Loretta E. Bass, Professor of Sociology at the University of Oklahoma (OU), is a demographer whose research focuses on stratification issues in the United States, Africa, and Europe. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut and joined the faculty at OU in 1999 after a two-year appointment with the Fertility and Family Branch of the Population Division at the U.S. Census Bureau. Her book, *African Immigrant Families: Another France* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), uses the voices of international migrants living in France to connect their integration experiences with social cohesion and public policy issues in Europe today. Her prior book, *Child Labor in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Lynne Rienner, 2004), offers a window on the lives of child workers in 43 African countries. African families increasingly had a relative in Europe sending remittances, and this clue led to her current line of research. Dr. Bass’s fieldwork includes residing four years in West Africa and two years in Europe, and she leads study abroad programs in Senegal, Togo, Ghana, Tanzania, Zanzibar, and France. At OU, she was a founding director of the African Institute, faculty advisor for the African Studies Minor, and Director of the International Relations M.A. Program. She serves on the Editorial Boards for Social Problems and Population Research and Policy Review, was Chair of the Children and Youth Section of the ASA and President of the Research Committee on Childhood within the ISA. Her research has been supported by the NSA, UNFPA, and U.S. Census Bureau.

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**AFRICAN IMMIGRANTS IN FRANCE AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE**

Dr. Bass will discuss the integration experiences of African migrant families in France and the implications for youth who are visible minorities throughout Europe, highlighting social cohesion as a framework for understanding ISIS recruitment, the Syrian refugee crisis, and the incorporation of recent migrants and refugees from Africa and the Middle East.