

Social and Public Policy Conference (continued)

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in several languages. His theoretical and empirical research has resulted in the development of a political sociology of education highlighted in his much-heralded book with Raymond Morrow, *Social Theory and Education* (State University of New York Press, 1995). He is considered one of the world's leading authorities on Latin American Studies and the principal biographer of Brazilian philosopher and critical social theorist Paulo Freire. Among his recent publications are: *Globalizations and Education: Collected Essays on Class, Race, Gender, and the State* (Teachers College Press, 2008), *Education and Neoliberal Globalization* (New York and London: Routledge, 2008), and *Social Justice Education for Teachers: Paulo Freire and the Possible Dream* (Sense Publisher, 2008). In addition, he has participated and presented papers and has been a keynote speaker regularly for the last twenty-five years in national and world congresses of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología (ALAS), Comparative International Educational Society (CIES), International Council of Comparative Education Societies, International Political Science Association (IPSA), International Sociological Association (ISA), and Latin American Studies Association (LASA). From 1995 until 2005, he served as Director of the University of California, Los Angeles Latin American Center.

Winds, Mountains, Oceans, Rivers: Ecologies and Their Social Impacts in the New World: A Symposium in Honor of James B. Richardson III

Coordinated by Joseph Alter and Donna Yurko (Department of Anthropology)

Building on the work of **Dr. James B. Richardson III**, this symposium—held on March 20, 2009—focused on recent and ongoing research dealing with questions about the relationship between ecology and society in the Caribbean and southern, central, and northern America. Professor Richardson has conducted extensive research in Peru on economic development, contact and interconnections between and among societies, geoarchaeology, and maritime and riverine adaptations. Bringing together a number of Dr. Richardson's former students as well as other leading scholars in the field, the symposium addressed the impact that environmental factors have on the dynamics of economic, political, and social organization in different contexts.

James B. Richardson III came to the University of Pittsburgh as an assistant professor of anthropology in 1967 and received his PhD from the University of Illinois in 1969. In 1971, he was appointed a Core Faculty member of the Center for Latin American Studies. In 1978, he assumed the position of Chief Curator of the Section of Anthropology at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History (CMNH) and, in 1979, was appointed a full professor in the Department of Anthropology. His career has been distinguished by his dedication both to the University and CMNH. At the University, he has served as chair on over 20 PhD and 15 Master's committees since 1978 and as a committee member on an additional 28 PhD and 10 Master's committees. In 1988, along with Drs. Dick Drennan, Jeremy Sabloff, and Marc Bermann, Professor Richardson was instrumental in the establishment of the Latin American Archaeology Program.