Social Exclusion of Immigrant Youth: Are Asian American males especially vulnerable?

Quantitative social scientists often evaluate the assimilation of ethnic and immigrant groups by measuring their socioeconomic attainment. By this metric, Asian American men are doing well in terms of their educational and occupational outcomes. However, Asian American media observers and scholars have long lamented the portrayal of Asian American men as nerdy and undesirable romantic partners. Using analyses of nationally-representative data sets, I will present a series of findings on Asian American male youth and young adults to examine the sources and the extent to which they are excluded from friendship, dating, and marriage compared to their non-Asian male and Asian American female counterparts.