48

Membership income aside: \$7,695 Donations; Mentoring/reception expenses \$7,670.60



PROGRAM IDEAS



Program ideas for NYC - 2026

Chair-elect:

José Muñoz, California State University, San Bernadino

Email:

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For the good of the order



NOW IS THE TIME TO BRING UP ANY ISSUES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TO COUNCIL

This concludes my time as your Chair.



PLEASE HELP ME WELCOME G CRISTINA MORA



AND SEE YOU ALL IN NYC IN A YEAR!

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Newsletter Co-Editors:

Fructoso Basaldua, University of Illinois at Chicago

Caroline Martínez, University of California, Irvine



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Message from the Chair

DR. SALVADOR VIDAL-ORTIZ



Dr. Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, 2024-2025 Section Chair

¡Hola, Latina/o (Latinx) sociologists!

I write my first Notas at a time when anti-immigrant hostility and racism, and a Middle East conflict supported by the U.S., are bookends to Trump's election. These are not easy times; take care of yourselves, and those you love. Given the times, we must contest external politics of repression, while also resisting common internal neoliberal assumptions.

Since my being elected, members' suggestions have included changing the section's name to Latinx Sociology. Interestingly, my body (both the vessel through which I move, and my scholarship) tend to represent changes to language practices I haven't suggested to the section. Yet those gestures of concern for inclusivity (which also lay the work on me) don't often transform spaces or communities.

I often note how I first came to Latina/o Sociology in 1998 through Lionel Cantú Jr. (1965-2002). As a gay Tejano, mentor, and friend, Lionel inculcated in me the task to remain visible in heteronormative spaces such as the section. Years later, sharing (informally) my discomfort to some Section's Latina leaders (names are unimportant), I remember that moment being turned on me: I was accused of unfairly denouncing the section. Ironically, this happened as queer membership (details, again, are irrelevant) stepped into the section's leadership. This experience elicited a conflicting sense of belonging in a section that limited my engagement.

Message from the Chair (continued)

I share the story not out of hurt, but because sometimes we think we are more inclusive and progressive than we actually are, and because these experiences are often teachable moments. I don't want to, on my watch, reproduce exclusionary practices – be it on Afro-Latinidades, gendered dynamics, queerness, or non-binary identities. Yet, to be fair, one-year Chair terms are not enough for any kind of transformation – at best, we serve to the membership needs and abide by an extraordinary amount of work required by the Association. Moreover, an 'out' gay or lesbian Chair shouldn't intrude internal processes; the membership ought to discuss these issues. To me, top-down change is not transformation, but imposition. Sure, let's consider why we name ourselves the way we do (individually and as a section) because we aim to care for, support, and uplift our members – not because renaming the section is what others expect (I certainly do not).

Our section thrives on mentoring junior faculty and grad students; we can engage with one another through a feminist politics of difference, without erasing our particularities. Although community and identity are interrelated, whether Latinx as a community category “sticks” in the U.S. in the near future is secondary to conversations about members' identities, and about how we support belonging. Some examples of ideas I could come up with are listed below.

Within ASA:

- Ask yourself why other members in the Section use Latinx (usually, when speaking English), or Latine (in Spanish); ask them why they do, and be open to learn.
- Converse with your peers, particularly those who prefer a generic “Latino” term, or use a binary gendered “Latina/o”, respectfully.
- Propose panels, workshops, and other forums where to formally engage these topics.
- Support internal ASA efforts. For instance, ASA has held in the past “Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities” forums, producing reports from those meetings.

Outside ASA spaces:

- Ask your students – although faculty and students are generations apart, find out their personal and political reasons, if they are comfortable.
- Demand transparency from your University's administration. Who are the name changes for? What are those decisions based on?
- Support empirical research (small or large scale) on these questions. We cannot ascertain what Latinas/os want, how Latinas/os see ourselves, unless we have data about it.

Message from the Chair (continued)

If only one member states discomfort, we ought to consider our approach. It isn't like we haven't been here before: many of us chose between Hispanic and Latino decades ago. On the other hand, changing the name, and not how we approach one another, is a quick fix for larger issues. (If you, as a Latina/o scholar, have ever felt like your contributions to sociology have been questioned due to your identity within a still, pretty white, discipline, then you can relate to colleagues who use the e or x in Latina/o, and/or who are non-binary, trans, or queer.)

I know our section can facilitate broader discussions; lessons from work we've produced on disaster capitalism, critiques of assimilationist inclusion strategies, and work contesting Empire are as important today as before. We work on multiple Latina/o Sociologies, but we also work at a critical, at times contradictory, intersection of Latina/o Studies and Sociology. That provides a place from which to articulate a politics of knowledge production that is reflexive and self-aware, and considers its boundaries and limits, but also its potentiality – where identity is one of its markers, albeit an important one. This certainly isn't preaching: I am not immune to these criticisms, and I also struggle with some of these identity categories.

I invite you to be curious and compassionate with other members, and remain engaged. Thank you for bestowing me with the honor of serving you as Chair. I look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

Salvador Vidal-Ortiz

Department of Sociology, American University

Department of Sociology & El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies – University of Connecticut (starting in 2025)

New Section Officers



*Dr. G. Cristina Mora,
Chair Elect*

G. Cristina Mora is an Associate Professor of Sociology at UC Berkeley, where she also co-directs the Institute of Governmental Studies. Her research focuses mainly on racial politics, Latino communities, and immigration attitudes. Her book, *Making Hispanics*, provides the first historical account of the rise of the Latino category in the United States, and her broader research has won numerous awards and is regularly featured in venues like the *Atlantic*, the *New Yorker*, and *Latino USA*. She is currently finishing a new manuscript, *Dreaming in the Land of Inequality*, which examines the rise of diversity and inequality in California.



*Dr. Uriel Serrano,
Council Member*

Uriel Serrano is a Community Power Postdoctoral Scholar at the USC Equity Research Institute. In his research, he utilizes a mixed-methods data-building process to rigorously document Black and non-Black Latinx youth's contemporary experiences with policing, racialized organizations, their efforts at decriminalization, and their place in Los Angeles, CA. His current book project develops a framework for capturing the overlooked carceral processes and experiences of racially minoritized youth coming of age in the City of Angels. His writing has been published or is forthcoming in *Social Problems*, *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, *Educational Researcher*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Race Ethnicity & Education*, *Equity & Excellence in Education*, and the *Association of Mexican American Educators Journal*. Uriel was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles, is an avid wrestling fan, a self-proclaimed quesadilla expert, and Duke's favorite human. You can learn more about Uriel's future research, teaching, and youth work at urielserrano.com.

New Section Officers



*Dr. María G. Rendón,
Council Member*

María G. Rendón is Associate Professor in the Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy at UC Irvine. She studies how Latinos are incorporated into American cities, examining how immigration, race, and class intersects with neighborhood and school processes to shape Latinx opportunities and social mobility. She is the award-winning author of *Stagnant Dreamers: How the Inner City Shapes the Integration of Second-Generation Latinos* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2019). Her new book project is a historical case study that examines how multilayered policies and local practices of racial exclusion shaped Mexicans integration over time and across generations. In other research, she has studied criminalization and environmental justice issues affecting the Latinx community, as well as STEM disparities in higher education. Professor Rendón received her PhD in Sociology and Social Policy from Harvard University. She is the director of the Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy PhD program.



*Caroline Martínez,
Graduate Student
Representative*

Caroline Martínez is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Irvine. Her research interests center on race and ethnicity in the United States and Latin America, migration, social movements, and mixed methods. Using Census data and in-depth interviews with Indigenous migrants, Martínez's dissertation accounts for the characteristics of Indigenous Latinxs across time, the socioeconomic challenges they experience at a national level, and the recent increase in identification as both Latinx and American Indian in the Census. She has forthcoming articles in the *American Journal of Sociology* and *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. At the University of California, Irvine, Martínez has been involved in multiple initiatives to support underrepresented students, providing mentorship and engaging in inclusive teaching practices. She is a Pedagogical Fellow in the Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation, a center focused on creating equitable learning, where she trains Teaching Assistants on how to implement inclusive teaching practices.

Latina/o Sociology Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award

DR. ASAD ASAD

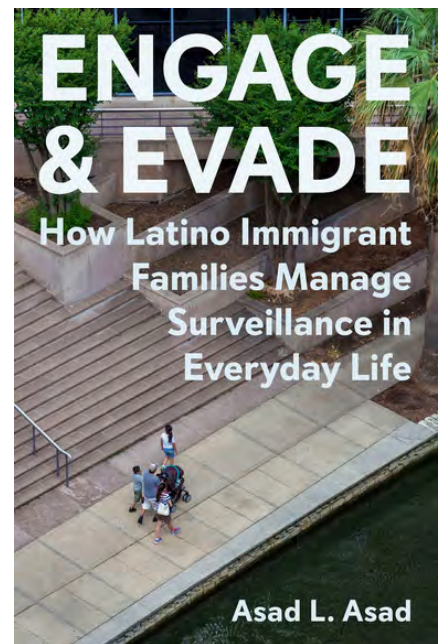
**ENGAGE & EVADE: HOW LATINO IMMIGRANT FAMILIES MANAGE
SURVEILLANCE IN EVERYDAY LIFE**

PUBLISHED BY PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS

Some eleven million undocumented immigrants reside in the United States, carving out lives amid a growing web of surveillance that threatens them and their families' societal presence. Engage and Evade examines how undocumented immigrants navigate complex dynamics of surveillance and punishment, providing an extraordinary portrait of fear and hope on the margins.

Asad L. Asad brings together a wealth of research, from intimate interviews and detailed surveys with Latino immigrants and their families to up-close observations of immigration officials, to offer a rare perspective on the surveillance that undocumented immigrants encounter daily. He describes how and why these immigrants engage with various institutions—for example, by registering with the IRS or enrolling their kids in public health insurance programs—that the government can use to monitor them. This institutional surveillance feels both necessary and coercive, with undocumented immigrants worrying that evasion will give the government cause to deport them. Even so, they hope their record of engagement will one day help them prove to immigration officials that they deserve societal membership. Asad uncovers how these efforts do not always meet immigration officials' high expectations, and how surveillance is as much about the threat of exclusion as the promise of inclusion.

Calling attention to the fraught lives of undocumented immigrants and their families, this superbly written and compassionately argued book proposes wide-ranging, actionable reforms to achieve societal inclusion for all.



Latina/o Sociology Section Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award

DR. CASANDRA D. SALGADO

LATINXS AND RACIAL FRAMES: THE EVOLUTION OF SETTLER COLONIAL IDEOLOGIES IN NEW MEXICO

PUBLISHED IN SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Abstract

I leverage the case of Nuevomexicanos, New Mexico's long-standing Mexican American population, to extend our understanding of how legacies of Spanish and American conquest—that is, double colonization— can inform Latinxs' understandings of discrimination and race. I show that while most Nuevomexicanos reported experiences with discrimination, they often minimized their racialized experiences because such instances were incompatible with the idea that living in a Hispanic-majority state sheltered them from racism. The Hispanic-majority frame was often paired with rationales that addressed spatial comparisons, cultural diversity or class inequality to deflect race. Nuevomexicanos struggled with viewing themselves as a low-status group due to their substantial representation in New Mexico yet still managing White racism. I argue that Nuevomexicanos' race-minimizing frames parallel strategies that date back to Spanish colonization to leverage whiteness in order to contest discrimination. Nuevomexicanos race-minimizing claims, therefore, embody resistance strategies to claim equality with Whites. This study details how double colonization and region reflect variations in Latinxs' conceptions of race.



Latina/o Sociology Section's Cristina Maria Riegos Student Paper Award

DR. BRIAN CABRAL

**COMING FROM MEXICO 'FOR A BETTER LIFE HERE': STREET GANGS,
AMERICAN VIOLENCE, AND THE SPATIALIZED CONTOURS AND HISTORICAL
CONTINUITY OF RACIAL CAPITALISM
PUBLISHED IN CRITICAL SOCIOLOGY**

Abstract

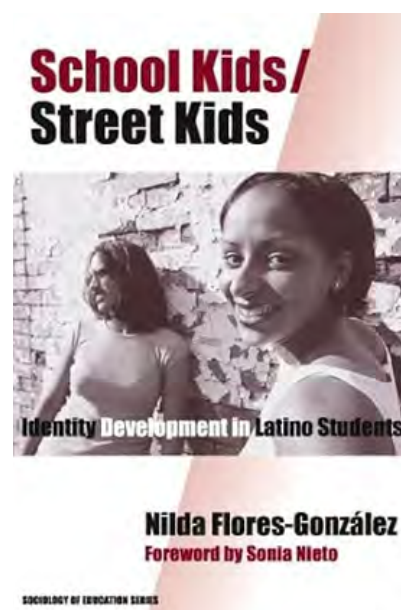
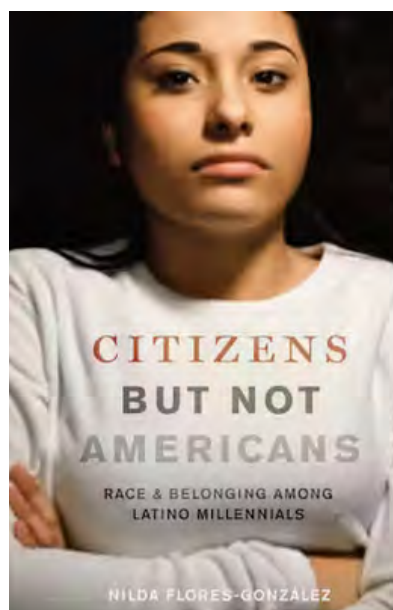
Chicago's broader notorious reputation of gang and gun violence dominates popular discursive conversations about the city's safety and stability. Through a critical structural perspective, this article explores the constitutive historical continuity and spatialized contours of racial capitalism in the facilitation of structured violence and organized death in city neighborhoods. These dynamics are most relevant where individualized and pathological narratives of interpersonal gang-based gun violence are rampant. The focus is on the context of Mexican Chicago, particularly the transnational site of Little Village. Using hyper-local examples on the environment, education, and labor-based economic markets, I showcase how this diasporic Mexican community is an instructive site highlighting the ongoing presence of colonially constituted structures of expropriation, dispossession, exploitation, and displacement endemic to the United States empire and its resultant violence. I suggest that gang-based gun violence is tied to broader death-making machinery, leading us to robust alternative conceptual frames and reactions when socio-politically engineered 'crime' and violence take place across urban city neighborhood spaces. I conclude with a paired abolitionist perspective and implications for critical sociology and the study of gangs specifically



Latina/o Sociology Section's Julian Samora Distinguished Career Award

DR. NILDA FLORES-GONZÁLEZ

Nilda Flores-González is a professor and associate director of sociology in the T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics. Her work focuses on race and ethnicity, children and youth, identity, Latino sociology and education. Her current research explores the effects of racialization on the ways in which Latino youth understand national belonging. Professor Flores-González is the author of "Citizens but not Americans: Race and Belonging among Latino Millennials" (NYU Press, 2017), and "School Kids, Street Kids: Identity Development in Latino Students" (Teachers College Press 2002), co-editor of "Marcha: Latino Chicago in the Immigrant Rights Movement" (University of Illinois Press 2010) and co-editor of "Immigrant Women Workers in the Neoliberal Era" (University of Illinois Press 2013). She has published articles on various topics such as race and Latino identity, youth and social justice, and education and has received funding from the Ford Foundation, the National Science Foundation and the Russell Sage Foundation.



2025 Annual Meeting Announcements



LATINA/O SECTION PAPER SESSIONS

Toward an Unruly Latinx Sociology

This session—which builds on themes from a forthcoming special issue also titled Towards and Unruly Latinx Sociology—invites submissions that speak to what we consider to be an unruly Latinx sociology. We conceptualize unruliness as something not easily defined, not easily characterized within current paradigms, and transcendent of disciplinary binds. An unruly Latinx sociology is methodologically and theoretically innovative and creative. Unruly Latinx sociology is our attempt to foreground new directions in the field. We welcome submissions that challenge traditional paradigms used to study Latinx populations. We seek contributions that question how empire, racial capitalism, heteropatriarchy, carcerality, anti-Indigeneity, and anti-Blackness have shaped processes related to Latinx experiences, identities, and categories. What does a Latinx sociology that centers power and systems of oppression look like? We also welcome submissions centered on methodology and teaching related to Latinx sociology. Where can Latinx Sociology go if we pay attention to how systems of oppression have been reproduced in research and teaching? We also invite submissions that contend with pedagogy and curriculum development for Latinx Sociology, community rooted research and practice in Latinx communities, or papers that interrogate the epistemological bases of conducting research on/with Latinx populations.

Session Organizers: Uriel Serrano, University of Southern California; Rocío R. García, Arizona State University-Tempe

Latinos in Comparative Places

This session invites submissions that center place and comparison in Latinidad. We imagine the idea of place to be both physical and symbolic, with papers that examine Latinxs across different geographical regions or across distinct social locations (i.e. generation, class, political ideology). Indeed, today Latinos are located in a variety of “places” from the Great Plains to the sandwich generation to the far-right. This session will center this diversity through comparison to better understand the ways that Latinxs are re-shaping ideas about place in the US.

Session Organizers: Cristian Alberto Doña Reveco, University of Nebraska-Omaha; Francisco Lara-Garcia, Hofstra University

LATINA/O SECTION ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

Roundtables

Open call for submissions to the Latina/o Sociology section roundtable

Session Organizers: Tomas E. Encarnacion, U.S. Census Bureau; Luis E. Tenorio, University of California-Berkeley

2025 ASA Latina/o Sociology Section Award Nominations

Latina/o Sociology Section Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award

The Latina/o Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association recognizes with this award a colleague who published an outstanding book in the area of Latina/o/x Studies in 2023 or 2024. The book should not be an edited or reprinted volume. A member of the section must nominate the book and the authors of the nominated books must be members of the section as well. Self-nominations are encouraged, but books nominated by the publisher alone will not be considered. Nominations should include a brief comment on the book's merits and its contribution to the field of Latina/o/x Sociology. Arrangements must be made for the publisher to send copies of the book to each committee member listed below by March 1, 2025.

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Latina/o Sociology Section's Cristina Maria Riegos Student Paper Award

The Latina/o Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association recognizes with this award an outstanding paper authored by a student in the area of Latina/o/x Studies. The paper must have made "public appearance" in 2023 or 2024 as a class submission, delivered at a seminar, presented at a professional meeting, or accepted for publication. Self-nominations are encouraged. To qualify for the competition, the author must be a student at the time of paper submission and the paper must be either single authored by a student or co-authored with other students. Please send a copy of the paper (Word or PDF) to each member of the committee with a brief comment on the manuscript's merits and its contribution to the field of Latina/o/x Sociology by March 1, 2025.

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2025 ASA Latina/o Sociology Section Award Nominations

Latina/o Sociology Section's Julian Samora Distinguished Career Award

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE PATHWAYS TO THE PHD

In this issue of Notas, we wanted to highlight members of our section who began their academic journeys at Community Colleges. Community colleges are tremendously important institutions for providing an accessible entry into higher education. As you will read in the stories shared by our members, their experiences in community college inspired them to pursue higher education further and sparked their interest in sociology as a discipline.

José Jesus Gutiérrez



I AM A PHD CANDIDATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AT UC IRVINE. MY RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE RACE & ETHNICITY, EDUCATION, THE TRANSITION TO ADULthood, INEQUALITY, IMMIGRATION, AND QUALITATIVE METHODS. IN 2014, I STARTED MY ACADEMIC JOURNEY AT EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE (ELAC), WHERE I PARTICIPATED IN THE JOHN DELLORO PROGRAM IN SOCIAL JUSTICE. I TRANSFERRED TO UC SANTA BARBARA, WHERE I EARNED MY BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY, EARNING HIGHEST HONORS AND DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR. AS A PHD CANDIDATE AT UC IRVINE, I AM FOCUSING MY DISSERTATION STUDY ON LATINA/O/X YOUNG ADULTS WHO ATTEND OR HAVE PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IN THIS STUDY, I HOPE TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN SHAPING THE LATINO TRANSITION TO ADULthood.

Arturo Humberto Enamorado III



I AM A SOCIOLOGY LECTURER AT KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE. I WAS RAISED IN JAMAICA, QUEENS, IN AN INDIGENOUS HONDURAN AND CHINESE HOUSEHOLD.

I STARTED MY ACADEMIC CAREER AT CUNY QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND EARNED MY BACHELOR'S IN HISTORY AND ANTHROPOLOGY. I CONTINUED TO GRADUATE SCHOOL, PURSUING A MASTER'S IN WORLD HISTORY FOCUSING ON LATIN AMERICAN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, BEFORE EARNING A SECOND MASTER'S IN SOCIOLOGY AT THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH. HAVING STARTED MY JOURNEY AS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT AND NOW A PROFESSOR AT ONE IS A DISTINCT PRIVILEGE.

MY RESEARCH INTEREST FOCUSES ON CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND LATINES IN NYC SOCIO-POLITICAL SPACES, SPECIFICALLY THE ROLE OF BELONGING AND UNDERSTANDING OF IDENTITY IN ELECTIONS. I AM A CO-DIRECTOR OF OUR CAMPUS SAFE ZONE (LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS ORGANIZATION) AND AM AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BROOKLYN WORKING FAMILIES PARTY CHAPTER AND THE UNION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF CONGRESS OF CUNY.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PATHWAYS TO THE PHD

Angela J. Silva



ANGELA J. SILVA IS A PHD CANDIDATE IN THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO. ANGELA IS A FIRST GENERATION, LATINA COLLEGE STUDENT WHO STARTED HER ACADEMIC JOURNEY AT HER LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (EPCC) IN EL PASO, TEXAS. UPON COMPLETING AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE AT EPCC, ANGELA TRANSFERRED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO, WHERE SHE EARNED HER BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SOCIOLOGY AND AN MA IN SOCIOLOGY. ANGELA IS CURRENTLY WRITING HER DISSERTATION WHICH EXAMINES THE EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN OF COLOR FACULTY IN MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS. HER RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE RACE, INTERSECTIONALITY, LATINX RACIALIZATION, RACIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS, AND HIGHER EDUCATION. ANGELA IS PLANNING FOR A DISSERTATION DEFENSE DATE IN THE SUMMER OF 2025.

Section Celebration Awards, Publications, and Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS & AWARDS

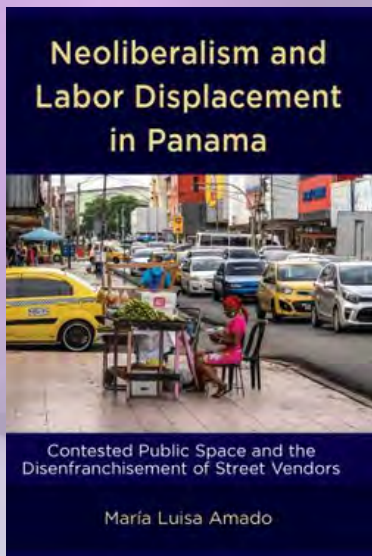
Oscar Cornejo-Casares's dissertation, "The Life and the Afterlife of Migrant Illegality," was awarded a Dissertation Research Grant from the Russel Sage Foundation.

Chiara Gialli received a presidential grant from the Russell Sage Foundation for an ethnographic study on the reception of Venezuelan asylum-seekers in Chicago.

Óscar F. Gil-García is a 2024-2025 Humanities Institute Faculty Fellow at the University at Buffalo.

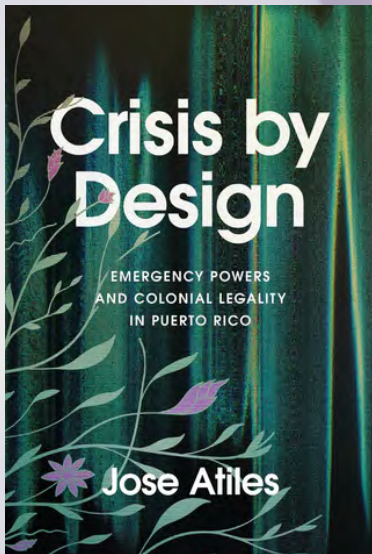
BOOKS

Amado, María Luisa. 2024. *Neoliberalism and Labor Displacement in Panama. Contested Public Space and the Disenfranchisement of Street Vendors*. Lexington Books.



Neoliberalism and Labor Displacement in Panama: Contested Public Space and the Disenfranchisement of Street Vendors examines the simultaneous increase of informal sector employment and decreased access to space for Panamanian street vendors, whose creative ventures in public spaces concretize the face of informality in most of the Global South. Through the lived experiences and voices of street traders surveyed over twelve years of field research, this book portrays the long-lasting saga and resistance actions of informalized vendors dislocated from their traditional selling points in Panama City's downtown. Amado argues that neoliberal policies, including privatization, labor deregulation, and market-led urban renewal, inflict a double squeeze on working-class Panamanians by reducing opportunities for stable formal sector employment and restricting access increasingly gentrified areas of Panama City historically used for street vending. This book also sheds light on the commoditization and contested nature of public space, discursively contended by competing views of its functions and who has the right to it.

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Devastating hurricanes, deteriorating infrastructure, massive public debt, and a global pandemic make up the continuous crises that plague Puerto Rico. In the last several years, this disastrous escalation has placed the archipelago more centrally on the radar of residents and politicians in the United States, as the US Congress established an oversight board with emergency powers to ensure Puerto Rico's economic survival—and its ability to repay its debt. These events should not be understood as a random string of compounding misfortune. Rather, as demonstrated by Jose Atilés in *Crisis by Design*, they result from the social, legal, and political structure of colonialism. Moreover, Atilés shows how administrations, through emergency powers and laws paired with the dynamics of wealth extraction, have served to sustain and exacerbate crises. He explores the role of the local government, corporations, and grassroots mobilizations. More broadly, the Puerto Rican case provides insight into the role of law and emergency powers in other global south, Caribbean, and racialized and colonized countries. In these settings, Atilés contends, colonialism is the ongoing catastrophe.

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Message from the Chair

DR. SALVADOR VIDAL-ORTIZ



Dr. Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, 2024-2025 Section Chair

¡Saludos, Latina/o (Latinx) sociologists!

I write my second and final *Notas* to you in Spanglish, at a time when the President has heightened his anti-immigrant hostility and racism in multiple forms, including making English the official language. (As we know, linguistic racialization has been a component of anti-immigrant xenophobic moves in the country.) His administration has also used a distorted version of antisemitism to attack universities, with a range of responses. At the same time, trans communities have been particularly targeted by these executive orders. As with other issues, these are being battled in courts, and resistance is evident. There is hope while there is turmoil.

The challenges we've seen unfold in front of us in the last 3 months are overwhelming, and yet there are a lot of legal responses that merit our attention, if not our support. Activism might be changing in the face of all of this white supremacist insurgence, but it is key that we continue to work on our immediate circles, the cities and towns and States where we live, and the country.

The moral panics of immigration are in full swing, at a moment where democracy is being tested.

Message from the Chair (continued)

The worst stereotypes about immigrant populations are being used against every and all immigrants, as well as naturalized citizens. The debates about immigration have taken a strange turn, where the Venezuelan makeup artist, and the U.S. citizen “accidentally” deported, are portrayed as the exception to the rule, or demonized by the old trope of gang membership. However, I urge us to resist the inherent respectability politics behind those who seem to be worthy of reconsideration: all immigrants deserve dignified treatment and legal procedures; furthermore, their situation requires reconsideration, as the capitalist machine behind the reasons for migration needs more attention.

Due process has been challenged before, and notions of who is worthy of certain treatment, benefits, or entitlements has been questioned before. After 9/11, José Padilla, the “Puerto Rican Taliban,” was used as a scapegoat, and his citizenship challenged, when he was charged, then jailed, as a terrorist. In “Delinquent Citizenship, National Performances: Racialization, Surveillance, and the Politics of ‘Worthiness’ in Puerto Rican Chicago” (Latino Studies, 2004, volume 2) Ana Ramos-Zayas addresses this along the Chicago neighborhood of Humboldt Park, one of the epicenters of riots and responses to structural discrimination in matters of housing, but also education and employment, and key to pro-independence movements for a free Puerto Rico. Almost as a response, argues Ramos-Zayas, Puerto Ricans often jump at the opportunity to join the ROTC and the military not merely for economic reasons, but also, for a kind of respectability that legitimizes their citizenship. (For context, Puerto Rican militants have been surveilled by the FBI for decades, and the phenomenon of “las carpetas,” or the [FBI] folders, is illustrious of these maneuverings against democratic procedures.) José Padilla, aka Abdullah al-Muhajir, became the figure from which to juxtapose the American citizen (embodied in White nationalist practices and individuals) with the eternal foreigner (citizen or not); this extended to the Chicago Puerto Rican neighborhood. We can learn from these previous instances, in order to challenge worthiness in these immigration debates.

We can all be impacted by these politics, whether we are born with U.S. citizenship, hold a green card, a work permit, or are undocumented. To be racialized against the grain of what USAmerican identity has become, is to be an outsider. We can confuse the radar used to attack one of us, and there are strategies to do it. If you are so moved, communicate with your local organizations and determine how to best support them. Consider getting a local form of identification from your local governance, in order to demystify the idea that only undocumented immigrants get non-drivers licenses in your city. If you are a US citizen, attend places where immigrants might be targeted – diffuse the crowd through mixed immigration status people, always with the support of a lawyer.

Message from the Chair (continued)

As we prepare to gather in Chicago, for the upcoming ASA meetings, it is important that we consider place along with immigration and borderland populations. And that we trouble and mix place with citizens along with immigrants, in order to, as much as possible, shock the surveillance mechanisms. Resistance is needed more than ever, but so are strategies that uplift and support the most targeted communities. An analysis that goes through disavowals of belonging needs to take place, whether we think through the lenses of Latino Sociology, or Latino Studies, and whether for us those center US born, immigrants, or all of the above. These are opportunities to also learn from the work Puerto Ricans in Humboldt Park, as well as members of the Young Lords and the Brown Berets, for a stronger sense of community. Our ancestors paved the ground for us to see the connections and continuities of social movements that foreground a we before they do an I.

En la lucha, there are differences that get addressed through coalitional strategizing. I invite you to come to Chicago with ideas, lessons learned from your city or place of residence, and open to a shared sense of strategy that supports Latina/o communities.

¡Los veo en Chicago!

Salvador Vidal-Ortiz

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2025 ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

PANELS

First panel: Toward an Unruly Latinx Sociology

Organizers: Uriel Serrano (urielser@usc.edu) // Rocío R. García (Rocio.R.Garcia@asu.edu)

Discussant: Celine M. Ayala (cayala@gsu.edu)

Presider: Andrea Constant (constant.17@osu.edu)

Date/Time/Location: Monday, Aug 11th, / 8am-9:30am / West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Gold Level/B Floor, New Orleans

This session—which builds on themes from a forthcoming special issue also titled Towards and Unruly Latinx Sociology— invites submissions that speak to what we consider to be an unruly Latinx sociology. We conceptualize unruliness as something not easily defined, not easily characterized within current paradigms, and transcendent of disciplinary binds. An unruly Latinx sociology is methodologically and theoretically innovative and creative. Unruly Latinx sociology is our attempt to foreground new directions in the field. We welcome submissions that challenge traditional paradigms used to study Latinx populations. We seek contributions that question how empire, racial capitalism, heteropatriarchy, carcerality, anti-Indigeneity, and anti-Blackness have shaped processes related to Latinx experiences, identities, and categories. What does a Latinx sociology that centers power and systems of oppression look like? We also welcome submissions centered on methodology and teaching related to Latinx sociology. Where can Latinx Sociology go if we pay attention to how systems of oppression have been reproduced in research and teaching? We also invite submissions that contend with pedagogy and curriculum development for Latinx Sociology, community rooted research and practice in Latinx communities, or papers that interrogate the epistemological bases of conducting research on/with Latinx populations.

Individual Presentations

Transnational Care Webs: Understanding Latina Migrant Experiences Navigating Exclusion and Challenging Oppressions - Alejandra Guadalupe Lemus, University of New Mexico-Albuquerque (lemusa@unm.edu)

Spotting an Empire, or the Aestheticization of Empire along the U.S-Mexico Borderlands - Miguel Arturo Avalos, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (miguela2@illinois.edu)

“Another Gang in the Neighborhood”: Police Illegitimacy in Latinx and Black Communities - Humberto Flores, University of California, Santa Barbara (humbertoflores@ucsb.edu)

Spatial Racialization and Spiritual Resilience: The Afromexican Diaspora in Santa Ana, California and Beyond - Jonathan Calvillo, Emory University (jcalvillo@emory.edu)

Latinx Futurism: Developing Speculative Social Theory - Santiago José Molina, Northwestern University (santiagojmolina@northwestern.edu)

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PANELS

Second panel: Latinos in Comparative Places

Organizers: Cristián Alberto Doña Reveco (cdona@unomaha.edu) // Francisco Lara-García (Francisco.Lara-Garcia@hofstra.edu)

Discussant: Ryan Centner (r.o.centner@lse.ac.uk)

Presiders: Cristián Alberto Doña Reveco (cdona@unomaha.edu) // Francisco Lara-García (Francisco.Lara-Garcia@hofstra.edu)

Date/Time/Location: Monday, Aug 11th, 2025 / 2pm-3:30 pm / West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago: Good Level/B Floor, Hong Kong

This session invites submissions that center place and comparison in Latinidad. We imagine the idea of place to be both physical and symbolic, with papers that examine Latinxs across different geographical regions or across distinct social locations (i.e. generation, class, political ideology). Indeed, today Latinos are located in a variety of “places” from the Great Plains to the sandwich generation to the far-right. This session will center this diversity through comparison to better understand the ways that Latinxs are re-shaping ideas about place in the US.

Individual Presentations

Beyond the Nuevo South: How Working-Class Latines (Re)imagine Place and Belonging Across Three Agro-Post-Industrial Communities - Aaron Arredondo, Utah State University (aaron.arredondo@usu.edu)

Destination Effects? Group Disparities in Socioeconomic Well-being Across the American Landscape - Giovanni Román-Torres, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor (gromanto@umich.edu)

Friend or Foe? How Religion and Ethnicity Shape Latinx Americans' Attitudes Towards Immigrants and Immigration - Manuel Rodriguez, University of Notre Dame (mrodri27@nd.edu)

Making Latinos in the Panethnic Postindustrial City - Jonathan Acosta, Brown University (jonathon_acosta@brown.edu)

Navigating Categories and Violence: Asylum as a Space of Contestation in Mexico and the US - Mónica Salmón-Gómez, New School for Social research (salmongm@newschool.edu)

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ROUNDTABLES

Roundtables Coordinators: Tomás E. Encarnacion (tomas.e.encarnacion@census.gov) // Luis E Tenorio (luistenorio@berkeley.edu)

The papers presented at the 1-hour roundtables offer an added opportunity to showcase newer scholarship that, centered in sociological frameworks or through interdisciplinarity, and based on any methodologies, moves the field forward in innovative ways. Conceptually, Latina/o sociology roundtables may push forth issues impacting Latina/o/x populations, the field of Latina/o Sociology, Latina/o Studies, an emergent Latinx Studies, or any combination, as well as work with other sociological frameworks. Roundtables allow for more engagement among the panelists which is in part why they require shorter presentation times. The roundtables foster discussions on socioeconomic, migration and immigration patterns, Latinas/os' relationship to the State, and various aspects that need not be limited to these areas: from cultural readings of Latinidad, to media, education, religion, crimmigration, labor rights, sexuality, gender and gender identity – to name a few. The Section encourages papers that do not merely mention, but focus on, Afro-Latinxs, Central Americans, Indigeneity, and works that unpack discourses of culture that simplify our experience in the United States – but even papers contesting that premise are welcome, as the Section thrives in varied discourse on the potentiality of the field.

Table 1: Latinx in Higher Education: Experiences, Barriers, and Strategies for Success

Table President: Andrea Constant (constant.17@osu.edu)

Date/Time/Location: Monday, Aug 11th / 4-5 pm / Wester Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Gold Level/B Floor, Regency B

Individual Presentations

Bridging the Gap: Institutional Strategies for Supporting Latina Graduate Students' Success - *Aidé Hernandez, University of Illinois-Chicago* (aideh2@uic.edu)

Comparing Latinidades in Higher Education Institutions in the US - *Glenda Maria Vaillant Cruz, University of South Florida; Beatriz Padilla, University of South Florida* (glendamariav@usf.edu) and (padillab@usf.edu)

Conceptualizing the Significance of Joy Among Latinx Scholars of Racialization in Higher Education - *María Isabel Ayala, Michigan State University; Teresa Rivera, Michigan State University* (ayalam@msu.edu) and (riverat3@msu.edu)

Demystifying Doctoral Education: How Latinas use Instagram to Uncover the Hidden Curriculum in Graduate School - *Jennifer Cabrera, UC Irvine* (cabrerj6@uci.edu)

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Table 2: Latinx Racial and Ethnicity Identity: Self-Perception, Census, and Fluidity

Table President: Melissa Manzanares (Manzanares@unc.edu) - University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Date/Time/Location: Monday, Aug 11th / 4-5 pm / Wester Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Gold Level/B Floor, Regency B

Individual Presentations

Counting Race, Miscounting Identity: The Census and Latine Racial Self-Identification - Kyle E. Waldman, Harvard University (kylewaldman@g.harvard.edu)

Parental Racial Identity, Reflected Appraisal and Segmented Assimilation: Insights from a Longitudinal and Multigenerational Study - Nasim Valizadeh, Texas A&M University-System Office (n.vaseie@tamu.edu)

Racial Fluidity: Examining Changes and Shifts in Part-Latino Racial Identity - Michael Hajime Miyawaki, College of Wooster (mmiyawaki@wooster.edu)

'Un Retrato Boricua': Racialization in the Colonial Context(s) of Puerto Rico through Portraiture - Maya Alejandra Rodríguez-Reyes, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (mayaar2@illinois.edu)

Table 3: Latinx Migration, Labor, and Social Mobility

Table President: Gilbert Marzan (gilbert.marzan@bcc.cuny.edu) - City University of New York, Bronx Community College

Date/Time/Location: Monday, Aug 11th / 4-5 pm / Wester Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Gold Level/B Floor, Regency B

Individual Presentations

Moving Beyond Legal Definitions of Human Trafficking: Examining The "Free" Labor of Migrant Farmworkers - Melissa Manzanares, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (Manzanares@unc.edu)

Prioritizing Profit Over People: Racial Capitalism and Latino Dairy Workers Amid the Bird Flu Outbreak - Andreas Arias, University of California-Merced (aarias39@ucmerced.edu)

Racialized Logics of Social Mobility and the Limits of Cultural Adaptations for Latinos - Jose Jesus Gutierrez, University of California-Irvine (jjgutie6@uci.edu)

Liminal Existence of Emotions Under a Deportation Regime - Nancy Plankey-Videla, Texas A&M University-College Station; Joseline González-Ajanel, Texas A&M University-College Station (plankeyvidela@tamu.edu) and (josgonzalez@tamu.edu)

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Table 4: Health, Social Safety Nets, and Aging in Latinx Communities

Table President: Ana Ramirez Calderon (anarami@sas.upenn.edu) - University of Pennsylvania

Date/Time/Location: Monday, Aug 11th / 4-5 pm / Wester Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Gold Level/B Floor, Regency B

Individual Presentations

La Salud de Ellas: Intersectional Latina Health in California Across Generation, Age, Citizenship, and Educational Attainment - Josefina Flores Morales, Stanford University (jfloresm@stanford.edu)

Latinx Access to the Social Safety Net: An Intersectional Case Study in California - Victoria Maria Ciudad-Real, University of California-Irvine; Karina Chavarria, CSU Channel Islands (vcidradr@uci.edu) and (karina.chavarria@csuci.edu)

La Vacuna: Google Trends insights about vaccines & U.S. Latinx T.L Brink, Crafton Hills College; Andrea Stefan Velazquez, Cruz Roja Mexicana (tlbrink@craftonhills.edu) and (not available)

Toward a Diverse Aging Approach: A Scoping Review of Theories on Social Inequality and Older Latinxs - Melanie Z. Plasencia, Rutgers University-Newark (melzp@scarletmail.rutgers.edu)

Table 5: Latinx Communities, Fear, and Political Engagement

Table President: Sara I. Villalta (svillalt@uci.edu) - Loyola Marymount University

Date/Time/Location: Monday, Aug 11th / 4-5 pm / Wester Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Gold Level/B Floor, Regency B

Individual Presentation

The Borderlands of Suburbia: Educational Experiences and Advocacy in a Suburban “New Latinx Diaspora” - Melissa Ortiz, New York University (melissa.ortiz@nyu.edu)

Regional Variations in Catholic Diocesan Ministries Serving Latino Migrants - Sung David Chun, Mercy College of Ohio (sung-chang.chun@mercycollege.edu)

The South’s Got Something to Say: Multiethnoracial Latinos and Outcast Racial Identities - Kayland A Arrington, Georgia State University (karrington5@student.gsu.edu)

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Table 6: Latinx Cultural Identity and Representation in Society

Table President: Ed A. Munoz (u0890955@utah.edu) - University of Utah

Date/Time/Location: Monday, Aug 11th / 4-5 pm / Wester Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Gold Level/B Floor, Regency B

Individual Presentations

Capturing Identity: mapping 1.5 and 2nd generation Central Americans' travel experiences - Jennifer Cecilia Perez Lopez, University of California-Irvine (perezlj1@uci.edu)

Homegirl Aesthetics Inside and Outside of the Ivory Tower: Chicana Adornment as an Infrapolitical Archive - Marisa D. Salinas, California State University, San Marcos (msalinas@csusm.edu)

Mapping Latinidades: Mexicanidad and Puertorriqueñidad in Utah's Wasatch Front - Ed A. Munoz, University of Utah; Marylinda Gonzalez, University of Utah (u0890955@utah.edu)

Scoring Big? Online Reactions to a Newly Hispanic Serving Institution's Cultural Event at a Conservative College-Town - *Jaqueline Mendez, Texas A&M University-College Station* (jaqueline.mendez@tamu.edu)

Table 7: Institutional Policies, Disaster Response and Latinx Resilience

Table President: Miranda J. Martinez (martinez.475@osu.edu) - Ohio State University

Date/Time/Location: Monday, Aug 11th / 4-5 pm / Wester Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Gold Level/B Floor, Regency B

Individual Presentations

Assembling Alternatives: Cooperativismo in Puerto Rico After Hurricane Maria - *Miranda J. Martinez, Ohio State University* (martinez.475@osu.edu)

"I was directly affected by that": The Role of Institutional Policies in Preventing Organizational Support - *Emmber Maranda Garcia, Texas A&M University-College Station* (egarcia1@tamu.edu)

Measuring Undergraduate Student College Adjustment at an Elite Public Institution: Instrument development and validation - *Arlyn Yire Moreno Luna, University of California-Los Angeles* (Arlyn_moreanoluna@berkeley.edu)

Divergent Experiences? Comparing Domestic Latina/o/e and International Latin American Students at a PWI - *Rodrigo Serrão, Hope College*; *Riyta Kagaju, Louisiana State University*; *Sebastian Lema, Hope College* (serrao@hope.edu), (rkagaj1@lsu.edu), and (sebastian.lema@hope.edu)

Activism Community Spotlight

In this issue of Notas we highlight the activism of student members of our section. Students intertwine their research, teaching, and activism to make impactful changes in their communities. The stories of students show us that research and social change go hand in hand. We hope that you will be inspired by these stories to foster communities of hope and resistance wherever you are.

Angie Belen Monreal



Angie Belen Monreal is a fourth year sociology Ph.D. student at the University of California Irvine. Her work examines the reintegration experiences of undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. with a deportation history, with a focus on health, gender, and surveillance. Beyond academia, she is part of Abolition Now OC, a grassroots collective working with recently released people from an Orange County jail, and Orange County Rapid Response Network, a non-profit that works on tracking and responding to immigration enforcement in the Orange County region. In Abolition Now OC, she works on the ground providing services (e.g., free phone calls, rides home, clothes, etc.) to formerly incarcerated people, and in OCRRN, she assist in spreading information to immigrants and allies (e.g., Know Your Rights workshops). Using both research and direct action, Angie hopes to create change for communities impacted by incarceration and deportation.

Section Awards, Publications, and Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AWARDS

Elizabeth Aranda was awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation and from the Russell Sage Foundation for her project, "Home/Place-making and Incorporation among Post-Disaster Migrants."

Elizabeth Aranda was awarded a grant from the Sociological Initiatives Foundation for her project, "State Policies' Impact on Immigrants: Empowerment in a Restrictive Policy Environment."

Katie Duarte successfully defended her dissertation entitled "Tangled: Afro-Latinx Identity in the Natural Hair Movement in the Dominican Republic and New York City." Katie Duarte will join Smith College in the fall as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Latin American and Latino/a Studies Program.

Caroline Martínez will be starting a position as an Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department at San Diego State University.

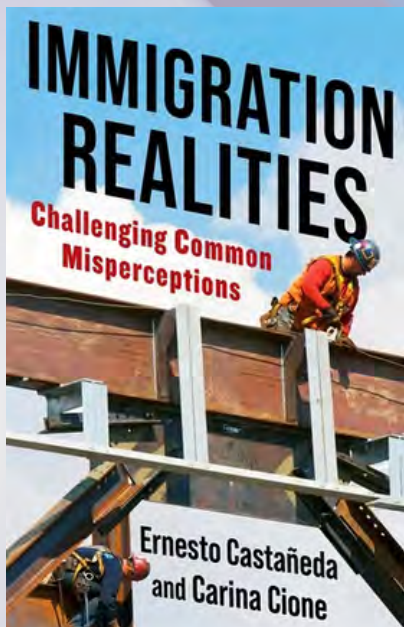
Silvia Pedraza, Professor of Sociology and American Culture at the University of Michigan, became Associate Editor of Social Science History, the journal of the Social Science History Association. SSHA is a mixture of social scientists that want to historicize their explanations and historians that want to be attuned to theory and methods like social scientists. They would welcome articles from members of this Section.

Karen Tejada will be a Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

Salvador Vidal-Ortiz retired and became Emeritus at American University Fall 2024. In 2025, he started a new position as Professor of Sociology and El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies at University of Connecticut.

BOOKS

Castañeda, Ernesto and Carina Cione. 2024. *Immigration Realities: Challenging Common Misperceptions*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press.



Immigrants are less likely to commit crimes. They are eager to learn local languages. Immigration is not a burden on social services. Border walls do not work. There is no unmanageable refugee crisis. Yet many such misinformed assumptions and harmful misconceptions pervade conversations about immigration.

This timely book is a practical, evidence-based primer on immigrants and immigration. Each chapter debunks a frequently encountered claim and answers common questions. Presenting the latest findings and decades of interdisciplinary research in an accessible way, Ernesto Castañeda and Carina Cione emphasize the expert consensus that immigration is vital to the United States and many other countries around the world. Featuring original insights from research conducted in El Paso, Texas, *Immigration Realities* considers a wide range of places, ethnic groups, and historical eras. It provides the key data and context to understand how immigration affects economies, crime rates, and social welfare systems, and it sheds light on contentious issues such as the safety of the U.S.-Mexico border and the consequences of Brexit. This book is an indispensable guide for all readers who want to counter false claims about immigration and are interested in what the research shows.

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Castañeda, Ernesto and Daniel Jenks. 2024. *Reunited: Family Separation and Central American Youth Migration*. New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation.

Over the last dozen years, an increasing number of children from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala began arriving without parents at the U.S.-Mexico border. In many cases, the parents had left for the United States years earlier. In *Reunited* sociologists Ernesto Castañeda and Daniel Jenks explain the reasons for Central American youth migration, describe the journey, and document how minors experienced separation from their families and their subsequent reunification.



In interviews with migrant youth, their sponsors, and social services practitioners in and around Washington, D.C., Castañeda and Jenks find that these minors migrate on their own for three main reasons: gang violence, lack of educational and economic opportunity, and a longing for family reunification. The authors note that youth who feel comfortable leaving and have feelings of belonging upon arrival integrate quickly and easily while those who experience trauma in their home countries and on their way to the United States face more challenges.

Castañeda and Jenks recount these young migrants' journey to the U.S. border, detailing the difficulties passing through Mexico, their encounters with U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials, and staying in shelters while their sponsorship, placement, and departure are arranged. The authors also describe the tensions the youth face when they reunite with family members they may view as strangers. Despite their biological, emotional, and financial bonds to these relatives, the youth must learn how to relate to new authority figures and decide whether or how to follow their rules.

The experience of migrating can have a lasting effect on the mental health of young migrants. Although Castañeda and Jenks find that Central American youths' mental health improves after migrating to the United States, they remain at risk of further problems. They are likely to have lived through traumatizing experiences that inhibit their integration. Difficulty integrating, in turn, creates new stressors that exacerbate PTSD, depression, and anxiety. Consequently, schools and social service organizations are crucial, the authors argue, for enhancing youth migrants' sense of belonging and their integration into their new communities. Bilingual programs, Spanish-speaking PTA groups, message boards, mentoring of immigrant children, and after-school programs for members of reunited families are all helpful in supporting immigrant youth as they learn English, finish high school, apply to college, and find jobs.

Offering a complex exploration of youth migration and family reunification, *Reunited* provides a moving account of how young Central American migrants make the journey north and ultimately reintegrate with their families in the United States.

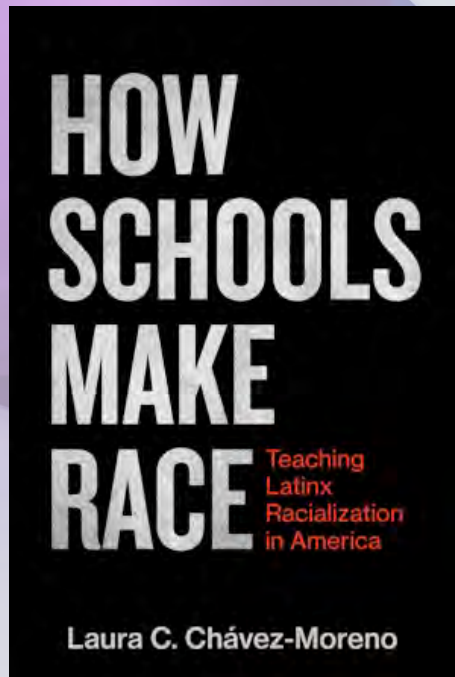
Section Awards, Publications, and Announcements

Chávez-Moreno, Laura C. 2025. *How Schools Make Race: Teaching Latinx Racialization in America*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Education Press.

In *How Schools Make Race*, Laura C. Chávez-Moreno uncovers the process through which schools implicitly and explicitly shape their students' concept of race and the often unintentional consequences of this on educational equity. Chávez-Moreno sheds light on how the complex interactions among educational practices, policies, pedagogy, language, and societal ideas interplay to form, reinforce, and blur the boundaries of racialized groups, a dynamic which creates contradictions in classrooms and communities committed to antiracism.

In this provocative book, Chávez-Moreno urges readers to rethink race, to reconceptualize Latinx as a racialized group, and to pay attention to how schools construct Latinidad (a concept about Latinx experience and identity) in relation to Blackness, Indigeneity, Asianness, and Whiteness. The work explores, as an example, how Spanish-English bilingual education programs engage in race-making work. It also illuminates how schools can offer ambitious teachings to raise their students' critical consciousness about race and racialization.

Ultimately, Chávez-Moreno's groundbreaking work makes clear that understanding how our schools teach about racialized groups is crucial to understanding how our society thinks about race and offers solutions to racial inequities. The book invites educators and scholars to embrace ambitious teaching about the ambivalence of race so that teachers and students are prepared to interrogate racist ideas and act toward just outcomes.



Section Awards, Publications, and Announcements

Flores, Glenda M. 2025. *The Weight of the White Coat: Latinos Navigating American Medicine*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.



Little has been written about Latina/o physicians as students, people, or workers in a high-skill occupation in the United States. *The Weight of the White Coat* traces the life stages that Latina/o physicians follow and the social mechanisms that shape their careers, from the role of the family to different educational trajectories and even the practice of medicine. Glenda M. Flores turns a careful eye to this diverse pan-ethnic group in an elite profession, observing how demographic characteristics such as gender and ethnicity act like cumulative weights in their coat pockets, producing hindrances for some and elevating others as they provide care in poor and wealthy communities. Here, the high occupational status of Latina/o doctors offers a unique lens for examining the varied experiences of physicianhood and the still unsettled contours of Latinidad.

Joseph, Tiffany. 2025. *Not All In: Race, Immigration, and Healthcare Exclusion in the Age of Obamacare*. Baltimore, MD:: Johns Hopkins University Press.



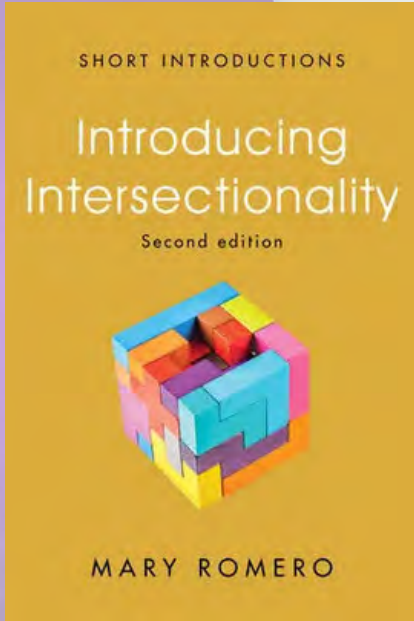
Despite progressive policy strides in health care reform, immigrant communities continue to experience stark disparities across the United States. In *Not All In*, Tiffany D. Joseph exposes the insidious contradiction of Massachusetts' advanced health care system and the exclusionary experiences of its immigrant communities.

Joseph illustrates how patients' race, ethnicity, and legal status determine their access to health coverage and care services, revealing a disturbing paradox where policy advances and individual experiences drastically diverge. Examining Boston's Brazilian, Dominican, and Salvadoran communities, this book provides an exhaustive analysis spanning nearly a decade to highlight the profound impacts of the Affordable Care Act and subsequent policy shifts on these marginalized groups.

Not All In is a critical examination of the systemic barriers that perpetuate health care disparities. Joseph challenges readers to confront the uncomfortable truths about racialized legal status and its profound implications on health care access. This essential book illuminates the complexities of policy implementation and advocates for more inclusive reforms that genuinely cater to all. Urging policymakers, health care providers, and activists to rethink strategies that bridge the gap between legislation and life, this book reminds us that in the realm of health care, being progressive is not synonymous with inclusivity.

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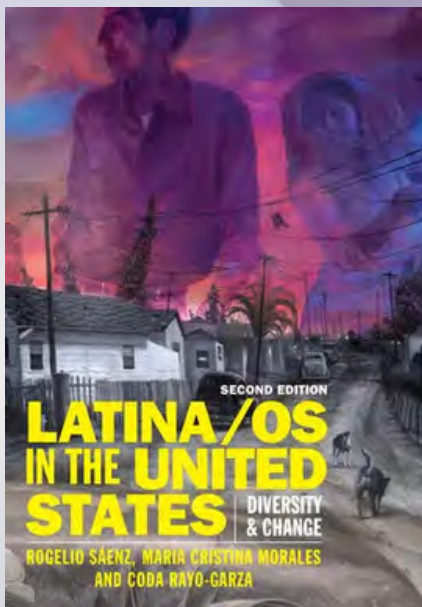
Romero, Mary. 2025. *Introducing Intersectionality*. 2nd ed. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press.



How can we hope to understand social inequality without considering race, class, and gender in tandem? How do they interact with other categories such as sexuality, citizenship, and ableism? How does an inclusive analysis of domination and privilege move us closer to solutions touching the lives of diverse populations?

In this updated edition of her popular introduction, Mary Romero presents intersectionality as a core facet of the sociological imagination. One-dimensional approaches are no longer acceptable: we must examine all systems of oppression simultaneously, and how they integrate and work with or against each other to shape life experiences. Recognizing the dynamics of patriarchy, capitalism, and white supremacy, Romero shows how social inequality is maintained or minimized in various social settings and interactions. The new edition is updated with the latest literature and theoretical insights, as well as addressing contemporary political issues and conservative backlash, from immigrant detention and abortion restrictions to attacks on Critical Race Theory. Offering an overview of scholarly and activist tradition in the development of intersectionality as a lens to enrich our understandings of social life, this introductory text will be an invaluable and welcome resource for all students of sociology.

Rogelio Sáenz, María Cristina Morales, and Coda Rayo-Garza. 2025. *Latinas/os in the United States: Diversity and Change*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press

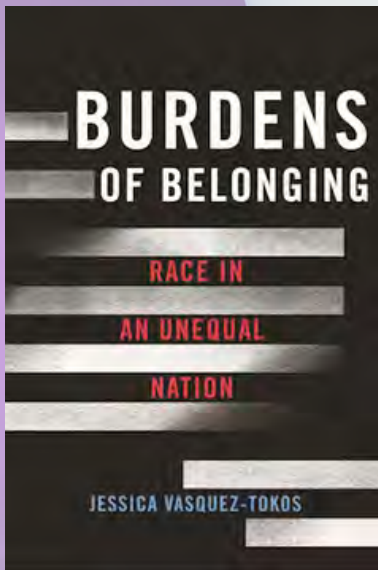


As the major driver of US demographic change, Latinos are reshaping key aspects of the social, economic, political, and cultural landscape of the country. In this second edition of *Latinas/os in the United States*, Sáenz, Morales, and Rayo-Garza highlight the experiences of Latinos in a variety of domains, including gender and sexuality, education, political engagement, work and economic life, family, religion, health and health care, crime and victimization, mass media, and the arts. This updated edition includes the latest demographic trends, discusses recent mass shootings of Latinos, the impact of the Trump administration, and COVID-19. With greater focus on the Afro-Latino population and Latina/o social thought, it offers sociological perspectives on both native-born and immigrant populations, and engages readers in thinking about the major issues that Latinos are facing. The book clearly illustrates the diverse experiences of the array of Latino groups in the United States, with some of these groups succeeding socially and economically, while other groups continue to experience major social and economic challenges. The book concludes with a discussion of what the future holds for Latinos.

This book is essential reading for students, social scientists, and policymakers interested in Latinos and their place in contemporary society

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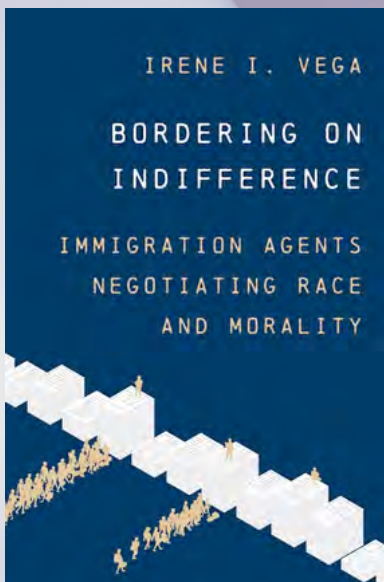


W.E.B. Du Bois famously pondered a question he felt society was asking of him as a Black man in America: “How does it feel to be a problem?” Jessica Vasquez-Tokos uses this question to examine how communities of color are constructed as “problems,” and the numerous ramifications this has for their life trajectories. Uncovering how various members of racial groups understand and react to what their racial status means for inclusion in, or exclusion from, the nation, *Burdens of Belonging* examines the historical underpinnings of the racial-colonial hierarchy, the influence this hierarchy has on lived experience, and how racialized life experience influences the feelings, perspectives and goals of people of color.

Burdens of Belonging is based on interviews with people in Oregon from various racial groups, and brings multiple racial groups’ opinions together to weigh in on the ways in which race contours national belonging and affects sense of self, everyday life and wellness, and aspirations for the future. This book highlights the value of inquiring how people from various racial backgrounds perceive their fit in the nation and reveals how race matters to belonging in multifaceted ways.

Filling a gap in research on the everyday effects of accumulated racial disadvantage, *Burdens of Belonging* brings to the fore an analysis of how racial inequality, settler colonialism, and race relations penetrate multiple layers of social life and become etched into bodies and futures.

Vega, Irene I. 2025. *Bordering on Indifference: Immigration Agents Negotiating Race and Morality*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.



Immigration agents have a frontline view of the racial, economic, and legal inequalities that undocumented migration reflects—and yet most agents do not think of the role their jobs play in those inequalities. Instead, they consider themselves law enforcers, trained to confine their work strictly to crime control and security. In *Bordering on Indifference*, Irene Vega offers an original, detailed analysis of the rationales that shape how U.S. immigration agents understand and carry out their professional responsibilities. Drawing on interviews with ninety immigration agents—Border Patrol Agents and ICE Deportation Officers, most of whom are Mexican Americans from the region around the border—Vega examines why they took the job and how their training and socialization shape the ways that they grapple with the racial and moral issues raised by their work.

Vega shows that indifference is the bureaucratic resource that allows agents to look away from the most morally ambiguous aspects of their work and helps them cultivate legitimacy for their employer. She traces the development of the agents’ “moral economy”—the configuration of norms, values, and sensibilities that undergirds how they perform their work. She also shows how the immigration system benefits from minoritized bureaucrats’ labor. With *Bordering on Indifference*, Vega opens the closed doors of nondescript government buildings and goes into remote areas of the Southwestern borderlands to uncover the hidden normative world that immigration enforcement agents inhabit.

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