

World On the Move



Message from the chair: **MIGRATION + CRISIS**

The word “*crisis*” evokes much in our present moment, both within the U.S. and globally, and as migration scholars we are especially positioned to speak to our present moment. I thought about this recently when participating in the spring IMISCOE conference which had many sessions speaking to its theme of “Governing and Experiencing Migration in Contentious Times.” Herein I outline some thoughts along these lines: First, I thank longtime section member and inaugural International Migration section chair Ruben Rumbaut (UC Irvine) for sharing a recollection during a recent conversation with me. He reminded me of the connection between the 1993 Oklahoma City bombing and the mass shooting this spring near the campus of University of Texas-Austin and how in the aftermath of both we witnessed a moral panic including heightened anti-Muslim racism, scapegoating of immigrants, and xenophobia. This is a crucial reminder of how the research we do is not just for ourselves but rather has broader implications and impact. We as a section have a long tradition of speaking out against false narratives and countering dangerous words and actions, and some of our members have been especially active in the communicating our research to the broader public in order to do so.

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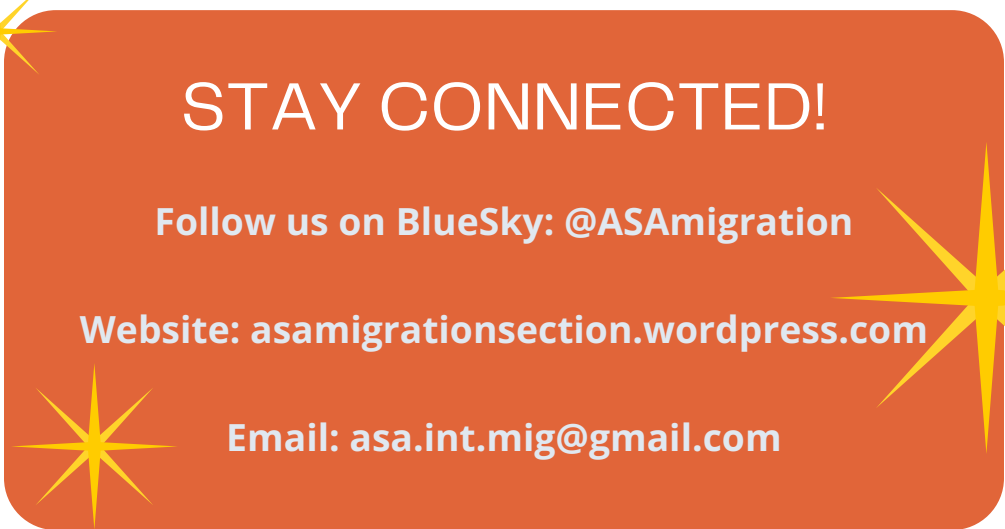
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Secondly, this need to speak out persists today. The phrase “Migration + Crisis” is also the title and theme of our section mini-conference, just before the ASA Annual Meeting, on Friday, August 7th at CUNY Graduate Center (365 Fifth Avenue, not too far from the ASA venues in midtown NYC). When the subcommittee came up with the theme for this mini-conference, we were thinking about the myriad ways migration and migrants themselves have been under attack in this present moment, from increased deportations and family separations, changing governance and practices regarding citizenship, rising xenophobia, and ongoing anti-Black racism. This mini-conference will tackle these questions and more, through both paper presentations by early-career scholars on these questions and more, and with presentations from NGOs and practitioners working on these questions outside the academy. It is our hope that this program will encourage conversation and collaboration between academics and non-academics who focus on similar topics. More information, including a preliminary program and information regarding registration, on this mini-conference will be sent via the section listserv shortly.

Thanks to the mini-conference subcommittee for all their work: Ken Chih-Yan Sun (Villanova University), Bernadette Ludwig (Western Connecticut State University), Norma Fuentes-Mayorga (City College-CUNY), Melissa Hurtado Nuez (Rice University), Neha Lund (Brown University), Chien-Juh Gu (Western Michigan University); Katherine Jensen (University of Wisconsin), Nathan Hoffman (Emory University), and Maurizio Guerrero (CUNY Graduate Center). Thanks also to the editorial teams at the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *International Migration Review*; and *Ethnic and Racial Studies* journal for their support of both this mini-conference and our section more broadly.

Also re the ASA Annual Meeting, I need to address the elephant in the room, which is the call for a boycott of the meetings led by Sociologists for Palestine. As I have previously communicated to you via our listserv, I have consulted with many of you, including other section leaders and section session organizers, and have decided to move our section sessions on Saturday and Sunday off-site (location information will be sent shortly) and keep the business meeting and section roundtables per usual (at the ASA venues). This is a compromise that likely will not please everyone but it is my hope that we can support as much of our membership and section community as possible. This particular moment is difficult, and I'd be remiss if I did not highlight the ongoing genocide of Palestinians as something that migration scholars, particularly those focused on forced removal and refugee systems, can speak to.



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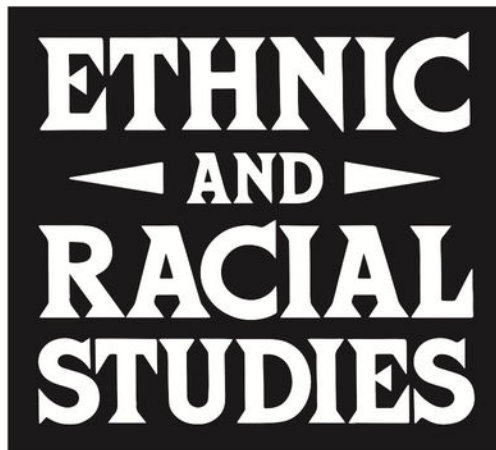
In addition to the mini-conference and section sessions, we will also have our annual mentoring luncheon, organized by the Professionalization and Mentoring subcommittee, on Saturday August 8th and a joint off-site reception on Sunday August 9th with the Community and Urban Sociology section and the Asia and Asian American section. More details on the reception as well as the overall section program for ASA will be forthcoming via our section listserv. Between the mini-conference, two days of section related activity at the Annual Meeting, mentoring luncheon, and section reception, we'll have much International Migration section related activity in August for those who will be joining us.

As always, thanks as well to our newsletter team for putting together an excellent newsletter: Blanca Ramirez, Chen Liang, and Roxanne Corbeil. Happy reading and please be touch with your thoughts and ideas for our section.

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SECTION MEMBER ESSAYS

Steve Gold: An Appreciation

By Rubén Rumbaut, University of California, Irvine

(with inputs from Cecilia Menjivar, Peggy Levitt, and Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo)

Steven J. Gold, our International Migration Section's man for all seasons, retires later this year, following an extraordinarily productive and generous career as Professor of Sociology at Michigan State University, which recently awarded him its highest recognition: the Lifetime Achievement Award for Teaching, Research, and Service. Steve has been ubiquitously involved in all aspects of our Section from the moment of its founding 32 years ago in 1994—the same year he joined MSU. We wish to recognize him further here and ensure that newer members and later generations of the Section learn about his tireless work and foundational contributions.

Steve was the first editor of *World on the Move*, our biannual newsletter, a role he pioneered for the first 6 and a half years of WOM, from its first issue in Spring 1995 through its 13th issue in Spring 2001. All 13 of those issues were printed in black and white and snail-mailed to section members, before the debut of the first online color issue in Fall 2001. In 2003 he won the Thomas and Znaniecki Best Book Award for his book *The Israeli Diaspora*. Widely respected by his colleagues, he was elected as Chair of our Section in 2003-2004 and as a member of our Council from 2007 to 2010. He also served actively behind the scenes as session and panel organizer for our annual ASA meetings, as a mentor to younger colleagues, and in numerous other capacities without skipping a single year. (Tellingly, he even served as our webmaster from 2002 to 2004!) In 2019, on the 25th anniversary of our Section, he received its Distinguished Career Award.

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Steven Gold (Cont'd)

Among his many talents, he has been an innovator and leader whose “astute and thoughtful vision behind the camera lens” made him “a key contributor to the growth and development of visual sociology.” He is himself a superb photographer whose images—scores of them—have graced many of our books and articles. Indeed, over all these years he became our Section’s preeminent visual documentarian. Peggy Levitt (herself a founding member of the Section) remembers him as a “community builder” and informal “family photographer” of the Section, “always there, documenting all of the important events behind the scenes, not noticed by many, but fulfilling this important, selfless role of recording our history, and showing us what we could become. A generous, humble, essential member at the heart of all.”

Steve earned his PhD in Sociology from UC Berkeley in 1985. In his 32 years at Michigan State University, he authored more than 200 journal articles and scholarly chapters, and nine books. He served as MSU Sociology Graduate Program Director for 12 years, chaired 23 PhD dissertations, and taught 45 unique academic courses, reaching nearly 10,000 students, among many other contributions (<https://sociology.msu.edu/news/gold-award-26-2-26.html>).



But his contributions outside MSU—to the profession and to larger communities throughout the U.S. and abroad (including the International Visual Sociology Association, of which he served as President), to diverse areas of scholarship and research (international migration, refugees, ethnic economies, ethnic community development, qualitative field methods, visual sociology), and especially to our Section and to all of those he reached not only through his work, but (as the MSU award citation noted) “by his deep kindness and collegiality, supportive mentorship, effectiveness as a teacher”—are inestimable.

“He leaves us a rich legacy and will remain in our memory as a role model and as a colleague of ingrained integrity for whom perhaps only a Yiddish word can do due justice: a mensch (indeed, a mensch’s mensch)”

SECTION MEMBER ESSAYS

This Is Life in ICE Detention**Uncertainty. Fear. Boredom. Time in These Facilities Is Worse Than Prison**

Originally published in Zocalo Public Square

by Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo and Michael A. Messner

Luis was arrested during an ICE raid in Arkansas. He was working as a roofer, had no criminal record, and was charged with no crime. Agents confiscated his wallet, ID, and phone, then sent him from a squalid local jail to a Texas prison. A few weeks later ICE transferred him to the Tarrant County Detention Facility (TCDF) in New Mexico, where he has remained for the past year.

The two of us encounter Luis (whose name we've changed to protect his privacy and safety) at TCDF, while working as legal service volunteers. Luis is not living as a normal prison inmate. Held without criminal charges, with limited legal help and no idea if or when he might be released or deported, he is a prisoner in a concentration camp, with little or no access to the usual constitutional protections afforded to incarcerated people.

We visit TCDF to assist an attorney from the nonprofit Innovation Law Lab, who has come to provide legal advice and gather information about conditions at the facility. But we—sociologists who study immigration and gender—are also there to witness, and to express solidarity with these men. Most are eager to speak with us. It is more than a year into Trump's immigration enforcement push, and tens of thousands of people are imprisoned with no rights. This is what their lives are like.

Located on the outskirts of Estancia, New Mexico, a sleepy town of 1,300 an hour's drive from Albuquerque, TCDF is run by CoreCivic, a giant private prison operator that reported record-high profits in 2025. About 80% of the people incarcerated at TCDF are ICE detainees, housed in cordoned-off pods of 40 men each.

We walk through barbed wire fences and security gates to enter a large room with two New Mexico-themed murals flanking a scatter of tables and chairs. Groups of men—most of them brown and Black—enter. Several carry folders of papers. They all want time with the lawyer, who will do her best to offer each of them a few minutes of consultation: help with *habeas corpus* challenges, connections to colleagues.

The room feels like a warm space, filling up with camaraderie and solidarity. Many of these men speak at least a bit of English, but we hear a cacophony: Spanish, French, Portuguese, Farsi, Uzbek, Bengali, Urdu, Dari, Pashto, Creole, Mandarin Chinese, Zapoteco, Arabic. Some detainees act as jailhouse lawyers, helping others fill out forms. A French- and English-speaking African man helps a Bangladeshi man who has trouble writing.

Three men tell us ICE detained them when they showed up for required immigration court hearings. Many others say they were arrested at work. All lost access to their wallets and phones. One man, an Uber driver, was pulled out of his car. A young guy with an expired student visa was arrested while washing his face in his apartment bathroom; ICE agents had been looking for his roommate when he became a “collateral arrest.”

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“The guards call us criminals,” one man tells us. But most proudly note they have no previous criminal record, and those who do often have minor infractions. One man’s wife filed domestic violence charges against him and later dropped them. Another had been convicted of marijuana possession 15 years ago, in a U.S. state that has since legalized weed. **ICE data shows** that of the 327 men detained by ICE at TCDF in February 2026, 302 comprised a “non-criminal population.” This reflects national data, which shows that nearly three quarters of people arrested by ICE had no criminal convictions; those with records find themselves facing the double jeopardy of a “carceral carousel” of criminal punishment followed by immigration detention.

A typical detainment begins with several days or weeks in a squalid, cramped local jail before being moved to a major detention center. Several men we talked with in New Mexico had first been held in the giant tent at Camp East Montana (the Fort Bliss, Texas ICE facility that has come under scrutiny for beatings and sexual abuse of prisoners). In 2025, 32 people died in ICE detention centers, which are frequently criticized for unhealthy, unsanitary conditions and their escalating use of solitary confinement. Thirteen people died in ICE detention during the first three months of 2026.

Moving between facilities several times severed many men’s already tenuous connections with support systems in their hometowns, including family networks, legal representation, and labor unions. Detainees frequently lose access to what sociologist Raquel Delerme calls “carceral care,” the visits, emotional support, and spending money prison inmates often receive from mothers and other family members. Several men weep when we ask them about being separated from their wives and children.

Daily life is a boring grind. A 20-year-old who was arrested in Massachusetts nearly a year ago says that he sleeps a lot, gets up at 11 a.m., has lunch, does some reading. “It’s just so boring.” He has learned to play chess, with prison-improvised pieces. Men tell us about their jobs in the facility—cooking, cleaning up, painting the walls. A theme that continually surfaces is the maddening nature of bureaucratic limbo.

Waiting... and waiting, with
nearly absolute uncertainty
of how, when, or if their
detainment will end.

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“Each man has committed to memory the date he was arrested, the dates he was moved from one site to another, and exactly how long he has been imprisoned at TCDF. Some men we meet have been here for 14 months. Relative newcomers have been arrested in the massive wintertime crackdown in Minnesota. All bemoan the infinite wait to be deported, released, or reunited with their loved ones. Many fear they will be tortured or killed if they are returned to their countries of origin.

This uncertainty is part of what we see as unlawful, immoral cruelty. People detained by ICE at TCDF and around the nation are not conventional prisoners. In the U.S., prison inmates are arrested for cause, read their rights, allowed legal representation, and given a trial in front of a judge and jury. If found guilty, they receive a sentence that spans a determined period of time, and the right to a legal appeal.

Centers that house ICE detainees aren't typical prisons. They are more accurately recognized as concentration camps, places that “[hold] those who, most often, had no real trial at all,” the journalist Andrea Pitzer observes in her influential book *One Long Night*. “Concentration camps house civilians...because of their racial, cultural, religious, or political identity, not because of any prosecutable offense,” she writes. That's true of the German death camps of the Holocaust, and of the U.S. camps that incarcerated Japanese Americans for the duration of World War II.

In 2026, New Mexico passed the Immigrant Safety Act, making it unlawful for a local government to contract with ICE prisons, yet three detention centers continue operating in the state. Face-to-face interventions can provide help and bear witness to the inhumane treatment of some of these men. But American concentration camps' metastatic growth will only come to an end when enough people garner the will to stop the ascent of racist nationalism, and to abolish inhumane treatment of immigrants.

SECTION MEMBER ESSAYS

Welcoming new council member: *Deisy Del Real*

Corn husks stained red from eaten tamales adorned our small dining table as a pot of cinnamon tea simmered in the background. My mom filled a Ziploc bag with tamales for our neighbor, the last guest to leave my going-away-to-college celebration. My dad paced between the dining table and the stove. “Carmen is a citizen, right?” he asked anxiously. “She can drop you off and pick you up at the airport?”

“Do you think this letter would be enough?” he continued, pulling out a printed letter from the president of Grinnell College explaining that I was an admitted student and requesting that airport personnel allow me to travel from Los Angeles to Des Moines, Iowa, without any U.S.-issued identification card.

I had my Mexican matrícula consular, which the Mexican government issued to undocumented immigrants in the United States as proof of identity. However, the document quickly became associated with undocumented status and offered little protection from deportation.

In the summer of 2003, news of immigration enforcement raids at factories, bus stops, Greyhound buses, and Los Angeles International Airport became increasingly common. In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, people in my South Central Los Angeles community were experiencing heightened surveillance, detention, and deportation.

Meanwhile, I was leaving for a more conservative state. My family was too poor to pay for college, and my undocumented status disqualified me from federal financial aid. Yet I had managed to secure a full-tuition Posse Foundation scholarship to Grinnell College. Now I had to figure out how to travel regularly between Los Angeles and Iowa without being detained.

I knew I was one of the fortunate ones. Friends from high school who had not received scholarships risked deportation while taking buses to informal jobs to pay for community college. Their college presidents were not handing out letters that offered even a semblance of safety as they navigated raids targeting the routes and labor markets they relied on to survive.

From a young age, I learned to navigate life in the margins of state bureaucracies while remaining legible enough not to attract unwanted attention. My parents applied to adjust our immigration status shortly after arriving in the United States through a non-immediate family reunification pathway. But because of visa backlogs for Mexican nationals, we waited sixteen years before USCIS reviewed our case. In the meantime, we remained undocumented and were effectively unable to leave the country. Doing so would have invalidated our application—we were simultaneously excluded and trapped.

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Welcoming new council member: *Deisy Del Real (cont'd)*

My family's experience with exclusionary immigration laws profoundly shaped my life, research, and understanding of state power. I became obsessed with understanding how state laws and bureaucracies shape human dignity, exclusion, and belonging.

Throughout my educational journey, I joined the undocumented youth movement, advocating for immigration reform and building support networks with other undocumented students.

At the same time, I immersed myself in learning about global human rights struggles in the aftermath of repressive dictatorships and genocidal regimes, from the Videla dictatorship in Argentina to the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia. These experiences helped me see immigrant rights as part of a broader struggle for human dignity. I also learned that political transformations—including those that claim to be emancipatory—can create “us versus them” divisions that legitimize state brutality.

This realization gradually pushed me away from activism and toward academic research. I did not want to advocate for solutions without understanding their unintended consequences.

In my research, it is important for me to be honest about what I find—to uncover surprises, challenge my assumptions, and resist simplistic narratives. As someone who experienced the legal violence of the U.S. immigration regime firsthand, I have also discovered that some state bureaucrats can become powerful allies in advancing immigrant rights. At the same time, I have documented how legal violence is reproduced through immigrants' most intimate relationships, undermining social support systems.

Most social life unfolds in a messy middle where dignity, exclusion, protection, and harm coexist. It is this complexity that continues to drive my work.

Broadly, my research examines how state legislation and bureaucracies shape immigrants' dignity, belonging, and life chances. In my book, *Unexpected Diplomats and the Making of Immigrant Rights in South America* (under contract with Stanford University Press), I show how regional networks of mid-level state bureaucrats transformed immigration governance in South America, helping create some of the world's most inclusive immigration policies despite nativist opposition. In a series of articles, I examine how immigration laws, bureaucratic procedures, and political contexts shape immigrants' lives across the Americas.

Together, this work shows that legal status is a dynamic process shaped by laws, bureaucratic practices, and political decisions. Ultimately, I seek to understand when states and bureaucracies undermine human dignity and when they can become tools of protection.

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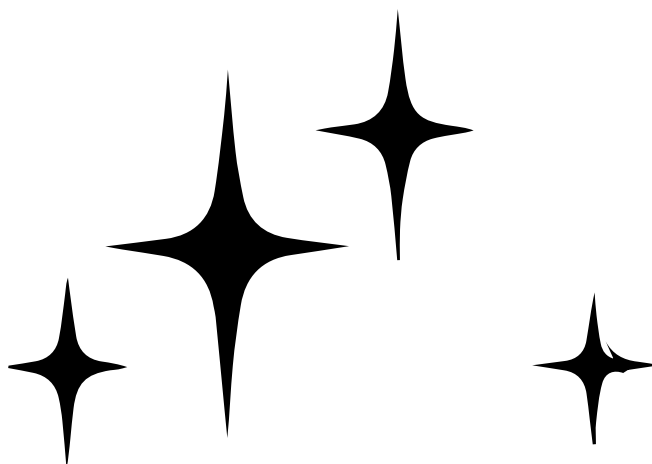
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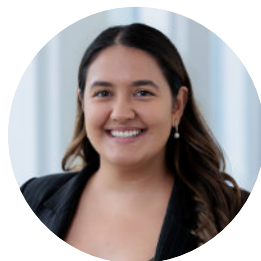
Ken Chih-Yan Sun is Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminology at Villanova University. He is the author of *Time and Migration: How Long-term Taiwanese Migrants Negotiate Later Life* (Cornell University Press, 2021) and the coauthor of *Transnational Social Protection: Social Welfare Across National Borders* (Oxford University Press, 2023; with Peggy Levitt, Erica Dobbs, and Ruxandra Paul).

**Neha Lund**

Neha Lund is a PhD candidate in sociology at Brown University. Their research interests center around racial formation, immigration law/politics, and social movements. Their dissertation examines these themes through a case study of the creation & expansion of TPS as a new legal category, while previous work has looked at the racial politics of status adjustment for Afghan immigrants.

**Chien-Juh Gu**

Chien-Juh Gu is Professor of Sociology at Western Michigan University. She is the author of *The Resilient Self: Gender, Immigration, and Taiwanese Americans* and is currently working on her third book. Gu was a Fulbright Scholar and a finalist for the Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research.

**Melissa Hurtado Nuez**

Melissa Hurtado Nuez is a Cuban-born Sociology Ph.D. student researching migration and guns in society.

**Norma Fuentes-Mayorga**

Norma Fuentes-Mayorga is an Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the Latin American and Latina/o Studies Program at the City College of New York (CUNY). Her research has documented the U.S. immigration of higher educated, Afro-Caribbean and Indigenous women in the Dominican Republic and Mexico and their eventual contributions to the community of origin and of destination, as documented in her first book publication, *From Homemakers, To Breadwinners, To Community Leaders: Migrating Women, Class, and Color* (RUP, 2023).

2026 ASA Schedule



FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

- 5am–9pm: Migration + Crisis Mini Conference (*@ CUNY Grad Center: 365 5th Ave, New York, NY 10016*)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

- 8–9:30am: Racialization and Immigration Enforcement*
- 10–11:30am: The Increasing Significance of Local Context in Immigrant Integration*
- 12–1:30pm: Mentoring Luncheon (*@ Tang Pavilion: 65 W 55th St, New York, NY 10019*)
- 2–3:30pm: Return Migration in the Era of Enforcement: Uncertainty and Transnational Lives*
- 4–5:30pm: Work, Education, and Migration*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- 8–9:30am: Beyond Asylum and Resettlement: Diverse Modes of Refugee Migration*
- 10–11:30am: Migration Policies*
- 12–1:30pm: From Youth to Elders: The Social Worlds of Immigrants Across the Lifespan*
- 2–3pm: Refereed Roundtables (*ASA Venue*)
- 7–9pm: Joint Reception with CUSS and Asia and Asian American sections (*Carla Restaurant: 331 W 51st St, New York, NY 10019*)

*OFF-SITE LOCATION TBD

Racialization and Immigration Enforcement*

Sat, August 8, 8:00 to 9:30am, TBA

The Racialized Geographies of Deportability in the New Deportation Regime

Carolina Valdivia, University of California-Irvine.

Racial and Religious Disparities in Student Visa Rejections

Christopher Maggio, Mercy University; Meaghan L Tomasiewicz, University of Illinois Chicago

Contesting Deportability: Racialized Enforcement and the Struggle for Black Immigrant Belonging

Fadilat Olasupo, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

From Resettlement to Removal: Anti-Black Racism in U.S. Refugee Admissions and Enforcement

Bernadette M Ludwig, Western Connecticut State University

The Increasing Significance of Local Context in Immigrant Integration*

Sat, August 8, 10:00 to 11:30am, TBA

Empowering through proximity: How female neighbors serve as local social capital for refugee women

Kerstin Ostermann, Friedrich-Alexander University

Erlangen-Nuremberg / Institute for Employment Research (IAB); Sebastian Werner Baehr, Institute for Employment Research (IAB)

"Our kids" versus "Illegal" children?: Local Public Debates and Votes on Children of Immigrants in Schools

Robert Courtney Smith, Baruch College, CUNY

Placing Belonging: How Relationships, Community, and the Physical Environment Shape the DACA Experience

Roberto G. Gonzales and Sarah Bruhn, University of Pennsylvania; Kristina Paige Brant, Pennsylvania State University

The Politics of Belonging Come Home: Neighborhood Belonging in the Context of Brexit

Rachael Kei Kawasaki, European University Institute
Integration Paradoxes: Education, Residential Context, and Perceived Discrimination among Descendants of Immigrants in France

Cao Minh Ho, Sciences Po

Return Migration in the Era of Enforcement: Uncertainty and Transnational Lives

Sat, August 8, 2:00 to 3:30pm, TBA

Gendered Brain Circulation: A Comparative Study of Return Migration in South Korea and Taiwan

Minyoung An & Gi-Wook Shin, Stanford University

Geographic Entrapment or Aging in Places? How Immigration Status Impacts Where Older Mexican Immigrants Age

Isabel Garcia Valdivia, University of Oregon
Ground for Deportability

Oscar Ruben Cornejo Casares, Davidson College; Gabrielle Cabrera, University of Colorado, Boulder

To Leave or Stay?: Negotiating the Risks and Desires of Returning to the U.S. after Deportation

Adriana Ceron, Yale University

Work, Education, and Migration

Sat, August 8, 4:00 to 5:30pm, TBA

Beyond "Modern-Day Slavery": Bangladeshi Migrants, Kafala, and a Decolonial Sociology of Labor Migration

Hasan Mahmud, Northwestern University
Educational Selectivity and the Immigrant-Native Health Disparity

Hao Liang, Cornell University; Kristin Liao, University of California-Los Angeles
Gratitude That Never Was: Migration, Labor and Discontent in Au Pair Experiences
Bengi Sullu, Medgar Evers College, CUNY



Sunday, Aug. 9th

Beyond Asylum and Resettlement: Diverse Modes of Refugee Migration

Sun, August 9, 8:00 to 9:30am, TBA

Finding Security in a New Rhythm: How South-South Migrants in Uruguay Negotiate Transnational Temporalities

Asha Marie Kaur Sawhney, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Forced Migrants to Refugees: The Promises and Perils of Informal Categorization as Refugee Brothers and Sisters

Swan Ye Htut, Stanford University

Legible Displacement: Temporary Protected Status and the Production of Legal Vulnerability, 1990-2025

Neha Lund, Brown University

The Lives & Possibilities of African Asylum Seekers in New York City

Dialika Sall, CUNY-Lehman College; Heba

Gowayed, CUNY-Hunter College

Sauda Muhammad & Ethan Mayer-Rich, CUNY-Graduate Center

"Turning Myself In": How Pastoral Governance Shapes Access to Asylum at the US-Mexico Border

Anahi Viladrich, CUNY-Queens College

Migration Policies

Sun, August 9, 10:00 to 11:30am, TBA

Emplaced legality: How private homeownership structures post-socialist citizenship

Jeffrey Bilik, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Hemming Close: A Comparative Analysis of Turkish and Colombian Refugee Regularization Policies

Sevin Gulfer Sagnic, UC San Diego; Andrés

Sebastián Besserer Rayas, El Colegio de Mexico

Nonviolent Migrants in a Place with Violent Criminal Past: Decriminalization of the Racialized

Berna Turam, Northeastern University

Migration Policies (Cont'd)

The Discursive Erasure of Asylum: Tracking Semantic Change in U.S. News Coverage (1920-2020)

Bertha Alicia Bermúdez Tapia & Heather Harper, New Mexico State University

Violence and International Migration in Illiberal Times: The Case of El Salvador's Authoritarian Transformation

Jeffrey Swindle, University of California, Irvine

Matthew Blanton, University of Texas-Austin

From Youth to Elders: The Social Worlds of Immigrants Across the Lifespan

Sun, August 9, 12:00 to 1:30pm, TBA

Aging with Joy: Transnational Boy Idol Fandom

among Hong Kong Immigrant Women in Canada

Pamela Tsui, University of Toronto

Caring Here and Caring There: The Undocumented Sandwich Generation

Angela S. García, University of Chicago

"I Don't Want to be a Burden": Autonomy and Dignity in Later-Life Migration

Yiran Yu, UCLA

International Immobility Across the Lifespan: How Undocumented Immigrants and Their Families Contend with the Golden Cage

Kristina M. Fullerton Rico, University of Michigan



2026 ASA INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION SECTION

Award Winners

LOUIS WIRTH
ARTICLE AWARD**WINNER: Keitaro Okura (Brown University)**

2025. "Red and Blue Immigrants: Political (Mis)Alignment, Immigration Attitudes, and the Boundaries of American National Inclusion." *American Journal of Sociology* 131(4): 1-44.

HONORABLE MENTION: Peter Catron (University of Washington), María Vignau Loría (University of Washington), and Sarah Farr (University of Michigan)

2024. "Contextual Boundaries: Skin Tone Stratification and Skill Transferability Among Mexicans in the Age of Mass Migration." *Demography* 61(5): 1377-1402.

HONORABLE MENTION: ChangHwan Kim (University of Kansas)

2025. "Culture and Immigrant Selectivity in Shaping Asian American Education: Evidence from Historical Census Data." *American Sociological Review* 90(4): 626-657.

AWARD FOR PUBLIC
SOCIOLOGY**Nancy Plankey-Videla (Texas A&M University)**DISTINGUISHED CAREER
AWARD**CO-WINNERS:****Katherine M. Donato (Georgetown University)****Edward Telles (University of California, Irvine)**ARISTIDE ZOLBERG
DISTINGUISHED STUDENT
SCHOLAR AWARD**CO-WINNER: Yusuf Ziya Karipek (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)**

"Ties that bind, documents that trap: Transnational repression through abuse of consular services."

CO-WINNER: Keitaro Okura (Brown University)

"Red and blue immigrants: Political (mis)alignment, immigration attitudes, and the boundaries of American national inclusion."

HONORABLE MENTION: Milly Yining Yang (Yale University)

"The Skill Paradox: Economic Threat, Legal Boundary-Making, and Labor Market Inequality in U.S. Immigration."

THOMAS & ZNANIECKI
BOOK AWARD**WINNER: Irene I. Vega (University of California, Irvine)**

Bordering on Indifference: Immigration Agents Negotiating Race and Morality. Princeton University Press.

HONORABLE MENTION: Yasmin Ortiga (Singapore Management University)

Stuck at Home: Pandemic Immobilities in the Nation of Emigration. Stanford University Press.

HONORABLE MENTION: Kerilyn Schewel (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Moved by Modernity: How Development Shapes Migration in Rural Ethiopia. Oxford University Press.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED ON AWARD COMMITTEES IN 2025-2026!

MEMBER NEWS

Blanca A. Ramirez was selected as a 2026–2027 Visiting Poverty Scholar with UC Irvine's Center for Population, Inequality, and Policy.

Gabriela León-Pérez received Virginia Commonwealth University's Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, recognizing her contributions to undergraduate research and scholarship.

Guillermina Jasso won the 2026 Cooley-Mead Award given annually by the ASA Social Psychology Section for lifetime contributions to distinguished scholarship in social psychology. The award will be presented at the ASA meetings in August, where Jasso will deliver the Cooley-Mead Address.

Tiffany D. Joseph

Op-ed: Joseph, Tiffany D. 2026. "Our History-Making Reform Extended Coverage to Immigrants. That Is Now under Threat." Commonwealth Beacon, April 9. <https://commonwealthbeacon.org/health-care-at-20/our-history-making-reform-extended-coverage-to-immigrants-that-is-now-under-serious-threat/>

TEDx Talk: Joseph, Tiffany D. 2026. "Imagining a Better Healthcare System in the Face of Shifting Paradigms." TEDx Talk, Northeastern University, February 21. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKtyfxw308Y>

Promotion to Full Professor of Sociology and International Affairs at Northeastern University (effective July 1).

Isabel García Valdivia has been selected as a recipient of an AAUW American Fellowship, the Short-Term Research Publication Grant.

Jessica Stallone's paper, "Aging in Nationhood: Everyday Nationalism and Belonging Among Seniors in Old-Age Homes in Québec," won the ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course's Graduate Student Paper Award.

Melissa Hurtado Nuez was awarded the 2026 Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans <https://pdsoros.org/fellows/melissa-hurtado-nuez/>
<https://www.hunter.cuny.edu/news/hunter-alumna-wins-soros-fellowship-for-new-americans/>

MEMBER NEWS

Norma Fuentes-Mayorga

Accomplishments during sabbatical year of 2024–2025: Appointment as Distinguished Research Fellow, The CUNY Graduate Program Advanced Research Collaboration (Spring 2024); Appointment as Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology, New York University (Spring 2024); Invited Guest Lecturer, Political Studies Department, University of Milan, Italy (Spring 2024); Invited Guest Lecturer, Women in Science Webinar (BROAD_ER), Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey; Invited Guest Lecturer, Ibero-American University, Mexico City, Mexico (with support from the Julio Iglesias Espinoza Center); Invited Guest Speaker, American University Immigration Lab, American University, Washington, D.C.

Silvia Pedraza (University of Michigan) received two awards from the Latin American Studies Association (LASA): the Distinguished Career Award from the Section on Cuban Studies (May 2025) and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Section on Latinx Studies (February 2026).

Sharon M. Quinsaat won the 2026 Outstanding Contribution in the Social Sciences Book Award, Association for Asian American Studies, for *Insurgent Communities: How Protests Create a Filipino Diaspora* (2024, University of Chicago Press).

Danielle Schoon (Assistant Professor of Teaching, Sociology at Ohio State)

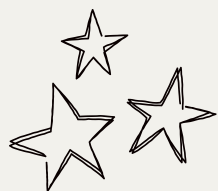
In Spring 2026, Danielle Schoon taught a 4-credit High Impact Practice section of SOC3200 Sociology of Immigration using COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning). SOC3200 provides a sociological understanding of contemporary migration both globally and with a particular focus on the U.S. The course examines why migration occurs, how it is sustained over time, and how immigrants are incorporated into the receiving society. The COIL component of this course provided Dr. Schoon and her students with the opportunity to collaborate online with peers at an international university, Izmir University of Economics (IEÜ).



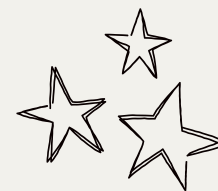
ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 SocSci Caucus Outstanding Research Article Awards Competition: The AAAS SocSci Caucus is pleased to announce a call for nominations for three article awards: Outstanding Graduate Student Research Article, Outstanding Emerging Scholar Research Article, and Outstanding Tenured Faculty Research Article. Papers submitted for any award category require a nomination letter (either external or self-nomination) and the author/s (including all writers, if multiply authored) of the submitted papers must be current dues-paying members of the Social Science Caucus. External nominators are not required to be members of the Caucus. More information can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/aaas-socsci/article-awards?authuser=0>



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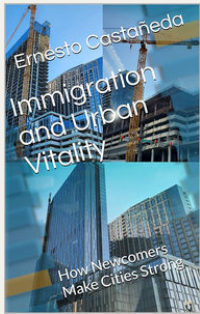
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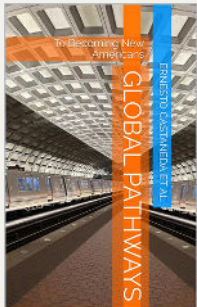


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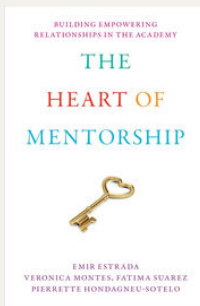
Immigration and Urban Vitality: How Newcomers Make Cities Strong.

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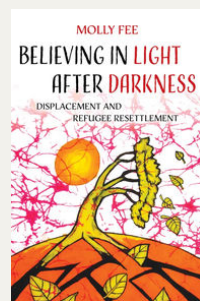
Global Pathways: Becoming New Americans

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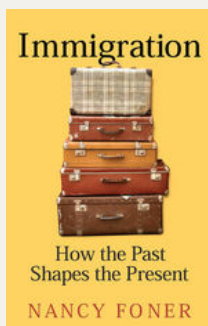
The Heart of Mentorship: Reflections on the Mentor and Mentee Relationship

Emir Estrdada, Veronica Montes, Fatima Suarez, and Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo
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Believing in Light After Darkness: Displacement and Refugee Resettlement

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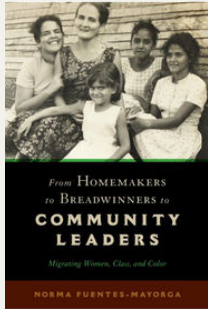


Immigration: How the Past Shapes the Present

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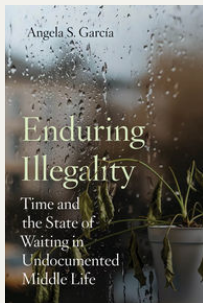


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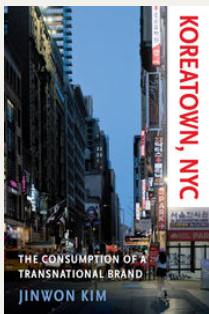
From Homemakers to Breadwinners to Community Leaders: Migrating Women, Class, and Color

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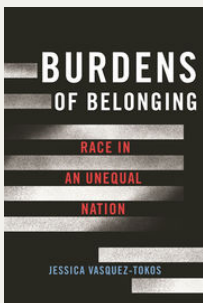
Enduring Immigrant Illegality: Time and the State of Waiting in Undocumented Middle Life

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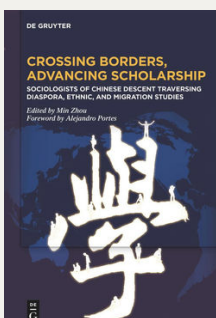
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