

MPSA LATINO CAUCUS NEWSLETTER

*Michael Jones-Correa and
Christine Sierra to receive MPSA
Latino/a Caucus
Distinguished Career Awards*



The MPSA Latino/a Caucus leadership unanimously voted to award two Distinguished Scholar awards to Michael Jones-Correa (University of Pennsylvania) and Christine Marie Sierra (University of New Mexico).

Dr. Michael Jones-Correa holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Rice University, and earned his PhD from Princeton University. He is currently Presidential Professor as well as Director of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race, and Immigration at the University

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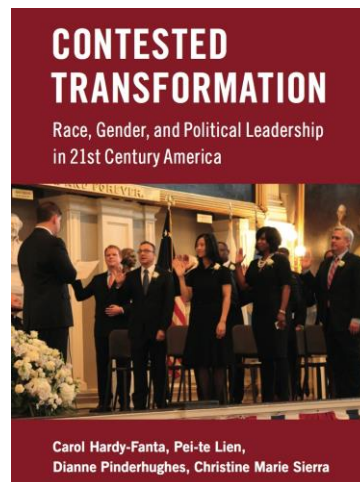
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Dr. Christine Marie Sierra earned her PhD from Stanford University in 1983. She has been on the faculty at the University of New Mexico since 1986 and has been Professor Emerita since 2015. Dr. Sierra directed UNM's Southwest Hispanic Research Institute from 2011-2014. She has also served as a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution, the University of Arizona, and the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. Dr. Sierra has been a pioneer in scholarship related to Latino politics and gender, as well as the intersection of these two subfields. Her most recent publication is a collaborative book, [*Contested Transformation: Race, Gender, and Political Leadership in 21st Century America*](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2016), co-authored with Carol Hardy-Fanta, Pei-te Lien, and Dianne Pinderhughes. Their book analyzes the findings of the Gender and Multicultural Leadership (GMCL) project, of which Dr. Sierra is a Principal Investigator. The GMCL includes a national database of minority elected officials as well as a telephone survey of more than 1350 state and local officials. *Contested Transformation* received the 2017 Distinguished Career Book Award from the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section of the

American Political Science Association. Dr. Sierra has also authored several edited volumes, 13 book chapters, and eight peer-reviewed journal articles. Additionally, Dr. Sierra co-produced a documentary on Santa Fe grassroots activism and the mayoral election of 1994. She has also authored dozens of magazine and newspaper articles.

Dr. Sierra was a founding member of the Albuquerque Border City Project, and served on the INS Community Relations Board, at the INS Albuquerque office, and as an advisor to Congressman Martin Heinrich (D-NM).

Melissa Michelson, Professor of Political Science at Menlo College, observed, "Despite her extensive media and speaking commitments, Dr. Sierra is consistently generous with her time, always there to offer advice and expertise. She is a delightful colleague and mentor."



Sierra's New Book "Contested Transformation" (Cambridge University Press)

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of Pennsylvania. Prior to this position, Jones-Correa also taught at Cornell University and Harvard University.

In his 25-year career, Dr. Jones-Correa has published one sole-authored book, *Between Two Nations: The Political Predicament of Latinos in New York* (Cornell University Press, 1998); co-authored three additional books; edited one book and two journal special issues; and published 21 peer-reviewed articles as well as numerous book chapters.

Jones-Correa has contributed significantly to data collection on the Latino community, particularly through his work as a Principal Investigator of the Latino National Survey (along with Luis Fraga, John Garcia, Rodney Hero, Valerie Martinez-Ebers, and Gary Segura) and the Latino Immigrant National Election Survey (LINES, with James

McCann). He has also created six major datasets.

Sophia Jordán Wallace notes, "Michael is a brilliant scholar whose scholarship is not only extensive in volume, but extremely impactful as reflected in more than 3,000 citations to date. On a personal level, Michael is also incredibly humble, generous, positive, and thoughtful."

Dr. Jones-Correa is a Founding Associate Editor of the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, and serves on the editorial boards of six other journals. He received the 2012 Adaljiza Sosa-Riddell Award for Exemplary Mentoring of Latino/a Junior Faculty Award and the 2008 Adaljiza Sosa-Riddell Award for the Exemplary Mentoring of Latino/a Graduate Students.



Jones -Correa speaking at the University of Pennsylvania

What's New:

News from Around Latino Politics

Jobs

- Fernando Tormos began as a Postdoctoral Fellow for the Scholars Strategy Network at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in September 2017.
- Alvaro Corral received his PhD from the Department of Government at the University of Texas at Austin in August of 2017 after defending his dissertation, "Citizenship Politics: Latino Civic Participation across Generations." He is currently in his second year as the Perry-Williams Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science at the College of Wooster.

Awards

- Melina Juárez, PhD candidate at the University of New Mexico, won the APSA [Kenneth Sherril Prize](#) for best Dissertation Proposal in LGBTQ Politics for her dissertation "Queering Latinidad: Latinx Politics Beyond Nativity"
- Efrén O. Pérez (Vanderbilt University) won the 2017 Best Book Award from the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section

of the APSA, as well as the 2017 Best Book in Latino Politics Award from the APSA Latino Caucus for his book, *Unspoken Politics: Implicit Attitudes and Political Thinking* (Cambridge University Press, 2016)

Publications

- Melina Juárez, Barbara Gomez-Aguinaga, and Sonia Bettez (University of Mexico) published "Twenty Years After IIRIRA: The Rise of Immigrant Detention and Its Effects on Latinx Communities Across the Nation" in the *Journal on Migration and Human Security*.
- Fernando Tormos (UMSL) published "Intersectional Solidarity" in *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (2017).
- John Garcia (University of Michigan) published a number of pieces, including:
 - "La Política: Power, Influence and Community" in *Keywords in Latina/o Studies*, edited by Nancy Raquel Mirabal, Deborah R. Vargas, and Lawrence La

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- Fountain- Stokes (NYU Press, 2017);
- “Navigating through Turbulence and Troublesome Times: Latinos, Election 2016, Partisan Politics and Salient Public Policies” in *Winning the Presidency*, Ed. William J. Crotty (Routledge, 2017);
- “The Race Project: Researching Race in the Social Sciences Researchers, Measures, and Scope of Studies” in *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics* (2017)
- “The Mexican Origin Communities and Other Latinos: Confronting and Combatting a More Hostile and Challenging American Political System” *ISTOR: Revista de Historia* (CIDE).
- Heather Silber Mohamed (Clark University) published “Immigration Reform and the 2014 Midterms: The Politics of Executive Action” in *Races, Reforms, and Policy: Implications of the 2014 Election* (University of Akron Press, 2017), edited by Chris Galdieri, Tauna Sisco, and Jennifer Lucas
- Tiffany Joseph (SUNY-Stonybrook) and Helen Marrow (Tufts) served as guest editors for a special issue entitled “Health Care, Immigrants, and Minorities: Lessons from the Affordable Care Act in the United States” in the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
- Stefanie Chambers, Diana Evans, Anthony Messina, and Abigail Fisher Williamson edited *The Politics of New Immigrant Destinations: Transatlantic Perspectives* (2017, Temple University Press),
 - “The Difference a Decade of Enforcement Makes: Hispanic Racial Incorporation and Changing Intergroup Relations in the American South’s Black Belt, 2003-2016” (Helen B. Marrow);
 - “The Politics of Place: The Impact of Local Contexts in Immigrant Voting” (Claudio A. Holzner and Melissa M. Goldsmith), and
 - “Immigration and Policing Practices in New Destinations (Monica W. Varsanyi, Paul G. Lewis, Doris Marie Provine, and Scott Decker)
- Chris Zepeda-Millan published *Latino Mass Mobilization: Immigration, Racialization, and Activism* (2017, Cambridge University Press).

MPSA 2018 Latino/a Caucus

Author-Meets-Critics and Roundtables

Racial Coalition Building in Local Elections: Elite Cues and Cross-Ethnic Voting
by **Andrea Benjamin**

Thursday, April 5, 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

Ivy A.M. Cargile (*Chair*)

Andra Gillespie, Andrea Benjamin, and Chris Zepeda-Millan

The New Americans? Immigration, Protest, and the Politics of Latino Identity
by **Heather Silber Mohamed**

Friday, April 6, 11:30 am – 1 pm

Betina Cutaia Wilkinson (*Chair*)

Heather Silber Mohamed, Adriano Udani, and Melissa R. Michelson

Roundtable: MPSA Latino/a Caucus Distinguished Career Award
Christine Sierra

Friday, April 6, 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

Andrea Silva (*Chair*)

Christine Sierra, Melissa R. Michelson, David L. Leal, and Dianne Marie Pinderhughes

Latino Mass Mobilization by **Chris Zepeda-Millan**

Saturday, April 7, 8-9:30 am

Nicole Kalaf-Hughes (*Chair*)

Chris Zepeda-Millan, Alvin Bernard Tillery, Luis Ricardo Fraga

Roundtable: MPSA Latino/a Caucus Distinguished Career Award
Michael Jones-Correa

Saturday, April 7, 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

David Cortez (*Chair*)

Michael Jones-Correa, Luis Ricardo Fraga, Sophia Wallace

Please join us for these panels and the Latino/a Caucus business meeting, Friday, April 6, 7:30 pm

We Want To Hear From You!

The MPSA Latino Caucus is looking to connect with its members to share interesting news about recent publications, surveys, experiments, and projects for our next newsletter.

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