

Biosketch: Dr. José A. Padín

Dr. José A. Padín is director of Chicano Latino Studies and an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, both at Portland State University. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1998. As a teacher, researcher, and activist, his primary interests are (1) promoting economic development with equality and (2) promoting anti-racism and immigrant rights as human rights. As a researcher he has been working with several school districts to help them understand the reasons why the children of Latin@ immigrants feel alienated in schools and how this can be changed. In addition, he investigates and exposes racist bias in the mass media. He teaches courses on race, ethnicity, immigration, nationalism, social inequality, Latin American sociology, and popular music. He is a member of the Portland Worker's Rights Board, and directs the Oregon Leadership Institute at Portland State University, a mentoring program for Latin@ high school students. In his spare time he is an avid *salsero*, carries three congas on his back, and is always looking for a good *rumba callejera* (or reguetón jam). He is from Bayamón, Puerto Rico.