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EMPLOYMENT

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Graduate Program Director, January 2012-
Associate Professor, July 2010-
Assistant Professor, September 2004-June 2010
Instructor, January 2003-August 2004

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender
Social movements
Transnational feminisms
Latin American politics/ social movements
Counterpublics and the conditions of democratic possibility
The social movement/international funding agency nexus
Cross-border ethnography

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**Book**

Making Transnational Feminism: Rural Women, NGO Activists, and Northern Donors in Brazil, (NY: Routledge Press, 2010).

Winner of the **2011 Outstanding Book Award of the Global Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.**

Edited Books

Beyond Civil Society: Social Movements, Civic Participation and Democratic Contestation, edited by Sonia Alvarez, Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Agustín Lao Montes, Jeffrey Rubin, and Millie Thayer, (Durham: Duke University Press, forthcoming).

Translocalities/Translocalidades: Feminist Politics of Translation in the Latin/a Americas, edited by Sonia Alvarez, Claudia Lima Costa, Veronica Feliu, Rebecca Hester, Norma Klahn, and Millie Thayer, (Durham: Duke University Press, 2014).

Global Ethnography: Forces, Connections and Imaginations in a Postmodern World, edited by Michael Burawoy, Joseph A. Blum, Sheba George, Zsuzsa Gille, Teresa Gowan, Lynne Haney, Maren Klawiter, Steven H. Lopez, Seán Ó Riain, and Millie Thayer, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000).

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

“The ‘Gray Zone’ between Movements and Markets: Brazilian Feminists and the International Aid Chain,” in Sonia Alvarez, Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Agustín Lao Montes, Jeffrey Rubin and Millie Thayer (eds.), ***Beyond Civil Society: Social Movements, Civic Participation and Democratic Contestation***, (Durham: Duke University Press), forthcoming.

“Interrogating the Civil Society Agenda, Reassessing Un-Civic Contention: An Introduction,” (with Alvarez, Baiocchi, Lao Montes and Rubin) in Sonia Alvarez, Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Agustín Lao Montes, Jeffrey Rubin and Millie Thayer (eds.), ***Beyond Civil Society: Social Movements, Civic Participation and Democratic Contestation***, (Durham: Duke University Press), forthcoming.

“Translating against the Market: Brazilian Women in the Transnational Feminist Counterpublic,” in Sonia Alvarez, Claudia da Lima Costa, Verónica Feliú, Rebecca Hester, Norma Klahn and Millie Thayer (eds.), ***Translocalities/ Translocalidades: Feminist Politics of Translation in the Latin/a Americas***, (Durham: Duke University Press, 2014).

“Los Flujos Horizontales del Feminismo en Nicaragua” in Joana Maria Pedro et al (eds.), ***Fronteiras de Gênero***, (Ilha de Santa Catarina: Editora Mulheres, 2011), 123-134.

“Los viajes de los feminismos hacia otros movimientos sociales,” with ‘Sidestreaming Feminisms’ Team in ***Movimientos sociales: Entre la crisis y otros saberes***, edited by Gina Vargas, Raphael

Hoetmer, and Mar Quintanilla. Lima: Programa Democracia y Transformación Global; Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, 2011.

“Translations and Refusals: Resignifying Meanings as Feminist Political Practice.” *Feminist Studies*, 36:1 Spring 2010, 200-230.

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

Reprinted: “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.

“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.

Also published as: “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.

“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.

Reprinted: “Identity, Revolution and Democracy: Lesbian Movements in Central America,” in Javier Corrales and Mario Pecheny (eds.), *The Politics of Sexuality in Latin America*, (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2010), 144-174.

Other Publications

“Social Movements, Ethnography and Power,” *Political Sociology: States, Power and Societies*, newsletter of the Political Sociology Section of the ASA, March 15, 2005.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Strings Attached: Latin American Women’s Movements and International Donors. Book manuscript in progress.

“Sidestreaming Feminism in Nicaragua.” Research and article in preparation.

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

Visiting Researcher, Instituto de Filosofia e Ciências Humanas, Departamento de Ciências Políticas, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Campinas, Brasil, August 2010-July 2011.

Fulbright Scholar, “**Funding Social Change: Women’s Movements in São Paulo and Global Financial Crisis/Transnational Feminisms and Ethnographic Methodology**,” funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Commission of Brazil, August 2010-December 2010.

Co-Principal Investigator, “**Sidestreaming Feminism**,” funded by the Ford Foundation through the Inter-University Consortium on the Americas in Comparative and Transnational Perspective: Social Movements and 21st Century Cultural-Political Transformations, June 2009-June 2011.

Co-Principal Investigator, **Pathways to Democratic Innovation: Social Movements, Civic Participation, and 21st Century Cultural-Political Transformations**, funded by the Ford Foundation and the UMass Vice Chancellor for Research, January 2008-2011.

Fellow, *Fronteras in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latina/o Studies Faculty Seminar Series*, University of Massachusetts, Spring 2007.

Faculty Research Grant, Office of Research Affairs, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2006-2010.

Research Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Massachusetts, 2006-2010.

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

National Science Foundation Fellowship, 1992-95.

University of California, Berkeley, Grants:

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.

INVITED LECTURES

“Movements, Markets, and International Aid: Brazilian Feminist NGOs on the Shadow Commodity Chain,” presented at the **Mini-Conference on NGOs, States and Feminisms**, UC Irvine, March 7, 2014.

“Internationalization and Education,” **Symposium to Celebrate the Legacy of William S. Clark and 150 Years of International Education at UMass Amherst**, UMass, October 18, 2013

- “Interrogating the Civil Society Agenda, Reassessing ‘Un-Civic’ Contention: An Introduction,” presentation to **Five College Faculty Seminar on Social Movements** (with Sonia Alvarez and Jeff Rubin), Amherst, November 9, 2012.
- Presenter, “The Rewards and Challenges of Interdisciplinary Research,” **Institute for Social Science Research**, UMass, Amherst, October 11, 2012.
- “Translations and Refusals: Practicing Feminism across Borders,” to be presented at **Cornell University, Department of Development Sociology**, Ithaca, March 15, 2012.
- “Feminist Translations as Transnational Political Practice,” presented at the symposium: Global Gender Politics: How Local and Global Discourses Influence One Another, **Sawyer Seminar: Globalization and the New Politics of Women’s Rights**, University of Wisconsin, Madison, November 4, 2011.
- “Os feminismos sem fronteiras,” presented at a workshop of the Curso Feminista, **União de Mulheres de São Paulo**, São Paulo, May 14, 2011.
- “Os movimentos feministas brasileiros ante crise, crescimento e a ‘maré cor de rosa,” presented at the seminar: Mulheres em movimento: agendas e perspectivas na interface pesquisa-mobilização, **Departamento de Ciências Políticas, IFCH, Universidade Estadual de Campinas**, Campinas, May 12, 2011.
- Making Transnational Feminism: Rural Women, NGO Activists, and Northern Donors in Brazil*, (NY: Routledge, 2010). Panel: Author Meets Critics, **Eastern Sociological Society**, Philadelphia, February 27, 2010.
- “Feminismo Internacional,” Training Course: Coordenação Regional das Promotoras Populares Legais, **União de Mulheres de São Paulo**, São Paulo, February 12, 2011.
- “Feminist Translations: Gender Politics in Northeast Brazil,” Workshop: Reframing Gender, Power, and Resistance in Latin America and Asia, **Asian and Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh**, April 11, 2010.
- “Movements and Theories,” Panel: Research Methods for Social Justice, sponsored by the **Public Engagement Project, University of Massachusetts**, Amherst, April 1, 2010.
- “From Speechless Subalterns to Translating Feminists,” Panel: Feminist Foundations/Feminist Futures: Can the Subaltern Speak?, sponsored by **Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies, University of Massachusetts**, Amherst, November 4, 2009.
- “Movements and Markets: Negotiating Discourses and Practices on the International Aid Chain,” sponsored by the **Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University**, Providence, May 15, 2009.
- “Translating Rural Women in Northeast Brazil,” sponsored by the **Five College Afro-Luso-Brazilian Faculty Seminar**, Amherst, May 7, 2009.

Panelist, “Indigeneity, Sexualities, and 21st Century Socialisms: Latin American Feminisms Today,” sponsored by **Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies, UMass**, Amherst, April 28, 2009.

“Transnational Feminist Translations: Gender Politics in Northeast Brazil,” sponsored by **Department of Sociology, Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, April 7, 2009.

“Household Saints” Go Global: The Rural Women’s Movement and Agricultural Unions in Northeast Brazil,” sponsored by the **Center for Latin American Studies, Brown University**, Providence, November 11, 2008.

“Contradictions of Transnational Feminist Organizing,” Women and Globalization Panel, From Reproductive Rights to Social Justice Conference, **Hampshire College**, April 5, 2008.

“Translations and Refusals: Feminist Practice in a Global Political Space,” sponsored by the UMass **Department of Sociology** at Recruitment Day, March 28, 2008.

“Translating against the Market: Resignifying Meanings as Feminist Political Practice,” sponsored by the **Five College Women’s Studies Research Center**, South Hadley, March 8, 2007.

“Globalization and Social Movements,” sponsored by the **UMass African Graduate and Scholars’ Association**, Amherst, November 2006.

“Defending the Endangered Public: Northeast Brazilian Feminists and the Social Movement Market,” sponsored by the **UMass Department of Sociology Research in Progress Series** and by the **Fronteiras/Frontiers in Afro-Luso-Brazilian Studies Conference**, Amherst, April 13, 2006.

“Feminist Studies, Women’s Movements: Report on the 10th Latin American Feminist Encuentro/Encontro,” sponsored by the **Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October 20, 2005.

“Feminists and the World Social Forum,” sponsored by the **UMass Research Working Group on Social Movements and Global Change**, Amherst, April 25, 2005.

“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

- “Trading on the Shadow Commodity Chain: Brazilian Feminists and International Aid Regimes,” presented at the **Meetings of the American Sociological Association–ASA**, San Francisco, August 2014.
- “Negotiating Resilience: Feminist Struggles for Sustainability in Brazil,” presented at the **XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association**, Chicago, May 2014.
- “Comments on Rina Agarwala’s *Informal Labor, Formal Politics, and Dignified Discontent in India*” presented at the **Eastern Sociological Society Meetings** in the Author Meets Critics Session, Baltimore, February 21, 2014.
- “The ‘Gray Zone’ between Movements and Markets: Brazilian Feminists and the International Aid Chain,” presented at **The Future of NGO Studies Conference**, Northern Illinois University, Chicago, November 19-20, 2013.
- “Os significados do dinheiro: Sustentando os feminismos brasileiros nos tempos do neoliberalismo tardio,” presented at the **Fazendo Gênero** conference, Universidade de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brasil, September, 2013.

- “The Meanings of Money: Sustaining Brazilian Feminisms in Late Neoliberal Times,” presented at the **XXXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association**, Washington, D.C., June 2, 2013.
- “Post-NGOization? Sustaining Feminist Activism in Brazil,” presented at the **Eastern Sociological Society**, March 23, 2013.
- “The Challenges of Feminist Sustainability in Brazil: Departing Donors, “Ethical” Enterprises, and a “Sympathetic” State,” presented at the **XXX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association**, San Francisco, May 2012.
- “Gender, Sexuality and the Transnational: Translating in the Feminist Counterpublic,” presented on the Presidential Panel: Transnationalism, Gender, and Sexuality, **Eastern Sociological Society Conference**, Philadelphia, February 25, 2011.
- “Los Flujos Horizontales del Feminismo en Nicaragua,” presented at the **XXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association**, Toronto, Saturday, October 9, 2010.
- “Los Flujos Horizontales del Feminismo en Nicaragua,” presented at the **Fazendo Gênero conference**, Universidade de Santa Catarina, Florianopolis, Brazil, August 24, 2010.
- “Trayectorias Feministas Nicaragüenses: Viajando hacia Otros Movimientos,” presented at the Conference: **Encuentro de Saberes y Movimientos: Entre las Crisis y Otros Mundos Posibles**, organized by the Programa Democracia y Transformación Global and Coordinadora Inter-Universitaria de Investigación sobre Movimientos Sociales y Cambios Político-Culturales, Lima, Peru, May 27, 2010.
- “Movements or Markets: Brazilian Feminists and the Shadow Commodity Chain,” presented at the **Rethinking Marxism Conference**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, November 7, 2009.
- “Commodification and Contestation: Feminists Negotiate the International Aid Chain,” presented at **Interrogating the Civil Society Agenda: Social Movements, Civic Participation and Democratic Innovation**, Amherst, April 25, 2008.
- “Feminist Movements and their Donors: Negotiating Discourses of the Market on the International Aid Chain,” presented at the **XXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association–LASA**, Montreal, September 2007.
- “Tracing Discourses of the Market: Rural Women, Feminist NGOs and International Funding Agencies,” presented at the **Sixth International Conference of Rethinking Marxism**, Amherst, October 2006.
- “Women’s Movements through a Brazilian Feminist Lens,” presented at the **XXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association–LASA**, Las Vegas, October 2004.
- “When They Write Back: Negotiations with the Transnational Subjects of Ethnography,” 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.

TEACHING GRANTS AND AWARDS

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Outstanding Teacher Award, School of Behavioral Sciences, University of Massachusetts, May 2010.

Lilly Teaching Fellowship, Center for Teaching, University of Massachusetts, 2007-2008.

Course Assistant Grant, Provost's Committee on Service Learning, 2006-2007; course assistant stipend, 2007-2008.

Service Learning Faculty Fellow, Provost's Committee on Service Learning, 2004-2005

University of California, Berkeley

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, 1996-97.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Undergraduate courses:

Gender and Globalization, fall 2004, fall 2005, fall 2006, fall 2008, fall 2009, fall 2011 (Junior Year Writing course)

Global Social Movements, spring 2003

Introduction to Latin American Societies, fall 2008, spring 2009, fall 2009, spring 2012, spring 2013, spring 2014, spring 2015

Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity, spring 2006, spring 2007

Social Movements, fall 2003, spring and fall 2004, spring 2005, spring 2006, fall 2006, fall 2007, spring 2009 (Honors section fall 2006, 2007, spring 2009), spring 2010 (Honors seminar), fall 2013

Graduate courses:

Concepts and Methods: Globalization, spring 2006, fall 2006

Concepts and Methods: Ethnographic Research, fall 2005

Field Research/Ethnographic Methods, spring 2005, spring 2008

Global/Transnational Feminist Movements, spring 2004, spring 2007

Political Sociology, fall 2012

Politics of Development, fall 2011, fall 2014

Social Movements, fall 2005, spring 2010

Graduate group independent study:

Gender and Globalization, fall 2005

Affiliated Faculty Member

Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies
Labor Center (2003-2010)
Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

University of California, Berkeley

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-RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Thayer, Millie, "Social Movements" in Wood et al, *Teaching Social Movements: A Collection of Syllabi, Assignments, and Other Resources*, (Washington, D.C.: American Sociological Association, 2008) 132-138.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

International & National

Inter-University Consortium

Co-coordinator, Inter-University Consortium on Social Movements and 21st Century Cultural-Political Transformations, 2008-2011

Co-convener, Meeting of the Inter-University Consortium on Social Movements and 21st Century Cultural-Political Transformations, Rio de Janeiro, June 10, 2009.

Panel Moderator, "Militantes e Investigadores: Metodologias de Trabalho em Conjunto," at the meeting of the **Inter-University Consortium on Social Movements and 21st Century Cultural-Political Transformations**, Rio de Janeiro June 10, 2009.

Co-convener, Interrogating the Civil Society Agenda: Social Movements, Civic Participation and Democratic Innovation Conference, Amherst, April 25, 2008.

Journals and Presses

Editor, *Feminist Studies*, 2005-2007 (on leave 2007-2009), 2010-.

Reviewer, *Feminist Studies, Mobilization, Qualitative Sociology, Social Science History, Duke University Press*.

Latin American Studies Association

Co-Chair (elected), Section on Gender and Feminist Studies, **Latin American Studies Association**, October 2010-May 2012

Advisory Council Member (elected), Section on Gender and Feminist Studies, **Latin American Studies Association**, June 2009-October 2010.

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

Panel Co-Organizer, “Interrogating the Civil Society Agenda: Social Movements, Civic Participation and Democratic Innovation” (I and II), at the XXVIII International Congress of the **Latin American Studies Association**, June 2009.

Panel Organizer, “Funding Social Change: Latin American Movements and International Donor Agencies,” at the XXVII International Congress of the **Latin American Studies Association**, September 2007.

Workshop Organizer and Chair, “Militantes e Investigadores: Metodologias em Conjunto,” at the XXIX International Congress of the **Latin American Studies Association**, October 2010.

Discussant, “Enacting a Feminist Politics of Translation in the Latin/a Americas” panel, at the XXXII International Congress of the **Latin American Studies Association**, Chicago, May 22, 2014.

Discussant, “Interrogating the Civil Society Agenda: Social Movements, Civic Participation and Democratic Innovation I,” at the XXVIII International Congress of the **Latin American Studies Association**, June 2009.

Discussant, “After Washington, Beyond Civil Society: Emergent Social Movement Theories and Practices in the Americas,” at the XXVII International Congress of the **Latin American Studies Association**, September 2007.

Discussant, “Social Movement Challenges to Neoliberalism,” at the XXVI International Congress of the **Latin American Studies Association**, March 2006.

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.

Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brasil

Co-Convener, *Mulheres em Movimento: Agendas e Perspectivas na Interface Pesquisa-Mobilização Seminar*, Departamento de Ciência Políticas, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, May 12, 2011.

Regional

Eastern Sociological Society

Member, Program Committee, Eastern Sociological Society Conference, 2011-2012.

Co-organizer and co-facilitator, “Transnational Conversations about New Forms or Feminist Organizing,” 82nd Annual Meeting, Eastern Sociological Society, New York, February 25, 2012.

Local & University

Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies

Coordinator, Working Group on Latin American Social Movements, Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latina/o Studies, University of Massachusetts, fall 2006-

Executive Council Member, Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2004-2006; **Core Faculty (formerly “Executive Council”)**, 2006-

Co-convener, Interrogating the Civil Society Agenda: Social Movements, Civic Participation and Democratic Innovation Conference, sponsored by the Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies, April 24-25, 2008, UMass, Amherst.

Co-convener, Linking Latin American and Latina/o Social Struggles, community workshop sponsored by the Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies, April 27, 2008, Grace Episcopal Church, Amherst.

Co-coordinator, Fronteras in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latina/o Studies Faculty Seminar Series, UMass, spring 2007.

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.

Discussant, Panel on “State of Political Movements,” **Frontiers/Fronteras/Fronteiras in Latin American/Latin@ Queer and Sexuality Studies Symposium**, UMass, Amherst, March 4, 2013.

Discussant, “Movements: Feminist/Social/Political/Postcolonial,” at the **Translocalities/Translocalidades: Feminist Politics of Translation in the Latin/a Americas Conference**, Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies, UMass, May 2006.

Five College Afro-Luso-Brazilian Faculty Seminar

Co-coordinator, **Five College Faculty Seminar in Afro-Luso-Brazilian Studies**, 2004-2010, 2011-2012.

Women’s Studies/Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies Program

Executive Council Member, Women’s Studies (WOST)/ Women, Gender Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2005-2010, 2011-.

Graduate Program Committee Member, WGSS, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2014-

Discussant on “Queer Transnational Feminist Approaches to Critical University Studies: Transforming Academe?” by Abigail Boggs, at the **WGSS Graduate Student Conference**, UMass, Amherst, April 24, 2014.

Recruitment Committee Member, Women’s Studies Department, fall 2004.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Member, Committee for Diversity and Social Justice, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2005-2007.

Conferences

Steering Committee Member, **29th Political Economy of the World System (PEWS) Conference**, UMass, Amherst, April 14-17, 2005.

Panel Moderator, **From Abortion Rights to Social Justice Conference**, Hampshire College, April 2006.

Panel chair, “A New Wave of Anti-Systemic Movements?” **29th PEWS Conference**, UMass, Amherst, April 16, 2005.

UC Berkeley

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.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Graduate Program Director, 2012-

Graduate Studies Committee Member, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, fall 2009, fall 2011.

Recruitment Committee Member, 2005-2006.

Undergraduate Program Committee Member, spring 2010.

Grievance Committee Member, 2006-2007.

Department Representative, Massachusetts Society of Professors, 2003-2010.

Delegate, Massachusetts Teachers' Association Annual Meeting, Boston, May 7-8, 2010.

Department Representative, UMass Community Campaign, 2008-2010.

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.

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
Eastern Sociological Society
Latin American Studies Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Sociologists for Women in Society