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Biography

Luis Ricardo Fraga is the Director of the Institute for Latino Studies, Acting Chair of the Department of Political Science, Notre Dame Professor of Transformative Latino Leadership, Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Political Science, and a Fellow at the Institute for Educational Initiatives. He has been on the faculty at the University of Washington, Stanford University, and the University of Oklahoma.

He received his A.B., cum laude, from Harvard University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Rice University. His primary interests are in American politics where he specializes in the politics of race and ethnicity, Latino politics, immigration policy, education politics, voting rights policy, and urban politics. He has published extensively in scholarly journals and edited volumes including the American Political Science Review, the American Journal of Political Science, Perspectives on Politics, The Journal of Politics, Urban Affairs Quarterly, Western Political Quarterly, Dubois Review, Journal of Women, Politics & Policy, and the Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy. He is also completing the co-authored manuscript Invisible No More: Latino Identities in American Politics as well as The Changing Urban Regime: Toward an Informed Public Interest, a history of the political incorporation of Tejanos in San Antonio city politics from 1836-2009.

In 2011 President Barak Obama appointed him to the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. He was co-chair of the Postsecondary Education Subcommittee. In 2011, Hispanic Business named him one of the top "100 Influentials" in the U.S. In 2008 Governor Christine Gregoire appointed him to Washington's New Americans Policy Council. In 2013, Seattle Mayor Michael McGinn appointed him to the Immigrant Voting Rights Task Force where he served as co-chair. He is a past president of the Board of Directors of OneAmerica, an immigrant rights and advocacy organization based in Seattle, WA.

Fraga is also one of six principal investigators on the Latino National Survey (LNS), the first-ever state-stratified survey of Latinos in the U.S. The LNS asks questions regarding political attitudes, beliefs, behavior, and policy preferences. This project received \$1.5M in support from major foundations and universities. Fraga has also received fifteen teaching, advising, mentoring, and service awards.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Research, Writing and Editing, Political Organization

Areas of Expertise

Latino Politics, Politics of Race, Politics of Ethnicity, Urban Politics, Educational Policy, Government Service, Public Service, Immigration Policy, Voting Rights Policy

Affiliations

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association

Event Appearances

The Changing American Voter in 2016 and Beyond

Hesburgh Lecture Series - University of Notre Dame Alumni Association

Restructuring the American Dream: Latino Values and Identities in a New America

Siglo XXI Inter-University Program for Latino Research Fifth Biennial Conference

Education in the 21st Century: Building a Common Destiny

Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education

Responsibilities of Leadership: Empowering the Professoriate for the 21st Century

Texas National McNair Scholars Research Conference

Building a Common Destiny and a Worthy Legacy: Education and Parent Engagement

Washington State Parent Teacher Association

Education

Rice University

Ph.D. Political Science

Rice University

M.A. Political Science

Harvard University

B.A. Government

Accomplishments

Recognition, Office of the Provost and Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity

Conferred by the University of Washington - 2014.

Recognition, Latino/a Faculty Staff Association

Conferred "For seven years of outstanding leadership and commitment as Associate Vice Provost at the University of Washington"

Juan Diego Award

Holy Rosary School, Tacoma Washington - 2013.

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