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Bio

BIO

Asad L. Asad is Associate Professor of Sociology at Stanford University, where he is a faculty affiliate of the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity. Bridging the sociology of immigration, race/ethnicity, law, and health, his research examines how institutional categories relate to social control and inequality. His multi-method work focuses on the U.S. immigration system and its disproportionate effects on Latino citizens and noncitizens. Current research projects examine the effects of immigration enforcement on health, the federal judiciary's role in immigration enforcement, and the capacity of immigrant-serving organizations to transform the U.S. immigration system.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Sociology

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE)
- Center for Latin American Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, Harvard University , Sociology
- AM, Harvard University , Sociology
- BA, University of Wisconsin-Madison , Political Science & Spanish

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Junior Seminar: Preparation for Research: SOC 202 (Win)
- Junior Seminar: Preparation for Research: URBANST 202A (Win)
- Law and Society: LAW 7522 (Spr)
- Law and Society: SOC 312 (Spr)
- Race and Immigration: AFRICAAM 190, CSRE 289, SOC 189, SOC 289 (Win)
- Workshop: Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Nation: SOC 350W (Aut, Win, Spr)

2025-26

- Junior Seminar: Preparation for Research: SOC 202 (Win)

- Sociology of Immigration: SOC 358 (Spr)
- Workshop: Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Nation: SOC 350W (Aut, Win, Spr)

2024-25

- Junior Seminar: Preparation for Research: SOC 202 (Win)
- Race and Immigration: CSRE 289, SOC 189, SOC 289 (Win)
- Workshop: Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Nation: SOC 350W (Aut, Win, Spr)

2023-24

- Race and Immigration: CSRE 189, SOC 189, SOC 289 (Spr)
- Workshop: Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Nation: SOC 350W (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Jessica Hernandez

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Lorena Aviles Trujillo, Blyss Cleveland, Daniella Efrat, Swan Htut, Hye Jee Kim, Leslie Luqueno, Yao Xu, Iris Zhang

Doctoral (Program)

Michelle Casas, Blyss Cleveland, Daniella Efrat, Monica Gao

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Weather Extremes in Indigenous Communities in Mexico and Undocumented US Migration and Its Duration** *RSF-THE RUSSELL SAGE JOURNAL OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES*
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- **Building law and society and sociology** *LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW*
  Asad, A. L.
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- **Spatial and temporal contexts of formal social control and system involvement: US Latinos under immigration policing** *LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW*
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- **Deportation threat predicts Latino US citizens and noncitizens' psychological distress, 2011 to 2018.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*
  Johnson, A. L., Levesque, C., Lewis, N. A., Asad, A. L.
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- **Engage and Evade: How Latino Immigrant Families Manage Surveillance in Everyday Life**
  Asad, A. L.
  Princeton University Press.2023

- **On the Radar: System Embeddedness and Latin American Immigrants' Perceived Risk of Deportation** *LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW*
  Asad, A. L.
  2020; 54 (1): 133–67
- **Latinos' deportation fears by citizenship and legal status, 2007 to 2018.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*
  Asad, A. L.
  2020
- **Indigenous Places and the Making of Undocumented Status in Mexico-US Migration** *INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW*
  Asad, A. L., Hwang, J.
  2019; 53 (4): 1032–77
- **Hiding within racial hierarchies: how undocumented immigrants make residential decisions in an American city** *JOURNAL OF ETHNIC AND MIGRATION STUDIES*
  Asad, A. L., Rosen, E.
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- **Deportation Decisions: Judicial Decision-Making in an American Immigration Court** *AMERICAN BEHAVIORAL SCIENTIST*
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- **Migration to the United States from Indigenous Communities in Mexico** *ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE*
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  Asad, A. L., Garip, F.
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- **Racialized legal status as a social determinant of health** *SOCIAL SCIENCE & MEDICINE*
  Asad, A. L., Clair, M.
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- **Border Lives: Fronterizos, Transnational Migrants, and Commuters in Tijuana (Book Review)** *SOCIAL FORCES*
  Book Review Authored by: Asad, L.
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- **Association of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Symptoms With Migraine and Headache After a Natural Disaster** *HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY*
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- **Network Effects in Mexico-US Migration: Disentangling the Underlying Social Mechanisms** *AMERICAN BEHAVIORAL SCIENTIST*
  Garip, F., Asad, A. L.
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- **Contexts of reception, post-disaster migration, and socioeconomic mobility.** *Population and environment*
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  Asad, A. L., Anteby, M., Garip, F.
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- **Winning to Learn, Learning to Win: Evaluative Frames and Practices in Urban Debate** *QUALITATIVE SOCIOLOGY*
  Asad, A. L., Bell, M. C.
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- **Immigrants and African Americans** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF SOCIOLOGY, VOL 40*
  Waters, M. C., Kasinitz, P., Asad, A. L.
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