

Biographical sketches

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Roseanne has published several articles and book chapters addressing the physical and mental well-being of children, youth and families and presented her research at numerous conferences. In addition, she has served as a reviewer for National Institute of Health (NIH), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

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Vilna Bashi Treitler is Professor in the CUNY Graduate Center's Sociology Program, and the chairs Baruch College's Department of Black and Latino Studies. Bashi Treitler's scholarship theorizes about the dynamics of hierarchical socioeconomic structures, like the world system, or global and local racial structures. She has also earned distinctions for expertise in qualitative research methods. Her books include *The Ethnic Project: Transforming Racial Fictions into Ethnic Factions* (Stanford, 2013), a comparative historical analysis of US ethnic groups' racialization, and *Survival of the Knitted: Immigrant Social Networks in a Stratified World* (Stanford, 2007), a study of transnational migration networks. She edited the book *Race in Transnational and Transracial Adoption* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2014), which engages with all aspects of race as it intervenes in the selection and raising of adopted children.