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### **Education**

Binghamton University, Ph.D. Sociology, 2002.

Binghamton University, M.A. Sociology, 1997.

Columbia University, Revson Fellow on the Future of the City of New York, 1994-95.

The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, Research Fellow, Center for Cultural Studies, Community, Autobiography, Ethnography, Organizing (CAMEO) Project on NY Latino communities, 1991-93.

New School for Social Research, Graduate courses in Political Economy, 1979-81.

Catholic University of Puerto Rico, B.A. Philosophy and Psychology, 1976.

### **Teaching Experience**

University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies, 1999-present.

Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York, full-time Instructor and Researcher, Center for Ethnic Studies, 1998-99.

John Jay School of Criminal Justice, CUNY, Adjunct Lecturer, Puerto Rican Studies, Race and Ethnicity in America, Caribbean History, Urban Sociology of U.S. Latinos, 1997-98.

Binghamton University, Adjunct Lecturer, Sociology, Race and Culture in the World-System, 1996-97.

Baruch College, CUNY, Adjunct Lecturer, Black and Hispanic Studies, Latin American History and Culture, U.S. Latino/a Politics, 1994-95.

City College, CUNY, Adjunct Lecturer, Latin American Studies, Puerto Rican History, U.S. Latino/a History, 1982-84.

Queens College, CUNY, Adjunct Lecturer, Puerto Rican Studies, Caribbean Political Economy, Contemporary Caribbean, 1981-82.

New School for Social Research, Graduate Faculty, Teaching Assistant, Political Economy, Socio-Economic Historical Formations, 1980-81.

Barnard College, Columbia University, Teaching Assistant, Sociology, Race, Class, and Gender, spring 1994.

Ponce High School, Coordinator and Teacher, Puerto Rican History and Culture, Special Program for Return Migrants, 1977-78.

### **Non-Academic Work Experience**

Research Coordinator. New York City Commission on Human Rights. New York City, 1990-92.

U.S. Northwest Regional Director. Hermandad Hispana Nacional. New York City, 1988-90.

Executive Director. Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrants' Rights. New York City, 1986-88.

Community Organizer. Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation. New York City, 1984-86.

Associate Editor. Newspaper, Trade Union, District 65 United Auto Workers, 1982-84.

### **Publications**

"Afro-Latino Diasporas beyond the Black/Latino Divide." *Revista Iberoamericana*, forthcoming.

"Afro-Latino Difference and the Politics of Decolonization." In *Latinos in the World-System*, Grosfoguel Ramon (ed.), forthcoming.

"The 1898 Spanish-Cuban-American-Filipino War: Clashing Hegemonies and Contending Occidentalisms." In *Coloniality at Large*, Morana, Mabel et al., forthcoming.

"Transatlantic Crossroads/Entangled Diasporas: Mapping the Ambiguous Intersections of the Black Atlantic and the Green Atlantic." In *Transatlantic Constructions of "Race," Racism, and the Anti-Racist Movements*, Livio Sansone (ed.), forthcoming.

"Late Colonial Politics: Anticolonial Nationalisms and Countercolonial Movements in Northern Ireland and Puerto Rico." *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies*, forthcoming.

"Diasporic Counterpoints: Nation-hood(s) and Trans-location in Irish Studies and Puerto Rican Studies." In *Alternative Modernities: Diasporas and Translocal Knowledges*, Ali Mirsepassi (ed.), forthcoming.

"De-Calibanizing Caribbean Rationalities." *C.L.R. James Journal*, 10(1), 2005.

"Latin American Area Studies and Latino Ethnic Studies: Epistemological and Political Challenges." In *The Two Cultures in Question*, Immanuel Wallerstein (ed.), Paradigm Press, 2004.

"Building Bridges: New Visions for Historic Cities." *Planners Network*, September, 2002.

"New York el les Avatars de L'Identite Latino." *Homes et Migrations*, May, 2002 (Paris).

"Latin American Area Studies and Latino Ethnic Studies: From the Civilizing Mission to the Barbarian's Revenge." *Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy*. American Philosophical Association, 2001.

*Mambo Montage: The Latinization of New York City* (edited volume, co-editor Arlene Davila). New York: Columbia University Press, 2001.

"Latino-Americanismo: Atravessando Genealogias e Cruzando Fronteiras." *Caderno CHR*, Universidade Federal da Bahia, Brazil, June, 2000.

"Africanity, Latinidad, and Transmodernity." *African Studies Review*, 43(1), 2000.

"Islands at the Crossroads: Puerto Rican-ess Traveling between the Translocal Nation and the Global City." In *Puerto Rican Jam: Rethinking Nationalism and Colonialism*. Frances Negrón and Ramon Grosfoguel (eds.), Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1997.

"Globalizing Youth Empowerment in the Next Millennium: An Evaluative Report of the Global Action Project-Northern Ireland." United States Institute for Peace, 1997.

"Resources of Hope: Imagining the Young Lords and the Politics of Memory." *CENTRO*, Winter, 1995.

"Testimonio: Memory, Imagery and the Production of Latinidad." Co-curator of traveling exhibit at the New Museum of Contemporary Art, and later at Musica Against Drugs, 1993-94.

### **Work in Progress**

*Postnationalist Decolonizations? Ireland, Puerto Rico, and the Coloniality of Power*. Book manuscript.

*Technofuturos: Critical Interventions on Latino Studies*. Co-edited with Nancy Mirabal.

*World-Cities and World-Regions: New Constellations of Political, Economic, and Cultural Power*. Co-edited with Ramon Grosfoguel.

"Puerto Ricans in Western Massachusetts: Social Class, Ethnoracial/Ethnonational Identifications, Social Movements and Political Organization." To be published by the Gaston Institute for Latino Research and Social Policy.

### **Selected Lectures and Seminars**

"Siete Tesis sobre la Colonialidad del Poder y la Democracia Global." Universidad Nacional de San Marcos, Lima, Peru. November 7-9, 2004.

"De-Provincializing Irish and Puerto Rican Studies." Keynote Plenary, Association of Irish Studies, Princeton University. October 22, 2004.

"Diasporas Afro-Latinas." Seminario Intensivo de Doctorado, Universidad Federal da Bahia, Brazil. August 20-25, 2004.

"Vernacular Cosmopolitanisms/Diasporic Crossroads." Keynote Speech, "Latin American Popular Music: Transcultural Samplings, Global Reverberations," University of London, December 9-10, 2003.

"Teorias del Sistema Mundo." Seminario Intensivo de Doctorado, Universidad de Alicante and Universidad de Cuenca, Ecuador. October 10-15, 2003.

"Feminism and Nationalism in Ireland and Puerto Rico." Keough Institute for Irish Studies, University of Notre Dame. April 24, 2003.

"Rethinking the Nation or Thinking beyond the Nation in the U.S.- Puerto Rico Contact Zone." Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan. January 23, 2003.

"Transatlantic Crossroads/Entangled Diasporas: Mapping the Ambiguous Intersections of the Black Atlantic and the Green Atlantic." Presented at "South/South Dialogue on Trans-Atlantic Constructions of 'Race,' Racism, and Anti-Racist Movements," Dakar/Goree, Senegal. November 11-15, 2002.

"Diasporic Counterpoints: Nation-hood(s) and Trans-location in Irish Studies and Puerto Rican Studies." Presented at "Crossing Borders: Rethinking Area Studies," Yale University. November 6, 2002.

"Globalization from Below." Irish Seminar, Keough Institute, University of Notre Dame and University College, Dublin, Ireland. July 2002.

"Trans-Caribbean Circuits and New York's Urban Regimes: Dominicans and Puerto Ricans in the Border Zone." Presented at "Caribbean Colonial Migrations to U.S. and European Metropolitan Cities," Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France. June 2002.

"Sociology as Critique of Power: Bourdieu for a New Internationalism and against Neoliberal Dystopias." Presented at "Bourdieu: Intellectual and Political Legacies," Five College Annual Sociology Colloquium, Amherst College. May 2002.

"Late Colonial Politics: Anticolonial Nationalisms and Countercolonial Movements in Northern Ireland and Puerto Rico." Presented at "Modernity from Below," Scripps College. April 2002.

"Diaspora Notes: Globalization, Citizenship, and Vieques." Presented at "Puerto Ricans: Second-Class Citizens in 'Our' Democracy?," Princeton University. November 2001.

"Miracles or Mirages? Unarmed Bootstraps and Paper Tigers: Coloniality and Diaspora in Ireland and Puerto Rico." Boston College. March 2001.

"Rethinking Latino Studies through the African Diaspora." Conference on the African Diaspora, Schomburg Center. October 2000.

"Pan-Caribbean Circuits: Mambo and the Erotics of Translocality." ABRALIC Congress, Bahia, Brazil. July 2000.

"Latin American/Latino Studies: Intellectual, Pedagogical, and Political Challenges." Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies, University of Massachusetts-Amherst. November 4, 1999.

"Caribbeanscapes: Gender in the Tridimensional Border between New York, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic." American Ethnological Society, Puerto Rico. April 1996.

"Vernacular Sites, Speech Modes, and Variable Scenarios for Puerto Rican Cultural Politics of Language." Conference on Puerto Ricans' Politics Here and There, Yale University. October 1995.

"Trans-national Formations and Movements: First Meeting in the International Network of Cultural Studies." Invited Participant, Rockefeller Villa, Bellagio, Italy. May 1994.

"Post-Colonial Readings of Colonial Polls." Latin American Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia. March 1994.

"Mambo Meditations: Genealogical Notes on the Trope of Mambo." National Conference on Latino Media Studies, Whitney Museum, New York. November 1994.

"First Inter-American Meeting on Cultural Studies." Invited Participant and Discussant on Cultural Industries, Mexico City. May 1993.

"The Politics of Ethnography and the Dilemmas of Being an Insider/Outsider." CUNY-University of Puerto Rico Seminar in Cultural Studies, Puerto Rico. January 1993.

"The Consumption of Freirean Pedagogy in the United States." International Conference on Freirean Pedagogy, New School for Social Research, New York. October 1992.

"Discourses of Mestizaje and the Mirages of Racial Democracy in Latin America." Round Table organized by Latino National Film Festival on "Cinema of Mestizaje," Anthology Film Archives, New York. May 1991.

"Fronteras Movidizas: For the Air Bus and against the Tortilla Curtain." Presented at "Mexico Here and There," Columbia University. October 1990.

"Puerto Ricans and the History of Immigration Policy." Community Service Society, New York. September 1988.

"The New Immigration Law and the Dominican Community." Congressional Hearings on the Impact of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 Employers' Sanctions, Washington, DC. 1988.