

# Michael Nishimura

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## Education

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| In progress | Ph.D. | UC Santa Barbara, Sociology                                    |
| 2022        | M.A.  | UC Santa Barbara, Sociology                                    |
| 2017        | M.Sc. | London School of Economics and Political Science, Human Rights |
| 2015        | B.A.  | Vassar College, International Studies                          |

## Publications

Nishimura, Michael. 2024. "Model Guardians: The Gendered Racialization of Asian American Police Officers." *Social Problems*. Advance Online Publication. doi: 10.1093/socpro/spae046.  
- 2025 Association for Asian American Studies Social Sciences Caucus Outstanding Graduate Student Article Award  
- 2024 John Mohr Best Student Paper Award (UCSB)

Nishimura, Michael. 2024. "Lifetimes of Punishment: The Imperial Feedback Loop of Anti-Asian Violence." *Sociological Inquiry* 94(2):491–512.

## Scholarships/Fellowships

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|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2025-26 | Center for Engaged Scholarship Dissertation Fellowship (\$35,000)                        |
| 2025-26 | Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$28,000 *accepted \$10,000)            |
| 2025    | Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies Grant in Migration Studies (\$5,000) |
| 2024-25 | Graduate Research Mentorship Program Fellowship, UC Santa Barbara (\$32,500)             |
| 2020-21 | Regents Fellowship, UC Santa Barbara (\$5,000)                                           |
| 2016-17 | Maguire Scholar, Vassar College (\$25,000)                                               |
| 2015    | John Lewis Fellow, Humanity in Action                                                    |

## Research Experience

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| 2023-24 | Graduate Student Researcher on "Addressing Basic Needs Equity Gaps at UC Santa Barbara" Project, UCSB Basic Needs and Department of Education               |
| 2022-23 | Research Assistant on "Community Safety and Well-Being: A Study of UCSB Policing and Alternatives" Report, UCSB Dean of Social Sciences                     |
| 2021-22 | Research Assistant for the Center for Publicly Engaged Scholarship on the "State of BIPOC Youth on the Central Coast" Project, UCSB Department of Education |
| 2013-15 | Research Assistant for Joe Nevins (Geography Department) and Tim Koechlin (International Studies Department), Vassar College                                |

## Conference Presentations

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| Sept 2024 | "Racist Love and Racist Hate Crime: Carceral Violence, (A)Criminality, and Asian American Subjectivity," Anti-Asian Violence Origins and Trajectories Workshop, UCLA                                 |
| Aug 2024  | "Building 'Other' Solidarities: Systems-Impacted Asian American and Pacific Islander Organizing and the Problem of 'Race'," Panel Presenter, American Sociological Association, Montréal, ON, Canada |
| Apr 2024  | "Carceral Afterlives: LA Sheriff Gangs, Anti-Black Violence, and the Weaponization of Post-Redress Japanese Americanness," Panel Presenter, Asian American Studies Association, Seattle, WA          |
| Feb 2024  | "Analyzing AANHPI Basic Needs Equity Gaps at UC Santa Barbara," Roundtable Presenter, California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance, Sacramento, CA                                               |
| May 2023  | "Navigating Activism," Discussant and Panel Organizer, Asian/American Studies Collective, Santa Barbara, CA                                                                                          |
| Apr 2023  | "Violent Wisdom: Asian Cop Masculinity on Screen and on the Street," Panelist, Asian American Studies Association, Long Beach, CA                                                                    |

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| Apr 2023 | “The Roots of Solidarity: From Japanese American Redress to Black Reparations,” Co-Organizer and Panelist, Asian American Studies Association, Long Beach, CA               |
| Aug 2022 | “Model Carcerality: The Gendered Racialization of Asian American Police Officers,” Panelist, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA                             |
| Jun 2022 | “The Japanese Possessive Investment in Americanness: Little Tokyo & the Politics of Anti-Anti-Essentialism,” Panelist, Asian/American Studies Collective, Santa Barbara, CA |

### Invited Presentations

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| Mar 2024  | “University Workers & the Neoliberal Economy, 2020s,” ASAM 9 Race and Resistance guest lecture at UCSB                                        |
| Nov 2023  | “Frantz Fanon, MLK Jr., and the Question of Violence,” SOC 185S: Social Theory guest lecture at UCSB                                          |
| Oct 2023  | “The Roots of Solidarity: From Japanese American Redress to Black Reparations,” Tadaima Japanese American Memorial Pilgrimages                |
| Jun 2023  | “Organizing at UCSB,” Intersectional Justice Facilitator Certificate program class guest panelist at UCSB                                     |
| May 2023  | “Redress, Reparations, and Spaces of Home,” ASAM 100BB: Japanese Americans guest lecture at UCSB                                              |
| Mar 2023  | “Labor Activism at the UC,” ASAM 9 Race and Resistance guest lecture at UCSB                                                                  |
| Jun 2023  | “Courtroom Abolition,” Justice LA Live Presentation (Online)                                                                                  |
| Dec 2019  | “Using Strengths and Needs Assessments to Support Pretrial Release,” Justice LA and Vera Institute A New Vision of Pretrial Justice Symposium |
| Sept 2019 | “Pay or Stay: An Exploration of the Bail System in America,” UCLA Law School Clinic on Pretrial Detention                                     |
| Oct 2019  | “Engaging Los Angeles: Non-Profits,” Community Engagement and Social Change, Department of Education at UCLA                                  |

### Teaching

Instructor of Record, UC Santa Barbara

ASAM102: The Sociology of Asian Americans, Spring 2025

Teaching Assistant, UC Santa Barbara

SOC185S: Social Theory, Fall 2023 (Instructor: Waverly Duck)

[Lead Teaching Assistant] SOC1: Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2023 (Instructor: Yader Lanuza)

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SOC146: Slavery and Capitalism, Fall 2022 (Instructor: Waverly Duck)

SOC185G: Theories of Gender Inequality, Summer 2022 (Instructor: Tristan Bridges)

SOC108F: Studying People at Firsthand: Observational Methods, Spring 2022 (Instructor: Terrell Winder)

ASAM9: Race and Resistance, Winter 2021 (Instructor: Diane Fujino)

SOC118C: Sociology of Culture, Fall 2021 (Instructor: Hannah Wohl)

### Service

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|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2024-present | Graduate Representative, UCSB Sociology Department Diversity and Equity Committee  |
| 2024-present | Graduate Student Representative, Food Security and Basic Needs Taskforce at UCSB   |
| 2023-24      | Graduate Representative, UCSB Sociology Department Undergraduate Program Committee |
| 2022-present | Co-Convener, UCSB Asian American Studies Collective                                |
| 2022-23      | Graduate Mentor, UCSB Sociology Department Undergraduate Honors Program            |
| 2022-23      | Community Liaison, Asian Pacific Islander Graduate Student Association at UCSB     |
| 2021-23      | UAW 2865 Union Head Steward, Santa Barbara Unit                                    |
| 2020-23      | Board Member, Sociology Graduate Student Association at UCSB                       |