Edwin Amenta (Ph.D., University of Chicago) political sociology, comparative/historical sociology, quantitative methodology

Richard Arum (Ph.D., UC Berkeley) socialization, social stratification, organizations, out-of-school development, technology, policy

Stanley R. Bailey (Ph.D., UCLA) race & ethnicity, religion, Latin America

Nina Bandelj (Ph.D., Princeton University) economic sociology, organizations, culture, social networks, comparative sociology, Europe

Asia Bento (Ph.D., Rice University) race, ethnicity, inequality, economic sociology

Carter Butts (Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon University) mathematical sociology, social networks, quantitative methodology, human judgment & decision making, economic sociology

Emily Carian (Ph.D., Stanford University) gender inequality, masculinity, male supremacism

Sherelle Ferguson (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania) education, race and ethnicity, social stratification, social capital and social networks, qualitative methods

Kelley Fong (Ph.D., Harvard University) education policy, inequality and poverty, society and politics/policy perspectives

David John Frank (Ph.D., Stanford University) globalization, sexuality, the natural environment, higher education

Rachel Goldberg (Ph.D., Brown University) demography, health, family, adolescence, migration

Paul Hanselman (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison) stratification/inequality, education, quantitative methods, treatment effect heterogeneity, data visualization

Ann Hironaka (Ph.D., Stanford University) civil war, culture & identity, environment, globalization

Matt Huffman (Ph.D., UC Santa Barbara) race & gender inequality, labor markets, organizations, research methods

Julia Lerch (Ph.D., Stanford University) comparative sociology of education, global and transnational sociology, globalization, refugees and humanitarian emergencies, international development

David S. Meyer (Ph.D., Boston University) social movements, public policy, peace & war, social justice

Andrew Penner (Ph.D., UC Berkeley) gender, inequality, education, family, race

Francesca Polletta (Ph.D., Yale University) political sociology, cultural sociology, law, society

Rocio Rosales (Ph.D., UCLA) international migration, informal economies, ethnic/immigrant enclaves

Rubén G. Rumbaut (Ph.D., Brandeis University) international migration, the "1.5" generation, comparative race & ethnic relations, structural inequality, identity, health & mental health

David Schaefer (Ph.D., University of Arizona) social networks, social psychology, criminology, health, adolescent development

Evan Schofer (Ph.D., Stanford University) comparative political sociology, education, quantitative methods & statistics, globalization, environment, organizations

David A. Smith (Ph.D., University of North Carolina) world systems analysis, urbanization, development, comparative/historical sociology, dependent development in East Asia

Sabrina Strings (Ph.D., UC San Diego) race, gender & sexuality, embodiment, sociology of medicine, history of science

Yang Su (Ph.D., Stanford University) social movements & collective action, political sociology, China’s political transition

Edward Telles (Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin) immigration, race, ethnicity, Latin America, Latinos

Kristin Turney (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania) demography, family, health, poverty, social support, inequality, life course transitions, education

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