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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley**
Sociology, December 2004.

Negotiating the Global: Northeast Brazilian Women's Movements and the Transnational Feminist Public

Michael Burawoy (Chair), Peter Evans, Raka Ray, Caren Kaplan, Sonia Alvarez.

M.A. **University of California, Berkeley**
Sociology, December 1993.

M.A.T. **Reed College**
Social Studies/Foreign Languages, May 1978.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

"Transnational Feminism: Reading Joan Scott in the Brazilian Sertao." *Ethnography*, 2:2
June 2001, 243-271.

"Traveling Feminisms: From Embodied Women to Gendered Citizenship." In
Global Ethnography: Forces, Connections and Imaginations in a Postmodern World,
edited by Michael Burawoy et al, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000), 203-233.

"Negotiating the Global: Rural Brazilian Women and Transnational Feminisms." In
Rethinking Feminisms in the Americas, edited by Debra Castillo et al, (Ithaca:
Cornell University, proceedings of Rethinking Feminism in the Americas
Conference, Latin American Studies Program, August 2000), 158-178.

"Identity, Revolution and Democracy: Lesbian Movements in Central America,"
Social Problems, 44:3 August 1997, 386-407.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

“Feminismo transnacional: relendo Joan Scott no sertão,” *Revista Estudos Feministas*, 9:1 June 2001, 103-130. Refereed journal published by the Center for Communication and Expression and the Center for Philosophy and Human Sciences, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil.

“Feminismos viajantes: da mulher corporalizada à cidadania genérica,” *Cadernos Pagu*, 12 December 1999, 203-249. Refereed journal published by the Gender Studies Nucleus, State University of Campinas, Brazil.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Negotiating the Global: Northeast Brazilian Women’s Movements and the Transnational Feminist Public, to be submitted to Duke University Press.

“Feminists and Funding: Plays of Power in the Social Movement Market,” to be submitted to *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*.

“The Leverage of the Local: Rural Brazilian Women’s Movements in the Global Arena,” to be submitted to *Latin American Research Review*.

“When they Write Back: Negotiating with the Transnational Subjects of Ethnography,” to be submitted to *Qualitative Sociology*.

“Women’s Movements through a Brazilian Feminist Lens,” to be submitted as part of an edited collection on *Brazilian feminism*.

FELLOWSHIPS

John L. Simpson Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, finalist, 1999-2000.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship in Latin American Sociology, 1995-96, 1997-99.

National Science Foundation Fellowship, 1992-95.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cross-border feminist relationships;
The feminist/international funding agency nexus;
Latin American women's movements

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Service Learning Faculty Fellow, 2004-2005

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, 2003-

Field Research Methods, (graduate), spring 2005

Gender and Globalization, fall 2004

Global Feminist Movements (graduate), spring 2004

Social Movements, fall 2003, spring and fall 2004, spring 2005

Global Social Movements, spring 2003.

University of California, Berkeley

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, 1996-97.

Instructor

Global Movements, Department of Sociology, spring 2001.

Senior seminar designed by instructor.

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Sociology, Department of Sociology, fall 1999.

Sociology of Gender, Department of Sociology, fall 1996.

Sociology of Gender, Department of Sociology, spring 1995.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Gender

Feminist Theory

Social Movements

Sociology of Globalization and

Development

Qualitative Methods

Gender and Globalization

Women's Movements in the Global

South

Feminisms in the Latin/a Americas

Feminist Methodologies

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Spanish—near native fluency in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Portuguese—fluency in speaking, listening and reading.

French—fluency in reading and listening.

INVITED LECTURES

“Power among Feminists: Northeast Brazilian Women’s Movements and International Funding,” **Five College Women’s Studies Research Center**, March 10, 2005.

“Untangling the Local and the Transnational: Brazilian Women’s Movements in Global Perspective,” **Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Smith College**, April 9, 2004.

“Negotiating across Borders: Northeast Brazilian Women’s Movements in a Transnational Space,” Brazil Human Rights Series, **David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University**, February 26, 2004.

“Feminism without Borders: Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity,” discussant, Feminist Foundations Seminar Series, **Women’s Studies Program, University of Massachusetts**, September 24, 2003.

“The Challenges of Global Activism,” **Center for Popular Economics Summer Institute**, Smith College, August 3, 2003.

“Power Politics: Feminist Fieldwork on Global Terrain,” Issues in Feminist Research Seminar, **Women’s Studies Department, University of Massachusetts**, Amherst, April 17, 2003.

“Transnational Movements: Rereading Gender Relations in the Brazilian *Sertão*,” presented as part of the lecture series: Globalization from Below: Resistance and Regulative Practices, **Department of Sociology, UC Davis**, May 2001.

“Globalization from Below: Transnational Feminisms in Brazil,” Women’s Studies Lecture Series, **Department of Women Studies, San Francisco State University**, San Francisco, February 2001.

“The Contexts of Discursive Travel,” Feminist Theories in the Latin/a Americas: The Transnational Politics of Translation, **Chicano-Latino Research Center and the Latin American and Latino Studies Program, UC Santa Cruz**, February 2001.

"Power and Transnational Social Movement Practices," Transnational Practices: Future Directions for Theory and Research, **Center for California Studies, UC Berkeley**, February 2001.

"Pesquisando Discursos Viajantes: Problemas Teóricos e Metodológicos," presented at the Seminar of the Family and Gender Group, **Masters Program in Anthropology, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco**, Recife, April 1998.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Women's Movements through a Brazilian Feminist Lens," to be presented at the **International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association—LASA**, Las Vegas, October 2004.

"When They Write Back: Negotiations with the Transnational Subjects of Ethnography," to be presented at the **Meetings of the American Sociological Association—ASA**, San Francisco, August 2004.

"Feminists and Funders: Plays of Power in the Social Movement Market," presented at the **XXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association—LASA**, Dallas, March 2003.

"Transnational Feminism as Field: Power, Solidarity and the Researcher," presented at the **XXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association—LASA**, Washington, DC, September 2001.

"Global Power/Local Power: Brazilian Women and the Transnational Feminist Public," to be presented at the **72nd Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting**, San Francisco, March 2001.

"Global Moves: Rural Brazilian Women and Transnational Feminism," presented at the **XXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association—LASA**, Miami, March 2000.

"Negotiating the Global: Rural Brazilian Women and Transnational Feminisms," presented at the **Rethinking Feminism in the Americas Conference**, Ithaca, March 1999.

"Traveling Feminisms: The Globalization of Gender Discourses," presented at the **XXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association—LASA**, Chicago, September 1998.

"Gendered Identities: Feminist Movements in Northeast Brazil," presented at the **Meetings of the American Sociological Association—ASA**, Toronto, August 1997.

"Proliferating Feminisms: The Gendering of Social Movements in Northeast Brazil," presented at the **XX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association—LASA**, Guadalajara, April 1997.

"Sex, Revolution, and Democracy: The Politics of Central American Lesbian Movements," presented at the **International Conference on Feminism(s) in Latin America and the Caribbean: Prospects and Challenges on the Eve of the 21st Century**, University of California, Berkeley, April 1996.

"Identity and Politics: Lesbian Movements in Central America," presented at the **XIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association—LASA**, Washington D.C., September 1995.

"After the Fall: The Nicaraguan Women's Movement in the 1990s," presented at the **XVIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association—LASA**, Atlanta, March 1994.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair, Globalization and Transnationalism Track, for the XXVI International Congress of the **Latin American Studies Association**, to be held in March 2006.

Editor, *Feminist Studies*, 2005-.

Co-coordinator, Five College Faculty Seminar in Afro-Luso-Brazilian Studies, 2004-2005.

Co-convener, Brazil in Bold: Dialogues across Disciplines, Northeast regional symposium held at UMass, Amherst, February 13, 2004. Sponsored by the Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies at UMass, and funded by a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to the Latin American Studies Consortium of New England. Co-sponsored by the Five College Latin American Studies Council.

Chair, Panel on "Global Discourses and Local Conflicts: Feminisms and Women's Organizations in the Transnationalized Political Arena," at the **XXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association—LASA**, Miami, March 2000.

Chair, Panel on "Politics and Social Movements in Latin America," at the **XX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association—LASA**, Guadalajara, April 1997.

Co-coordinator, International Conference on Feminism(s) in Latin America and the Caribbean: Prospects and Challenges on the Eve of the 21st Century, University of California Berkeley, April 1996.

Two-day international conference funded by the Mellon Foundation, with contributions from various departments and institutes at the University of California, Berkeley. Brought together 20 scholars and activists from Latin America, the Caribbean and the U.S. before an audience of 300.

Reviewer, *Mobilization, Qualitative Sociology*.

GRANTS

University of California, Berkeley

Vice-Chancellor for Research Fund Grant, 1997.
Center for Latin American Studies Travel Grant, 1997.
Humanities Graduate Research Grant, 1996.
Center for Latin American Studies Travel Grant, 1992.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Latin American development issues, Dr. Laura Enriquez, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, September 1991-June 1992.

Analyst, *Envío*, Instituto Histórico Centroamericano, Managua, Nicaragua, February 1989-June 1991. Monthly publication of an institute affiliated with the Central American University (UCA).

Correspondent, *Latin America Press, The Guardian, The Oregonian, Central America Update*, Managua, Nicaragua, February 1988-June 1991.

Researcher, Central American and Caribbean Adult Education Programs, Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES), Managua, Nicaragua, August 1984-September 1985. Nongovernmental research institute addressing social and economic issues.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Brazilian Studies Association
Latin American Studies Association
Sociologists for Women in Society

Hemispheric Dialogues Working Group
on Feminist Theories in the Latin/a
Americas

REFERENCES

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