

Amy Lind – LASA VP Nomination

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Amy Lind is Mary Ellen Heintz Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Cincinnati (UC), where she is also a faculty affiliate of the Latin American, Caribbean, Indigenous, and Latino/a/x Studies Program, School of Public and International Affairs, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and College of Design, Art, Architecture, and Planning. She served as WGSS Department Head in 2015-18 and Provost Fellow in 2017-18. Since January 2019, she is Director of UC's Taft Research Center, a center that provides research support and programming in the humanities and social sciences at the university, in Cincinnati, and beyond.

Within LASA, Dr. Lind has held several leadership positions. She was elected to serve as Co-Chair of the Gender and Feminist Studies section and as Treasurer of the Sexualities section, in addition to participating in other sections including the Ecuador and Bolivia sections; Culture, Power, and Politics; *Otros Saberes*; Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples; and the Expert Witness section. She served on the organizing committees of two LASA Gender and Feminist Studies section pre-conferences, one in Rio de Janeiro, one in Washington, D.C. She also served on the Academic Freedom and Human Rights committee and on the Bryce Wood Book Award and LASA-Ford Special Projects review committees. Twice she served as Track Chair for LASA conferences: Once as the sole Chair of the Gender and Sexuality Studies track, another year as Co-Chair of the Feminist Studies track.

Dr. Lind's research is guided by three general themes: Gender, development and feminisms in the Americas; sexual/queer politics and global governance; and indigeneity, intersectionality, and sovereignty. She examines the relationship between postcolonial development and governance as they affect women's, LGBTQ+, and indigenous people's rights, identities, and notions of justice. Her research draws from cultural studies and political economy, and generally employs an intersectional and transnational feminist approach to studies of identity and social change.

Dr. Lind's first book, *Gendered Paradoxes: Women's Movements, State Restructuring, and Global Development in Ecuador* (Penn State University Press, 2005), is a multi-sited ethnography of women's organized responses to state and economic restructuring in Ecuador during the 1980-2005 neoliberal period. In it, she examines the contradictions of "development" as it is imagined and understood in the postcolonial Andes, particularly through women's organizing and resistance.

In four edited volumes, Dr. Lind has sought to engage questions that include how marginalized groups of people in the Global South resist and negotiate "development," how states and global institutions construct norms and govern identities, and what it means to "queer/cuir" analyses of development, immigration, international political economy, and political subjectivities.

Dr. Lind's current research focuses on struggles for autonomy and plurinationalism in the Andes, specifically in Ecuador, with secondary case studies in Bolivia and Chile. She has published on concepts of nation and plurinationalism, indigeneity and transnational studies, redefining the family in neoliberal and "postneoliberal" governance frameworks, and on thinking toward a more just, decolonial future.

Dr. Lind is a four-time Fulbright scholar. Through grants, fellowships, and other invitations, she has held visiting research and faculty positions at universities and graduate institutes including FLACSO-Ecuador (Quito, Ecuador), Posgrado en Ciencias del Desarrollo - Universidad Mayor San Andrés (CIDES-UMSA, La Paz, Bolivia), Centro de Estudios Superiores Universitarios - Universidad Mayor San Simón (CESU-UMSS, Cochabamba, Bolivia), and Institut de Hautes Études Internationales et du Développement/Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland. In this capacity, she has taught six graduate-level courses in Gender Studies, Politics, Andean Studies, and Development Studies MA and PhD programs. She has also consulted for United Nations agencies and she routinely serves as an expert witness for asylum cases in the United States, including cases focused on persecution on the basis of gender-based violence, ethnic/racial violence, political violence, and perceived sexual identity, gender identity, and/or HIV/AIDS status.

Dr. Lind is Co-Editor-in-Chief and a member of the editorial collective of *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. As Taft Research Center Director, she is also an elected board member of the international Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes. She holds a BA from the University of California at Santa Cruz and a PhD from Cornell University.