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**Rubén G. Rumbaut** is Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Irvine. A native of Havana, Cuba, he received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Brandeis University in 1978. Dr. Rumbaut was a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford in 2000-01, and a Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York City in 1997-98. He is the Founding Chair of the Section on International Migration of the American Sociological Association, and an elected member of the ASA's Council and of the Sociological Research Association. He is a member of the Committee on Population of the National Academy of Sciences, the Committee on International Migration of the Social Science Research Council, and the MacArthur Research Network on Transitions to Adulthood and Public Policy.

An internationally-known scholar of immigration and refugee movements, Dr. Rumbaut directed throughout the 1980s the principal studies of the migration and incorporation of refugees from Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia who were resettled in the United States in the aftermath of the Indochina War—the *Indochinese Health and Adaptation Research Project* and the *Southeast Asian Refugee Youth Study*. He has traveled to Vietnam and Cambodia, and earlier to Sierra Leone, where he organized a field project on international health and economic development. In the 1990s, he served as academic advisor for a prime-time 10-part PBS television series, *Americas*, focusing on Latin American and Caribbean peoples. He also directed the first *National Survey of Immigration Scholars* in the United States, which generated new knowledge about the social origins and intellectual formation of the multidisciplinary field of international migration studies. He currently co-directs both the landmark *Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Study* (CILS), begun in 1991; and a new large-scale study of *Immigration and Intergenerational Mobility in Metropolitan Los Angeles* (IIMMLA). He also edits (with Steven J. Gold) a research-oriented book series, “The New Americans: Recent Immigration and American Society” (LFB Scholarly Publishing, New York); under their editorship more than three dozen titles have been published since 2002 on a wide range of immigration topics.

He is the author of more than one hundred scientific articles, monographs and chapters in scholarly volumes on the adaptation of immigrants and refugees in the United States. His research has focused on intergenerational differences in adaptation, crime and incarceration, bilingualism and language loss, ethnic identity, citizenship and national membership, infant health and mortality, fertility, depression, self-esteem, educational achievement and aspirations, social mobility and inequality, modes of acculturation, and paradoxes of assimilation.

Professor Rumbaut’s books include the critically acclaimed *Immigrant America: A Portrait* (with Alejandro Portes; new edition 2006); *Origins and Destinies: Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in America* (with Silvia Pedraza); *California’s Immigrant Children: Theory, Research, and Implications for Educational Policy* (with Wayne Cornelius); *Immigration Research for a New Century: Multidisciplinary Perspectives* (with Nancy Foner and Steven J. Gold); and *On the Frontier of Adulthood: Theory, Research, and Public Policy* (with Richard A. Settersten and Frank F. Furstenberg). He has published two companion books based on CILS (with Alejandro Portes): *Ethnicities: Children of Immigrants in America*, and *Legacies: The Story of the Immigrant Second Generation*, the latter of which won the American Sociological Association’s top award in 2002 (the Sorokin Award for Distinguished Scholarship), as well as the 2002 Thomas and Znaniecki Award for best book in the immigration field. He recently completed work with a panel of the National Academy of Sciences on two definitive companion volumes on the Hispanic population of the United States, published by the National Academies Press in 2006: *Multiple Origins, Uncertain Destinies, and Hispanics and the Future of America*.