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His research on Latin American issues has been published in journals such as *International Organization*, *World Development*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Latin American Research Review*, and *Foreign Affairs*. His research on U.S. urban issues has been published in *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Review of Regional Studies*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Economic Issues*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Urban Geography*, and elsewhere and has generally focused on the labor market and social conditions facing low-income urban communities.

His most recent book, co-authored with Chris Benner and Laura Leete, is *Staircases or Treadmills: Labor Market Intermediaries and Economic Opportunity in a Changing Economy* (Russell Sage, 2007). Prior volumes include *Searching for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions on Race in America* (W.W. Norton, 2002; co-authored with Angela Glover Blackwell and Stewart Kwoh) and *Regions That Work: How Cities and Suburbs Can Grow Together* (University of Minnesota Press, 2000; co-authored with Peter Dreier, Eugene Grigsby, and Marta Lopez-Garza). His research has generally focused on issues of environmental justice, regional inclusion, and the economic and social conditions facing low-income urban communities.

Pastor is currently working on issues of environmental justice with support from the California Air Resources Board and The California Endowment, on the relationship between community-building and regional strategies with the support of the Ford Foundation, and on issues of immigrant integration with the support of the California Community Foundation. Along with Rob Fairlie and Rebecca London, he recently completed a project on race, youth, and the digital divide with the support of the W.T. Grant Foundation and the Community Technology Foundation of California.

Dr. Pastor speaks frequently on issues of demographic change, economic inequality, and community empowerment and has contributed opinion pieces to such outlets as the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Jose Mercury News*, the *Los Angeles Business Journal*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*. He served as a member of the Commission on Regions appointed by California's Speaker of the State Assembly, and in January 2002 was awarded a Civic Entrepreneur of the Year award from the California Center for Regional Leadership.

Recent Talks

“Regional Sustainability, Social Justice Movements, and the Future of America,” keynote address, New Allies for Nature and Culture, The Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois, June 19, 2008

“Regional Equity and Coalition-Building”, speech for the “Faith, Democracy and Justice Interfaith Breakfast, Central Coast Organizing Project, Ventura, California, April 29, 2008.

“Emerging Research Issues in Regional Equity,” presentation at the conference, “Regional Equity: The Third National Summit on Equitable Development, Social Justice, and Smart Growth,” New Orleans, Louisiana, March 6, 2008.

“Making Our Future: Demographic Change and the Leadership Challenge,” keynote address for the conference, “What’s Next: The Generation Shift and Your Nonprofit,” sponsored by the Center for Community Benefit Organizations, Concord, California, February 1, 2008

“Building Strategic Relationships to Increase Impact,” session moderator, “Building a Movement for Healthy Communities,” conference sponsored by The California Endowment, Los Angeles, California, December 12, 2007.

“Financial Equity and Social Equity: New Strategies for Regional Competitiveness and Social Inclusion,” keynote at the Annual Forum Luncheon of Pacific Community Ventures, Redwood City, California, September 25, 2007.

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