

Latin American Studies Association
Education and Education Policy Section
Report of Section Meetings held May 29-30, 2016
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The business and executive committee meetings of the LASA Education and Education Policy Section took place 29-30 May 2016 in New York City, USA. 44 members attended the business meeting and elected the new executive committee 2016-2017: Norberto Fernández Lamarra (Tres de Febrero National University—UNTREF, Argentina) Co-Chair; Dalila Andrade Oliveira (Minas Gerais Federal University, Brazil), Co-Chair; Jorge Enrique Delgado (University of Pittsburgh, USA / Pontifical Javeriana University, Colombia) Secretary-Treasurer; and Vera Lucia Felicetti (La Salle University Center—Unilasalle, Brazil), Adriana Chiancone (CLAEH University Institute, Uruguay), Yolanda Padilla (Autonomous University of Aguascalientes, México), Héctor R. Gertel (University of Cordoba, Argentina) y Oscar Espinoza (San Sebastian University, Chile) Council Members. In 2016, the section's Paulo Freire Education Awards were presented for the first time to: Professor Norberto Fernández Lamarra (UNTREF), who received the Lifetime Contribution to Education Research in Latin America Award and Julieta Briseño (Cinvestav, Mexico), who received the Best Study by Doctoral Candidate Award for her dissertation titled, "Community Interviews: Recovering School Community Knowledge. The Case of Indigenous Community Secondary Schools, Oaxaca, México." Committee members for the former award were Susan Street Naused (CIESAS-West, Mexico), Erwin H. Epstein (Loyola University Chicago, USA), Enrique Martínez Larrechea (CLAEH), Teresa González Pérez (University of La Laguna, Spain), Marilia Costa Morosini (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul—PCURFS, Brazil). On the other side, the committee members for the latter award were Ana María Fanelli (CONICET-CEDES, Argentina), Maria Estela Dal Pai Franco (Federal University of Rio Grande del Sur—FURGS, Brazil), Todd Sibley (Lado International College, USA), Denise Leite (FURGS), Héctor Gertel, and Vera Felicetti. Unilasalle contributed to the Best Study by Doctoral Candidate Award with a one-semester tuition-remission scholarship at Unilasalle. None other institution offered another scholarship of this type, even though all members were invited to participate. As it was agreed in previous meetings, awards will be granted annually. The Section had two highlighted panels in the LASA 50th Anniversary Conference that were organized by Pablo Gentili from CLACSO ("50 years of education reforms in Latin America: balance, challenges and perspectives") and Jorge Delgado ("Education debate and research in the last 50 years. Contributions of the LASA Education and Education Policy Section"). Since the Section did not participate in the evaluation of papers and organization of panels for the 2016 Conference, it was agreed with LASA directives that Norma Georgina Gutiérrez (National Autonomous University of Mexico) will serve as representative and track coordinator for the 2017 Conference in Lima, Peru. Likewise, Fernanda Saforcada (CLACSO, Argentina) and Bettina Dos Santos (PCURFS) were commissioned to organize the Section's highlighted panels for the LASA 2017 Conference whose theme will be "knowledges." Besides the Paulo Freire awards, one of the

Section's recent accomplishments was the updating of the website (<http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/sections/educacion-politicaseducativas/>). In the business meeting, the assembly recognized the excellent work of Oresta López in her two-year tenure as the Section's co-chair. Some of the projects the new executive committee 2016-2017 will carry out include developing the Section's strategic planning, social media and listserv, and publishing the newsletter. Likewise, the committee will work on implementing an election system to guarantee that all members can vote and candidates' resumes are disseminated before holding elections. The section's email address is educacionlasa@gmail.com.