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**EDUCATION**

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2008	Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Irvine
2006	M.A., Sociology, University of California, Irvine
2003	M.A., Demographic and Social Analysis, University of California, Irvine
2002	B.A., Sociology, University of California, Irvine <i>Magna cum Laude, Honors</i>

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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2009-	University of Southern California Professor of Sociology and American Studies & Ethnicity (2024-) Associate Professor of Sociology and American Studies & Ethnicity (2015-2024) Associate Director, USC Equity Research Institute (ERI) (2020- ) Associate Director, USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration (CSII) (2016-2020) Vice Chair, Sociology (2024-2025) Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology (2018-2019; 2024-2025) Co-Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology (2019-2021) Assistant Professor of Sociology (2009-2015) Faculty Affiliate, USC Latinx & Latin American Studies (2020- )
2008-09	University of California, San Diego, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies & U.S.-Mexican Studies

**PUBLICATIONS** (\*graduate student or postdoc at time of writing)

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### ***Books***

**Vallejo, Jody Agius.** *Latino Elites in Los Angeles: Why Giving Back Isn't the Answer.* Under Contract. University of California Press.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius.** 2012. *Barrios to Burbs: The Making of the Mexican American Middle Class.* Stanford University Press.

U.S. Department of Labor's 2014 list of "Books that Shaped Work in America"

Reviewed in: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, *Journal of American Studies*, *Borderlands History*

### ***Edited Volumes***

**Vallejo, Jody Agius** and Lisa Keister. 2020. *Immigrants and Wealth Attainment: Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies.* 46(18):3745-3936.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius (Editor).** 2015. *Research in the Sociology of Work: Immigration and Work.* Emerald Group Publishing.

### ***Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (\*graduate student or postdoc coauthor)***

**Vallejo, Jody Agius,** and Jessica Vasquez. 2024. "[The Latino Middle Class](#)." *Annual Review of Sociology.* 50:521-546

**Vallejo, Jody Agius,** and Lisa Keister. Forthcoming. "Betting on Business: The Entrepreneurial Pathways and Experiences of the Chinese American Second Generation." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences.*

**Vallejo, Jody Agius.** Forthcoming. "Racist Policy Shocks in the U.S. and Latino Elites' Identities and Actions: Prop 187, SB 1070, and Trump's Racism." *American Behavioral Scientist.*

Santellano, Karina\* and **Jody Agius Vallejo.** 2024. "Feminist Ethnoracial Entrepreneurship Among Latina Elite and Middle-Class Entrepreneurs." 31(4):1166-1181 *Gender, Work, & Organization.*

**Vallejo, Jody Agius,** and Blanca Ramirez\*. 2024. "A Distinct Integration Path? Latino Economic Elites in Los Angeles Growing the Latino Middle Class." *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education* 54(3):422-440

**Vallejo, Jody Agius,** and Stephanie Canizales\*. 2023. "Ethnoracial Capitalism and the Limits of Ethnic Solidarity." *Social Problems* 70(4):961-80.

November 2024

Winner of the 2023 Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award from the ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Canizales, Stephanie\*, and **Jody Agius Vallejo**. 2021. "[Latinos and Racism in the Trump Era](#)." *Dædalus* 150(2):150-64.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**, and Lisa Keister. 2020. "Immigrants and Wealth Attainment: Migration, Inequality, and Integration." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 46(18):3745-61.

Keister, Lisa, **Jody Agius Vallejo**, and Paige Borelli Smith\*. 2020. "Investing in the Homeland: Cross-Border Investments and Immigrant Wealth in the U.S." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 46(18):3785-3807.

Keister, Lisa, **Jody Agius Vallejo**, and Brian Aronson\*. 2016. "Chinese Immigrant Net Worth: Heterogeneity in Adaptation." *PLoS One* 11.12: e0168043.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**. 2016. "The Mexican-American Middle Class: How Heterogeneity in Class Background Affects Integration." *Journal of Cultural Marketing Strategy* 2(1):59-69.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**, and Stephanie Canizales\*. 2016. "Latino/a Professionals as Entrepreneurs: How Race, Class, and Gender Shape Entrepreneurial Incorporation." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 39(9):1637-1656.

Reprinted in *Intersectionality and Entrepreneurship*. 2018. Edited by Zulema Valdez and Mary Romero.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**. 2015. "Levelling the Playing Field: Patterns of Ethnic Philanthropy Among Los Angeles' Middle and Upper-Class Latino Entrepreneurs." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 38(1):125-140.

Reprinted in *Cities, Diversity and Ethnicity: Politics, Governance, and Participation*. 2017. 135-51. Edited by Martin Bulmer and John Solomos, Routledge.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**. 2015. "How Class Background Affects Mexican Americans' Experiences of Subtle Racism in the White-Collar Workplace." *Latino Studies* 13:9-87.

Keister, Lisa, **Jody Agius Vallejo**, and Paige Borelli\*. 2015. "Mexican American Mobility: Early Life Processes and Adult Wealth Ownership." *Social Forces* 92(3):1015-46.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**. 2012. "Socially Mobile Mexican Americans and the Minority Culture of Mobility." *American Behavioral Scientist* 56(5):666-81.

Emeka, Amon, and **Jody Agius Vallejo**. 2011. "Non-Hispanics with Latin American Ancestry: Race and Identity Among Latin American Descendants in the U.S." *Social Science Research* 40(6):1547-63.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**. 2009. "Latina Spaces: Middle-Class Ethnic Capital and Professional Associations in the Latino Community." *City & Community* 8(2):129-54.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**, and Jennifer Lee. 2009. "Brown Picket Fences: The Immigrant Narrative and 'Giving Back' among the Mexican Origin Middle-Class." *Ethnicities* 9(1):5-23.

Zhou, Min, Jennifer Lee, **Jody Agius Vallejo**, Rosie Tafoya-Estrada, and Yang Sao Xiong. 2008. "Success Attained, Deterred, and Denied: Divergent Pathways to Social Mobility in Los Angeles' New Second Generation." *The Annals of American Academy of Political and Social Science* 620:37-61.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**, and Jennifer Lee. 2006. "Raising the Status of the Cashier: Latina-White Relations in an Ethnic Market." *Sociological Forum* 21(2):197-218.

### ***Chapters in Edited Volumes***

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**. *Forthcoming*. Latino Elites and Racial Divides, in the *Oxford Handbook on Sociology of Global Elites*. Edited by Anette Lareau, Mike Savage, and Maria Luisa Mendez, Oxford University Press.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius** and Stephanie Canizales. *Forthcoming*. Generational Precarity Ripples: Legal Status, Economic Mobility, and Well-being Within and Across Generations, in *National Symposium on Family Issues: Immigration Policy and Immigrant Families*. Edited by Jennifer Van Hook, Springer.

Fairlie, Rob, Zulema Valdez, and **Jody Agius Vallejo**. 2020. The Economic Contributions of Latino Entrepreneurs in *Advancing Latino Entrepreneurship: A New National Economic Imperative*, 59-76. Edited by Marlene Orozco, Alfonso Morales, Michael J. Pisani, and Jerry I. Porrasi, Purdue University Press.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**. 2017. "Levelling the Playing Field: Patterns of Ethnic Philanthropy Among Los Angeles' Middle- and Upper-Class Latino Entrepreneurs in *Cities, Diversity and Ethnicity: Politics, Governance, and Participation*. 2017, 135-51. Edited by Martin Bulmer and John Solomos, Routledge.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**. 2013. Intolerance and Migration, United States in *The Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration* (Online). Edited by Immanuel Ness, John Wiley & Sons.

### ***Book Reviews***

2019 *Multinational Maids*, by Anju Mary Paul (Cambridge University Press). In ***Sociological Forum*** (with Steven Gold).

2016 *National Colors: Racial Classification and the State in Latin America* (Oxford University Press), by Mara Loveman. In ***American Journal of Sociology*** (with Stephanie Canizales\*).

2011 *Achieving Anew: How New Immigrants Do in American Schools, Jobs and Neighborhoods*, by Michael J. White and Jennifer Glick (Russell Sage Foundation). In ***Social Forces***.

2011 *Latinos in Dixie: Class and Assimilation in Richmond, Virginia*, by Debra J. Schleef and H.B. Cavalcanti (SUNY Press). In ***Contemporary Sociology***.

2011 *Replenished Ethnicity: Mexican Americans, Immigration, and Identity*, by Tomás R. Jiménez (University of California Press). In ***Ethnic and Racial Studies***.

2010 *Generations of Exclusion: Mexican Americans, Assimilation and Race*, by Edward Telles and Vilma Ortiz (Russell Sage Foundation). In ***Latino Studies***.

2008 *Black on the Block: The Politics of Race and Class in the City*, by Mary Pattillo (University of Chicago Press). In ***Political Science Quarterly*** (with Jennifer Lee)

2005 *The Price of Poverty: Money, Work, and Culture in the Mexican American Barrio*, by Daniel Dohan (University of California Press). In ***Social Forces*** (with Jennifer Lee).

### ***Public Sociology and Scholarly Essays***

2022 [Immigration and Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles](#). Footnotes: A Magazine of the ASA (with Walter Nicholls).

2021 [How Biden and Harris Can Create A More Humane Immigration System](#). USC ERI (with Blanca Ramirez\* and Gladys Malibiran)

2020 [Getting Involved: Lizbeth Mateo](#). Contexts: Sociology for the Public

2020 Immigration and Urbanization. A Sociology Experiment (with Patrick Sharkey).

2019 [The Other Side of Assimilation](#). Interview with Tomás Jiménez. USC ERI

2018 [The New Executive](#) Order is No Solution. CSII Immigrant Integration Wire (with Blanca Ramirez\* and Eliane Fersan)

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2018 [Three Reasons](#) to Protect DACA. CSII Immigrant Integration Wire (with Karina Santellano\*)

2018 [Seven Facts](#) on Immigration that Every American Should Know. CSII Immigrant Integration Wire (with Carolyn Choi\*)

2017 [Latino Elites are Paying the California Dream Forward](#). *The Conversation*.

2017. [The Effect Racist Rhetoric Has on Young Latinos, and Why all Americans Should Care](#). *The Conversation*.

2017 [Latino Middle Class](#). *Oxford Bibliographies in Latino Studies*

2015 [How Watts Provided a Foundation for a Family's Rise in America](#). *Zócalo Public Square*

2015 [Silva Letters and the Mexican American Middle Class](#). *Contexts: Sociology for the Public*

2013 [Where the GOP is Wrong on Amnesty and Border Security](#). Stanford University Press Blog

2012 [Latino Identities and America's Future](#). Commentary. *Pew Research Center*.

2010 The Promise of Comprehensive Immigration Reform. *World on the Move*, Newsletter of the International Migration Section of the ASA

2010 Immigrants and Obama. *USC Politics and Society*

### ***Op-Eds***

2020 [Universities Should Take Up the Fight for Immigration Reform](#). *LA Daily News* (with Manuel Pastor).

2013 [Citizenship is Key to the United States' Future](#). *The Guardian*

2011 [Citizenship Stripping Will Hurt the Nation's Economic Future](#). *Profiles in Diversity Journal*

2010 [Citizenship Path Key to U.S. Economy](#). *Politico*

### ***Policy Research Publications***

November 2024

Terriquez, Veronica, **Vallejo, Jody Agius**, and Jiayi Xu. 2021. Orange County's Diverse Young Voters Exercise their Voice at the Ballot Box. USC ERI.

**Vallejo, Jody Agius**. 2009. The Mexican-Origin Middle Class in Los Angeles. Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, University of Southern California.

## AWARDS

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2023	Award for Public Sociology in International Migration ASA Section on International Migration  Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities  USC PhD Achievement Mentoring Award (PhD student Blanca Ramirez)
2022	Faculty Mentoring Award for Mentoring Graduate Students USC Office of the Provost
2021	Distinguished Service Award USC Dornsife Faculty Council
2018	USC Community Achievement Award Asian Pacific American Student Assembly, the International Student Assembly, the Queer and Ally Student Assembly
2016	Top 50 Graduate and Postdoctoral Scholar Alumni University of California, Irvine
2012	Raubenheimer Outstanding Junior Faculty Award for Research, Teaching, Service USC Dornsife
2012	Mellon Mentoring Award, Faculty Mentoring of Undergraduates USC Office of the Provost
2012	40 Global Leaders under 40 The Council for the United States and Italy
2008	Distinguished Student Scholarship Award, Best Graduate Student Paper ASA Section on International Migration

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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### *External Awards*

Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Grant (Faculty PI; Demetrius Murphy, co-PI), 2023-24 “Black Flourishing: Race, Class, and Living Well in an Anti-Black City” \$10,000

John and Dora Haynes Foundation Faculty Fellowship (PI), 2018- 2019  
“Latino Elites in Los Angeles”  
\$12,000

National Science Foundation, Sociology Program (co-PI with Lisa Keister), 2013-16  
“Collaborative Research: Heterogeneity and Adaptation in American Wealth”  
\$315,000

UC Davis Center for Poverty Research (PI), 2014-2016  
“Ethnic Philanthropy as a Non-Traditional Safety-Net: Do Elite Latinos Help to Alleviate Poverty in Latino Immigrant Communities?”  
\$34,000

Lusk Center for Real Estate (PI), 2012-2013  
“How do Latino-Owned Banks and Elite Latino Entrepreneurs Facilitate Economic Development in Los Angeles?”  
\$34,000

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, administered by the Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality (co-PI with Doug Massey, David Grusky), 2012-2013  
Research Group Leader/Consultant for Social Mobility Research Group, ‘Hispanic Poverty: Social Mobility’  
\$5,000

American Association of University Women, Publication Grant (PI), 2011-12  
“Brown Picket Fences”  
\$12,000

ASA/National Science Foundation, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (PI), 2012-13  
“Class and Assimilation among Latino Entrepreneurs”  
\$6,900

Labor and Employment Research Grant, UC Institute of Labor and Employment (PI), 2007-08  
“Entering the Mainstream Economy: How Latina Professional Organizations Combat Gender and Ethnic Stereotypes”



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\$4,000

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (PI), 2006-08

“Immigration and Trajectories to the Middle Class”

\$7,004

UC MEXUS Dissertation Research Grant (PI), 2006-08

“Brown Picket Fences: The Mexican-Origin Middle Class”

\$12,500

Center for Latinos in a Global Society (PI), 2006

“Mexicano, Pocho or White: Ethnic Identity among the Mexican-Origin Middle Class” \$1,000

Center for Latinos in a Global Society (PI), 2005

“Do Ethnic Associations Facilitate Mobility of the Mexican-Origin Middle Class?” \$1,000

### ***Internal Awards***

Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, USC Office of the Provost (PI), 2016-27

"Latino Elites in Los Angeles"

\$21,000

Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, USC Office of the Provost (PI), 2011-12

“Entrepreneurship and Wealth Creation Among Los Angeles’ Latino Middle Class” \$21,000

### **FELLOWSHIPS**

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American Fellow, 2011

American Association of University Women

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2008-2009

Center for Comparative Immigration Studies & Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies

Dissertation Fellow, 2008-09

Haynes Foundation

University of California Chancellor’s Club Dissertation Fellow for Excellence In Research, Scholarship and Leadership, 2008

November 2024

University of California Regents Early Career Award and Fellow, 2005

## EDITORIAL BOARDS

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*Social Currents*, 2024-

*American Sociological Review*, 2016-19

*Social Forces*, 2017-23

*Contexts*, 2015-18

## ELECTED OR APPOINTED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS

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2023-24      Chair, International Migration Section, ASA

2022-23      Chair-Elect, International Migration Section, ASA

2021-22      Co-Chair, Local Organizing Committee, ASA Meeting, Los Angeles, CA  
(Appointed by the ASA President)

2017-2019    Council Member, International Migration Section, ASA

## ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC TALKS

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2024 Russell Sage Foundation, New York, *Chinese American Wealth*

London School of Economics, *Latino Elites*

California Latino Legislative Caucus Policy Conference, *Latino Mobility, Wealth*

California State University, Fullerton, *Keynote for AKD Sociology Week*

2023 Pennsylvania State University's 31<sup>st</sup> National Symposium on Family Issues, *Latino Mobility Across Generations*

University of California, Los Angeles, *Undocumented Status and Latino Mobility*

Hispanas Organizing for Political Equity (HOPE), Los Angeles, *Latino Mobility*

2022 University of Pennsylvania, *Latino Elites*

Temple University, *Middle Class Latinos and Mobility*

American Bar Foundation, *Middle Class Latinos and Mobility*

- 2021 Brown University, *Latino Elites and Entrepreneurship*  
University of California, San Diego, *Latino Elites*
- 2019 California Senate Select Committee on the Social Determinants of Children's Well Being, *Latino mobility, Immigrant Inclusion*  
*LA Times* Festival of Books, *Immigrant Inclusion*  
USC Sidney Harman Academy for Polymathic Study, *Immigrant Inclusion*
- 2018 Eisenhower Fellowships Conference. London, England, *Latino Mobility*  
University of California, Irvine, *Latino Elites*
- 2017 Stanford University, *Latino Elites and Entrepreneurship*  
University of California, Davis, *Latino Elites and Entrepreneurship*  
Retired Faculty Distinguished Lecture, USC, *Latino Elites and Entrepreneurship*  
Chubb/Bolton Latino Summit, *Middle Class Latinos, Latino Mobility*
- 2016 Stanford University, *Latino Elites, Latino Middle-Class Mobility*  
Indiana University, Keynote, *Latino Middle Class*  
University of California, Irvine, *Latino Middle Class, Latino Mobility*
- 2015 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, *Latino Elites and Entrepreneurship*  
University of California, Merced. *Latino Elites and Entrepreneurship*
- 2014 Duke Population Research Institute, Duke University, *Latino Elites*  
Lusk Center for Real Estate, Los Angeles, CA. *Latino Elites*
- 2013 University of California, Irvine, *Latino Middle Class*  
University of California, Los Angeles, *Latino Middle Class*  
California State University, Los Angeles, *Latino Middle Class*  
Gustavo Arellano's Lecture Series, Fullerton, CA, *Latino Middle Class*
- 2012 Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, Los Angeles, CA. *Latino Mobility, Policy*  
The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, Los Angeles, CA.  
Keynote, Young Leaders Conference, The Council for the United States and Italy,  
Trieste, Italy. *Demographic Change, Immigrant Inclusion*  
University of Maryland, *Latino Entrepreneurs*
- 2010 TD Ameritrade, Elite Advisor Summit, *Demographic Change*  
East Los Angeles Rotary Club, Los Angeles, CA. *Latino Middle Class*
- 2009 University of California, Berkeley, *Latino Middle Class*  
University of California, San Diego, *Latino Middle Class*

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- 2008 The Nagoya American Studies Summer Seminar, Nanzan University, Japan.  
California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention
- 2007 University of California, San Diego.  
Queens International Institute on Public Policy, Queen's University, Canada. Princeton  
University, New Jersey.
- 2006 Harvard University, Cambridge, *Latino Middle Class*  
University of California, San Diego, *Latino Middle Class*

***Invited Campus Presentations***

- 2021 The Art of Saying No. USC Dornsife PhD Academy
- 2019 Immigration. Harman Academy for Polymathic Study
- 2019 Choosing Your Committee. USC Dornsife PhD Academy
- 2016 Student Selection. USC Admissions
- 2014 Keynote Speaker, Norman Topping Student Aid Fund Faculty-Student Luncheon What  
Matters to Me and Why. USC Office of Religious Life Signature Speaker
- 2012 The Pressures to Publish in the Academy. USC's 2012 Fall Graduate Academic  
Professional Development Program, Office of the Provost, November  
The Racial and Gender Wealth Gap. USC Price School of Public Policy
- 2010 USC Levan Institute for Humanities & Ethics

***Presentations at Professional Meetings***

- 2021 "Latinos and Racism in the Trump Era." American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2018 "Financial Integration or Financial Mismatch? Latino Economic Elites and Ethnoracial  
Financial Activism." ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2017 Presider: Section on International Migration Refereed Roundtables, ASA Annual Meeting,  
Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 "The Latino Elite and Ethnic Capitalism." ASA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA

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2014 “Hard Times and Inequality in the Suburbs.” Thematic Session of the ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

2012 “Middle-Class Mexican Americans, Everyday Racism, and Minority Cultures of Mobility.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico Presider, for Immigration and Mobility Round Table Session of the International Migration Section, ASA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

2011 “Non-Latino Identification among Latino Descendants: Assimilation or Racialization?” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C.

Presider for Race/Ethnicity and Exclusion, Round Table Session of the International Migration Section, ASA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

2010 Presider for *Immigrant Families Across Space*, Round Table Session of the International Migration Section, ASA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Presider for *Migration, Community and Politics* Paper Session of the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA.

2009 “How Class Affects Mexican Americans’ Patterns of Ethnic Identification.” ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Presider for *Race/Ethnicity and Immigration* Paper Session of the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

2008 “The Salience of Race and Gender for Middle-Class Latinas.” ASA Annual Meeting

Entering the Mainstream Economy: The Role of Ethnic Associations for the Mexican-Origin Middle-Class.” ASA Annual Meeting. New York, New York.

“Entering the Mainstream Economy: How Ethnic Associations Combat Immigrant and Gender Stereotypes for Professional Latinas.” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA.

2006 “Latino Spaces: The Role of Voluntary Associations among the Mexican Origin Middle Class.” ASA Annual Meeting, Montreal, CA

“Moving Up and Out: The Mexican Origin Middle-Class in Los Angeles. “Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Hollywood, CA.

“Latino Spaces: The Role of Voluntary Associations Among the Mexican Origin Middle Class.” Center for Research on Latinos in a Global Society, UC Irvine.

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2005. “Brown Picket Fences: The Mexican Minority Culture of Mobility.” ASA Annual Meeting

2004 “Latino-White Relations in a New Urban Neighborhood.” ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

2003 “One Race or Two? Adult Children of Interracial/Ethnic Unions and the 2000 Census.” Southern Demographic Association 2003 Annual Meeting: Washington D.C.

2002 “Ethnic Grocery Stores: A Window into American Society.” The Center for Comparative Immigration Studies: University of California, San Diego.

### ***Panels/Conferences Organized***

2023 The Intersection of Race and Class Identities. Special Session, ASA Annual Meeting

Frameworks Revisited: Advancing an Intellectual Agenda on Race and Migration. International Migration Section, ASA Annual Meeting

[Reclaiming the Legacies](#) of the Civil Rights Movement. Book panel for Hajar Yazdiha, with Varun Soni, Walter Nicholls, and Marcus Anthony Hunter. USC ERI

Community Engaged Research to Power Social Change, With Nancy Cantor and Manuel Pastor, USC ERI

What Does it Mean to Conduct Community Engaged Research? USC Equity Research Institute

2022 [Building Downtown Los Angeles](#). Book panel for Leland Saito. USC Equity Research Institute

2021 “[Encuentro](#): Defending Migrant Rights Across the Americas.” (Conference) USC ERI

“Demystifying the Academic Job Market.” USC Sociology

2019 [If Walls Could Talk](#): Reflections and Responses to Refugees at the Border. USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration

[Crimmigration](#): The Implications of Punitive Immigration Policies. USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration

Demystifying the Academic Job Market. USC Sociology

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2018 Inland Shift. Book panel for Juan De Lara, ERI/USC American Studies and Ethnicity California Bold: Leading Policies and Movements for Immigrant Integration (Conference) USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration

2017 Policy Shock: Understanding the Presidential Executive Action on Immigration and The Travel Ban. USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration

2010 Immigrants and their Descendants: Remaking the Middle Class. Section on International Migration Paper Session, ASA Annual Meeting.

The Neo-African Americans. USC College Commons

## SERVICE

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### *National Service*

2024-26	Committee Member, ASA Dissertation Award (Appointed)
2020-21	Advisory Committee, Donors of Color Project, BM Gates Foundation and Indiana University
	Chair, Book Award Committee, International Migration Section, ASA
2017	Chair, Louis Wirth Best Article Award Committee, International Migration ASA
	Best Book Award Committee, Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section, ASA
2016	Organizer, International Migration Section Roundtables ASA
	Program Committee, Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)
2015	Program Committee, Pacific Sociological Association
2014	Presider, "The Latino Middle Class," Latino/a Sociology, ASA
2012	Selection committee for Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award Committee, ASA
	Section on Racial/Ethnic Minorities
	Presider, for Immigration and Mobility Round Table Session, ASA Annual Meeting

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- 2011            Session Organizer, ASA Annual Meeting, “Immigrants and Their Descendants in Comparative Context: Remaking the Middle Class.”
- 2008            Panelist, “Navigating the Academic Job Market.” ASA International Migration Section, Immigration Mini-Conference
- Rapporteur for “Second Generation Mobility.” ASA International Migration Section, Immigration Mini-Conference
- Organizing and Fundraising committee for the International Migration Section of the ASA, Immigration Conference. University of California Berkeley ‘

*Manuscript Reviewer*

*American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Demography, Social Forces, Social Problems, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Social Science Research, International Migration Review, Gender and Society, City & Community, Ethnicities, Identities, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Sociological Quarterly, Journal of Managerial Psychology, Sociological Forum, Sociological Perspectives, Latino Studies, Urban Affairs Review, Emerging Adulthood, Qualitative Sociology, Ethnography, Socius,*

*University Press Reviewer*

University of California Press  
University of Chicago Press  
Stanford University Press  
Oxford University Press  
University of Minnesota Press

*Fellowship Reviewer*

American Council of Learned Societies

*Grant Reviewer*

National Science Foundation

***Service to the University***

Advanced PhD Fellowship Task Force, 2021  
Visions and Voices Faculty Committee, 2017-2023  
Turpanjian Postdoctoral Fellowship Search Committee, 2018-2024  
Search Committee, Director of the Center for Latin American and Latinx Studies, 2019



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Search Committee, Turpanjian Chair in Contemporary Armenian Studies, 2018, 2019  
Provost's Advisory Task Force on Immigration Issues, 2016-2019  
Provost's Diversity and Inclusion Grant Reviewer, 2017  
Steering Committee, Initiative on Immigration and Global Migration, 2017  
Dornsife College GE Committee, 2016, 2017  
Organizer, Latino Student Empowerment Conference, 2016, 2017  
Advisory Board, Major in Contemporary Latino and Latino American Studies, 2016, 2017  
Data and Strategic Planning: USC Dornsife First Gen College Student Task Force, 2016  
First Generation College Student Summit Planning Committee, 2016  
Graduate School Advanced Fellowship Task Force, 2016  
Dornsife Social Sciences Personnel Committee, 2016  
Explore USC Panelist, 2016  
USC Dornsife First Generation College Student Task Force, 2014, 2016  
Zumberge Grant Reviewer, 2014  
Interviewer for the Dornsife Trustee, Presidential, and Dean's Scholarships, 2011, 2012, 2013  
Selection committee for Mellon Mentoring Awards, Faculty to Graduate, 2013  
Fulbright Fellowships Application Reviewer, 2012  
GE Speaker Series Host, 2012  
Selection Committee for the Center for Diversity and Democracy Postdoctoral, 2012  
Steering Committee for USC's Collective Impact Workshop, 2012  
Dornsife Commencement Marshal, 2011  
Faculty Host, GE Speaker Series, 20122  
Application Review Committee for Dornsife's Continuing Student Scholarships, 2010

### ***Service to the Department***

#### *Junior Faculty Developmental Review/Mentoring Committees*

Hajar Yazdiha, 2017 -  
Deisy Del Real, 2019 -  
Brittany Friedman, 2022 -  
Alex Brewer, 2023 -  
Josh Seim, 2018-21  
Juan De Lara (American Studies and Ethnicity), 2016-18

#### *Committees Chaired/Co-Chaired*

Gender and Immigration Search Committee, 2024-25  
Race and Gender Equity Committee, 2020 -  
Graduate Committee, 2018 – 21  
Sociology Social Movements/Race/Immigration Search, 2017 (Co-chair)

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### *Additional Committees*

Sociology Executive Committee, 2020-22, 2024  
Graduate Committee, 2010-12, 2017, 2022-24  
Non-Tenure Track Merit Review Committee (elected), 2009, 2018, 2023  
Awards Committee, 2014-21  
Merit Review Committee (elected), 2012, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021,  
Website Committee, 2010-2013, 2019-20  
American Studies and Ethnicity Search Committee, 2017-18  
American Studies and Ethnicity Graduate Admissions Committee, 2017  
Sociology Centers and Integration Committee, 2016  
Colloquium Committee, 2012

## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

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Peace and Justice Law Center, Board of Directors  
Dreamers Fund, Board of Directors  
Redistricting Advisory Commission (Appointed), City of Fullerton, 2021-22  
Judge, 2017 Roddenberry Fellowship

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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### *Research Interviews*

2019 [Despite a Growing Latino Middle Class, Many California Families Face Hurdles Getting there](#). KPCC (NPR Affiliate)

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### ***Magazine Cover Stories***

2012 Featured on the [cover](#) of *OC Metro* magazine's annual issue of the '20 Women to Watch

2010 Featured on the [cover](#) of *Investment Advisor Magazine*, Invest Globally, Advise Locally

### ***Expert Contributions to Journalism***

2023

'Why Costa Mesa? Why not Santa Ana?' A buzzy mercado reflects a changing O.C. *LA Times*

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Eric Weintraub, Honors Thesis: [Dreams of an American Exile](#) (Black Hill Press).

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***Undergraduate***

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Sociology 420: Immigration and Work (developed course)

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Soci 675: Graduate Seminar in Immigration