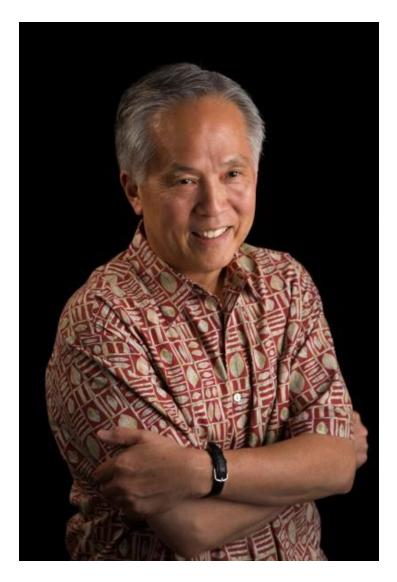


## Sylvia Hurtado

Sylvia Hurtado is a Professor in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies and served for over a decade as Director of the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles.

She has studied the longitudinal impact of science interventions, undergraduate research experiences, and specific college contexts on STEM degree production through 12 years of continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health. She has conducted several national projects on diverse learning environments and retention, diversification of the scientific workforce, preparing students for a diverse democracy, and innovation in undergraduate education. She served as President of the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) in 2005, and received the 2015 Research Award from the American Educational Research Association (Higher Education Division J). She has written over 150 publications that focus on student development in college, sociology of education, and diversity in higher education. She received her degrees from Princeton in Sociology (A.B), the Harvard Graduate School of Education (Ed.M.) and UCLA (Ph.D.), where she also served as a UC President's Postdoctoral Scholar in the department of sociology.



## **David Asai**

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Research Enhancement for BUILDing Detroit, and the NIH Advisory Committee of the Director's Working Group on Diversity.

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## Mica Estrada

Dr. Mica Estrada received her Ph.D. (1997) in Social Psychology from Harvard University and now is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Institute of Health and Aging at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Her research program focuses on social influence, including the study of identity, values, forgiveness, well-being, and integrative education. Currently she is engaged in several longitudinal studies, which involve the implementation and assessment of interventions aimed to increase underrepresented minority student persistence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics careers (funded by NIH, NSF, and HHMI). With the NSF

Climate Change Education grant, she directs an interdisciplinary team, to provide learning opportunities to San Diego leaders about the changing climate. Dr. Estrada's scholarly work has had two areas of emphasis. First, her work is theory driven. Specifically, she assess how educational interventions result in greater integration into a community and increased engagement in the normative behaviors of that community. She utilizes the Tripartite Integration Model of Social Influence (TIMSI; Estrada et al., 2011) to inform the design of educational interventions as well as form the basis of evaluation and research used to assess if and why educational interventions work (or do not work). Second, Dr. Estrada's work focuses on ethnic populations that are historically underrepresented in higher education, most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and have the potential to provide diverse and creative solutions to the pressing challenges of our day. As a leading scholar on issues of diversity and inclusion, she is currently serving on a National Research Council Committee.



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## **Andrew Eppig**

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