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Spatial Dispersion of Low-skilled Chinese Immigrants in the United States

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Abstract: Using a mixed method approach, I summarize a recent research program to study the spatial dispersion of Chinese immigrants from New York City to more remote and rural areas of the country. I highlight a new theoretical framework to understand the spatial dispersion of immigrants and the emergence of immigrant business patterns in new immigrant destinations. Finally, I discuss implications of this research for the assimilation paradigm, labor market for low-skilled immigrants, race relations, and continuing linkages between New York City and new immigrant destinations.

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