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Holding Fast: Resilience and Civic Engagement Among Latino Immigrants

Friday, April 23, 2021 | 12:00PM - 1:30PM PDT

Will be held via Zoom



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James McCann is Professor of Political Science at Purdue University. He conducts research and teaches courses on public opinion, campaigns, and representation. McCann has held Visiting Scholar appointments at the Russell Sage Foundation and the Brookings Institution, and in the fall of 2021, he will be Visiting Professor and Fulbright Chair in North American Politics in the Department of Political Science at Carleton University in Canada.



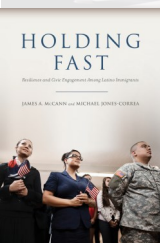
Author: Michael Jones-Correa

Michael Jones-Correa is President's Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration (CSERI) at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a co-principal investigator of the 2006 Latino National Survey, the 2012 and 2016 Latino Immigrant National Election Study (LINES) and of research on immigrant/native-born contract, trust and civic engagement in Philadelphia and Atlanta. He has worked and published extensively on immigrant political mobilization, inter-group relations, and the integration of immigrants into receiving societies.



Discussant: Zoltan L. Hajnal

Zoltan Hajnal is Professor of Political Science at UC San Diego and a respected scholar of U.S. politics and policy, with a specific focus on how disadvantaged populations are represented in American politics and what can be done to ensure better representation of these groups. His research areas span racial and ethnic politics, urban politics, immigration, and political behavior.



James McCann and Michael Jones-Correa will discuss how Latino immigrants responded to the anti-immigrant rhetoric and agenda of the Trump era. Much of their analysis draws from a nationally representative three-wave panel survey of Latino immigrants conducted between the summer of 2016, when few commentators predicted that Donald Trump would win the presidential election, to the summer of 2017, six months into the Trump administration. McCann and Jones-Correa find that fear, anger, and political disappointment among Latino immigrants in this period did not lead to alienation from American society and withdrawal from civic life. Instead, these reactions prompted deeper political engagement. Such findings bode well for the ongoing incorporation of Latino immigrants into US democracy.

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