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LESLIE C. GATES

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, (with Latin American Studies Minor), University of Arizona, 2001

Dissertation Title: *Globalization, Intra-elite Conflict and Shifting State Alliances: Why Mexican Unions Lost Power (1970-2000)*

BA, History, (with Latin American Studies Certificate), Princeton University, 1990

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Binghamton University, Department of Sociology

Professor, 2023-present

Undergraduate Director, 2021-present

Associate Professor, 2010-2023

Graduate Director, 2016-2020

* Outstanding Graduate Director Award, Binghamton University, 2019

Assistant Professor, 2001-2009

Binghamton University, Latin American and Caribbean Area Studies Program

Affiliated Faculty, 2001-present

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Political Sociology (Business Politics, Labor Politics, Politics of Economic Reform)

Historical Sociology (Political Economy of the World-System, Marxist Sociology)

Latin American Studies (El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Venezuela)

PUBLICATIONS (*INDICATES PEER REVIEW)

BOOKS

*Gates, Leslie. Forthcoming 2023. *Capitalist Outsiders: Oil's Legacies in Mexico and Venezuela*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press.

*Gates, Leslie. 2010. *Electing Chávez: The Business of Anti-Neoliberal Politics in Venezuela*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, Pitt Latin American Series.

PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED (*INDICATES PEER REVIEW)

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- *Gates, Leslie C., Alena A. Gericke, Diana Branduse and Jennifer K. Emory. Forthcoming. "The Antibusiness Basis of Leftist "Break Through" Presidencies in Neoliberal Latin America." *Latin American Perspectives*.
- Griffith, Kati and Leslie C. Gates. 2020. "Milking Outdated Laws: Alt-labor as a Litigation Catalyst," *Chicago-Kent Law Review*. Vol. 95, Issue #1: 245-269.
- *Gates, Leslie C. and Mehmet Deniz. 2019. "Puzzling Politics: A Methodology for Turning World-Systems Analysis Inside-Out." *Journal of World-Systems Research*. Vol 25, Issue #1: 59-82.
- Griffith, Kati and Leslie C. Gates. 2019. "Worker Centers: Labor Policy as a Carrot, Not a Stick," *Harvard Law & Policy Review*. Vol 14, Issue #1: 602-627.
- *Gates, Leslie C. 2018. "Populism: A Puzzle Without (and for) World-Systems Analysis." *Journal of World-Systems Research*. Vol 24, Issue #2: 325-336.
- Gates, Leslie, et al. 2018. "Sizing up Worker-Center Income (2008-2014): A Study of Revenue Size, Stability and Streams" in *No One Size Fits All: Worker Organization, Policy and Movement For a New Economic Age* edited by Janice Fine et al. Champaign, IL.: LERA Volume, distributed by Cornell University Press.
- Gates, Leslie. 2015. "Towards a Bottom-up View of Hegemony in a World-Systems Perspective" response to "What is a World-Systems Analysis: Distinguishing Theory from Perspective" by Babones in *Thesis Eleven*, Vol 127 (1) 30-32.
- *Gates, Leslie. 2014. "Interest Groups in Venezuela: Lessons from the failure of a 'Model Democracy' and the rise of a Bolivarian democracy" *Journal of Public Affairs*. Volume 14 Number 3 pp 240-253.
Best Social Science Article Award 2012, Venezuelan Section, Latin American Studies Association
- *Gates, Leslie. 2010. "Venezuela: Corruption in a Petrostate" in *Corruption and Politics in Latin America* edited by Charles H. Blake and Stephen D. Morris. Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- *Gates, Leslie. 2009. "Theorizing Business Power in the Semiperiphery: Mexico 1970-2000" *Theory and Society*. 38.57-95.
Best Article Award 2009, Political Economy of the World-System Section, American Sociological Association

*ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS CONTINUED (*INDICATES PEER REVIEW)*

- *Gates, Leslie. 2007. "The Business of Anti-Globalization Politics: Lessons from Venezuela's 1998 Presidential Elections" in *Research in Political Sociology*, vol. 15: 101-137.
- *Griffith, Kati and Leslie Gates. 2004. "Colonels Build Alliance with Industrial Workers in El Salvador, 1944-1972: Seeking Societal Support through Gendered Labor Reforms" in *Landscapes of Struggle: Politics, Society, and Community in El Salvador*, edited by Aldo Lauria-Santiago and Leigh Binford. University of Pittsburgh Press.
- *Gates, Leslie. 2002. "The Strategic Uses of Gender in Household Negotiations: Women Workers on Mexico's Northern Border" *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, Vol. 21, 4: 507-26.
- *Griffith, Kati and Leslie Gates. 2002. "A State's Gendered Response to Political Instability: Gendering Labor Policy in Semi-Authoritarian El Salvador (1944-1972)" *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, vol. 9, No. 3, Summer: 248:292.
- *Jones, A., R. Hutchinson, N. VanDyke, L. Gates and M. Companion. 2001. "Coalition Form and Mobilization Effectiveness in Local Social Movements" *Sociological Spectrum*, 21: 207-231.

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Gates, Leslie. Review of At the Margins of the Global Market: Making Workers, Commodities, and Crisis in Rural Colombia by Philip Hough. *Journal of Peasant Studies* (forthcoming).
- Griffith, Kate and Leslie Gates. "Why the DOL Should Keep its Hands Off Worker Centers." *OnLabor: Workers, Unions, Politics* (November 26, 2019).
- Gates, Leslie. "Comment: How the U.S. Aids Maduro." *The Hindu* (February 23, 2019).
- Gates, Leslie and Anlly Palacios. 2016. "A Preliminary Report on New York's Dairy Industry" and "A Preliminary Report on the National Dairy Industry," submitted to Worker Justice Center and Worker Center of Central New York.
- Gates, Leslie. Review of The Success of the Left in Latin America: Untainted Parties, Market Reforms, and Voting Behavior by Rosario Queirolo. *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol 44, No. 5, 2015, 694.
- Gates, Leslie. Review of Market Justice: Political and Economic Struggle in Bolivia by Brent Kaup. *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, Volume 55, Issue 6, 2014, 514-16.

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED

- Gates, Leslie. Review of Who can Stop the Drums? Urban Social Movements in Chavez's Venezuela by Sujatha Fernandes. *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol 9, No. 2, 2011, p. 463-64.
- Gates, Leslie. Review of The Enduring Legacy: Oil, Culture and Society in Venezuela by Miguel Tinker Salas. *A Contracorriente*, Vol. 8, No. 2, Winter 2011, pp. 422-430.
- Gates, Leslie. Review of Democracy without Representation: The Politics of Small Industry in Mexico by Kenneth Shadlen. *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 111, no. 2 (2005), pp. 635-37.
- Gates, Leslie. 2005. "Labor Movement and Social Welfare in Mexico" in John Herrick, Paul Stuart, John Graham, Enrique Ochoa and Ruth Britton (eds), *Encyclopedia of Social Welfare History in North America*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Gates, Leslie. Review of Managing Mexico: Economists from Nationalism to Neoliberalism by Sarah Babb. *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 110, no. 2 (2004), pp. 488-89.
- Gates, Leslie. Review of The Critical Study of Work: Labor, Technology, and Global Production edited by Rick Baldoz et. al. *Journal of World-Systems Research*, vol. 10, no. 2 (2004), pp. 561-63.
- Gates, Leslie. Review of Genders in Production: Making Workers in Mexico's Global Factories by Leslie Salzinger. *Industrial Labor Relations Review*, vol. 57, No. 3 (2004), pp. 468-69.
- Gates, Leslie. Review of Beautiful Flowers of the Maquiladora: Life Histories of Women Workers by Norma Iglesias Prieto. *Journal of Developing Societies*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (1999), pp. 238-40.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| 2022-23 | Faculty Research Grant/Subvention Fund, Harpur College Dean's Office (\$1200) |
| 2022-23 | Finish Line Grant, Harpur College Dean's Office (awarded one course release) |
| 2021-22 | Faculty Research Grant/Subvention Fund, Harpur College Dean's Office (\$2988) |
| 2019 | Provost Award for Outstanding Graduate Director |
| 2019 | Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of the Humanities, Binghamton University (awarded one course release) |
| 2014-16 | Dean's Speaker series entitled "China in Latin America: Expanding Dimensions of South-South Development" (\$6,000) |
| 2012 | Best Article 2012 in the Social Science, Venezuelan Section, Latin American Studies Association |
| 2011-12 | Jean-Pierre Mileur Faculty Development Fund Research Grant, Harpur College Dean's Office (\$4,000) |
| 2011 | Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of the Humanities, Binghamton University (awarded one course release) |

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS CONTINUED

- 2009 Best Article Award, Political Economy of the World-System Section, American Sociological Association
- 2006 Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Award, United University Professionals, SUNY (paid leave, accepted 1 of 2 semesters offered)
- 2005-06 Fulbright Scholar Program, Council for International Exchange of Scholars (fellowship to lecture and conduct research for 10 months in Venezuela)
- 1999-00 Fulbright-Garcia Robles Grant, Institute for International Education, fellowship to conduct doctoral research for 10 months in Mexico.
- 1999 Graduate Student Final Project Fund, University of Arizona
- 1998 Tinker, Pre-Dissertation Field Research Grant, University of Arizona
- 1995 Inter-American Foundation, Masters Field Research Grant

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Trump: More Fox than Chávez?,” *The Political Effects of Socioeconomic Decline: Towards a Critical Discussion of Populism* panel, Latin American Studies Association International Congress (Virtual).
- 2019 “Capitalist or Anti-Capitalist Outsiders: Class Hegemony and the ‘Common sense’ Politics of Anti-Corruption,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City.
- 2019 “Trump: More Fox than Chávez?,” *States of Exception* conference, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, Brooklyn, New York.
- 2017 “Interpreting Divergent Anti-establishment Politics: Mexico, Venezuela and the World-System,” *Populism and the World-System* panel, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 “A Break in Elite Class Hegemony and the Rise of the Latin American Left,” *Élites Políticas en América Latina* panel, Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, New York City.
- 2015 “The Case for Business Politics from a World-Systems Perspective” with Mehmet Deniz, *Political Economy of the World-System* conference, Berlin, Germany.
- 2015 “A Break in Elite Class Hegemony and the Rise of Latin America’s Left,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

- 2010 “Venezuela’s 1998 Presidential Election: Re-considering the Popular Basis of Anti-neoliberal Candidates,” *Neoliberalism* panel, Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association.
- 2010 “Interest Groups in Venezuela: Lessons from the Region’s Failed ‘Model Democracy,’” *Interest Groups in Latin America* panel, Latin American Studies Association International Congress.
- 2010 “Insurgents and Business Competition: The Politics of Denouncing Corruption in Venezuela” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 2009 “Venezuela’s 1998 Presidential Election: Anti-business Sentiment and Popular Support for Chávez,” *Comparative Political Participation* panel, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 2008 “Neoliberal Globalization in Mexico (1970-2000): Theorizing business power in the semiperiphery,” *Marxism and Globalization* panel, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 2007 “Nuisance vs. Scourge: The Business of Corruption Politics in Venezuela,” *Corruption in Latin America* panel, Latin American Studies Association International Congress.
- 2006 “The Business of Anti-Globalization Politics: Lessons from Venezuela’s 1998 Presidential Elections,” *Globalization* panel, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 2004 “Technocrats and the Private Sector in Mexico’s 1982 Neoliberal Transition,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 2003 “Explaining Labor’s Declining Political Influence,” *Labor* panel, Latin American Studies Association International Congress.
- 2003 “Globalization Mechanisms and Labor’s Recent Losses in Mexico,” Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2002 “Sociology of Latin American in Global Perspective,” *Re-envisioning Latin American Studies in a Global Era* conference, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, SUNY-Stonybrook.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

- 2002 “Technocrats or a Transnational Capitalist Class behind Neo-liberal Reforms: Lessons from the Mexican Case,” *How Class Works* conference, SUNY-Stonybrook.
- 2001 “Mexico’s Minimum Wage and Labor’s Access to the State,” *Labor in the Americas: Globalization, Inequality and the Challenges for Activism* conference, Latin American Studies Program, University of Arizona.
- 2001 “Declining Union Power in Mexico: 1970-1990,” Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies.
- 2000 “Privatization and Union Defection from Centralized Bargaining: Lessons from the Mexican Case,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 2000 “Privatization and Union Defection from Centralized Bargaining: Lessons from the Mexican Case,” Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association.
- 2000 “The Gendering of Salvadoran State-Labor Policy 1917-1972” with Kati Griffith, *Central America* panel, Latin American Studies Association International Congress.
- 1999 “Can Working in a Maquila Help Women Get What They Want? Towards a Research Agenda on Household Bargaining,” 4th International Congress of the Americas.
- 1998 “Institutional Predictors of Constitutional Design: Latin American Constitutions 1945-1997,” Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association.
- 1998 “Explaining Intensity in Foreign Capitalist Reactions to Host Country Policies: Mining and Oil Industry in Mexico, 1910-1920,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Borderlands Scholars.
- 1997 “Explaining Intensity in Foreign Capitalist Reactions to Host Country Policies: Mining and Oil Industry in Mexico, 1910-1920,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 1996 “The Social and Economic Constraints of Bargaining at Home: A Case Study of Maquila Workers,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 1995 “The Reification of the Social Movement Organization” with Hutchinson, Van Dyke, Jones and Companion, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC TALKS

- 2019 “Anti-Capitalists or Capitalists: Outsider Politics in Mexico and Venezuela 1935-2000” Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Binghamton University.
- 2018 Featured in "How I Write" series, organized by the Writing Initiative, Binghamton University
- 2015 “The Politicization of Corporate Power and the Rise of Latin America's Left” at the Comparative-American Workshop of the Political Science Department at Binghamton University.
- 2013 “The Politicization of Business and the Fate of Latin America's Anti-neoliberal Left” as part of Cornell University's Latin American Studies Program Speaker Series.
- 2012 “The Politicization of Business and the Fate of the Anti-neoliberal Left in Mexico and Venezuela,” Brown-bag Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona
- 2011 “The Politicization of Business and the Fate of the Anti-neoliberal Left in Mexico and Venezuela,” Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Binghamton University.
- 2010 “Venezuela's 1998 Presidential Election: Anti-business Sentiment and Voter support for Chávez,” Comparative-American Workshop of the Political Science Department, Binghamton University.
- 2007 “The Business of Anti-Globalization Politics: Lessons from Venezuela’s 1998 Presidential Elections,” Department of Sociology Seminar Series, Binghamton University.
- 2007 “Gendering Labor Reforms in Latin America” presented at Labor Studies Workshop, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University.
- 2007 Invited talk, “Localized Transnational Civil Initiatives: The Cases of Newburgh, New York and Agua Prieta, Mexico,” Speaker Series, The Common Fire Foundation.
- 2007 Invited interview, “Out in the Open” on radio program hosted by Prof. Diaz featuring members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community at Binghamton University.
- 2005 “Business Elite and Chávez in Venezuela’s 1998 Presidential Elections: Understanding Anti-sectoral Business Behavior,” the Program on Latin America and the Caribbean, Maxwell School of Public Affairs, Syracuse University.
- 2005 Discussant, “Labor Movements” roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC TALKS CONT.

- 2003 “The Societal Basis for Political Divergence: Mexican and Venezuelan Political Dynamics in a Neoliberal Era,” Workshop on Contentious Politics, Colombia University.
- 2003 Discussant, “The Transformation of State Socialism and Rising Demands for Citizenship Rights in China 1977-2002,” Workshop on Contentious Politics, Colombia University.
- 2003 Invited guest lecturer, “Women Maquiladora Workers in Mexico: Complicating the ‘Maquila Story’,” Cornell University.
- 2001 Invited talk, “Labor Conciliation and Arbitration on Mexico’s Northern Border,” for University of Michigan delegation, hosted by Borderlinks.
- 2000 Invited talk, “Mexican Labor: An Overview” for cross-border labor delegation.
- 1998 Invited talk, “Human Rights, Labor and Globalization” on panel with Director of the Washington D.C. office of the International Labor Organization and Arizona State Field Director of the AFL-CIO, *Human Rights* conference, Southern Arizona Chapter of the United Nations.
- 1998 Invited talk, “Cross-Border Labor Movement,” on panel with Arizona State Field Director of the AFL-CIO at *Labor Teach-In* co-sponsored by the Southern Arizona Central Labor Council.
- 1998 Invited talk, “Building Coalitions in the Anti-sweatshop Movement: the Role of Labor,” Arizona Area Committee, American Friends Service Committee, Tucson Arizona.
- 1995 Invited talk, “Women’s Labor Organizing in Mexico,” as 1 of 4 closing plenary panelists, *Human Rights are Women’s Rights* conference, Amnesty International, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1993 Invited talk, “NAFTA: Labor and Environmental Conditions in Mexico” as 1 of 3 lead Panelists, *Free or Fair Trade? NAFTA* conference, University of Alaska, Anchorage.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

JOURNAL LEADERSHIP

- 2019-present Member of Editorial Board, *Journal of World-Systems Research* (a journal of the American Sociological Association)
- 2018-present Member of International Advisory Board, *Praksis*, (Turkish social science journal committed to the historical materialist tradition)

OFFICES HELD IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2020-2023 Secretary, Marxist Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2020 Chair, Nominations Committee, Marxist Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2018 Chair, Nominations Committee, Section on Political Economy of the World-System of the American Sociological Association
- 2006-2013 Council, Section on Political Economy of the World-System of the American Sociological Association
- 2012-2013 Past Chair, Section on Political Economy of the World-System of the American Sociological Association
- 2011-2012 Chair, Section on Political Economy of the World-System of the American Sociological Association
- 2011 Chair, Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Political Economy of the World-System
- 2010-2011 Chair-elect, American Sociological Association Section on Political Economy of the World-System
- 2008 Candace Rogers Student Paper Award Committee Member, Award for best graduate student paper, Eastern Sociological Association.
- 2007 Membership Committee Chair, American Sociological Association Section on Political Economy of the World-System
- 2002-2003 Article and Book Award Committee Member, Labor Section of the Latin American Studies Association
- 2001 Nominating Committee Member, American Sociological Association Section on Political Economy of the World-System

CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- 2020-2022 Panel Organizer, for “Immanuel Wallerstein: Celebrating his Life and Legacies,” postponed from 2020 to August 2022.
- 2015 Organizer and presider of "regular session" on "Environmental Sociology" entitled “Corporate Power, Politics and the Environment” at the American Sociological Association's annual meetings in Chicago.
- 2013 Organizer and presider of featured “thematic sessions” entitled "Elites: A Micro-foundation of Global inequality?" at the American Sociological Associations in New York City.
- 2006-2009 Member, Labor Studies Discussion Group, Binghamton University
- 2002-2009 Co-Organizer, Writing Workshop for Sociologists, New York, New York
- 2003 Organized talk by Maria Lorena Cook, Association Professor, School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University entitled “Why labor Regulation Matters for Democracy in Latin America,” Binghamton University
- 2002 Organized talk by Eric Herschberg, Director of Latin American Research, Social Science Research Council, “North-South or South-South: Challenges for Area Studies.” Binghamton University
- 2001 Co-Organizer, “Labor and Globalization” panel sponsored jointly by the Political Economy of the World-System and Labor and Labor Movements Sections of the ASA
- 2000-2001 Organizing Committee Member, *Labor in the Americas* conference, sponsored by the Latin American Area Center, University of Arizona

REVIEWER

Journals:

American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review, Bulletin of Latin American Research, Contexts; International Journal of Comparative Sociology Journal of World-Systems Research; Latin American Politics and Society Research in Political Sociology; Social Forces; Sociological Perspectives

Book Presses:

Cambridge University Press; Duke University Press; Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración; State University of New York Press; University of Arizona Press, University of Pittsburgh Press

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REVIEWER CONT.

Granting Institutions:

Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center Scholarly Residencies, IIE
Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Other:

Reviewer, Thesis Presentation, Sociology Department, Hamilton College, 2004.
External reviewer for promotion review, Occidental College
External reviewer for promotion review, William and Mary College

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

2021-present Director of Undergraduate Studies
2016-2020 Director of Graduate Studies
2013-2020 Member, Graduate Studies Committee
2010, 2013 Member, Chair's Advisory Committee
2009-2011 Member, Graduate Studies Committee
2001-2009 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee

CAMPUS-WIDE

2016-2020 Member, Faculty Senate
2016-2020 Member, Faculty Senate Executive Evaluation Committee
2014-2016 Co-organized a Dean's Speaker series entitled "China in Latin America:
Expanding Dimensions of South-South Development"
2013 Member, International Education Advisory Committee
2010-2011 Member, International Education Advisory Committee
2010-2011 Member, Faculty Senate
2009-2011 Member, Social Science Assessment Committee

PROGRAMS

2001-present Member, Latin American and Caribbean Area Studies Program Committee
2014-2022 Discussant, Bi-annual Undergraduate Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Conference
2004 Spring Chair, Latin American and Caribbean Area Studies Program Committee

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Sociological Association

Sections: Political Economy of the World-System; Marxist Sociology; Political Sociology;
Comparative & Historical Sociology

Latin American Studies Association

Sections: Economics and Politics; Venezuela; Labor; Mexico

Eastern Sociological Society

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

English and Spanish (fluent in reading, writing and speaking)

German and French (proficient in reading)