



Miguel A. Centeno

GRFP Recipient: 1984

Undergraduate Institution:
B.A. 1980, Yale College

Graduate Institution:
M.B.A. 1987, Ph.D. 1990,
Yale University

Graduate Field of Study:
Sociology

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Current Position:
Chair, Department of
Sociology, Princeton
University

RESEARCH INTERESTS //

Miguel A. Centeno's research interests primarily focus on how states work and function. His latest project centers on the development of Latin American states during the 19th century. Centeno has published many books in the areas of globalization and, through the Mapping Globalization project, has worked on improving the quantitative scholarship available on globalization. In 2000, Centeno founded the Princeton University Preparatory Program (PUPP), which provides intensive supplemental training for low-income students in local high schools.

A FOND MEMORY FROM MY EXPERIENCE AS A FELLOW //

"Graduate school was a dream for me. There is no way I would have been able to pursue it without the support of the NSF. I was accepted to Yale, but with minimal funding past tuition. Given my circumstances, I would have walked away from the greatest career I could ever have hoped for and for this I will always be grateful. Graduate school was a time for scholarship, but it was also a time of great friendships with faculty and fellow students and that may just be my deepest memory."

BROADER IMPACT OF MY WORK ON SOCIETY //

"Of my scholarly work, I think that the biggest contribution has been my focus on the state as an organization/institution worthy of analysis in and of itself. From my thesis on technocrats to my work on war and now my work on systemic risk, I focus on how things work and how these practices may lead to success or

failure. I hope that through my work, I have advanced conversations to beyond if something should be done or not and moved it to the equally important issue of how it might be done.”

“Scholarship is a luxury that I am very grateful to enjoy, but my most important contributions have been through my teaching and my work on college access. On the former, I have taught thousands in lecture halls and hundreds in one-on-ones in my office. I hope I have made a difference in the way people think about and perceive the world and that I have contributed at least a tiny bit to the transformation that education is supposed to bring about. Founding and helping to run PUPP is the professional accomplishment of which I am proudest. We have made a difference in hundreds of lives and it has allowed me to be a voice in the academic community in favor of expanding socio-economic diversity at leading universities.”

AWARDS/ HONORS //

- Musgrave professorship, Princeton University (2013)
- Martin Luther King Journey Award (2012)
- Fung Global Fellow, Princeton University (2012)
- Princeton Society of Fellows (2011)
- Conferencia Magistral, Universidad Católica de Chile (2008)
- Elected member, Sociological Research Association (2005)
- Bonner Foundation Award (2004)
- Jefferson Award for Community Service, Trenton Times (2004)
- Mattei Dogan Prize, honorable mention for “Blood and Debt” (2003)
- Advising Award, Department of Sociology, Princeton University (2001)
- Presidential Teaching Award, Princeton University (1997)
- Research Grant, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (1997)
- Leadership Award, Princeton University (1995)
- Nominated for Executive Council, Latin American Studies Association (1995)
- Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities (1995)
- Class of 1936 Bicentennial Preceptorship, Princeton University (1994)
- Fulbright Lecturing Fellowship, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow (1992)
- Visiting fellowship, University of California, San Diego - Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, (1989)
- Spencer Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation (1989)
- John F. Enders Fellowship (1989)
- Fulbright-Hays Fellowship (1988)
- Yale College Scholarship (1976)

POSITION PROFILE //

- 2012-present - Chair, Department of Sociology, Princeton University
- 2012 - Visiting professor, Korea University
- 2009-10 - Acting director, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University
- 2007-08- Visiting fellow, Instituto Interuniversitario Iberoamericano, University of Salamanca, Spain
- 2005-present - Professor, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University
- 2005 - Visiting professor, Korea University
- 2003-07 - Director, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University
- 2000-present - Founder, Princeton University Preparatory Program
- 1999-present - Director, International Networks Archive/ Mapping Globalization, Princeton University
- 1997-04 - Master, Wilson College, Princeton University
- 1997 - Visiting researcher, Universidad Di Tella, Buenos Aires
- 1993-97 - Residential faculty fellow, Mathey College, Princeton University
- 1992-93 - Visiting lecturer, Russian State Humanities University, Moscow
- 1990-present - Musgrave Professor (2013-), Professor (2001-2013), associate professor (1997-2001), assistant professor (1990-1997), Department of Sociology, Princeton University
- 1989-90 - Visiting fellow, Center for U.S. Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego
- 1988 - Visiting professor, Universidad Internacional de Mexico, Mexico City

