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Bio

BIO

Tomás Jiménez is the Joan B. Ford Professor in the Department of Sociology, the Robert and Ruth Halperin University Fellow in Undergraduate Education, and the founding director of Stanford's Institute for Advancing Just Societies. His research and writing focus on immigration, policy, assimilation, social mobility, and ethnic and racial identity. He has written three books. States of Belonging: Immigration Policies, Attitudes, and Inclusion (Russell Sage Foundation Press) (with Deborah Schildkraut, Yuen Ho, and John Dovidio) uses survey data (with an embedded experiment) and in-depth interviews to understand how state-level immigration policies shape belonging among Latino immigrants, US-born Latinos, and US-born whites in Arizona and New Mexico. The American Sociological Association's Population Section selected the book for its Otis Dudley Duncan Distinguished Book Award. His second book, The Other Side of Assimilation: How Immigrants are Changing American Life (University of California Press, 2017), uses interviews from a race and class spectrum of Silicon Valley residents to show how a relational form of assimilation changes both newcomers (immigrants and their children) and established individuals (people born in the US to US-born parents). His first book, Replenished Ethnicity: Mexican Americans, Immigration, and Identity(University of California Press, 2010), draws on interviews and participant observation to understand how uninterrupted Mexican immigration influences the ethnic identity of later-generation Mexican Americans. Professor Jiménez has also published his research in Science, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, American Political Science Review, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Social Problems, International Migration Review, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Social Science Quarterly, DuBois Review, Social Currents, Qualitative Sociology, and the Annual Review of Sociology.

Professor Jiménez has taught at the University of California, San Diego. He was the Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer (2017-19). He has also been an Irvine Fellow at the New America Foundation and a Sage Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford University. He was the American Sociological Association Congressional Fellow in the office of US Rep. Michael Honda, where he served as a legislative aide for immigration, veterans' affairs, housing, and election reform. His writing on policy has appeared in reports for the Immigration Policy Center and the Migration Policy Institute. He has written editorials on immigration in several major news outlets, including The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, CNN.com, The Chronicle of Higher Education, The Hill, and the San Diego Union-Tribune. He has also offered commentary for media outlets, including NBC News, National Public Radio, and Univision.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Sociology
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Founding Co-director, Stanford Institute for Advancing Just Societies, (2022- present)

- Professor, Stanford University, Department of Sociology, (2019- present)
- Associate Professor, Stanford University, Department of Sociology, (2014-2019)
- Assistant Professor, Stanford University, Department of Sociology, (2008-2014)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, (2005-2008)
- Fellow, New America Foundation, (2007-2009)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Orgullo Latino Community Champion Award, Latino Leadership Alliance (San José, CA) (2022)
- Robert and Ruth Halperin University Fellow in Undergraduate Education, Stanford University (2021-26)
- International Fellow, Institut Convergences Migrations, Paris, France (2021-25)
- Member, Sociological Research Association (2020)
- Fellow, J. William Fulbright Specialist Grant, La Sorbonne, Paris, France (2019)
- Distinguished Lecturer, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honors Society (2017-19)
- School of Humanities & Sciences Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Stanford University (2016)
- Faculty Appreciation Award, El Centro Chicano y Latino, Stanford University (2015)
- Fellow, Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, Stanford University, Stanford, CA (2013-2014)
- Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, Stanford, CA (2012-2013)
- Summer Fellow, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, NY (2012)
- Distinguished Book Award, American Sociological Association's Section on Latino/Latina Sociology (2010)
- Distinguished Contribution to Research - Best Article Award, American Sociological Association's Sociology Section on Latino/Latina Sociology (2010)
- Visiting Research Fellowship, U. of California, San Diego Ctr for Comparative Immigration Studies and Ctr for U.S.-Mexico Studies (2007-2008)
- Professor of the Year, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, University of California, San Diego (2006-2007)
- Fellowship, American Sociological Association Congressional Fellowship (2005)
- Excellence in Teaching Certificate, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning at Harvard University (2004)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for language study in México, United States Department of Education (2001)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Comparative Studies of Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University (2008 - present)
- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University (2008 - present)
- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California, San Diego (2005 - 2008)
- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, University of California, San Diego (2005 - 2008)
- Graduate Student Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (2002 - 2003)
- Graduate Student Associate, Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government (1999 - 2005)
- Reviewer, American Sociological Review
- Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology
- Reviewer, Social Forces
- Reviewer, American Journal of Political Science
- Reviewer, Stanford University Press
- Reviewer, Yale University Press
- Reviewer, Oxford University Press

- Reviewer, Social Problems
- Reviewer, Ethnic and Racial Studies
- Reviewer, Social Science Quarterly
- Reviewer, Social Science Research
- Reviewer, Political Research Quarterly
- Reviewer, Du Bois Review
- Reviewer, Sociological Quarterly
- Reviewer, Sociological Perspectives
- Reviewer, Poetics
- Reviwer, Qualitative Sociology
- Reviewer, Sociological Theory
- Reviewer, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
- Reviewer, Prentice Hall
- Reviewer, Law and Social Inquiry
- Reviewer, National Science Foundation
- Reviewer, Russell Sage Foundation
- Reviewer, Urban Studies
- Member, Minority Affairs Advisory Panel of the American Sociological Association (2011 - present)
- Advisory Council Member, America Abroad Media's special radio series, "Integration and Identity in the West" (2011 - present)
- Member of the Cultural Contact and Immigration Working Group, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, NY
- Council Member, International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association (2009 - 2012)
- Member, Steering Committee, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California, San Diego (2005 - 2008)
- Trustee, Santa Clara University (2000 - 2006)
- Resident Tutor, Lowell House, Harvard University (2000 - 2004)
- Graduate Student Representative on Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Harvard University (2000 - 2001)
- Graduate Student Representative to Committee on Higher Degree, Department of Sociology, Harvard University (1999 - 2000)
- Member, Selection Committee, ACLS Senior Fellowships (2004 - 2006)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

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

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Harvard University , Sociology (2005)
- A.M., Harvard University , Sociology (2001)
- B.S, Santa Clara University , Sociology (1998)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Designing Cities for a Migrating World: SOC 123 (Spr)
- Qualitative Methods: SOC 380 (Win)

2025-26

- Qualitative Methods: SOC 380 (Spr)

2024-25

- The Immigrant Experience in Everyday Life: CHILATST 19N, CSRE 19N, SOC 19N (Win)

2023-24

- The Immigrant Experience in Everyday Life: CHILATST 19N, SOC 19N (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Lisa Hummel

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Pei Palmgren

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Swan Htut

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Lorena Aviles Trujillo

Master's Program Advisor

Lisa Hummel

Doctoral (Program)

Lorena Aviles Trujillo

Postdoctoral Research Mentor

Miguel Morillas

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **An Informational Letter From the Federal Government Increases Naturalization Submissions** *JOURNAL OF POLICY ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT*
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- **Going Local: Public Attitudes toward Municipal Offices of Immigration Affairs** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
  Jimenez, T. R., Nunez, C.
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- **Prompts, Not Questions: Four Techniques for Crafting Better Interview Protocols (vol 44, pg 507, 2021)** *QUALITATIVE SOCIOLOGY*
  Jimenez, T. R., Orozco, M.
  2023; 46 (3): 457
- **Mechanism mapping: A qualitative study of how different forms of instability mediate the relationship between legal status and immigrant mental well-being.** *Social science & medicine (1982)*
  Higuera, K., Jiménez, T. R.
  2023; 329: 116034
- **Prompts, Not Questions: Four Techniques for Crafting Better Interview Protocols** *QUALITATIVE SOCIOLOGY*
  Jimenez, T. R., Orozco, M.
  2021
- **Mainstream Flavor: Ethnic Cuisine and Assimilation in the United States** *SOCIAL CURRENTS*
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  2021; 8 (1): 64–85
- **A TALE OF TWO STATES** *STATES OF BELONGING*
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  2021: 23-40
- **STATES OF BELONGING IMMIGRATION POLICIES, ATTITUDES, AND INCLUSION PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS** *STATES OF BELONGING*
  Jimenez, T. R., Schildkraut, D. J., Huo, Y. J., Dovidio, J. F., Jimenez, T., Schildkraut, D., Huo, Y., Dovidio, J.
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- **A Tale of Two States: How State Immigration Climate Affects Belonging to State and Country among Latinos** *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*
  Schildkraut, D. J., Jimenez, T. R., Dovidio, J. F., Huo, Y. J.
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- **The New Third Generation: Post-1965 Immigration and the Next Chapter in the Long Story of Assimilation** *INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW*
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  2018; 52 (4): 1040–79
- **Tracking a Changing America across the Generations after Immigration** *ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE*
  Jimenez, T. R.
  2018; 677 (1): 119–30
- **Local policy proposals can bridge Latino and (most) white Americans' response to immigration** *PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*
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- **Protecting unauthorized immigrant mothers improves their children's mental health.** *Science (New York, N.Y.)*
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- **Bringing culture back in: the class origins and ethnoracial destinations of culture and achievement** *ETHNIC AND RACIAL STUDIES*
  Jimenez, T. R.
  2016; 39 (13): 2385-2390
- **FADE TO BLACK Multiple Symbolic Boundaries in "Black/Brown" Contact** *DU BOIS REVIEW-SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH ON RACE*
  Jimenez, T. R.
  2016; 13 (1): 159-180
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  Park, J., Myers, D., Jimenez, T. R.
  2014; 48 (2): 442-481
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  2014; 37 (3): 446-466
- **Why Replenishment Strengthens Racial Boundaries** *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective*
  Jiménez, T. R.
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  Boulder, CO: Westview Press.2014
- **When White Is Just Alright: How Immigrants Redefine Achievement and Reconfigure the Ethnoracial Hierarchy** *AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW*
  Jimenez, T. R., Horowitz, A. L.
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- **Les Américains d'origine mexicaine et la dynamique de la diversité interne** *Informations sociales*
  Jiménez, T. R.
  2013; 177: 96-104
- **Policy of Perversity: How Social Policy Is Distorting Trends in Unauthorized Immigration** *Pathways*
  Jiménez, T. R., López-Sanders, L.
  2011: 3-7
- **Immigration and the Intersection of Ethnic and National Narratives: The Case of Ethnic Mexicans in the United States** *Narrating Peoplehood Amidst Diversity*
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  edited by Bøss, M.
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  Jimenez, T. R.
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- **Replenished Ethnicity: Mexican Americans, Immigration, and Identity**
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- **Contexts for bilingualism among US-born Latinos** *ETHNIC AND RACIAL STUDIES*
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  Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.2009: 257–266
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- **What Different Generations of Mexican Americans Think About Immigration from Mexico** *GENERATIONS-JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY ON AGING*
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- **Weighing the costs and benefits of Mexican immigration: The Mexican-American perspective** *SOCIAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY*
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  2007; 88 (3): 599-618
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  2005; 33 (7)
- **On Being the Minority** *Footnotes: The Newsletter of the American Sociological Association*
  Jiménez, T. R.
  2005; 33 (5)
- **Immigration Reform and the Latino Vote** *Footnotes: The Newsletter of the American Sociological Association*
  Jiménez, T. R.
  2005; 33 (8)
- **Assessing immigrant assimilation: New empirical and theoretical challenge** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF SOCIOLOGY*
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  2004; 4 (1): 75-97
- **Negotiating Ethnic Boundaries: Multiethnic Mexican Americans and Ethnic Identity in the United States** *Crossing Lines: Race and Mixed Race Across the Geohistorical Divide,*
  Jiménez, T. R.
  edited by Coronado, M., Guevarra, R. P., Morriz, J., Szanto, L. F.
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New York: M.E. Sharpe, Inc.2001: 435–439

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edited by Tierney, H.
New York: Greenwood Press.1998