

CURRICULUM VITAE (abbreviated)

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EDUCATION

1995. Ph.D. Columbia University, Political Science Department. Dissertation nominated for Bancroft Prize. 1992. M.Phil. Columbia University, Political Science.
1988. Master of Arts. Columbia University, Political Science.
1987. B.A. University of Delaware, Honors Degree, Economics and Political Science. Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Sociology, Immigration Studies and Public Affairs, Baruch College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY). September, 2009- present.
Associate Professor, September, 2004 to August, 2009.
Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, Barnard College. July, 1995, to June 2005.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, City College of New York. 1994 and 1995.
Adjunct Professor, Klingenstein Program, Department of Organization and Leadership, Teachers College, Summer 2003 and 2005.

MAIN AREAS OF RESEARCH

Latinos in the United States, education, the second generation, and the undocumented.
Racialization, ethnicity, masculinity and gender.
State-Diaspora relations, transnational life.
Voting Rights and Latinos, voting systems.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND GRANTS

2010-2012 National Science Foundation, Sociology Program. "Strengthening Qualitative Research: Assimilation and the Transition to Early Adulthood for Mexican Americans."
2009-2010 John Simon Guggenheim Fellow. Book Project Title: "Horatio Alger Lives in Brooklyn...But Check His Papers."
2007-2008 Russell Sage Foundation, Visiting Scholar. "Early Adulthood and Assimilation of Children of Immigrants."
2005-2010 William T. Grant Foundation. "Early Adulthood and Assimilation of Children of Immigrants." . Principal Investigator. supplement, 2008-2010.
2008-09 PSC-CUNY. Research Grant. "Undocumented Students and Higher Education." Principal Investigator.
2007—2008 PSC-CUNY. Research Grant. "The Social Construction of Developmental Contexts" Principal Investigator.
2005-06 PSC-CUNY Research Grant. "Moral Narratives, Adolescence and Mobility in the second generation." Principal Investigator.
2005-06 Carnegie Foundation. "Transnational and Local Dimensions of Immigrant Political Mobilization: Mexican, Pakistani and Liberian Experiences in New York." Co-Principal

2006. Investigator (with John Mollenkopf, Marilyn Gittell, Thomas Weiss)
CUNY Diversity Grant. “Undocumented Immigrants and CUNY.” Principal Investigator.
- 2002-2005. Oral History “Narrative and Memory Project on the World Trade Center Disaster.”
Rockefeller Foundation. Co-Investigator.
- 2002-2005. “Quantitative analysis of qualitative ethnographic and interview data.” Faculty Fellow,
Institute for Social and Economic Theory and Research, Columbia University. Principal Investigator.
- 2001-2003. “Mexican Health Project” United Hospital Fund to Lutheran Medical Center. Co-Principal Investigator (with Molly McNeese).
- 2001-2002. “Narrative Networks: Oral Histories of the World Trade Center Disaster.” National Science Foundation. Co-Investigator.
- 1998-2000. “Gender, race and ethnicity and social organization: determinants of second generation Mexican American educational and work mobility in New York City.” National Science Foundation, Social, Behavioral and Economic Research Directorate. Principal Investigator. 2000-2002. Supplement. .
- 1999-2000. “Gendered ethnicity at three strategic sites: Explaining variation in second generation Mexican American men and women's work and school mobility.” Social Science Research Council, Program in International Migration, Post-doctoral Fellowship.
- 1999-2000. Writing Grant for, *Mexican New York: Transnational Worlds of New Immigrants*, from Oral History Research Program, Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Rockefeller Foundation.
- 1999-2001. “Gendered ethnicity at three strategic sites: Explaining variation in second generation Mexican American men and women's work and school mobility.” National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship.

As a Graduate Student

- 1993-4. National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research, Sociology Program.
- 1992-1993. Visiting Research Fellow, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico (residence in New York). Dissertation writing grant.
- 1991-1992. Social Science Research Council, Research on the Urban Underclass, Dissertation Fellowship.

Undergraduate

- 1985-6. Dolan Scholar (full tuition senior year); Roland Award, Society for Study of Social Problems. Phi Beta Kappa.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Sociological Association
Latin American Studies Association
Eastern Sociological Association

PUBLICATIONS AND PRIZES

Books

2006. Smith, Robert Courtney. *Mexican New York: Transnational Lives of New Immigrants*. University of California Press.

WINNER of the 2006 W.I. Thomas and Florian Zaniecki Award of the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association for best book on migration.

Author Meets Critic Session on Mexican New York at the American Population Association Meetings, March, 2007.

Author Meets Critic Session on Mexican New York at American Sociological Association Meetings, August, 2007.

WINNER of the 2007 Robert Park Award of the Community and Urban Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association for the best book on community and urban sociology.

WINNER of the 2007 Baruch College Presidential Excellence Award for Distinguished Scholarship.

Co-WINNER 2008 Best Book Award of the Latino/a Section of the American Sociological Association

WINNER of the 2008 Distinguished Book Award from the American Sociological Association.

Published in Spanish as:

2006. Smith, Robert Courtney. *Mexico en Nueva York: Las Vidas Transnacionales de los Nuevos Inmigrantes*. Distrito Federal and Zacatecas: Miguel Angel y Purrua and University of Zacatecas.

2001. Hector Cordero-Guzman, Robert C. Smith, and Ramon Grosfoguel, editors. *Race and Ethnicity, Transnationalization, and the Political Economy of Immigration to New York in the 1990s*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Journal Articles

2008. Smith, Robert Courtney. Horatio Alger Lives in Brooklyn: Extra-family Support, Intra-Family Dynamics, and Socially Neutral Operating Identities in Exceptional Mobility Among Children of Mexican Immigrants. *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. November.

Reprinted in Inmigrantes en Estados Unidos y en España: protagonistas del siglo XXI, edited by Tomas Calvo Buezas and Isabel Gentil García. Eunote: Pamplona, 2010. pp.323-344

2008. Smith, Robert C. "Contradictions of Diasporic Institutionalization: The 2006 Mexican Migrant Vote and Other Forms of Inclusion and Control." May. *Racial and Ethnic Studies*.

Reprinted in: 2009. Jean-Michel LeFleur, editors. *The Transnational Political Participation of Immigrants: A Transatlantic Perspective*. London: Routledge.

2003. Smith, Robert C. "Migrant Membership as an Instituted Process: Migration, the State and the Extra-Territorial Conduct of Mexican Politics." *International Migration Review*. Summer. 37 (2): 297-343.

Reprinted in: 2005. *International Migration and the Globalization of Domestic Politics*, edited by Reynold Koslowski. New York and London: Routledge.

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Summer, 2011

2003. Smith, Robert C. 2003. "Diasporic Memberships in Historical Perspective: Comparative Insights from the Mexican and Italian Cases". *International Migration Review*. Fall. 37 (3): 722-757.
2000. Smith, Robert C. 2000. "How Durable and New is Transnational Life? Historical Retrieval through Local Comparison." *Diaspora*. 9 (2): 203-235.
Reprinted, in shortened form: 2001. "Local Level Transnational Life in Rattvik, Sweden and Ticuani, Mexico: An Essay in Historical Retrieval" in *New Transnational Social Spaces*, edited by L. Pries, 37-59. New York: Routledge.
1998. Smith, Robert C. 1998. "Transnational Localities: Technology, Community the Politics of Membership within the Context of Mexico-US Migration" *Journal of Urban and Comparative Research*. 6: 196-241. Edited by Michael Peter Smith and Luis Guarnizo. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.
Translation and Reprint: 2001. "Los Ausentes Siempre Presentes: Tecnologia, Comunidad, y la Politica de Miembresia en el contexto de la migracion Mexicana hacia Estados Unidos." In *Las Disputas por el Mexico Rural*, edited by Sergio Zendejas y Pieter Vandergeest, Zamora, Michoacan: El Colegio de Michoacan.
Reprint: 1998. "Transnational Localities: Community, Technology and the Politics of Membership Within the Context of Mexico-U.S. Migration," in *Encuentros Antropológicos: Power, Identity and Mobility*, edited by Valentina Napolitano and Xóchitl Leyva Solano. London: Institute of Latin American Studies.

Proceedings and Government Reports.

- 2012 Smith, Robert C. and Seguro Popular Research Team. Estudio del Nivel de Informacion Sobre El Seguro Popular Con Que Cuenta La Poblacion Migrante Mexicana de la Ciudad de Nueva York, EE.UU. Contract report for CIDE (Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economica), Mexico City, Mexico; on the knowledge of Mexican migrants in New York on the Seguro Popular programs in Mexico.
2004. Smith, Robert. C. "Complementary Articulation: Matching Qualitative Data and Quantitative Methods." In *Workshop on Scientific Foundations of Qualitative Research*, edited by Charles Ragin, Joane Nagel and Patricia White, pp 127-34. Arlington, VA: National Science Foundation.
- 1996 "Counting Migrant Farmworkers: Causes of the Undercount of Farmworkers in the Northeastern United States in the 1990 Census, and Strategies to Increase Coverage for Census 2000." *Final Report* to the Center for Survey Methods and Research, Statistical Research Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington DC.

Chapters in Books and Anthologies

2010. Smith, Robert C. Helping Mexican Youth in New York Succeed in School: Institutional, Organizational and Cultural Sites of Intervention. In *Helping Young Immigrants Succeed*. Palgrave. (Shorter version of chapter published in 2008 in Badillo, editor.)
2008. Smith, Robert C. "Latino Incorporation into the United States: Local and Transnational

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- Perspectives.” In Havidan Rodriguez, Rogelio Saenz and Cecilia Menjivar, editors, *Sourcebook on Latino/as in the U.S.* Springer.
2008. Smith, Robert C. “Helping Mexican Youth in New York Succeed in School: Institutional, Organizational and Cultural Sites of Intervention.” In David Badillo, editor. *Proceedings of a Conference on the Mexican Community in New York.* Bronx, NY: Lehman College.
2005. Smith, Robert C. “Racialization and Mexicans in New York City.” In *New Destinations for Mexican Migration*, edited by Ruben Hernandez Leon and Victor Zuniga. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Reprinted in Spanish, 2006:* “Racializacion y los Mexicanos en Nueva York” in *LATAMUSA: Los Latinos en las ciudades de los Estados Unidos*, edited by Cardenio Bedoya, Flavio Belpoliti, and Marc Zimmerman. University of Houston.
2003. Smith, Robert C. “Imagining Alternative Educational Futures for Mexicans in New York City.” Pp. 92-124 in *The Schooling of Mexican Children in New York State*, edited by Regina Cortina and Monica Gendreau. Staten Island, New York: Center for Migration Studies.
- Translation and reprint:* 2005. In *La Escuela y los Estudiantes Mexicanos en Nueva York.* Puebla: Universidad Iberoamericana de Puebla.
- Also Reprinted (in English) in:* 2005. *La Ley de Poblacion a Treinta Anos de Distancia: Reflexiones, Analisis, y Propuestas.* Editor, Luz Maria Valdes. Distrito Federal, Mexico: Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico.
2002. Smith, Robert C. 2002. "Social Location, Generation and Life Course as Social Processes Shaping Second Generation Transnational Life." Pp. 145-168 in *The Changing Face of Home*, edited by P. Levitt and M. Waters. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
2002. Smith, Robert C. “Race, Ethnicity and Gender in the School Outcomes of Second Generation Mexican Americans in New York.” Pp. 110-125 in *Latinos in the 21st Century*, edited by Marcelo Suarez-Orozco and Mariela Paez. Berkeley: University of California Press.
2001. Smith, Robert C. “Mexicans: Social, Educational, Economic and Political Problems and Prospects in New York.” Pp. 275-300 in *New Immigrants in New York*, edited by Nancy Foner. New York: Columbia University Press
2001. Smith, Robert C. "Current Dilemmas and Future Prospects of the Inter-American Migration System." Pp. 121-171 in *Global Migrants, Global Refugees*, edited by Aristide Zolberg and Peter Benda. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books.
- Translation and reprint (in shorter version).* Smith, Robert. 2000. “Dilemas y perspectivas del sistema migratorio de America del Norte. *Comercio Exterior.* Abril. Pp. 289-304.
2001. Smith, Robert C. “Migrant Membership as an Instituted Process: Comparative Insights from the Mexican and Italian Cases.” *Working Paper #01_06c.* Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University.
2001. Smith, Robert C., Hector Cordero Guzman and Ramon Grosfoguel. "Introduction." Pp. 1-31 in

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 Summer, 2011

Race and Ethnicity, Transnationalization, and the Political Economy of Immigration to New York in the 1990s, edited by Hector Cordero-Guzman, Robert C. Smith and Ramon Grosfoguel. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

1998. Smith, Robert C. 1998. "Reflections on the State, Migration, and the Durability and Newness of Transnational Life: Comparative Insights from the Mexican and Italian Cases." Pp. 198-217 in *Soziale Welt: Transnationale Migration*, edited by L. Pries. NOMOS Verlagsgesellschaft: Baden-Baden.
Translation and Reprint: 1999. "Reflexiones Sobre El Estado, Migracion, y la Durabilidad de la Vida Transnacional: Comparando el caso Mexicano y el caso Italiano." Pp. 55-87 in *Memorias del XX Congreso del Colegio de Michoacan*, edited by Gail Mummert. Zamora, Michoacan, Mexico: El Colegio de Michoacan.
1998. Robert C. Smith. "Comment." Pp. 145-155 in *Crossings: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Mexican Migration*. edited by Marcelo Suarez-Orozco. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
1997. Robert C. Smith. "Transnational Migration, Assimilation and Political Community." Pp. 110-132 in *The City and the World*, edited by Margaret Crahan and Alberto Vourvoulias-Bush. New York: Council on Foreign Relations Press.
1996. Robert C. Smith. "Mexicans in New York City: Membership and Incorporation of New Immigrant Group." Pp. 57-103 in *Latinos in New York*, edited by S. Baver and G. Haslip-Viera. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press.

Public Sociology Pieces

- 2010 Smith, Robert Courtney. America's Tragic "Natural Experiment" With the Children of Immigrants: Should We Create an Underclass or Help Our Children? ASA International Migration Section, Newsletter.
2010. Smith, Robert Courtney. Jeffersonian Science, Public Sociology, and Academic Careers: Some Insights and Suggestions for Potential Future Social Scientists. In *Sociologists in Action*. edited by Kathleen Korgan, Jonathan White, Shelley White. Pine Forge Press.
2009. Smith, Robert C. "Mexicans in New York." Encyclopedia of New York. edited by Kenneth Jackson. New Haven: Yale University Press.
2005. Smith, Robert C. "Transnationalism and Latinos." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the U.S.* Editors, Suzanne Oboler and Deena Gonzalez. New York: Oxford University Press.
2005. Smith, Robert C. "Undocumented Immigrants" In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the U.S.* Editors, Suzanne Oboler and Deena Gonzalez.. New York: Oxford University Press.
2003. Smith, Robert C. "Transnational Communities." Pp. 1402-1404 in *Encyclopedia of Community*, edited by K. Christensen and D. Levinson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
2002. Smith, Robert C. "Al Este de Aztlan: La Migracion Mexicana al Este de Estados Unidos." (*Aztlan*

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East: Mexican Migration to the East Coast) LETRAS LIBRES. Mexico City.

2001. Smith, Robert C. "'Mexican-ness' in New York: Migrants Seek New Place in Old Racial Order." *North American Congress on Latin America: Report on the Americas*. New York.
2000. Smith, Robert C. "The Transnational Practice of Migrant Politics and Membership: An Analysis of the Mexican Case with Some Comparative and Practical Reflections on Regional Development." Pp. 217-239 in *Migration and Regional Economic Development*, edited by Hector Rodriguez R. and Miguel Moctezuma Longoria. Zacatecas and Mexico City: Autonomous University of Zacatecas and the Senate of Mexico.
1998. Smith, Robert C. "Mexican Immigrants, the Mexican State and the Transnational Practice of Mexican Politics and Membership." *Latin American Studies Association Forum*. 29 (2): 19-21.
1997. Smith, Robert C. "Closing the Door on the Undocumented." *North American Congress on Latin America: Report on the Americas*.
1996. Smith, Robert C. "Street Vendors in New York City." *North American Congress on Latin America: Report on the Americas*
1993. Smith, Robert C. "Una comunidad transnacional." (A Transnational Community) *Ojarasca*. Mexico City.
1992. Smith, Robert C. "Mixteca in New York; New York in the Mixteca." *North American Congress on Latin America: Report on the Americas*
1992. Smith, Robert C. "Mexicanos En Nueva York." *NEXOS*. March. Mexico City, Mexico.

PUBLICATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT OR UNDER REVIEW

Books.

Horatio Alger Lives in Brooklyn, But Check His Papers. book being drafted, based on 15 years ethnographic work with immigrant youth moving through adolescence into early adulthood. Working with my editor, Naomi Schneider, University of California press.

Articles.

- 2011/12 Smith, Robert Courtney. Black Mexicans and Beyond: Black Mexicans and Beyond: Long Term Ethnographic Analysis of Evolving Ethnic and Racial Identities in Contemporary America. Revise and Resubmit, *American Sociological Review*.
- 2012 Smith, Robert Courtney, Ethnography, Epistemology, and Counterfactual Causality. Paper presented at the *American Journal of Sociology*/University of Chicago Conference on Ethnography and Causal Analysis. 3-12.

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UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENTAL AND SERVICE. (selected)

2004-2010 BARUCH COLLEGE, CUNY.

Committee Work and College/ University Service.

Promotion and Budget Committee, School of Public Affairs. 2008-2012.

Search Committee, Communications 2009-2010.

Admissions Committee, School of Public Affairs, 2009-2012.

Admissions Committee, Graduate Center, Sociology Department, 2009-2012.

FMC Committee, Graduate Center, 2006-2007.

Chair, Educational Program Review Committee 2006-07

Curriculum Committee, School of Public Affairs 2005-2007

Executive Committee, School of Public Affairs 2005-2007

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 2005-06

CUNY Chancellors Commission on Mexicans and Mexican Americans and Higher Education. 2004-present.

 Subcommittee on Scholarships

 Subcommittee on Outreach

Courses taught.

Immigration and American Institutions; The Peopling of New York (Honors Research Course); Public Administration; Capstone (thesis course); Ethnography; Children of Immigrants; Poverty and Public Policy; Research Methods.

Doctoral Students.

Principal Sponsor, CUNY.

Stephen Ruszczyk, CUNY Graduate Center, Sociology.

Allison Goodman, CUNY Graduate Center, Sociology.

Leslie Martino, CUNY Graduate Center, Sociology.

Guillermo Yrizar, CUNY Graduate Center, Sociology.

Hiroyuki Shibata, CUNY Graduate Center, Sociology

Principal Sponsor. Columbia Sociology Department.

Norma Fuentes (2005).

Cynthia Duarte (2007)

On Dissertation Defense Committee.

Ernesto Castaneda, Sociology, Columbia, 2010.

Joanna Dreby, Sociology, CUNY. 2007

Carolyn Turnovsky Pinedo, Sociology, CUNY, 2005.

Maggie Gray, Political Science, CUNY, 2005.

Andrew Korvetaris, CU Sociology. 2004.

Gustavo Cano, CU Political Science. (2008)

Sara Lee, CU Sociology, 2002.

Arturo Sanchez, CU Urban Planning. 2002.

Carol Hafford, TC, Anthropology. 2002.

Sarah Brewster, TC, Curriculum. 2002.

Sandra Lara, TC, Developmental Psychology. 2001.

Maritsa Poros, CU Sociology. 2001.

Richard Brender, Political Science, 2000.

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Jose Magadia, CU Political Science. 1999.
Jennifer Lee, CU Sociology. 1998.
Margaret Chin, CU Sociology. 1998.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2011-2013 Member, Award for Public Understanding of Sociology. ASA.

2012-13 ADVANCE Mentor (Prof. Nadia Flores).

2011 Chair, Robert Park Book Award Committee, ASA.

2009 Chair, Latino/a Section Best Book Award Committee.

2008-2011 Member, International Migration Council, ASA

2007 Chair, Thomas and Zaniecki Award Committee, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association.

2004. Social Science Research Council. Summer Institute on Migration. Institute Faculty Member. June.

2003-2005. National Science Foundation. Panelist, Review Panel, Sociology, Grants to Improve Doctoral Dissertation Research.

2003. "Workshop on Scientific Foundations of Qualitative Research" National Science Foundation. Conference to orient its new funding initiative on qualitative research. July.

1998-present. Associate Editor. *Global Networks: A Journal of Transnational Research*.

PROFESSIONALLY RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICE

2005-present. Member, CUNY Chancellor's Commission on Education and the Mexican and Mexican American Community.

2008 to present -- Lead Faculty on Mexican Leadership Project at Baruch School of Public Affairs

1999- Present. CoFounder. Mexican Educational Foundation and Mexican American Students Alliance.

2000. "Mexico's Relations with its diaspora in the United States: Past Errors, Future Potentials." Day long seminar in Mexico City with Transition Team of President-elect of Mexico, Vicente Fox.

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Consulting/Expert Testimony.

2011. Boone v Nassau. Voting Rights Act Case. Expert Witness for plaintiffs.

2006-07 United States Department of Justice, Expert Witness and Consultant, U.S. v. Port Chester.

Immigrant Court, expert witness testimony.