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Anne R. Pebley (Chair) is the Bixby chair and distinguished professor of Population Studies in the Fielding School of Public Health and Department of Sociology at UCLA. She is also a faculty affiliate at the California Center for Population Research. Dr.
Pebley's current research focuses on: social disparities in physical functioning by race, ethnicity, and immigration status; evolving urban social environments, especially Los Angeles, and their effects on adult and child welfare; and international migration and the health of Latino populations in North and Central America. She is co-director of the Los Angeles Family and Neighborhood Survey (L.A.FANS), which is a longitudinal study of neighborhoods and families in LA County. Dr. Pebley is past president of the Population Association of America and the Association of Population Centers and has served as a member of the Committee on Population (1989-1996). She has a Ph.D. in sociology from Cornell University.

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Emily M. Agree is research professor at Johns Hopkins University and Associate Director of the Hopkins Population Center. Her research expertise is on disability and long-term care, aging families, and intergenerational relationships. Dr. Agree is a member of the steering committee for the National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS), a nationally representative longitudinal study of disability in later life. Her work has focused on the relationship of assistive technology use to disability in later life and the influence of population aging on family relationships and old-age support. She has served on the Population Association of America (PAA) Board of Directors and the editorial boards of Demography, the Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, and Research on Aging. Dr. Agree received her M.A. in Demography from Georgetown University and Ph.D. in Sociology from Duke University.

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Allison E. Aiello is the James S. Jackson healthy longevity professor of epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health and the Robert N. Butler Columbia Aging Center. Previously, Dr. Aiello was professor of epidemiology at the Gillings School of Global Public Health. She has served as the deputy director of the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health) since 2021. In 2019, Dr. Aiello was awarded the Carol Rowland Hogue Award for Outstanding Mid-Career Achievement in Epidemiology from the Society for Epidemiological Research for her achievements. Dr. Aiello’s research focuses on identifying the processes by which health inequities in aging emerge across the life course, with the goal of uncovering points of intervention. Her research program has focused on some of today's most pressing and complex health exposures and conditions, including socioeconomic inequalities, biological aging, Alzheimer's disease, immunity, and susceptibility to infectious diseases. She received her Ph.D. in epidemiology from Columbia University with distinction and was awarded the Anna C. Gelman Award for outstanding achievement and promise in epidemiology.

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Randall Q.K. Akee is associate professor of public policy in the Department of Public Policy and American Indian Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, and chair of the American Indian Studies Interdepartmental Program. He serves as a faculty research fellow in labor studies and the children’s groups at the National Bureau of Economic Research and is a research fellow at the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development at the Institute for the Study of Labor. Dr. Akee also holds positions as a faculty affiliate at the UCLA California Center for Population Research and as a faculty affiliate at the UC Berkeley Center for Effective Global Action. He has a Ph.D. in political economy from Harvard University. His main research interests are labor economics, economic development, migration, and income inequality and immobility by race and ethnicity in the US. Previously, Dr. Akee conducted research on the determinants of migration and human trafficking, the effect of changes in household income on educational attainment, the effect of political institutions on economic development, and the role of property institutions on investment decisions. He has worked on several American Indian reservations, Canadian First Nations, and Pacific Island nations in addition to working in various Native Hawaiian communities.

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Sonalde Desai is distinguished university professor at the University of Maryland and holds a joint appointment as professor and center director at the National Data Innovation Centre at National Council of Applied Economic Research, India. Prior to joining University of Maryland, she was an associate in the Policy Research Division at The Population Council. Dr. Desai is a demographer whose work deals primarily with social transformation and its impact on the lives of individuals with a focus on education, employment, and maternal and child health. She has led several major data collection efforts in India and has a strong interest in survey methodology. She has been elected as the president of the Population Association of India for 2022 and serves on editorial board of Population and Development Review. Dr. Desai received B.A. in sociology from University of Bombay and Ph.D. from Stanford University. She has received post-doctoral training at University of Chicago and the RAND Corporation.

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Katharine M. Donato is the Donald G. Herzberg professor of international migration and former director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. She has examined many research questions related to migration, including: the economic consequences of U.S. immigration policy; health consequences of migration; immigrant parent involvement in schools in New York, Chicago, and Nashville; deportation and its effects for immigrants; the great recession and its consequences for Mexican workers; U.S. legal visa system; and refugee and migrant integration. Dr. Donato has co-edited eight refereed journal issues and published more than 90 refereed journal articles and book chapters. She has a Ph.D. in sociology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She has received funding for collaborative projects from the Mexican Human Rights Commission, National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, and the GHR Foundation. Currently, Dr. Donato is the principal investigator on an RSF-funded project that examines the assimilation and mobility transitions of immigrant adults who entered the U.S. as an unaccompanied minor. She is also a co-PI on an NSF-funded project that examines how environmental stressors affect out-migration and the health of families in southwestern Bangladesh.

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James R. Elliott is the David W. Leebron Professor of Sociology at Rice University and co-director of its Center for Coastal Futures & Adaptive Resilience. He has served as an advisor to the National Science Foundation's sociology program, as co-editor of Sociological Perspectives, and as the faculty advisory director to the Kinder Institute for Urban Research. He has served on the editorial board of numerous journals, including Demography and now the American Sociological Review, and currently serves as a Faculty Advisor to the Gulf Scholars Program at Rice. His primary expertise lies in the study of environmental hazards, social inequality and related policy interventions in the United States. His work has informed Congressional inquiries and supported policy reforms developed by respective National Advisory Councils. He received his Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was a postdoctoral fellow at the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Tod G. Hamilton is a professor in the Department of Sociology and a faculty associate of the Office of Population Research at Princeton University. He earned a Ph.D. in sociology with a specialization in demography from the University of Texas at Austin.

His primary research interests lie in social stratification, immigration, health, and historical demography. His research has been published in Demography, Annual Review of Sociology, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Science and Medicine, and Demographic Research. Dr. Hamilton is the author of Immigration and the Remaking of Black America, a book documenting how immigration has helped produce a diverse U.S. Black population since the 1960s. The book also offers a comprehensive methodological and theoretical framework for understanding the integration of black immigrants into the United States from the early twentieth century to the present. Immigration and the Remaking of Black America is the winner of the 2020 Otis Dudley Duncan Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Social Demography and received Honorable Mention for the 2020 Thomas and Znaniecki Award from the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association.

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Kenneth M. Langa is the Cyrus Sturgis professor in the Department of Internal Medicine and the Institute for Social Research, and an associate director of the Institute of Gerontology, all at the University of Michigan. He is Co-Principal Investigator and Co- Director of the Health and Retirement Study (HRS), and Principal Investigator of the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP) Project, both funded by the National Institute on Aging. Dr. Langa received an M.D. and Ph.D. in public policy at the University of Chicago as a fellow in the Pew Program for Medicine, Arts, and the Social Sciences. He is a General Internist, an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI), and an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Dr. Langa's research focuses on the epidemiology and costs of chronic disease in older adults, with an emphasis on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD), and he has published more than 350 peer-reviewed articles on these topics. Dr. Langa has previously served on NASEM committees studying dementia prevention (2017) and research priorities for ADRD (2024).

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Trevon D. Logan is the Hazel C. Youngberg trustees' distinguished professor of economics and associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at The Ohio State University. He is a research associate in the Development of the American Economy Program and the director of the Race and Stratification in the Economy Working Group at the National Bureau of Economic Research. A former president of the National Economic Association and member of the American Economic Association's Committee on the Status of the Minority Groups in the Economics Profession, he is currently co- director of the American Economic Association's Mentoring Program and member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Economic Literature and the Journal of Economic Perspectives. His current research focuses on racial inequality and economic history. He was named by Fortune Magazine as "One of the 19 Black Economists You Should Know and Celebrate" in 2020. He is currently a member of the National Academies' planning committee Strengthening the Evidence Base to Improve Economic and Social Mobility in the United States. Dr. Logan received his B.S. in economics from the University of Wisconsin—Madison, his M.A. degrees in demography and economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and his Ph.D. in economics from University of California, Berkeley.

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Manisha Shah is chancellor's professor at the University of California, Berkeley. She is an economist who works in low- and middle-income settings to better understand which policies and interventions increase human capital investment in children and adolescents. Dr. Shah has written several papers on the economics of sex markets to learn how more effective policies and programs can be deployed to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. She is currently leading various impact evaluations and randomized controlled trials in Tanzania, Uganda, and India and has also worked extensively in Indonesia, Ecuador, Mexico, and the United States. Dr. Shah is an editor of the Journal of Health Economics, an associate editor of The Review of Economics and Statistics, and serves on the editorial board of the American Economic Review. She received a B.A. from the University of California, Berkely, an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics, and a Ph.D. from University of California, Berkeley.

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