

May 17, 2007

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Silvia Pedraza, associate professor of sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1980	University of Chicago
M.A.	1977	University of Chicago
M.A.	1971	University of Michigan
B.A.	1967	University of Michigan

Professional Record:

1992 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
1992 – 1994	Associate Professor, Program in American Culture, University of Michigan
1986 – 1992	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Program in American Culture, University of Michigan
1980 – 1985	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Washington University

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Pedraza is a dedicated educator and an effective classroom instructor and mentor. The recipient of two LSA Excellence in Education Awards, she brings to her pedagogy enthusiasm, knowledge, and accessibility that students, especially undergraduates, find stimulating and engaging. Several of her undergraduates in the honors program have received High Honors while others have received Eita Kron Prizes for best papers in sociology. She has also volunteered to mentor minority and other students in the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program. Along with colleagues in the executive office of the American Sociological Association, she developed, coordinated, and taught a Minority Opportunity Summer Training Program within the Department of Sociology and the Institute for Social Research.

Research – Professor Pedraza achieved early career distinction among scholars of American immigration for documenting the role of women in shaping migration flows and processes of adaptation. She was among the first to clarify the historic as well as contemporary differences between Mexican, Cuban, and other “Hispanic” immigrant groups, and to take ethnic studies “beyond black and white.” These have become textbook verities largely because of her scholarship. She continues to develop a theory of ethnic entrepreneurship that explains differences between Chinese vs. Koreans, Mexicans vs. Cubans, etc. in patterns of economic adaptation across immigrant groups from nominally similar world regions. Her forthcoming book on refugees from Castro’s Cuba over the past half-century is a rich analysis of the interplay of biography and history. As a mature scholar, she is highly visible in several disciplinary contexts among the leading scholars in Latin American Studies and the sociology of immigration.

Recent and Significant Publications:

False Hopes: Political Disaffection in Cuba's Revolution and Exodus, Cambridge University Press Series in Contentious Politics, forthcoming 2007.

"Assimilation or transnationalism? Conceptual models of the immigrant experience," in *Cultural Psychology of Immigrants*, R. Mahalingam (ed.), Lawrence Erlbaum, 2006.

"Migration: Gender aspects," *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, N. J. Smelser and P.B. Baltes (eds.), Vol. 19, Elsevier Press, 2001, pp. 9834-9839.

Origins and Destinies: Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in America, co-edited with R. Rumbaut, Wadsworth Publishing Company. 1996.

Service – Professor Pedraza's record of service is distinctive and distinguished. She received the President and Provost's Award for Service in 2005. She has been elected to the Michigan Faculty Senate and Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, and served as vice chair of both. She has served on the College's Review Committee for First-Year Seminars and on the Steering Committee of the Provost's Seminar on Teaching. Within the profession, she has been elected to office (Council) of the American Sociological Association (ASA) and has chaired two of the ASA's sections; she has held elected offices in the Midwest Sociological Association and the Social Science History Association.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

"Silvia is quite well known to scholars of immigration... ..[*False Promises*] represents a unique attempt to relate a migration...to the political conditions in the country whence it originates, and I think it will be well received and regarded as influential when it appears."

Reviewer (B)

"I do have a very positive impression of her work and have found it quite useful in my own thinking, research, and publication about immigration and race/ethnicity in recent years. ...I think her stature, which is already quite high, is going to increase considerably in the next few years, in part because of her new book and in part because it is clear that her publication trajectory is rising."

Reviewer (C)

"Professor Pedraza was one of the first to analytically insert gender into the migration debate. ... Her article ["Women and Migration," *Annual Review of Sociology*, 17, 1991] served as the foundation for much of what has been done in the subsequent two decades. It is a masterful synthesis of a broad field and one that clearly helped define the direction of future scholarship."

Reviewer (D)

"Pedraza has been a steady researcher over the years... Her new research project on immigrants in ethnic enterprises is both interesting and promising. ... She is sociable, friendly, service oriented, and extraordinarily generous with her time."

Reviewer (E)

"Pedraza is probably one of the four or five leading sociologists of Latino/a migration."

Reviewer (F)

“...her work on women immigrants was early and influential. Her first book on Cuban immigrants also belongs to the basic work on this subject. The new book makes a solid contribution to Cuban studies...”

Reviewer (G)

“This [*Origins and Destinies*] is certainly a timely study, and it will contribute to a sociological understanding of Cuban refugee generations at a moment when these people may have a significant influence on the country’s post-Castro development.”

Reviewer (H)

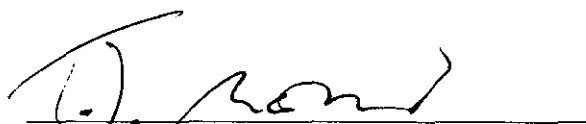
“Pedraza is indeed one of the most recognized scholars of migration and ethnicity in the United States. Her 1985 book on Mexican and Cuban immigrants in the U.S. offered a masterful integration of political and sociological analysis... Her work is equally or more influential than that of other sociologists of ethnicity and migration that have been full professors at research universities for many years...”

Reviewer (I)

“...Pedraza is an outstanding scholar and colleague, and her work mentoring students is exceptional. She would most certainly be promoted to Professor [at my institution]... Her work...has been very influential and shows maturity and continued vitality. Professor Pedraza is a sought-after, valued member of our scholarly community...”

Summary Recommendation:

Professor Pedraza stands among the leaders of scholarship in her field. She is a generative mentor of undergraduate students who win high honors and prizes for their independent work. Her record of service is exemplary. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Silvia Pedraza be promoted to the rank of professor of sociology, with tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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