FWD.us Launches New Immigration Fellow

Program, Welcoming 7 Scholars to Expand Policy and Research for Immigration Policymakers

Meet the New 2024 FWD Fellows:







Amy Hsin

Professor of Sociology at Queens College, City University of New York

Her research examines immigration, U.S. immigration policy, educational inequality, and Asian Americans. Professor Hsin's research has appeared in several peer-reviewed publications such as The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Social Forces, Demography, and International Migration Review and in several media outlets, including the New York Times, Washington Post, NPR, and The Economist. She is co-authoring a book based on the lives of an ethnically diverse sample of undocumented young adults in NYC. Her Ph.D. in sociology is from UCLA.

David Leblang

Ambassador Taylor Professor of Politics at the University of Virginia and the Compton Professor of Public Affairs at the University's Miller Center

His research examines the causes and consequences of global migration including the factors that lead migrants to choose specific destinations, the determinants of international remittance flows, the effect of policy change on migration flows, and the (in)effectiveness of deterrent measures in decreasing migration. He is the co-author of The Ties that Bind: Immigration and the Global Political Economy. His PhD in Political Science is from Vanderbilt University.

Daniel E. Martínez

Distinguished Scholar, Associate Professor of Sociology, and a co-director of the Binational Migration Institute at the University of Arizona

His research has examined border enforcement and immigration policy, undocumented immigration and asylum, migrant deaths along the US-Mexico border, and the criminalization of immigration. His work has been featured in several media outlets including The New York Times, The Economist, Newsweek, and National Public Radio. He is a co-author of The Shadow of the Wall: Violence and Migration on the US-Mexico Border. His Ph.D. in sociology is from University of Arizona.









Cecillia Menjívar

Dorothy L. Meier Social Equities Chair and Professor of Sociology at University of California, Los Angeles

Her research has examined the effects of immigration laws, policies, and enforcement programs on immigrants' lives, especially how legal statuses, like Temporary Protected Status, shape family relations and composition, gender relations, children's experiences, and religious communities. Professor Menjívar's research has appeared in many peer-reviewed publications including the American Journal of Sociology, Social Problems, International Migration Review, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Migration Studies, Journal of Refugee Studies, and International Migration. She is the author of Fragmented Ties: Salvadoran Immigrant Networks in America and co-author of Immigrant Families and an editor of over a dozen volumes. Her Ph.D in sociology is from the University of California, Davis.

Andrew Moriarty Policy Analyst at FWD.us

With nearly a decade in immigration policy research, Andrew works with FWD.us' researchers and campaign leaders to develop original policy insight and analysis to inform legislators and stakeholders about the potential impacts of proposed immigration policies. While he engages with every campaign at FWD.us, Andrew's primary focus is on topics related to global competitiveness, emerging industries of the future, and the employment-based immigration system. Before becoming a fellow, Andrew has worked on immigration issues with FWD.us in numerous roles across the organization, including producing policy analysis, leading state-based engagement efforts, and staff development and training. Before starting with FWD.us, Andrew was an English teacher in Indiana and Tennessee.

Francesc Ortega

Dina A. Perry Professor of Economics at the Queens College, City University of New York

His research has focused on the estimation of the economic contribution of undocumented workers in the United States, the effects of providing legal status to undocumented youth, and the labor market effects of the H-1B visa program. Professor Ortega's research has appeared in several peer review publications, such as the Journal of Human Resources, Labour Economics, Migration Studies, and the Industrial and Labor Relations Review, and in several media outlets including the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, NPR and PBS. His Ph.D in economics is from New York University.

Kevin Shih

Associate Professor of Economics at Queens College, City University of New York His research has examined the effects of skilled immigration through the H-1B visa program, the impacts of international students in U.S. higher education, and the effects of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals on educational attainment. Professor Shih's research has appeared in leading peer-reviewed publications such as the Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Labor Economics, and American Economic Journal: Economic Policy. His work has been featured by several media outlets including the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, and The Atlantic. His Ph.D. in economics is from the University of California, Davis.