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Political Science &
Latin American and Latino Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago

Professional Preparation

BA University of Houston 1987

Ph.D. University of Texas 1997

Academic Appointments

Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, August 2006-May 2008

Interim Director, Latin American and Latino Studies, May-December 2006

Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2004-present

Co-Director, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1998-1999

Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1996-2004

Publications

Amalia Pallares and Nilda Flores-González. Marcha: Latino Chicago and the National Immigrant Movement. Forthcoming, University of Illinois Press, 2010. (co-editor and single author of three chapters).

Amalia Pallares and Nilda Flores-González. “Regarding Family: New Actors in the Chicago Protests” in Rallying for Immigrant Rights, co-edited by Irene Bloemerard and Kim Voss, Forthcoming, University of California Press, 2010

Amalia Pallares. “Family Matters: Strategizing Immigrant Activism in Chicago” in Xóchitl Bada, Kate Brick, Jonathan Fox, and Andrew Selee, (editors) 2009. Series on Latino Migrant Civic Engagement. Report no. 7. Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Book Review of Crude Chronicles: Indigenous Politics, Multinational Oil and Neoliberalism in Ecuador, by Suzana Sawyer. *Indigenous Nations Journal*. Vol 6, N. 1, Spring 2008, pp. 164-166.

“Contesting Membership: Citizenship, Multiculturalism(s) and the Contemporary Indigenous Movement” in Highland Indians and the State in Modern Ecuador, edited by Kim Clark and Marc Becker. (pp 139-154) University of Pittsburgh Press, 2007

“Politics: Ecuador”. Book Chapter in Handbook of Latin American Studies. Vol 60 (Social Sciences). Washington DC: Library of Congress, 2006

UIC Immigrant Mobilization Project: General Survey Findings. With Nilda Flores Gonzales, Cedric Herring and Maria Krysan. 2006. Available at:
<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/news/docs/uicstudy.pdf>

“Mass Mobilization and Presidential Removal in Ecuador”. *Forum*. Latin American Studies Association, Winter 2006, Volume XXXVII, Issue I.

“Ecuadorian Immigrants and Symbolic Nationalism in Chicago.” *Latino Studies Journal*, November 2005.

“Ecuadorians in Chicago”. Encyclopedia of Chicago History. University of Chicago Press, 2004.

“El movimiento indígena en el Ecuador: entre lo social y lo político.” *Latitud: Latinoamérica en Europa*. Numero 1. sept-oct 2004.

“The Ecuadorian Indigenous Movement.” *Hemisphere*. Nov 2003.

“Entre Singapore y el Tahuantisuyo: las autonomías y el imaginario social en el Ecuador”, *Procesos: Revista de Historia*. Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, 2003.

From Peasant Struggles to Indian Resistance: the Ecuadorian Andes in the late Twentieth Century, University of Oklahoma Press, 2002.

The Politicization of Latinos: Naturalization, the Vote, and Perceptions of Discrimination” with Melissa Michelson. *Aztlan Journal*, September 2002.

“Under the Shadows of Yaruquíes: Seeking Political Autonomy in Cacha”, in The Struggle for Social Rights in Latin America, edited by Susan Eckstein and Timothy Wickham Crowley. Routledge, 2002.

"Bajo la Sombra de Yaruquíes: Cacha se Reinventa".[Under the Shadows of Yaruquíes: Cacha Reinvents itself], book chapter in Antología sobre Estudios de Etnicidad [Anthology of Ethnicity Studies], edited by Andrés Guerrero. Quito: FLACSO, 2000.

"Ecuador", entry in Brittanica Book of the Year 2000. Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica, 2000.

"Reforma Agraria y Discurso Racial en el Ecuador de los años Setenta" [Agrarian Reform and Racial Discourse in 1970's Ecuador], book chapter in Ecuador Racista: Imágenes e Identidades [Racist Ecuador: Images and Identities], edited by Emma Cervone and Freddy Rivera. Quito, Ecuador: FLACSO Press, 1999.

Forthcoming

Politics: Ecuador”. Book Chapter in Handbook of Latin American Studies. Vol 62 (Social Sciences). Washington DC: Library of Congress, 2010

Amalia Pallares. “Uncivil Acts and Foundational Moments: the Case of Ecuador”, accepted for publication in Sonia Alvarez, Juan Carlos Baoicchi, Agustín Flores and Millie Thayer, (eds) Interrogating Civil Society in Latin America, 2010. Currently undergoing revisions.

Amalia Pallares: Families Untied Manuscript in preparation for submission to press in December 2010

Talks, Papers and Participation in Conferences

“Refounding the Political, the Struggle for Provincialization in Santa Elena, Ecuador”. Delivered at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Rio de Janeiro, June 2009.

“Impossible Activists” Representations of Family in the Immigrant Rights Movement, Humanities Institute, UIC, April 2009

“Denizens and Citizens: Immigrant Activism in the City”, Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago, February 10, 2009.

“The other Mestizos: Montub(v)ios and Political Activism in Ecuador”, presented at the *II Congreso Ecuatoriano de Antropología y Arqueología*, Guayaquil, Ecuador, October 6-8, 2008.

“Immigration and Family Separation”. Workshop organized for the Center for Popular Economics Conference *The Economics of Immigration and Migration*. Roosevelt University, July 28, 2008.

“Uncivil Acts and Foundational Moments: the Case of Ecuador” in *Interrogating the Civil Society Agenda* Conference. University of Massachusetts at Amherst, April 24-27, 2008

“Who Speaks for the Undocumented?” Invited lecture, Johns Hopkins University, March 13, 2008.

“Family Matters: Strategizing Immigrant Activism in Chicago” submitted for publication as a report. Commissioned by the Woodrow Wilson Institute and delivered in the Chicago Dialogue on Latino Transnational Activism, Casa Michoacán, October 26, 2007.

“The Immigrant Movement: What Happens Next?”. Invited Speaker, *Escucha mi Grito* Student Conference, MESA, University of Illinois at Chicago, Sept 17, 2007.

“Civil and Un-civil Society in Ecuador”, invited participant in featured session “After Washington: Beyond Civil Society: Emerging Social Movement Theories and Practices in the Americas. XXVII Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Montreal, Canada, Sept 5-9. 2007.

“Representing La Familia: Family Separation and Mixed-Family Activism in Chicago. XXVII Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Montreal, Canada, Sept 5-9. 2007.

The Other Mestizos: Montub(v)ios and Political Activism in Coastal Ecuador. XXVII Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Montreal, Canada, Sept 5-9, 2007.

Speaker, “Elvira Arellano: a Public Forum on Undocumented Migration”. Jane Addams Hull House, University of Illinois at Chicago, August 29, 2007.

“We Want to Show Ourselves: Family Separation and the Anti-Deportation Movement in Chicago”. Keynote Lecture for Immigration: Many Faces: Many Facets. Conference sponsored by the School of Continuing Education, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, April 27, 2007.

"Emerging Voices: New Actors in the Chicago Protests".
Understanding the Immigration Protests of Spring 2006: Lessons Learned, Future Trajectories-
Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (formerly IIR) University of California,
Berkeley. Friday, April 20, 2007

“Claiming La Familia: Deportation, Family Separation and Immigrant Activism.” Delivered at the American Educational Research Association Conference, Chicago, April 10, 2007

“Claiming La Familia: Deportation, Family Separation and Immigrant Activism”. Delivered at Marching for Change: Chicago in the National Immigrant Movement. Conference held at the University of Illinois at Chicago, March 1 and 2, 2007

“The Immigrant Rights Movement: Myths and Realities”. East-West University, Chicago, May 17, 2006.

“Approaches to the Crisis of Governability in Ecuador”, Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15-18, 2006.

“Studying Indigenous Movements: the Case of Ecuador”, Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico; March 15-18, 2006.

“Multicultural Politics in Ecuador” in workshop on Multicultural Politics, Northwestern University, February 20, 2006

“De-centering the State: Liberal Indigenism and Indian Organization in Bolivia, Mexico, and Ecuador” delivered with Shannan Mattiace, Latin American Studies Association Conference. Las Vegas, October 2004.

“Some other Race: Latinos and the 2000 Census”, delivered at the American Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, August 2004.

“Translocal Flows in Chicago: a Research Agenda”. Presented at SSRC conference on Translocal Cities. New York, April 2004.

“Civic Local Entrepreneurs: Ecuadorian immigrants in Chicago and the Construction of Transnational Nationalism”. Delivered at the First South Conference on South Americans in the United States. University of Miami, April 2003.

“Local Entrepreneurs, Global Discourses. Ecuadorian Immigrants in Chicago.” Delivered at the

Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, March 2004

Chair and Discussant, panel entitled "The Politics of Social Policies in Developing Countries". Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April 3-6, 2003.

"Montubio Identity and Political Participation in the Ecuadorian Coast." Paper delivered at the First annual conference on the Montubio. Ecuadorian Cultural Center, December 2002, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

"The Lucio Gutierrez Presidency: Challenges and Opportunities", invited by the non-governmental organization Jubilee 2000. University of Guayaquil, December 2002, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

"Hacia la segunda vuelta: Resultados electorales del 2002" [Electoral Results and Forecasts for the run-off elections]. Invited speaker in a four-person panel University of Guayaquil, Economics Department, November, 2002, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

"Y ahora qué? Análisis de los resultados electorales." [Electoral Results in the 2002 Ecuadorian Elections]. Speaker and organizer of a three-person panel on the 2002 elections. Universidad del Pacífico, October 29, 2002, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Moderator, Forum for Presidential Candidates. Universidad del Pacífico, September 18, 2002.

"Identidad Regional en el Ecuador" [Regional Identity in Ecuador]. Abdón Calderón Education Conference, August 29, 2002, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

"Entre Singapur y el Tahuantisuyo: las autonomías y el imaginario social en el Ecuador" [Between Singapore and the Tahuantisuyo: the Autonomy Struggle and the Social Imaginary in Ecuador] Paper delivered at the Congress of Ecuadorian History, July 10-13, 2002.

Invited Speaker in a three-person panel entitled "Mujer y Migración" [Women and Migration], Catholic University of Guayaquil, July 5, 2002.

"Indigenous Politics in the Andes in the 1990s". Invited speaker, Northwestern University, October 29, 2001.

Speaker in a panel entitled "The September 11 Attack: it's Implication for Latin America and Latinos in the United States", as part of LALS' Lectures in the Community. Delivered at Hispanic Housing, Chicago, IL, October 2, 2001.

"From Pluriculturalism to Plurinationalism: the Politics of Disruption in Ecuador", paper delivered at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Washington D.C., September 2001.

"The Latino Vote: Do Numbers lead to Empowerment?" Lecture delivered at Lake Forest College, November 20, 2000.

"Racial Meaning and the agrarian debate in Highland Ecuador", delivered at the First National Conference on Racism in Ecuador, Quito, November 1998

"Our Own Teniente Político: Ethnicity, Autonomy and Justice in Cacha, Ecuador", delivered at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, September 1998

"Peasants, Indians and Awakenings: the Ecuadorian Indian Movement", delivered at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, September 1998

"The Racialization of Latinos in the United States". Delivered in a workshop on Comparative Dimensions of Racism held at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences in Quito, (FLACSO) Ecuador in July 1998

"Latino Studies Curriculum and the Social Sciences". Delivered at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Conference on Latino Studies, April 1998

"Naturalization, Latinos, and the Vote in Chicago". Delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 1998

"Seeking Respeto: Racial Identity, Double Consciousness and the Ecuadorian Indian Movement", Paper delivered at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, April 1997

"Uncertain Development: Post land reform politics in Highland Ecuador", delivered at the Latin American Studies Association meeting, March 1994

Teaching (*=graduate course)

Introduction to Latin America in a World Context (Spring 2004)

The Politics of Belonging (Spring 2004 and Fall 2007)*

The State: Comparative Theory and Practice (Fall 2003)*

Race, Ethnicity and Politics in Latin America (Fall 1999, Fall 2003)

Latino Politics (Fall 1997,1998 and 1999, Spring 2001 and 2003, Fall 2004)

Latinos and Public Policy (Freshman Seminar, Fall 1999)

Latin American Politics (Spring 2006)

Social Movements in Latin America (Spring 2006)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2001, Spring 2003)

Introduction to Contemporary Latin America (Fall 1996, 1997, and 1998)

Latin American Women (Spring 1996,1997, 2000 and 2001)

Introduction to the Scope of Political Science (Fall 1996 and Spring 1997)

Comparative Social Movements (Spring 1997,1998 and 2000)*

Racism: Theoretical Perspectives (Brief seminar taught at the Catholic University of Quito, July 1998)

Independent Studies: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Chavez Presidency (Summer 2003)

Electoral Systems in Argentina (Fall 2001)
U.S. Drug Policy in Colombia (Fall 2001)
Ecuadorian Immigrants in the U.S. (Fall 2001)
Latino Immigrants and the State (Fall 2001)
The Central American Peace Process (Summer 1999)
South American Immigrants in the United States (Summer 1999)
Latino Voting Behavior (Five students, Fall 1998)
Politics, Literature and the Mexican Revolution (Fall 1997)
Andean Women (Fall 1997, 1998)
Cuba: History, Revolution and Change (Fall 1996)
Comparative Colonialism: Puerto Rico and the Phillipines (Spring 2006)
Family Separation, Undocumented Immigrants and the Immigrant
Mobilization (Summer 2006)
Civil Society and Citizenship in Latin America (Spring 2007)

Grants and Awards

Great Cities Institute Fellowship, 2008-2009.

Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy grant, for Immigrant Mobilization Project, 2007-2008.

IGPA award for Immigrant mobilization Project, 2006-2007.

Fulbright Research Fellowship in Ecuador, Fall, 2002.

Institute for Research on Race and Comparative Public Policy Fellowship, Spring 1998 (course release) to continue research on Latino politicization in Chicago

Great Cities research grant, Spring 1997, to conduct survey research on the politicization of Latinos in Chicago

Bess Heflin doctoral fellowship, University of Texas. 1994-1995

Summer Internship, Ford Foundation-Latin American Program, 1991

Scholarship, Texas Women in Government, 1988

University Service

Latin America and Latino Studies Program:

Member, Search Committee for Latin America Social Sciences Position, 2007-2008

Member, Search Committee for Latino Studies Position, 2007-2008

Graduate Director, Fall 2003- Fall 2006

Chair, Rockefeller postdoctoral research fellowship Committee, Latin America and Latino Studies, 2003-2004

Member, Search Committee for Historian, 2000-2001

Member, Search Committee for Program Director, 1999-2000

Member, Advisory Committee, 1997-2001

Political Science Department:

Member, Search Committee for State Politics Position, 2007-2008, 2008-2009

Member, Graduate and Graduate Admissions Committee, Spring 2006- 2008

Member, Executive Committee, Political Science Department, 2004-2005

Member, Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2001-2002

Member, Graduate Committee, 1999-2001

Member, Advisory Committee, 1998-1999
University Level:

Co-Director, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, 1998-1999

Member, Evaluation Committee for the Latino Cultural Center, 1998-1999

Service to the Profession

Reviewer, Journal of Peasant Studies, Journal of Latin American Anthropology, Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies, Journal of Latin American Studies, University of Texas Press, University of Pittsburgh Press.

Member, International Advisory Board, Journal of Peasant Studies (2008-present)

Member, Latin Book Award Committee, Latin American Studies Association, 2008-2009

Program Co-coordinator, Latin American Studies Association Conference, 2005-2006

Community Service

Several media interviews regarding immigrants and family separation, including WBEZ, La Raza Newspaper, Chicago Tribune, Associated Press, Univision.

Political Analyst, local Spanish-language station, Channel 44 (Telemundo), 2000-2002

Expert Witness for Law Firm of Mitchell Cohen, in cases of asylum for Ecuadorian applicants, 2003-present.

Research consultant for the Interamerican Dialogue, Washington D.C., 2003