

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**Sybil Rhodes**

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**Academic Appointments**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. Western Michigan University. 2002-present.

Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science. University of Brasília. Brazil. 1999.

**Education**

Ph.D. in Political Science, Stanford University, September 2002.

M.A. in Political Science, Stanford University, June 1998.

B.A. in Latin American Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 1992.

**Research & Teaching Interests**

Comparative Politics, especially political economy of development and democratization.

International Relations, especially international political economy and globalization.

Latin American Politics, especially interest groups, social movements, and public policy in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and Mexico.

**Publications**

*Book*

*Social Movements and Free-Market Capitalism in Latin America: Telecommunications Privatization and the Rise of Consumer Protest.* 2005/2006. Albany: State University of New York Press.

*Book chapters*

“Progressive Pragmatism as a Governance Model: An In-Depth Look at Porto Alegre, Brazil.” 2003. In *What Justice? Whose Justice? Fighting for Fairness in Latin America*. Edited by Susan Eckstein and Timothy Wickham-Crowley. Berkeley: University of California Press.

“Brazil’s Uneasy Relationship with the Other American Giant.”Forthcoming, November 2006. In *Global Perspectives on the United States*. Edited by Karen Christiansen and David Levinson. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Publishing group.

*Articles under review*

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**Conference papers**

“The Politics of Agricultural Biotechnology in Brazil, 1995-2005: Interests and Institutions as Explanations for Unexpected Policy Choices.” Presented at the congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15-18, 2006

“Expatriate politics: How democracies compete for citizen loyalties in a globalized world.” Presented at the

meeting of the International Studies Association, March 1-5, 2005, Honolulu, HI.

“Consumers and politics in Brazil.” Presented at the congress of the Latin American Studies Association, October 7-10, 2004, Las Vegas, NV.

“The comparative politics of formal and de facto multiple citizenships: How do countries treat their citizens who leave?” Presented at the meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2003, Philadelphia, PA.

“The politics of ‘Frankenfood:’ National interests, interest groups, and the genetically modified foods debate.” Presented at the meeting of the International Studies Association, March 24-27, 2002, New Orleans, LA.

“The emergence of consumer movements in Latin America.” Presented at the meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-Sept. 2, 2001, San Francisco, CA.

“Legislatures and telecommunications policy in Latin America.” Presented at the meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-Sept. 2, 2001, San Francisco, CA.

“State reform and the Latin American left in local government.” Presented at the congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Sept. 24-26, 1998, Chicago, IL.

### **Invited lectures**

“La política de la biotecnología en agricultura en Argentina y Brasil: Cómo se explican las diferencias sobre “OGMs?” Presentation at the Centro para la Apertura y el Desarrollo de América Latina, Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 2006.

“Expatriate policies: How governments treat their citizens who leave.” Public talk at Western Michigan University, sponsored by Latin Americanists at WMU. Kalamazoo, MI, March 24, 2005.

“American power and global security.” Member of discussion panel sponsored by WMU Institute of Government and Politics. Kalamazoo, MI, March 16, 2005.

“Giants of the American hemisphere: Brazil and the United States.” Presentation to the United Nations Association, Kalamazoo, MI, October 17, 2004.

“External pressures on Cuba.” Panel discussant at conference on “Globalization and the Americas,” Center for Latin American Studies, Michigan State University, October 2003.

“Privatización y movimientos de consumidores.” Presentation to the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Universidad Nacional del Nordeste, Corrientes, Argentina, December 2002.

“What the United States can learn from Latin America about fighting terrorism.” Public talk at Western Michigan University, sponsored by the Peace Center, September 2002.

“A political framework of telecommunications reform in Latin America.” Presentation to the Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, 1999.

“Oposição política e governo local.” Presentation to the Department of Political Science, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil, 1997.

"Desigualades e a política da educação." Presentation to the Fundação Joaquim Nabuco, Recife, Brazil, 1997.

### **Academic awards**

Western Michigan University Research Development Award (RDA), for project on regulation of biotechnology, 2005 (postponed until 2006)

Western Michigan University Faculty Research and Creative Activities (FRACASF) grant, for project on regulation of biotechnology in Argentina and Brazil, 2005.

ASTRA Faculty Research Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Western Michigan University, for project on expatriate policies and changing nature of citizenship, 2004; for travel to the International Studies Association meeting, March 2005.

Wolpe Faculty Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Western Michigan University, for project on expatriate policies and changing nature of citizenship, 2003; for travel to the Latin American Studies Association meeting, November 2004; for travel to the International Studies Association meeting, March 2005.

Fulbright Scholarship, Institute for International Education, for dissertation research in Brazil, 1999-2000

O'Bie Shultz Award in International Studies, Institute for International Studies, Stanford University, for dissertation research in Chile, 1999

Graduate Research Opportunity Grant, College of Humanities & Sciences, Stanford University, for dissertation research in Argentina, 1998

Graduate Student Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, for pre-dissertation research in Argentina, 1998

Social Science Research Council, International Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, for study of language and culture in Brazil, 1996-97

Title VI Foreign Language/Area Studies (FLAS) Scholarship, Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, for study of Portuguese in Brazil, 1995

Federico G. Gil Award for Best Senior Thesis on a Latin American Topic, Institute for Latin American Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1992

Johnston Prize, Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1991

Julia Crane Undergraduate Research Award, for honors thesis research in Mexico, Institute for Latin American Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1990

Phi Beta Kappa, 1989

University of North Carolina Leadership Fellow, 1988-92

### **Service**

<i>Western Michigan University</i>	Co-chair, Steering Committee, Women's Caucus, College of Arts & Sciences, 2005-2006. (Steering Committee Member, 2004-2005). Center for Teaching and Learning mentor for faculty teaching large classes, 2004-2005. Member, Theta of Michigan Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Chapter
<i>Department</i>	Faculty Advisor, International Politics Forum, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 Executive Committee, 2005-2006, 2004-2005. Honors Committee, 2005-2006, 2004-2005. Comparative Politics Graduate Field Committee, 2004-2005, 2003-2004. Comparative Politics Hiring Committee, 2004-2005, 2003-2004. Undergraduate Education Committee, 2002-2004.
<i>Professional conferences</i>	<p>"Public Policy in Brazil under Lula." Panel chair congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15-18, 2006</p> <p>"From Interest Groups to Street Mobs: Neoliberalism and Non-State Actors in Latin America." Panel discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 20-23, 2006, Chicago, IL.</p> <p>"Citizenship in Strange Lands." Panel chair at the meeting of the International Studies Association, March 1-5, 2005, Honolulu, HI.</p> <p>"The relationship between democracy, authoritarianism, and economic growth." Panel discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2004, Chicago, IL.</p> <p>"Civil society and democratic consolidation." Panel discussant at the meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2003, Philadelphia, PA.</p>
<i>Grant reviews</i>	National Science Foundation
<i>Book &amp; article reviews</i>	Prentice Hall; Broadview Press; <i>Latin American Research Review</i> ; <i>Journal of Political Science Education</i> ; <i>Politics &amp; Policy</i>
<i>Published book reviews</i>	<p>Review of Johnson III, Ollie Andrew (2001) <i>Brazilian Party Politics and the Coup of 1964</i>. In <i>Journal of Politics</i>. Vol. 65, Issue 4, pp. 1264-1297, November 2003.</p> <p>Review of Naím, Moisés (1993) <i>Paper Tigers &amp; Minotaurs: The Politics of Venezuela's Economic Reforms</i>. In <i>The Stanford Journal of International Affairs</i>. Vol. IV, Issue I, pp.128-131, 1995.</p>
<i>Member of professional associations</i>	<p>American Political Science Association (APSA) (Sections: Qualitative Methods; Comparative Politics of Developing Countries; Science, Technology and the Environment)</p> <p>Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Sections: Latin American Political Institutions; Economics and Politics; Brazil)</p> <p>Member, Executive Committee, Economics and Politics section (2006-2008)</p>

Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)  
International Studies Association (ISA)  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)  
Society for Women in International Political Economy (SWIPE)

## Teaching

*Classes taught at Western Michigan University*

Qualitative Methods (graduate)  
Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate)  
Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate)  
Latin American Politics (undergraduate)  
Critical Thinking about Politics (undergraduate)  
Core Seminar in Comparative Politics (graduate)  
Dissertation Proposal Workshop (graduate)

*Class taught at the University of Brasilia*

Paradigmas de Políticas Públicas (graduate, taught in Portuguese)

*Classes taught at Stanford University*

Design and Methodology for International Field Research (Chief instructor, undergraduate)  
International Relations (Teaching assistant for Professor Stephen Krasner & Professor Ron Mitchell, undergraduate)  
Latin American Politics (Teaching assistant for Professor Robert Packenham, undergraduate)  
Political Economy of Development (Teaching assistant for Professor Terry Karl, undergraduate)  
Politics in Central America (Teaching assistant for Professor Rubén Zamora, graduate and undergraduate)

## Previous professional experience

Immigration Counselor / Paralegal / Accredited Representative before the United States Board of Appeals, Catholic Charities Immigration Counseling Services, Dallas, Texas, 1992-94. Prepared briefs and represented clients in hearings for political asylum, suspension of deportation, and other immigration cases.

Live-in Manager (Volunteer), *Casa Ricardo Chacón* Shelter for Homeless Refugees from Central America, Fort Worth, Texas, 1992. Coordinated employment, social, and legal services for 20 refugees.

Intern, United States Department of State, Political Section of the Embassy in San José, Costa Rica, 1990. Assisted with training of Costa Rican police.

## Languages

Read, write, and speak Portuguese and Spanish

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