

## Patricia M. Rodríguez

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### Education:

- **Ph.D. in Political Science (May 2009). University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.**

**Dissertation Title:** *The Participatory Effectiveness of Land-Related Social Movements in Ecuador, Chile, and Brazil, 1990-2004.* (qualitative and quantitative methodology)

-Areas of Study: Social Movements, Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics, Environment and Social Justice, and International Relations.

- **M.A. in Latin American Studies (May 2000). San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.**

**M.A. Thesis Title:** *Forging an Ethnic Identity: Mixtec Political Activism in the Northern Mexican Border.*

- **B.A. in Political Science and International Studies (May 1990). University of Richmond, Richmond, VA.**

### Continuing Education/Certificates:

**Certificate in Immigrant Advocacy.** Villanova Interdisciplinary Immigration Studies Training for Advocates (VIISTA). Spring '22. VIISTA is an online university-based certificate program specifically designed to train students to become immigrant advocates and accredited representatives (when approved by DOJ).

**Certificate in Optical Gas Imaging Thermography.** Infrared Training Center/FLIR, December 2022. Houston TX.

**Certified Expert in NDC Strategy and Finance,** Frankfurt School of Finance and Management. March-September 2025.

### Academic and Advocacy Positions:

-**Earthworks, International OGI Analyst and Advocate.** Remote full-time position with environmental/methane pollution; exposing gas and oil industry impacts on frontline communities. (October 2022-present)

-**Assistant/Associate Professor, Politics** - Ithaca College Politics Dept. (Aug. 2007-August 2022; tenured 2014)

**-Visiting Pre-Doctoral Fellow**, University of California Santa Barbara Aug 2006-June 2007.  
Courses taught: Social Mobilization in Latin America

**-Teaching Assistant**, University of Notre Dame: European Politics (Prof. Anthony Messina), Comparative Politics (Profs. Michael Coppedge, Anthony Messina), Intro to International Relations (Prof. Barbara Connolly). 2002-2004.

### **Academic Administrative/Service Positions:**

Member of Bargaining Committee Earthworks United; EWU representative on Health and Safety Committee- Entergy Team

Chair of Politics Department, Ithaca College Fall 2019- Spring 2022 (3 yrs.)

Co-Coordinator of Latin American and Caribbean Studies Minor, Ithaca College (2016-2019)

Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS) President (2019-2020) and Vice President (2018-2019); online annual conference convener 2020.

Member of Editorial Board, *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies, MARLAS* (2017-2024)

Faculty Council member, Ithaca College 2017-2020

Diversity Awareness Committee Ithaca College, 2010-2012

### **Peer-Reviewed Publications & Book Chapters:**

- **Invited Commentary:** Colombian Social Leaders, COVID-19, and the U.S. *Mid Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies -MARLAS*, June 2020; vol 4(1): 40-44. [www.marlas.org](http://www.marlas.org).
- **The Promises of Inter-Ethnic Alliances, New Participation, and Latin American Solidarity.** (with Marilene Barros, Independent Researcher, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal). Chapter in: *Desenvolvimento, educação, e regionalidades*, pp.15-36, ed. by Wellington Amorim. Editora Deviant, Brasil/Universidade do Contestado – SC/Universidade Federal do Maranhão (ebook, MAY 2019); editor/peer reviewed.  
<https://www.amazon.com.br/dp/Bo7RJHYFVT?fbclid=IwAR17Ebtaeu6UBTBRnXCC6hsNBjcGnRzx5jv8ySwtlRstw7rabJlxOfIrBIA>
- **Partisan Participation and Ethnic Autonomy in Chile: The Mapuche Organization, AdMapu.** co-authored with Christian Martínez Neira. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, First View Article (October 2015). (Winner of MACLAS' Harold Eugene Davis Prize for best article published by a member in a peer-reviewed journal 2016).
- **Bridging the Social and the Political through Alternative Visions of Development and Peace: Minga, Congreso de los Pueblos, and Marcha Patriótica in Colombia.** *MACLAS Latin American Essays* 26/27: 115-143 (2014).

- **Labor and Community Organizations in Alliance? Alternative Development Visions in the Caribbean Regions of Colombia.** *Globalizations* 9(6): 837-849 (2012).
- **Transnational Activism at a Crossroads: Pushing the Envelope from Below, from Within, and from Abroad.** *Latin American Politics and Society* 52(3), 151-160 (2010).
- **Mapuche Protest, Environmental Conflict, and Social Movement Linkage in Chile.** co-authored with David Carruthers. *Third World Quarterly* 30: 4, 743-760 (2009).
- **With or Without the People: The Catholic Church and Land-Related Conflicts in Brazil and Chile.** In Frances Hagopian, ed., *Religious Pluralism, Democracy, and the Catholic Church in Latin America: Social Change, Religion, and Politics in the Twenty-first Century*. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press (2009).
- **Testing Democracy's Promise: Indigenous Mobilization and the Chilean State.** co-authored with David Carruthers. *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 85, 3-21 (2008).

#### Other Publications/Review Articles (partial list):

- **3-series (weekly) articles & Q/A with anti-extractivism activists from Colombia, Argentina, and Brazil.** NACLA Report on the Americas, January-February 2024.
- **Is Colombia One Step Away from a Ban on Fracking?** *NACLA Report on the Americas*. February 8, 2023. <https://nacla.org/colombia-one-step-away-fracking-ban>.
- **Community Engagement Grant.** Grassroots Transnational Networks Fortifying Salvadoran Rural Communities: From Santa Marta to Ithaca; <https://migrations.cornell.edu/2021-grant-awards>; Awarded \$25,000 July 2021-August 2022.  
Description: This project will be developing a different kind of transnational network, which begins with the stories and visions from rural Salvadoran communities and seeks to support several of the grassroots praxis and research objectives of rural communities and organizations in El Salvador that face historical and current dispossession from their lands and livelihoods.
- **Migration, Displacements, and Workers: Perspectives from a U.S-Mexico Border Region.** Somos Una América. Boletín 20, April 2020. [http://somosunaamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/BOLETIM-20-SOMOS-ABYA-YALA\\_compressed.pdf](http://somosunaamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/BOLETIM-20-SOMOS-ABYA-YALA_compressed.pdf)
- **Chilean Protesters are Waiving the Mapuche Flag,** November 2019. Washington Post, Monkey Cage. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/11/11/chilean-protesters-are-waving-mapuche-flag-whats-mapuche-flag-whos-hoisting-it/>.
- Guest Co-editor to Special Issue of journal: *Polis-Latinoamericana* (Chile): 'NUEVAS FORMAS DE POLITIZACIÓN Y AGENCIA INDÍGENA EN AMÉRICA LATINA' with Dr. Christian Martínez Neira (U. de los Lagos, Chile) and Dr. Miguel Leone (U. de Buenos Aires, Argentina). May 2019. <http://polis.ulagos.cl/index.php/polis>

- Introduction/Editorial to the Special Issue: 'Editorial: Agencia política indígena y nuevas formas de politización en América Latina' pp. 1-5.
- Review of Anthony Pahnke's 'Brazil's Long Revolution: Radical Achievements of the Landless Workers Movement' (U. Arizona Press 2018); for Bulletin of Latin American Research. Submitted March 2019. To be published May 2019.
- Guest Co-editor of Marlas Journal special issue: '**Contention and nonviolent action in Latin America: Theory and practice**' with Dr. Jeff Pugh, U-Mass Boston. [www.marlasjournal.com](http://www.marlasjournal.com); Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies; June 2018.
- Introduction to the Special Issue: Contention and Nonviolent Action in Latin America,' *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies*. Co-authored with Jeff Pugh (U-Mass, Boston). Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 1-3 (2018).
- Charting a New Human Rights Discourse 'from the Territories': Social Movements and the Peace Process in Cauca, Colombia. *Rapport Center Human Rights Working Paper Series* (April 2018).  
<https://law.utexas.edu/humanrights/projects/charting-a-new-human-rights-discourse/> (refereed by law students and professors at UT-Austin).
- The People Don't Give up Dammit. *Dollars and Sense*, November/December 2017, 19-23.
- Cumbre Agraria Strikes Again. *NACLA Report on the Americas*, August 25, 2016.  
<https://nacla.org/news/2016/08/25/cumbre-agraria-strikes-back>

#### Conferences and Presentations (partial list):

- Global Gas and Oil Network South-South Convening, Accra, Ghana, August 2025.
- Seeing the Methane, then What? Science in the Virtual Pub, October 2023.
- Re-Territorialization in Cauca as a Lens into the Possible: Territorios Agroalimentares in Colombia; LASA (Latin American Studies Association) Conference, May 2022.
- Disputed Visions of Re-Territorialization: Six Years into Seeming Change in Rural Cauca. MACLAS '22 (March 2022), The College of New Jersey.
- "Women, Territories, and New Economies: Foundations for the Right to Stay, Colombia." Ethnicity, Race and Indigenous Peoples Conference, ERIP; Gonzaga University, Spokane Sept 2019.
- 'Women and the 'Scaling up' of Grassroots Organizing in Colombia.' MACLAS Conference, Stony Brook University. March 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Panel Chair.
- Panel speaker: Organizing Resistance for the Right to Stay: Honduras and Colombia. SOAW Border Encuentro workshops, Nogales, Sonora/Mexico. Nov. 17, 2018.
- 'Peace, Territoriality, and Grassroots Organizing in Colombia: Interethnic Alliances and Spaces of Participation' FLACSO-ISA Joint International Conference, Quito. July 25-27, 2018.
- Alternative Territoriality in Colombia: Networks and Outcomes for an Anti-Extractivist Economy. Seminario Internacional 'Lo que los conflictos producen: Consecuencias políticas del conflicto socio territorial en Chile y América Latina; April 16-20, 2018, Santiago & Osorno. Chile.

### **Awards/Grants/Fellowships: partial list**

- Migrations Initiative/Mellon Foundation Just Futures Initiative (\$25,000), Cornell University. July 2021. Community Engagement Grant: Grassroots Transnational Networks Fortifying Salvadoran Rural Communities: From Santa Marta to Ithaca. In collaboration with Dr. Sofia Villenas, Anthropology (<https://migrations.cornell.edu/grants>).
- MACLAS (Mid Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies) Wladyslaw Froelich Field Research Grant 2021-22. Book Manuscript - Colombia. To engage in archival and interview research in Colombia that will contribute to a book project on social movements and agrarian, environmental, and energy alternatives in the peace process.
- CFRD (Center for Faculty Research and Development) Award, Fall 2019. Ithaca College.
- MACLAS' (Mid-Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies) Wladyslaw Maryan Froelich Field Research Grant (January 2017). Research project title: En el Camino a la Minga Global (field research summer 2016/website up January 2017).
- Harold E. Davis Prize for best article published by a member of MACLAS (Mid Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies). 2016. "Partisan Participation and Ethnic Autonomy in Chile," JLAS.

### **Other Collaborations/Panel Chairs/Academic Activities (partial list):**

- Invited Jury: Izzy Awards (Independent Journalism), Park Center for Independent Media. April '21, '22, '23 and '24.
- Invited Discussant, Park Scholar Book Read: Storming the Wall, by Todd Miller. Fall 2018.
- requested peer review of Challenging the Three Faces of Forestry Extractivism: The Mapuche Conflict in Southern Chile, for *Globalizations* journal. Fall 2021.
- Invited Speaker: "Teaching about Migration" Thursday, October 10, 2019, SUNY Cortland.
- Invited Speaker: SOLIDARITY BEYOND BORDERS: Fighting Imperialism from Palestine to Venezuela, April 24, 2019, Cornell University.
- Politics Dept. Series, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. Mobilizing for Social Justice. Talk: Organizing for Human Rights and Labor Justice in the Context of Border Imperialism. Ithaca College.

### **Community/Volunteer Activities: partial**

- Sustainable Tucson**, Energy Transformation Working Group. Since September '23
- Tucson Samaritans, Tucson, AZ and remote**; Volunteer Coordinator for Field Training, March '24-September '25.
- Casa Alitas** immigrant shelter, Kino Border Initiative and health clinic and border water and food relief support for migrants. Tucson, Az and Nogales, MX. September '22-March '23.
- Member of **Friends of Gayogohono**, ad hoc group organizing to prevent evictions. 2021-22.
- Member of **Steering Committee, Tompkins Co. Immigrant Rights Coalition**, 2017-2022.; co-treasurer. Volunteer work (5-7 hours a week) on detention and post detention support, in conjunction with Justice for Migrant Families, Buffalo NY.
- Coordinator for the **Rapid Response Network for Immigrants**, TCIRC 2017-2022.
- Member of **Coordinating Circle for Dryden-Groton Human Dignity Coalition**. Rural anti-racism advocacy. 2020-2022.
- Phone Line Operator: Batavia Federal Detention for **Justice for Migrant Families**, Buffalo NY (until Sept. 2022)
- Advisory Board for **Multicultural Resource Center Youth Organizing Fellowship Program** (spring 2015-fall 2016)

**Languages:** English, Portuguese and Spanish (all fluent). **Citizenship:** U.S. and Chilean citizen; & Brazilian permanent residency.