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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1992 Anthropology; Columbia University
M.Phil. 1989 Anthropology; Columbia University
B.A. 1982 Liberal Arts, Amherst College

AREAS OF RESEARCH

International & Transnational Migration, Gender, Race & Ethnicity, Cross-Cultural Experience, Latin@s, Religious Praxis, Urban and Suburban Issues

TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Florida International University:

Director, Center for Transnational & Comparative Studies (2005-2008)

Associate Professor, 1997-present

University of Vermont: Assistant Professor, 1992-1997

COURSES GIVEN

Immigration & Refugees, Transnational Migration; The Immigrant Experience, Latin@s in the U.S., Immigration Policy and Human Rights; Introduction to Anthropology, Graduate Research Methods I, Undergraduate Research Methods, Social Research and Analysis; Qualitative Data Analysis, Writing Research Proposals, Urban Anthropology, Senior Capstone Seminar

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND CONTRACTS AWARDED

- European-Union Commission, “Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence,” administrator. 2005-2008 €373,739.00
- Miami Dade County Jay Malina International Trade Consortium, principal investigator, “Promoting International Trade & Workforce Education and Training” contracts. 2006-2008, \$300,000.
- Embassy of Canada, principal investigator for “Immigration and Changing Demographics in North America” conference grant, 2007-9. \$11,000
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools, principal investigator, “Transnational Childhoods” teacher and student summer institutes 2006, 2007 \$32,500
- U.S. Department of Education, co-principal investigator for Title VI National Resource Center grant for International Studies. 2005-2006, \$539,000
- United States Institute for Peace, principal investigator for “Waging War and Peace: Transnational Religious Ties Between Cuba and the U.S.” 2003-2004, \$40,000
- Department of Health and Human Services, principal investigator for “Immigrants, Their Faith, And Those Who Serve Their Material And Spiritual Needs: Researching Faith-Based Organizations In Miami,” 2002-2004. \$211,000

- Fund for the Improvement of Secondary Education (FIPSE), principal investigator and U.S. Director for the TIRES (Transnationalism, International Migration, Race, Ethnicity and the State) Consortium between 4 universities in the U.S. and 4 in the European Union, 2002-2005. \$209,000
- Pew Charitable Trusts, co-principal investigator for “Religion, Immigration, and Civic Life” grant to study religious practices and impact among five immigrant groups in Miami, 2000-2004. \$700,000
- Russell Sage Foundation, Visiting Scholar, Immigration Program, 1994-5

CONSULTING

Asian Development Bank: Advisor to international and national experts and responsible for design of gender components for four-country survey of remittances from former Soviet Republics to Russia. 2006-present.

Annie E. Casey Foundation: Advising foundation on Transnational Immigrant Families as part of their *Making Connections* Initiative. 2002.

Central America 2020: European Community, USAID, Inter-American Dialogue, Latin American and Caribbean Institute at FIU, and Institute for Ibero-American Studies in Hamburg, Germany

USAID and European Union-funded program to evaluate current development trends in Central America and generate initiatives for future development. In charge of “Migration and Transnational Issues” component, addressing regional and U.S.-bound migration and remittances. 1999-2001

Harvard Institute for International Development & Foundation for Educational and Entrepreneurial Development (FEPADE). Prepared trainings for researchers in study design and report preparation and presentation. San Salvador, El Salvador, 1998-1999.

U.S. Bureau of the Census. Contracted to research undercounting of undocumented immigrants in the South Bronx and on Long Island for the 1990 Census, 1989-1990

New York State Interagency Task Force on Immigration. Advisor and researcher on implementation of immigration legislation in the New York Metro area, 1987-88

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Churches and Charity in the Immigrant City: Religion, Immigration, and Civic Engagement in Miami. 2009. Rutgers University Press (Co-edited and authored with Alex Stepick and Terry Rey).

Salvadorans in Suburbia: Symbiosis and Conflict. 1996. Allyn & Bacon (Part of New Immigrant Series edited by Nancy Foner).

American Dreaming: Immigrant Life on the Margins. 1995. Princeton University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Chapters

“So Close and Yet So Far Away: Comparing Leadership Cultivation in Two Cuban Congregations in Miami.” In Stepick, Rey and Mahler, Eds. Churches and Charity in the Immigrant City: Religion, Immigration, and Civic Engagement in Miami. p. 41-71. 2009.

Rutgers University Press.

“Religion, Immigration, and Civic Engagement” Co-authored introduction to Stepick, Rey and Mahler, Eds. Churches and Charity in the Immigrant City: Religion, Immigration, and Civic Engagement in Miami. p. 1-38. 2009. Rutgers University Press.

“Conclusions: Religious Leadership and Civic Social Capital” Co-authored conclusion to Stepick, Rey and Mahler, Eds. Churches and Charity in the Immigrant City: Religion, Immigration, and Civic Engagement in Miami. p. 250-272. 2009. Rutgers University Press.

Mahler, Sarah J. and Patricia R. Pessar. “Gender Matters: Ethnographers Bring Gender from the Periphery Toward the Core of Migration Studies.” *International Migration Review* Vol. 40(1): 28-63. 2006.

“Toward a Transnationalism of the Middle: How Transnational Religious Practices Help Bridge the Divides Between Cuba and Miami.” *Latin American Perspectives* Volume 32(1):121-146. 2005.

“Integrating Technology into a Two Continent Consortium: Lessons Learned.” Peer-Reviewed chapter in Integrating Technology in Higher Education edited by M.O. Thirunarayanan & Aixa Pérez-Prado. University Press of America. 2005.

Pessar, Patricia and Sarah J. Mahler. “Transnational Migration: Bringing Gender In.” International Migration Review 37(3): 812-846. 2003.

“Diasporaressourcer”. Single-authored journal article in Den Ny Verden (3):28-51 (Danish journal). In the original English it is entitled, “El Salvador’s Remittance Industry: A Crossroads of Conflict, Migration, Social Networks, Statecraft and the Global Economy.” 2002.

“Transnational Relationships: The Struggle to Communicate Across Borders,” Identities Global Studies in Culture and Power 7(4): 583-619. 2001

Mahler, Sarah J. and Patricia Pessar. “Gendered Geographies of Power: Analyzing Gender across Transnational Spaces,” Introduction to special volume with same title edited with Patricia Pessar for Identities Global Studies in Culture and Power 7(4):441-459. 2001.

“Suburban Transmigrants: Long Island’s Salvadorans.” In Hector Cordero-Guzman, Ramon Grosfoguel and Robert Smith, Eds. Migration, Transnationalization, and Ethnic and Racial Dynamics in a Changing New York. Temple University Press. p. 109-130. 2001

“Constructing International Relations: The Role of Transnational Migrants and Other Non-State Actors.” Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power Vol. 7:197-232. 2000.

“Engendering Transnational Migration: A Case Study of Salvadorans.” American Behavioral Scientist 42(4):690-719, January 1999. Reprinted in Gender and Contemporary Immigration edited by Belinda Lum and Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo,

Univ. of California Press. 2003

“Vested in Migration: Salvadorans Challenge Restrictionist policies.” In Max Castro, Ed. Free Markets, Open Societies, Closed Borders? Trends in International Migration and Immigration Policy in the Americas. pp. 157-173. Miami: North-South Center Press. 1999

“Theoretical and Empirical Contributions Toward a Research Agenda for Transnationalism.” In Michael Peter Smith and Luis E. Guarnizo, Eds., Transnationalism from Below. Transaction Publishers. 1998.

Paul, Shuva, Sarah J. Mahler and Michael Schwartz. “Mass Action and Social Structure”. Political Power and Social Theory 11:45-99. 1997.

Other Published Articles & Book Chapters

Mahler, Sarah J. “Transnational Migration Comes of Age.” In Ajaya Kumar Sahoo and Brij Maharaj, Eds. Sociology of Diaspora: A Reader Vol. 1: 194-226. 2007

Mahler, Sarah J. “El auge de los estudios migratorios transnacionales.” In, Sonia Báez Hernández, Anadeli Bencomo and Marc Zimmerman (eds.) Ir y Venir Procesos Transnacionales entre América Latina y el Norte. Santiago, Chile: Bravo y Allende Editores. p. 41-69. 2007

Mahler, Sarah J. and Dusan Ugrina. “Central America: Crossroads of the Americas.” Feature article in The Migration Information Source. Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute. <http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?id=386> . 2006.

Mahler, Sarah J. “Gender Matters [to Remittances].” ID21 Insights. Brighton, UK: Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. <http://www.id21.org/insights/insights60/art07.html> . 2006.

Mahler, Sarah J. and Katrin Hansing. “Myths and Mysticism: How Bringing a Transnational Religious Lens to the Examination of Cuba and the Cuban Diaspora Exposes and Ruptures the Fallacy of Isolation” Chapter in Damián Fernández, ed. *Cuba Transnational*, University Press of Florida. 2005.

Hansing, Katrin and Sarah J. Mahler. “God Knows No Borders: Transnational Religious Ties Linking Miami and Cuba”. In *Religion, Culture, and Society: The Case of Cuba*, edited by M. E. Crahan, pp. 123-130. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC. 2003

“Migration and Transnational Issues: Recent Trends and Prospects for 2020.” Report prepared for the Central America 2020 initiative, funded by USAID and the European Union, and administered by the Inter-American Dialogue, Latin American and Caribbean Center at Florida International University, and the Institute for Iberamerican Studies (Hamburg Germany). 2000.

“La Industria de Remesas Salvadoreña.” In Gail Mummert, Ed., Fronteras Fragmentadas. Zamora: Mexico: Colegio de Michoacán, Mexico/Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo de Michoacán (CIDEM). pp. 519-544. 1999.

“Teaching Multiculturalism Anthropologically.” In Multicultural Education: A Transdisciplinary Approach. Howard Ball, Mbulelo Mzamane and Steven Berkowitz, Eds. New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. 1998.

“The Dysfunctions of Transnationalism.” Working Paper #73, Russell Sage Foundation. June 1995.

“Alternative Enumeration of Undocumented Salvadorans on Long Island.” Final Report to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Upper Marlboro, MD, January 1993.

“Dominican Migration to the United States and United States Immigration Policy: A Changing History.” Chapter 1 in Dominicanos Ausentes: Cifras, Politicas, Condiciones Sociales, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 1989

“The Dynamics of Legalization in New York: A Focus on Dominicans.” Chapter 5 in Dominicanos Ausentes: Cifras, Politicas, Condiciones Sociales, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 1989

Review Articles, Book Reviews & Encyclopedia Articles

Book review of “Politics and Poetics of Migration: Narratives of Iranian Women from the Diaspora” by Parin Dossa for Medical Anthropology Quarterly 22(2): 208-9. 2008.

Book review of “Transnational Peasants: Migrations, Networks, and Ethnicity in Andean Ecuador” by David Kyle for Social Forces 80(4): 1412-13. 2002.

“Salvadorans.” Encyclopedia of New York State. Syracuse University Press. Albany, New York. 2002.

Book review of “Legalizing Moves” by Susan Bibler Coutin and “Finding a Moral Heart for U.S. Immigration Policy” by Josiah McC. Heyman in American Ethnologist 28(4): 932-4. 2001.

Book review of “Fragmented Ties: Salvadoran Immigrant Networks in America” by Cecilia Menjivar. International Migration Review 35 (Fall): 937-8. 2002.

Video review of “Well Founded Fear.” Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture. Volume 8(2) Summer 2001.

The Urban Caribbean: Transition to the New Global Economy. Book Review in New West Indian Guide 73(1&2):136-8. 1999.

“Lives at a Crossroads: Salvadorans in the U.S.” Hemisphere 8(3):36-39. 1998.

“Contested Terrain: Social Change” Reviews in Anthropology 27:441-452. 1998.

"Peruvians" and "Salvadorans". Entries for the Encyclopedia of American Immigrant Cultures, edited by David Levinson and Melvin Ember, pp. 690-695; 755-760. New York: MacMillan, 1997.

"Immigrants from El Salvador to New York." Entry for the Encyclopedia of New York

City, New York: Columbia University Press. 1995

"First Stop: Suburbia." NACLA Report on the Americas, Vol. 25(1):20-24, July 1992

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"So Close and Yet So Far Away: Comparing Leadership Cultivation in Two Cuban Congregations in Miami" American Anthropological Association meetings, San Francisco, November 21, 2008.

"Transnational Religious Ties Bridging Cuba Abroad: Transporting Social Justice?" Address at conference of the Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University, Miami, FL January 25, 2008.

"Analytical Tools for Improving Immigration Research." Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute University of Minnesota, August 7, 2007.

"Immigrant Adaptation to Miami from a Local, State and National Perspective." Conference funded by the Comunidad de Madrid at Universidad Comillas, Madrid, March 19, 2007.

"Deconstructing Common Myths about Immigration and Immigrants." Address to conference at Rollins College, Orlando Florida September 14, 2006.

"Not a Godless Nation: Cuba's Religious History and its Relevance to Contemporary Debates on Globalization and Transnationalism." Distinguished Lecture, University of Texas, Arlington, March 30, 2006.

"Injecting New Dynamics into the Passé Polemics of Migration and Nation" presented at Invited Session, "Reframing the Immigration Debate: The Challenge to Public Intellectuals in the Americas." Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico. March 17, 2006.

"Can God Trump Decades of Animosity? Transnational Religious Ties Bridging Miami and Cuba." Presentation to Religious Newswriters' Association (RNA), Miami, Florida, October 1, 2005.

"Looking at Gender in All the Wrong Places – *Too*." Keynote talk presented at the "International Conference on Migration and Domestic Work in Global Perspective", Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies, Wassenaar, Netherlands, May 27, 2005.

"Transnational Religious Ties Bridging Cuba and Miami: Can God Trump Decades of Animosity?" Presentation at the Center for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA), University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 25, 2005.

"Quiet Evangelism: Transnational Religious Ties Bridging Miami and Cuba." Paper presented at the Society for Christian Ethics meetings, in Miami, Florida. January 8, 2005

“Contributors or Detractors? Evangelicals and Civil Society in Cuba.” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress. October 7, 2004.

“Retrospective and Prospective Musings on Gender, Work & Migration in the Americas.” Paper presented to the Gender section of the Latin American Studies Association at their pre-conference workshop. October 6, 2004.

“Crossing the Divide Between the Two Cubas: Mapping Transnational Religious Ties Linking Miami and Cuba.” Paper presented to the Anthropology Department, University of Colorado, Denver, March 26, 2004.

“Does Faith Make a Difference in Substance Abuse Treatment?” Presentation to Miami-Dade Addictions Board based on Department of Health and Human Services grant research. March 10, 2004.

“Overcoming Multiple Marginalizations: Ethnologists within Migration Studies Push Gender from the Periphery toward the Core” coauthored with Patricia R. Pessar. Paper commissioned by the Social Science Research Council Working Group on Gender and Migration. Presented at SSRC conference January 31, 2004.

“The Cultures of Faith-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs: Anthropological and Clients’ Perspectives.” (with Yves Labissiere) at the conference “The Public Benefit of Private Faith: Religious Organizations and the Delivery of Social Services” November 13, 2003. Washington, D.C. sponsored by The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy.

“Immigrants, Their Faith, and Those Who Serve Their Material and Spiritual Needs: Researching Faith-Based Organizations In Miami.” Presentation of research and application to Governor Jeb Bush’s Governor’s Faith & Community Conference “Strengthening Florida’s Families,” Ft. Lauderdale, FL, October 3, 2003.

“God Knows No Borders?: Transnational Religious Ties Linking Cuba and Miami – Reconciliation or Rancor?” Workshop and presentation by Sarah J. Mahler & Katrin Hansing to TIRES (U.S.-EU international exchange program) Summer Institute for graduate students, Frankfurt (Oder) Germany, July 11, 2003.

“Does God Know No Borders Between the Two Cubas? A Case Study for Mapping Religious Ties from a Transnational Perspective” Paper presented to the “Religion & Identity in the Americas: Agendas for the Future” conference. University of Florida, Gainesville. By Sarah J. Mahler and Katrin Hansing, delivered by Mahler. April 11, 2003.

“God Knows No Borders: Transnational Religious Ties Linking Miami and Cuba.” Paper presented at the conference “Religion and Society in Cuba” at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC. January 21, 2003.

“Comparing Cuban Versus Nicaraguan Transnational Religious Ties to Miami.” Paper Presented at the American Anthropological Association meeting, New Orleans, November 22, 2002.

Centre for Development Research, Discussant at the “Diaspora, Development and Conflict” conference. Copenhagen, Denmark. September 15-16, 2002.

“God Knows No Borders? Transnational Religious Ties Linking Cuba and Miami.” Paper presented at Ohio University, April 26, 2002.

Discussant at the Social Science Research Council conference, “Immigration, Religion, and Civic Life.” University of Texas, Arlington. March 15-17, 2002.

“Prophets and Profits: Transnational Protestantism on the March in Cuba.” Paper presented at the Fourth Cuban Research Institute Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, Florida International University, Miami, FL March 8, 2002.

“Transnational Connections: Cuban and Nicaraguan Migrants’ Religious Ties to Their Homelands.” Paper presented at the Second Biennial Allen Morris Conference on the History of Florida and the Atlantic World, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL February 2, 2002.

“Bringing Gender to the Transnational Focus it Deserves.” Paper presented (in absentia) at the Social Science and History Association mini conference on Gender and Immigration, Chicago, IL, November 15, 2001.

“Transnational Perspectives on Religion: Preliminary Notes.” Paper delivered at the Third International Meeting of Socioreligious Studies, sponsored by the Center for Psychological and Sociological Studies, Havana, Cuba, July 4, 2001.

“Gender and Transnational Migration.” Co-authored with and delivered by Patricia R. Pessar. Paper presented at the Workshop on Transnational Migration: Comparative Perspectives sponsored by the SSRC and the ESRC Transnational Communities Programme, Princeton University Centre for Migration and Development, June 30, 2001.

“Immigrant or Transnational Migrant? Paradigm Shifts in Studying Migration and their Application to Latinos in the U.S.” Paper presented at the Symposium “Ejercicios de diferencia. Hispanos y latinos en los EEUU y en España”. Spanish National Distance University, UNED, Center of Miami. Miami. April 23, 2001.

“Bringing Religion to a Transnational Perspective: Clarifications and Initial Ideas on the Viability of the Framework.” Paper delivered to Rockefeller Working Group, University of Florida, Latin American and Caribbean Center. Gainesville, FL. April 2, 2001.

“Grounding Transnationalism: Lessons from El Salvador’s Remittance Industry.” Paper presented at the conference “Living on the Edge: Migration, Conflict and State in the Backyards of Globalisation”, January 15-17, 2001. Copenhagen, Denmark.

“Transterritorial Nation-State Building: The Activist Salvadoran State.” Paper delivered at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Invited Session: “Out Of the Shadows: Salvadoran Migration Goes Public” (Organizer). November 16, 2000.

“Salvadoran Transnational Relationships: The Struggle to Communicate Across Borders.” Paper presented at “Reconstructing Central America II: The Pueblos of Maize in the United States” conference, University of Maryland, College Park. October 12-14, 2000.

“Conceptualizing Transnational Migration.” Social Science Research Council and Transnational Communities Programme conference entitled, “Transnational Migration: Comparative Theory and Research Perspectives,” Oxford, England, July 7-9, 2000.

“The Role of Migration in the Future Development of Central America.” Latin American Studies Association XXII Congress, Miami, March 17, 2000.

“Constructing International Relations: The Role of Transnational Migrants and Other Non-State Actors.” Department of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine. February 17, 2000.

“Migration and Diplomacy: Constructing International Relations.” Department of Geography, University of Colorado, Boulder. October 15, 1999.

“The Salvadoran Remittance Business: The Role of Trust in a Transnational Enterprise.” Paper at the session, “The Moral Side of Economic Processes” organized by Viviana Zelizer (Princeton). American Sociological Association meetings in Chicago, August 10, 1999.

“To Stay or to Go? Salvadoran Youth at the Migration Crossroads.” Paper given at the session, “Gender, Generation and Migration,” at the American Sociological Association meetings in Chicago, August 9, 1999.

“Transnational Migration as ‘Grassroots Diplomats.’” Paper presented at the conference, “Global Gender Politics: A Cross-Disciplinary Conversation,” Department of International Relations, Florida International University, March 13, 1999

“Engendering Transnational Migration: Notes and Queries from a Case Study of Salvadorans.” Paper presented at the conference, “Engendering Theories of Transnational Migration” (Co-organizer) Yale University, February 5, 1999.

“Educación y Emigración” Presentation of results from 1997 research in El Salvador to government and academic leaders in San Salvador, September 8, 1998.

“Transnational Migration as *Grassroots Diplomats*: Laying Out the Possibility.” Paper presented at the conference “The Crisis of Citizenship? Nationalism, Transnationalism and Global Ethnic Conflict.” University of California, Davis. April 25, 1998.

“Engendering Transnational Migration: A Case Study of Salvadorans.” Paper presented in panel organized with Patricia Pessar at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington, DC., November 19, 1997.

“La Industria De Remesas Salvadoreña.” Paper presented (in absentia) at the XIX Coloquio de Antropología e Historia Regionales, Colegio de Michoacán, Mexico, October 23, 1997.

"Salvadoran Transnationalism: A Gendered and Class Perspective." Paper presented in a panel organized with Luis Guarnizo (UC-Davis) on "Theoretizing Transnational Migration I & II" for the Latin American Studies Association meetings in Guadalajara, Mexico in April 1997.

"Salvadorans in the U.S.: History, Identity, Relations with other Minority Groups and Future Prospects." Lecture given at the "Latino Cultures Seminar," Harvard University, March 19, 1997.

"Does Transnational Migration Reaffirm or Reconfigure 'Traditional' Gender Roles?" Paper presented at Princeton University, "Women and Migration in Latin American and the Caribbean" conference, March 2, 1997.

"Salvadorans and Transnationalism: Empirical and Theoretical Contributions." Paper presented at New School for Social Research, "Transnational Communities: The Political Economy of New York City in the 1990s" conference, February 22, 1997

"Salvadoran Transnationalism: Gender and Class in Focus." Gettysburg College, Latin American Studies Program, October 10, 1996.

"Salvadorans on Long Island: Caught between Competing Local and Transnational Networks." Harvard University, Graduate School of Education, May 7, 1996.

"Bringing Gender to a Transnational Focus: Preliminary Concerns and Ideas." Organizer and presenter at the panel, "Transnationalism and Work: Whither Gender?", American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting, "Transnationalism, Nationalism and Cultural Identity", Puerto Rico, April 17, 1996.

"The Dysfunctions of Transnationalism." Paper given at the American Anthropological Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., November 1995

"Vested in Migration: Salvadorans Challenge Restrictionist Policies." North/South Center conference on "Trends in International Migration and Immigration Policy in the Americas." The University of Miami, May 1995.

"Networks of Profiteering." American Anthropological Association Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia, December 1, 1994.

"No Harmony in Housing: Latino Immigrants and White Suburbanites on Long Island." Latin American Studies Association (Organizer & Chair of session), Atlanta, GA, March 1994.

"No Harmony in the Suburbs: White Suburbanites and Latino Immigrants on Long Island." Invited Session (Organizer & Chair), American Anthropological Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., November 1993.

"Methodological Issues in Fieldwork with Undocumented Immigrants." Paper given at the Fordham University Center for Hispanic Studies, March 1993.

"U.S. Immigration Policy: Prejudicial Multiculturalism." Paper given at the American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Francisco, December 1992.

"The Undercount of Salvadorans on Long Island: Preliminary Findings" Preliminary Report presented to U. S. Bureau of the Census, Upper Marlboro, MD, June 25, 1991.

"High undercount of Undocumented Salvadorans: Results from the Alternate Enumeration of Long Island Community." Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association meeting, Washington, D.C., April 6, 1991.

"Alternative Censusing in 1990: A Quantitative Quagmire." Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings invited session on "Methodological Issues in Census Undercount Research." New Orleans, December 2, 1990.

"Dominicans and 'Amnesty'" -- Why are So Few Participating?" Paper presented at the Conference on Dominican Migration to the United States, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, March 2, 1988. (Presented in Spanish).

"A History of U. S. Immigration Legislation and Its Effects on Dominican Migration." Paper presented at the Conference on Dominican Migration to the United States, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, March 24, 1988. (Presented in Spanish).

SERVICE

Professional Association Memberships

American Anthropological Association
Society of Urban and Transnational Anthropology
Latin American Studies Association

Grant Panel Reviews

Social Science Research Council: International Migration Program, predoctoral competition, 2000, 2001, 2002

Conference Panel Reviews

Latin American Studies Association: Migration and Transnational Issues Track Chair for LASA Congress, 2004.

Editorships

Guest Editor (with Patricia Pessar) for special issue of Identities Global Studies in Culture and Power, Volume 7(4). 2001

Conference/Panel Organizing:

"Diverse Pathways to Immigrant Political Incorporation: Comparative Canadian and U.S. Perspectives." International conference held at Florida International University, January 16-17, 2009.

"Diversity and European Integration." Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence. International conference organized by and held at Florida International University, April 1-2, 2008.

"Assessing the New EU: Enlargement, Governance and Institutions." Keynote speaker: Hon. Angelos Pangratis, Deputy Head of Delegation European Union, Delegation of the European Commission to the USA. Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence.

International conference organized by and held at Florida International University, March 30-31, 2007

Education & Immigration Workshop. International conference organized by and held at Florida International University, Center for Transnational and Comparative Studies International Migration Initiative on May 4-6, 2006.

“The EU Constitution: Where Are We Now?” Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence. International conference organized by and held at Florida International University, April 7-8, 2006

“The Rise of Evangelicals in Late-and Post-Socialist States.” Panel organized for American Anthropological Association, November 18, 2004.

Fifth Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, Cuban Research Institute , Roundtable “Transnational Religious Ties Between Cubans on the Island and in Miami.” October 30, 2003.

“Out of the Shadows: Salvadoran Migration Goes Public.” Session organized for the American Anthropological Association meeting in November 2000 (accepted as an invited session; organizer and presenter).

“Central American Transnational Migration I & II.” Panels organized for the Latin American Studies Association meetings, March 16-18, 2000 in Miami.

“Central America 2020: Migration and Transnational Issues.” Organized international conference of Central & North American migration scholars, San Salvador, El Salvador. July 5-6, 1999.

“Engendering Theories of Transnational Migration” Yale University, February 5 & 6, 1999 (Co-organizer).

“Engendering Transnational Migration.” Panel organized with Patricia Pessar at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington, DC., November 19, 1997.

“Theorizing Transnational Migration I & II.” Panel organized with Luis Guarnizo (UC-Davis) for the Latin American Studies Association meetings in Guadalajara, Mexico in April 1997.

“Immigrant and Refugee Health Issues.” Conference on refugee health in Burlington, Vermont organized for refugees and service-providers, 1994.

Recent Reviews of Manuscripts Written for:

International Migration Review
Anthropology Quarterly
National Science Foundation
Identities
American Ethnologist
Human Organization

Stanford University Press
Duke University Press
Columbia University Press
Rutgers University Press
Russell Sage Foundation Press
American Anthropologist

Service to Florida International University

Sociology/Anthropology Department:

- Director, Graduate Program 2004-2005
- Personnel Committee, Member 2001-2005
- Graduate Program Committee, Member 1998-2005
- Undergraduate Program Committee, Member 1999-2001; 2008-present
- Ad Hoc Committee on Research and Publishing, 1999-2000

College of Arts & Sciences:

- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Summer Pay 2009
- Member, Search Committee to Select Dean of College, 2007-8
- Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2004-2006
- Member, Office of Educational Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee, 2003-2005
- Designed Freshman Interest Group (FIG) course with English and International Relations faculty, 1999-2000
- iNET (Teaching in Web environment) Faculty Member 2000-present

University-Wide

- Director, Center for Transnational and Comparative Studies, 2005-2008
- Member, Dissertation Education Advisory Council, 2007-2008
- Member, Search Committee for Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, 2006-2007
- Member, Faculty Senate Research Council, 2006-present
- Member, Faculty Senate, 2004-present
- Director, “Transnationalism, International Migration, Race, Ethnicity & the State” (TIRES) international exchange program. Also instructor for TIRES virtual seminar (coordinated among 8 campuses, 4 in the U.S. and 4 in Europe). 2002-present
- Member, Faculty Senate Committee to overhaul Core Curriculum, 2002.
- Member, Faculty Senate Committee on University Exit Requirement, 2002-2003.

Other Professional Service:

Expert Witness. Testimony provided for political asylum and permanent resident cases submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service by community-based organizations, and on behalf of deceased undocumented immigrant in liability lawsuit (2004).

Council on Immigrants & Refugees, Member, Burlington, Vermont, 1992-7

Limited English Speaking Youth Task Force, member, Long Island, 1990

Central American Refugee Center, legal clinic coordinator, Long Island, 1989-1991; honored for this work with an award, October 9, 1996. Consultant on specific legal issues, 1992-present.

New York State Task Force on Immigration, member and researcher, 1987-1988

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Spanish: verbal and written fluency; experience in simultaneous interpretation and written translation.