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Beyond Dreamers: Transitions to Adulthood in an Uncertain Age

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Will be held online via Zoom



Sofya Aptekar

Sofya Aptekar is Professor of Urban Studies at the City University of New York School of Labor and Urban Studies. In addition to co-authoring *Beyond Dreamers: Transitions to Adulthood in an Uncertain Age* with Amy Hsin, she has two sole-authored books: *Green Card Soldier: Between Model Immigrant and Security Threat* (MIT Press) and *The Road to Citizenship: What Naturalization means for Immigrants and the United States* (Rutgers University Press). She is also a co-author of *Lend and Rule: Fighting the Shadow Financialization of Public Universities*.



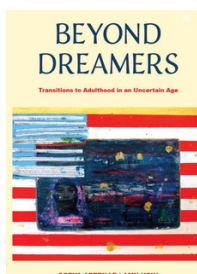
Amy Hsin

Amy Hsin is Professor of Migration at the Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame. She is a sociologist and demographer whose research examines immigration, social inequality, education, and public policy, with particular attention to Asian Americans and undocumented young adults. She has published widely in journals such as the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Demography*, and *Social Forces*, with her work featured in the *New York Times*, NPR, and *The Economist*.



Discussant: Veronica Terriquez

Veronica Terriquez is the Director of the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center and a Professor in the Departments of Urban Planning and Chicana/o and Central American Studies. Her recent book, *Learning to Lead: Youth Organizing in Immigrant Communities* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2026) examines how adolescents acquire the capacities to exercise political power.



In *Beyond Dreamers: Transitions to Adulthood in an Uncertain Age*, co-authors Sofya Aptekar and Amy Hsin use a life course perspective to examine experiences of illegality among a diverse group of undocumented young adults in New York City. They analyze the role of the Dreamer image, racialization, and legal systems in shaping lives and opportunities on campus, in the workplace, among family members, in romantic relationships, and in planning for the future.

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