

PROGRAM

Saturday, April 24

Join us through this [Zoom](#) link.

9:15am Welcome, Professor **Beverly Nagel**,
Dean of the College

9:30 am **Yerling Aguilera**, "2018
Participants of the Protests in Nicaragua:
Motivations and Demands for Taking to the
Streets"

10:15 am **Mary Ellsberg**, "Ending Violence
Against Women and Girls: Lessons Learned
from 30 Years of Research and Activism in
Nicaragua"

11:00 am Roundtable with Eric Mosinger

All Events Are Open To The Public

For further questions, contact this year's Foro
Latinoamericano organizer, Professor Eric
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Fighting Public and Private Violence in Nicaragua

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Dr. Mary Ellsberg is the Founding Director of the Global Women's Institute at George Washington University. Dr. Ellsberg has more than 30 years of experience in international research and programs on gender and development. Before joining the University in August 2012, Dr. Ellsberg served as vice president for research and programs at the International Center for Research on Women. Dr. Ellsberg's deep connection to global gender issues stems not only from her academic work but also from living in Nicaragua for nearly 20 years leading public health and women's rights advocacy. She was a member of the core research team of the World Health Organization's Multi-Country Study on Domestic Violence and Women's Health, and she has authored more than 40 books and articles on violence against women and girls. Dr. Ellsberg earned a doctorate in epidemiology and public health from Umea University in Sweden and a bachelor's degree in Latin American studies from Yale University.



Yerling Aguilera (29 years old). She holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the Central American University, Nicaragua, and a master's degree in Social Science Research from the University of Valladolid, Spain. For both her BA and MA theses, she explored the uses of historical memory and the participation of women in the Sandinista guerrilla in Nicaragua during the 1970s. Prior to her political exile, she taught courses in both the Polytechnic University and the Central American University in Nicaragua. Her most recent research was a mixed-methods research project for the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation which focused on the participants of the 2018 Nicaraguan protests. She currently works as a researcher for "Hora cero," a digital communication platform about political events.

Each year, students, faculty and alumni of the Latin American Studies Program convene to share in an academic experience that brings to the fore and to campus a major topic, event, and country of Latin America. Originally designed as a capstone experience for the students of the program, we have expanded the Foro to include our alumni and the program's entire faculty in order to give it a truly communal sense. The Foro will also provide the Carleton community at large with the opportunity to participate in a major event involving Latin America.

The mass protests in Nicaragua that began in 2018 were violently extinguished by the Ortega regime but the demands for reforms have only picked up steam and young people, human rights activists, and other critics of the regime continue to put pressure on his authoritarian government. Building on Nicaragua's revolutionary past, current protesters demand revolutionary changes. In this year's Foro, we will learn more about the mass protests that began in 2018 as well as the fight for women's rights in light of the recent political upheaval. What does the future hold for Nicaragua? Join us this year to learn more about Nicaragua today.