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**Administrative Appointments**

<i>University at Albany, SUNY</i>	Chairperson, Department of Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies. 2014-2020
<i>University at Albany, SUNY</i>	Director of Graduate Programs, Department of Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies. 2012-2014, 2016-2017, 2019-2020.
<i>State University of New York</i>	Vice Provost for Diversity and Educational Equity (System). 2007-2011.
<i>University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign</i>	Director, Latino Studies Program. 2002-2004.
<i>Cornell University</i>	Director, Latino Studies Program. 1999-2000.
<i>Rutgers University</i>	Chairperson, Department of Latino and Caribbean Studies. 1990-1998.
<i>Fordham University</i>	Director, Latino and Latin American Studies Program, 1978-1990.

**Academic Appointments**

<i>University at Albany, State University of New York</i>	Professor: Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies Department. 2007 – Present.
<i>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</i>	Professor: African American Research & Studies Program. 2005 – 2007. Professor: Institute of Communications Research. 2002-2007. Professor: Latino/a Studies Program. 2002-2005. Faculty in Residence: Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society. 2005.
<i>Cornell University</i>	Visiting Professor: Government Department. 1999-2000.
<i>Rutgers University</i>	Fellow and Co-director: Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture, 1992-1993; 1998-1999. Associate Professor: Political Science and Puerto Rican/Hispanic Caribbean Studies. 1990-2002.
<i>Fordham University</i>	Assistant/Associate Professor: Political Science. 1981-1990 Instructor: Political Science. 1978 -1980.
<i>Columbia University</i>	Visiting Adjunct Professor: Political Science, 1989-1990.

**Education**

<i>Columbia University</i>	M. Phil., Ph.D. in Political Science
<i>City College of New York</i>	B.A. in Political Science

## Publications

### **Book**

*Constructing a Colonial People: The First Three Decades of US Colonialism in Puerto Rico: 1898-1932* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1999), xiv +282 (paperback, December 2000).

### **Principal Writer and Senior Consultant**

*The Latino Experience in US History* (Paramus, NJ: Globe Publishers, 1994).

### **Articles/Book Chapters**

“Remaking Puerto Rican Studies at 50 years,” *Center for Puerto Rican Studies Press*. Forthcoming. 2021.

“Puerto Rico in Crisis and the Shifting Dictates of Empire.” *Special Issue of Centro Journal: Navigating Insecurities*. Vol. 33, no. 1 (2021).

“Puerto Rico: The Ascent and Demise of an American Colony.” *Critical Diálogos in Latina/o/x Studies* (New York University Press) Forthcoming 2021.

“Puerto Rico’s Summer 2019 Uprising and the Crisis of Colonialism.” *Latin American Perspectives* Vol. 47, no. 3 (2020): 103-116.

“Solidarity and the Absent State in Puerto Rico.” *Dissent Magazine*. June 16, 2020.

“Hurricane Maria’s Aftermath: Redefining Puerto Rico’s Colonial Status?” *Current History*. Vol. 118, no. 805 (2019): 43-49.

“Puerto Rico, PROMESA and the American Empire.” *Latino Studies* Vol. 16, no. 2 (2018): 161-184.

“Puerto Rico and PROMESA: Reaffirming Colonialism.” *New Politics*. Vol. 16, no .3 (Summer 2017): 120-125.

“Puerto Ricans as Contingent Citizens: Shifting Mandated Identities and Imperial Disjunctures.” *Centro Journal*, vol. 29, no. 1 (Spring 2017). 238-283.

“The Puerto Rican Colonial Matrix: The Etiology of Citizenship,” *Centro Journal* vol. 25, no. 1 (Spring 2013): 4-21.

“Critical Junctures and Puerto Rican Studies,” *Latino/a Research Review*, vol. 8, nos. 1-2 (2011-2012): 25-41.

“Common Legacies, Similar Futures: Black and Latino Studies,” in Sundiata Cha-Jua, Helen Neville and Ted Koditschek (editors), *Race Struggles* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2009): 260-285.

“Puerto Rican Studies: Changing Islands of Knowledge,” *Centro Journal*, vol. 21, no. 2 (Fall 2009): 256-281.

“Black and Latino Studies and Social Capital Theory,” *Sage Race Relations Abstracts*, vol. 32, no. 3 (August 2007): 5-29.

“From Challenge to Absorption: The Changing Face of Latino Studies,” *Centro Journal*, vol. 15, no. 2 (Fall 2003): 126-45.

“Moving from the Margins, to Where? Three Decades of Latino Studies,” *Latino Studies*, vol. 1, no. 1 (March 2003): 5-35.

“Puerto Rico: State Formation in a Colonial Context,” *Caribbean Studies*, vol. 30, no. 2 (December 2002): 170-215.

“The Colonizing Mission of the U.S. in Puerto Rico,” in Anna Sampaio, Carlos Vélez-Ibañez and Manolo González-Estay (editors), *Transnational Latino/a Communities: Re-examining Politics, Processes and Culture* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2002), 115-45.

“Subjects and Immigrants in the Progressive Age,” *Discourse*, vol. 23, no. 3 (Fall 2001): 24-51.

“Bombs, Ballots and Nationalism: Vieques and the Politics of Colonialism,” *Latino(a) Research Review*, vol. 5, no. 1 (2002): 8-36.

“Latino and Latin American Studies: The New Synthesis,” in Frank Bonilla et al., *Borderless Borders* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1998), 195-216.

“El Consejo Ejecutivo y la ‘norteamericanización’ de Puerto Rico,” *Temas: Revista de Cultura, Sociedad e Ideología*, nos. 12/13 (Oct. 1997-March 1998): 82-95.

“The Decolonization Policies of the United States towards Its Territories,” in Carmen Gautier Mayoral and Idsa Alegría Ortega (editors), *Políticas de Descolonización en la Región Caribeña* (Río Piedras, PR: Centro de Investigaciones Sociales, 1994), 29-45.

“Security, Economy and Political Status: The Dynamics of Puerto Rico’s Integration into the Caribbean Region,” *New Political Science*, nos. 28/29 (Winter-Spring 1994): 191-216.

“Redefining Puerto Rico’s Political Status,” in Edwin Meléndez and Edgardo Meléndez (editors), *Colonial Dilemma: Critical Perspectives on Contemporary Puerto Rico* (Boston: South End Press, 1992), 19-39.

“Getting Unstuck on Status: The Politics of Decolonization,” in Felix Masud-Piloto (editor), *Plebiscite: Puerto Rico at a Political Crossroads* (Ithaca: Hispanic American Studies Program, Cornell University, June 1991), 6-14.

“Decolonizing Puerto Rico-U.S. Style,” *Diálogo*, vol. 6 (Spring 1990): 1, 7-20.

“Reworking the Colonial Formula-Puerto Rico into the Twenty-First Century,” *Radical America*, vol. 23, no. 1 (1989): 9-20.

“Industrial Transformation and Labor Relations in Puerto Rico, From Operation Bootstrap to the 70s,” *Journal of Latin American Studies*, vol. 21, no. 3 (October 1989): 559-91.

“The Colonial State and Capitalist Expansion in Puerto Rico: An Historical Overview,” *Boletín del Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños*, vol. 2, no. 6 (1989): 87-100.

“El Aparato Colonial y Cambio Económico: 1898-1917,” *Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, vol. 27, nos. 1-2 (1988): 53-87.

“Puerto Rican Studies and Political Economy,” in M. Sánchez and A. Stevens-Arroyo (editors), *Toward a Renaissance of Puerto Rican Studies* (Highland Lakes: Atlantic Research and Publications, 1987), 73-78.

“Puerto Rican Studies: New Challenges and Patterns,” *Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños Newsletter* (Fall 1985): 8 pp.

“Industrialization, the Colonial State and Working Class Organizations in Puerto Rico,” *Latin American Perspectives*, vol. 42, no. 3 (Summer 1984): 149-72.

“Contradictions of Capitalist Development in Puerto Rico,” *Memorias: II Seminario sobre la situación de las comunidades negra, chicana, cubana, nativa norteamericana, puertorriqueña, caribeña y asiática en los Estados Unidos* (Havana: Editora Política, 1984).

### **Other Articles and Publications**

“Puerto Rico’s Statehood Movement is on the Verge of Collapsing,” *Latino Rebels*, December 15, 2020  
<https://www.latinorebels.com/2020/12/15/statehoodmovementcollapsing/>

“The Summer 2019 Uprising and Building a New Puerto Rico,” *NACLA, Report on the Americas*, October 21, 2019.

“Puerto Rico’s Forever Exodus,” *NACLA, Report on the Americas*, February 22, 2018.  
<https://nacla.org/news/2018/02/22/puerto-rico's-forever-exodus>

“Catastrophe and Colonialism.” *Jacobinmag.com*. 12 December 2017

“Maria will fundamentally change US policy toward Puerto Rico.” The Conversation.com, June 6, 2017.  
<https://theconversation.com/maria-will-fundamentally-change-us-policy-toward-puerto-rico-86038>

“Puerto Rico’s long fall from ‘shining star’ to the ‘Greece’ of the Caribbean.” The Conversation.com, June 12, 2015.  
<https://theconversation.com/puerto-ricos-long-fall-from-shining-star-to-the-greece-of-the-caribbean-43097>

“Introduction: ‘Diversity’—Demography, Culture, and Education for a Changing New York,” in Bruce Leslie, and others (editors), *SUNY at Sixty: The Promise of the State University of New York* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2010): 225-228.

Suzanne Oboler and Deena González (eds.). *Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005).

Americanization.	(922 words)
COINTELPRO.	(2731 words)
Puerto Rico: Colonialism.	(4175 words)
Puerto Rican Political Prisoners.	(1662 words)
Puerto Rican Revolutionary Organizations.	(2282 words)
Puerto Rican Nationalist Uprising.	(1364 words)
Puerto Rican Home Country Project.	(1479 words)
Puerto Ricans (with Vilma Santiago).	(7842 words)

“Give Puerto Rico Its Independence,” *Newsday*. June 15, 2001.

**Published Reviews**

*New Political Science, Political Science Quarterly, Journal of Latin American Studies, New West Indies Guide, Critical Sociology, Latin America in Books, Contemporary Sociology, Hispanic American Historical Review, American Political Science Review*

**Editorships and Posts in Professional Associations (Selected)**

Guest Editor	Centro Journal, Special Issue on Citizenship	2013
Executive Committee	Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence Association of Public Land Grant Universities	2009-2011
Vice President/President	Puerto Rican Studies Association	2001-2004
Program Chair	Latin American Studies Association	1999-2000
Co-Chairperson	Latino Studies Section	1998-2000
Advisory Board	Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society	2002-2004
Series Co-Editor	<i>Latinos in Chicago and the Midwest</i> University of Illinois Press	2002-2011
Senior Editor	<i>Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States</i>	2001-2005
Associate Editor	<i>Latino Studies</i>	2001-2002
Editorial Boards	<i>Journal of Sport and Social Issues</i>	2002-2007
	<i>Latin American Research Review</i> Latin American Studies Association	1990-1992
Advisory Board	Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture, Rutgers University	1993-1999

### ***Grant and Fellowship Evaluator***

MacArthur Foundation; Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation and Postdoctoral Fellowships; Institutional Research Board, University of Illinois; National Endowment for the Humanities; PSC-CUNY Faculty Research Awards; Ford Foundation Minority Postdoctoral Fellowships; National Science Foundation.

### ***Manuscript Reviewer***

#### Academic Journals

*Latin American Perspectives, Politics and Society, Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Centro Journal* (Center for Puerto Rican Studies), *Comparative Politics, Critical Sociology, Latin American Research Review, Latino Studies Journal, Revista de Ciencias Sociales, Social and Economic Studies, Space and Society.*

#### Book Publishers

Polity, St. Martin's Press, State University of New York Press, Temple University Press, University of Florida Press, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Rutgers University Press, Greenwood Press, Humanities Press International, M. E. Sharpe, Pittsburgh University Press, University of North Carolina Press, Palgrave-MacMillan.

### **Conferences, Seminars and Public Lectures**

Capital District Latinos, Invited Speaker, "Environmental & Climate Justice: from Puerto Rico to Albany," Capital District Latinos, Cultural Empowerment & Community Engagement Center, 13 April 2019.

Center for International Education and Global Strategy, "Puerto Rico in Crisis and the Shifting Dictates of Empire," Global Forum Series, University at Albany, 9 April 2019.

Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Presenter, "Puerto Rican as Contingent Citizens," Symposium: The Centennial of the Jones Act, 15 October 2015.

Latin American Studies Association, 2013: Presenter, "Latinos and the Assault on Public Higher Education in the United States," Washington, DC. 1 June 2013.

Puerto Rican Studies Association, 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference: Presenter, "The Intellectual Legacy of Frank Bonilla," University at Albany 25 October 2012.

Puerto Rican Studies Association, 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference: Commentator, "Citizenship and Its Exclusions in Puerto Rico," University at Albany 25 October 2012.

Center for the Study of Working Class Life: How Class Works Annual Conference, Presenter, "How People Become White," Stony Brook University, 6 June 2008.

African American Studies and Research Program Conference: Race, Roots, and Resistance: Revisiting the Legacies of Black Power, Presenter, "The Black Colony Revisited: Robert Allen's Black Awakening in Capitalist America, and the Internal Colonial Thesis," University of Illinois, 31 March 2006.

Latin American Studies Association 23rd International Conference: Presenter, "Puerto Rico and the U.S. A Permanent Colony," San Juan, PR, 16 March 2006.

Latin American Studies Association 23rd International Conference: Discussant, "Military Power and Civil Society: The Case of Vieques," San Juan, PR, 16 March 2006.

Latin American Studies Association 23rd International Conference: Panelist, "Building Bridges among Latino, Latin American, Chicano, Dominican, and Puerto Rican Studies," San Juan, PR, 16 March 2006.

Centro de Investigaciones Sociales: Panelist, "Los estudios puertorriqueños aquí y allá: Hacia una agenda de investigación renovada y compartida," University of Puerto Rico, 14 March 2006.

African Studies Institute Conference: Beyond a Boundary, Presenter and Discussant, "Global Studies and Ethnic Studies: Points of Intersection and Diversion," University of Illinois, 5-7 December 2004.

Puerto Rican Studies Association 6th Biennial Conference: Presenter, "Changing Islands of Knowledge," CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, 22 October 2004.

African American Studies and Research Program: Invited Speaker, "Cross Currents between Programs for the Study, Teaching and Engagement with Racialized Communities," University of Illinois, 2 April 2004.

Political Science Department: "Continuities in Colonialism," Faculty Seminar, Illinois State University, 31 October 2003.

American Political Science Association: Invited Panelist, "New Directions in Latina/o Political Research," Philadelphia, 28 August 2003.

Latin American Studies Association 22nd International Conference: Presenter, "Latino Studies and the Academy: Developments, Positioning and Emergent Practices," Dallas, TX, 27 March 2003.

Institute for the Humanities: Speaker, "Theorizing Race and Ethnic Studies," University of Illinois, Chicago, 21 February 2003.

Program in Latino/a Studies: Invited Panelist, "The Institutionalization of Latino/a Studies: Producing Knowledge Inside/Outside the Academy," Seeds of Change Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC, 14-15 February 2003.

Ford Foundation: Discussant, "Global and Local Knowledge After September 11th," Center for Place, Culture and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, 19-20 April 2002.

*Latino Studies Journal*: Presenter, "Enclaves, Transgressions and Appropriations: The Changing Face of Latina/o Studies," University of Illinois, Chicago, 1-3 March 2002.

Political Science Department Seminar: Presenter, "Vieques and Partisan Politics in the U.S.," SUNY Albany, NY, 17 October 2001.

Latin American Studies Association 21st International Conference: Presenter, "Bombs, Ballots and Nationalism: The Limits of Colonialism," Washington, DC, 6-8 September 2001.

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies: Presenter, "The Changing Face of Latino Studies," Workshop on Transborder Peoples and the Intersections between Latino and Latin American Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 1-2 June 2001.

Puerto Rican and Hispanic Caribbean Studies Department: Panelist, "Puerto Rico's Territorial Status-Anachronistic and Immutable," Symposium on Puerto Rican Politics and Culture in the New Millennium, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 10-12 April 2001.

Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies: Invited Speaker on "Constructing a Colonial People," College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, 12 February 2001.

Graduate Student Association: Symposium, Latino/as in Academia, Keynote Speaker, "Reflections on the State of Latino Studies: Contrasting Realities," SUNY, Buffalo, NY, 1 May 2000.

Latin American Studies Association 20th International Conference: Organizer and Presenter, "Negotiating New Boundaries: Latino and Latin American Studies," Miami, FL, 16-18 March 2000.

### **SUNY Vice Provost Presentations, Reports and Committees (2007-2010)**

Plenary Speaker, "Diversity and Academic Excellence, Diversity and Social Justice," University Faculty Senate, Cobleskill, NY, January 2010.

Workshop Speaker, "Recruiting and Retaining Faculty of Color," Office of Workforce Diversity and Inclusion, Cornell University, November 2009.

Panelist, "Somos El Futuro," Annual Legislative Conferences, Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, NYS Assembly and Senate, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2007, 2008, 2009.

Panelist, "Somos El Futuro," Annual Legislative Conference, "Increasing Hispanic College

Enrollment and Retention,” Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, NYS Assembly and Senate, Albany, NY, April 2008.

Search Committee Member, Director of the Rockefeller Institute of Government, State University of New York, Albany, NY, 2009-2010.

SUNY Strategic Planning Group, 2009-2010.

SUNY Liaison, National Association of Systems Heads/Lumina Foundation Access to Success Initiative.

Panelist, New York Assembly Higher Education Committee, “Legislative Workshop on Diversity,” March 2009.

Panelist, New York State Assembly Black, Puerto Rican and Asian Caucus, “Higher Education Forum,” Legislative Office Building, Albany NY, February 2009.

Commentator, Forum, “Let Them In: The Case for Open Borders,” Rockefeller Institute of Government, State University of New York, Albany, NY, June 2008.

Testimony, “Examination of New York State Higher Education Commission’s Preliminary Report and Its Initial Recommendations,” Public Hearing of the Assembly Standing Committee on Higher Education, New York, NY, February 2008.

Author, “White Paper: Access, Equity and Excellence and the Public University,” submitted for Preliminary Report of the New York Commission on Higher Education, December 2007.

I have lectured on diversity and given presentations on the Office of Diversity and Educational Equity at twenty-four state operated campuses of the SUNY system.

**Awards and Service**

***Awards, Grants, and Fellowships***

Chancellor, SUNY	Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service, 2011
Vice Chancellor for Research UIUC	Scholars’ Travel Fund Award, 2006
Consortium on Institutional Cooperation UIUC	Academic Leadership Fellow, 2003-04
Rutgers University	Research Council Grant, 2001-02
Rutgers University	Teaching Excellence Center: Curriculum Grant, 1993-94
Ford Foundation	Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1987-88
Rockefeller Foundation	Postdoctoral Fellowship, (Declined)1987-88
Fordham University	Faculty Fellowship, 1987-88
Fordham University	Faculty Research Grant, 1986-87
Ford Foundation	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1976-78
Danforth Foundation	Dorothy Danforth-Compton Fellowship, 1976-Declined

***University Service/ Department Service***

University at Albany, SUNY (2011-present)

Chairperson: Department of Latin American, Caribbean and Latina/o Studies 2014-2020

Director of Graduate Programs: Department of Latin American, Caribbean and Latina/o Studies 2012-2014, 2019

Department Representative to University Senate

Member: Graduate Advisory Council of the University Senate (GAC)

Chairperson: Curriculum and Instruction Committee of GAC

State University of New York, System Administration (2007-2011)

Member New York Work Group on STEM Education

Representative Governors Amistad Commission  
Member, Search Committee, Director of Rockefeller Institute of Government  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2002-2007)  
Member, Board of Trustees, Honorary Degree Selection Committee  
University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign  
African American Studies and Research Program (AASRP)  
Curriculum Committee (Chair)  
Ph.D. Committee Chair  
Dean's Committee to Evaluate Director of AASRP  
Chancellor's Committee on Diversity  
Subcommittee on Recruitment and Retention  
Subcommittee on Studies and Cultural Programs  
Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society  
Advisory Board  
Director's Search Committee  
Faculty Fellowship Selection Committee  
Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee  
Institutional Research Board Reviewer  
Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program Advisory Board  
La Casa Cultural Latina Advisory Board  
Rutgers University (1990-2002)  
President's Provost Search Committee  
Provost Committee on Minority Faculty Development  
President's Committee on Curriculum Reform  
President's Committee on Minority Affairs  
Center for Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture Advisory Board  
Latin American Studies Advisory Board

**Professional Service and Public Engagement- Last 5 Years**

CNN Digital\_Ray Sanchez October 23, 2020  
Truthout  
Florida Phoenix  
NPR News Hour: Puerto Rico Gears Up to Vote Statehood. September 27, 2020  
Newspaper interviews: Washington Post, New York Times, Univision, Newsday  
Interviews: Congressional Research Quarterly, November 24, 2017  
Latin American Program Reviewer: University of North Carolina April 2018  
Chicano/Chicano Studies Program Reviewer: UT Pan American April 2017