

# SHEILA AMIN GUTIÉRREZ DE PIÑERES, PhD

## **Education**

**Ph.D.** Duke University: Economics, 1992

**M.A.** University of Chicago: Economics, 1989

**B.A.** Texas A&M University: Economics, 1988 (*summa cum laude*)

Language Skills English: Native

Spanish: Fluent

Gujarati: Basic

## **Administrative Appointments**

Executive Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Strategic Initiatives & Dean of Faculty, Austin College, 2017-

Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, Austin College, 2013- present

Dean of Undergraduate Education, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2010-2013

Interim Dean of Libraries, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2010

Program Head for Public Policy and Political Economy, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2009-2010

Associate Provost, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2008–2010

Associate Provost for Enrollment Services, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2006-2008

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in EPPS, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2002-2005

Program Head for Economics and Finance, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2000-2002

## **Faculty Appointments**

Professor of Economics, Austin College, 2013

Professor of Political Economy and Economics, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2007

Associate Professor of Economics, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2000

Assistant Professor of Economics, The University of Texas at Dallas, 1996

Assistant Professor of Economics, The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 1992

## **Professional Development, Fellowships & Recognitions**

Harvard Institute for Educational Management, Summer 2015

Emeritus Fellow, University of Texas System Academy of Distinguished Teachers, 2014-current

Founding Fellow, University of Texas System Academy of Distinguished Teachers, 2013

American Council of Education Fellow, Host Institution: University of Central Florida, 2011-12

Mary McDermott Cook Distinguished Chair for Undergraduate Education and Research, 2010-2013

University of Texas System Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, 2010

Special Faculty Development Assignment (competitive sabbatical), 2005

College of Social Sciences Students' Choice Teaching Award, 1997

Fulbright Research/Lectureship to Colombia- Universidad Javeriana & Universidad del Norte, 1994

Jacob Javits Fellowship, 1988-1992

HB Earhart Fellow, 1988- 1990

## **Professional Positions, Service, & Memberships**

### **Positions**

Board Member: Association of Chief Academic Officers, 2017

Board Member: American Conference of Academic Deans, 2015-2017

President: Midwest Association of Latin American Studies, 2012

Acting President & Vice-President: Midwest Association of Latin American Studies, 2011

Executive Board: Midwest Association of Latin American Studies, 2009

Board of Directors: The North Texas Chapter of the Fulbright Association, 2007

Advisory Board Member: The J. McDonald Williams Institute 2006-08

Board Member: The Inter-American Network for Public Administration Education (INPAE) steering committee for NASPAA, 2000-02

University Representative: The Atlantic Council, 1997-13

### **Service**

External Reviewer for UT System Regents Outstanding Teaching Awards, 2014, 2015, 2016

Reviewer for Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grants, 2015

KECK Foundation grant reviewer- 2014

SACS off-site committee member/reviewer- multiple years

ACE Fellows Program Application Reader, 2013, 2014

Reviewer for UT Tyler Excellence in Teaching Awards and Teaching Innovation Awards, 2014

### **Memberships**

Program Chair, The Annapolis Deans' Meeting, 2016

Chicago Leaders (C-level University of Chicago alumni group), 2014-

National Delegate for College Board Academic Assembly, 2012

Charter member Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society, UT Dallas, 2011-13

McDermott Honors Council faculty, 2008-13

Member, Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations, 2001-current

Faculty Associate, Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies, UT Dallas, 1996-13

### **Panels and Presentations (Select)**

CASE District IV Conference, March 5-7, 2017

Panel: Where Advancement and Academic Affairs Meet: A Successful Case Study

AAC&U 2017 Annual Conference, January 25-28, 2017

Panel: Improving Low-Income Access and Attainment at Selective Liberal Arts Colleges: Lessons from Successful Colleges

ACAD Dean's Institute at AAC&U Annual Conference, January 25, 2017

Leader Roundtable Discussion: Diversity In and Out of the Classroom

CIC Institute for Chief Academic Officers, November 5-8, 2016 (in absentia)

Invited Panel: Building a Faculty Compensation Structure

Annapolis Group Annual Dean's Meeting, June 20-21, 2016

Panel: Shared Governance: Deans' Perspective

Academic Chairpersons Conference, February 3-5, 2016

Parallel plenary presentation: Career Trajectory- Aspiring Deans

ACE Institute for New Chief Academic Officers, December 2-3, 2015

Invitation to facilitate panel and small-group discussion with newly appointed CAOs

ACE Council of Fellows Weekend: Transforming Institutions, May 30-June 1, 2014

Invited Panel: Advice to Incoming ACE Fellows from Current and Former Fellows

Annapolis Group Meeting, June 16-18, 2014

Invited Panel: The Changing Character of Shared Governance: Advancing Conversations and Collaborations with Faculty

### **Summary of Select Leadership and Administrative Accomplishments**

#### **Leadership and Strategic Initiatives**

- [Gateways](#): (AC-ongoing) Envisioned and implemented a program that offers AC students preferred access to graduate and professional programs (~20 partner universities and over 90 programs)
- [CREATE@AC](#): (AC-ongoing) Center for Research, Experiential, Artistic, and Transformative Education- Institutionalized faculty driven initiative to enhance high impact practices across the disciplines
- [Comet Connection](#): (UTD-ongoing) Developed first and only state-wide four year- two year partnership agreement signed by all two-year colleges in Texas (59% enrollment yield)
- [Comet Cupboard](#): (UTD-ongoing) Established a food pantry for students which is donor funded and staffed by student volunteers (AY 15-average 1300 users; 10,000 visits, and 200 student volunteers)
- [Navigating Chaos: Aviation's Response on 9/11](#): (UTD) carried live on C-SPAN on Sept 11, 2009

## **Advancement and Alumni Relations**

- Grants (Academic Affairs): (AC) Developed a collaborative relationship with the Director of Foundation Relations resulting in a 30% funding rate over three years
- Alumni Engagement: (AC) Active and strategic engagement of alumni leading to increased participation over the last three years
- Board Relations: (AC) Provide leadership of board of trustee committees resulting in 1:1 relationship building that translates into direct funding of academic programs
- Donor Relations: (AC) Cultivate individual donors and foundations, secure major gifts, and build relationships with alumni, parents, industry partners, community, and the region

## **Faculty Development**

- Shared Governance: (AC) Implemented a comprehensive system of shared governance through changes in current practices and committee structures; supporting a general education curriculum revision
- Faculty Development & Recognition: (AC) Implemented Faculty Compensation Study and addressed 98% of salary inversion between associate and assistant professors; Developed a process for supporting recognition of faculty excellence in teaching, resulting in [CASE Texas Professor of the Year 2015](#) and [Piper Professor Award](#) recipient in 2016
- Faculty Diversity Hiring: (AC-ongoing) Increased faculty diversity from 8% to 16% in three years, a 100% increase
- Grants (Academic Affairs): (AC) Awarded \$2.6 million (8/2013 to 11/2016)
- Faculty Recognition: (UTD-ongoing) Established [Provost's Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring](#);

## **Student Outcomes**

- Student Success Metrics: (AC) Average retention rate increased to 84% (2013-15) from 81% (2010-12) and 4-year graduation rate increased by 3% to 66% for 2012 cohort; (UTD) Retention increased to 89% from 83% for FY10 to FY12 class; diversity increased by 10% from FY11 to FY 13; Four-year graduation rates increased from 45% to 50.6% for FY12; Increased National Merit finalists in freshman class by 150% from 2006 to 2008; Increased undergraduate enrollment in EPPS by 80% from spring 2003 to fall 2004
- Student Support Programs: (AC) Established [Scarborough Center for Writing](#), Learning Commons in Library; VPAA Student Advisory Council; (UTD-ongoing) Established [Student Success Center](#), [Certificate in Critical Communications](#), [Dine with the Deans](#), [SOAR](#) Center for At-Risk Students, [Mary McDermott Cook Outstanding Student Award](#)

## **Teaching and Mentoring**

- Proven track record of continuous mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students at AC and UTD
- Founding Fellow, University of Texas System Academy of Distinguished Teachers
- University of Texas System Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award

## **Capital Project Management**

- AC: Abell Library: Learning Commons; Hopkins Hall: Learning Focused refresh; Forster Art: Landscaping; Moody Building Complex: Leadership & QUAD plan
- UTD: Student Success Center: expansion; McDermott Library: refresh; Welcome Center: version 1

## **Service and Community Outreach**

### **Community Service and Speeches (Select)**

American Association of University Women, meeting, 2014 "New Initiatives at Austin College"

Opening Convocation, Austin College, 2013 "*El que espera mucho puede esperar poco*"

Women Get Connected-Texoma, 2013, "The evolving landscape in higher education and my journey from public to private"

Kiwanis Club meeting, 2013, "Why choose a private residential liberal arts college"

Opening Welcome- 27th Texas Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics, 2013

Northwood Women's Club, member, 2012-2014

Lewisville Independent School District Strategic Redesign Committee, member, 2012

### **State-wide Service**

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee, 2016-19  
LEAP Texas Institutional Liaisons Meeting  
Statewide Transfer Advisory Committee  
Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board) Reviewer for URRS reports for Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

### **Austin College Service (2013-current)**

Board of Trustees Academic Program and Educational Outcomes Committee  
Board of Trustees Promotion and Tenure Committee  
SACS Liaison  
College Space Study Committee  
Curriculum Committee (Chair)  
Faculty Compensation Study Taskforce (Chair)  
Faculty Review and Promotion Committee (Chair)  
First Year Experience (Co-Chair)  
Moody Visioning Taskforce (Chair)  
Strategic Planning Committee  
Served as Interim Executive Director of Institutional Research and Registrar  
Served as Interim Principal Designated School Official for SEVIS

### **The University of Texas at Dallas Service (1996-2013)**

#### **UT System committees:**

E-Advising  
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Attended various other committees at request of Provost

#### **University Committees**

Athletic Advisory Committee	Health Professional Advisory Committee
Academic Council	Honors Council Faculty
Auxiliary Services Committee	Housing Committee
Behavioral Assessment Intervention Team	Mentoring: Women and Minorities
Calendar Committee	Mid-year Probationary Review Committees- various
Campus Enhancement Committee	PeopleSoft Implementation- Steering Committee
Committee on Academic Integrity Scholarship	President's Special Committee on Student Recruitment
Committee on Committees	SACS Committee
Committee on Educational Policy	Select Committee on Tuition and Fees
Committee on Student Scholarships	Strategic Enrollment Management Committee
Committee on the First Year Experience	Student Advisory Committee
Compliance Committee	Student Auxiliary Services Committee
Core Curriculum Committee	Student Life Awards Committee
Council on Undergraduate Education	Tenure Committees –various
Faculty Mentoring Program- Faculty Mentor	
Faculty Senate	

#### **School Committees**

Committee for Development Concentration/Committee for Industry and Business Concentration  
Committee for Masters of Applied Economics/Committee for PhD in Economics  
Committee for Promotion and Tenure- various  
Committee of Theory Exam (Chair)  
Committee on the Quality of Teaching (Chair)  
Committee to design and develop BA & MA in International Political Economy  
Program Committee for Political Economy and Public Policy

## **Publications (Select)**

### **Books**

*Guns, Thugs, and Development in Colombia*, Jennifer S. Holmes, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, and Kevin Curtin, The University of Texas Press, January 2009 (c2008).

*Export Dynamics and Economic Growth in Latin America: A Comparative Perspective*, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres and Michael Ferrantino, Ashgate Publishers, April 2000.

### **Refereed Articles**

Designing a blended academic transition seminar for first-year university students, Wakefield, J.S., Knezek, G.A., & Pineres, S.A. : *International Journal on E-Learning*, 15:2, 483-508 (2016).

Violence and the state: Lessons from Colombia, Jennifer S. Holmes & Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres: *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, 25:2, 372-403 (2014), [DOI: 10.1080/09592318.2013.857939](https://doi.org/10.1080/09592318.2013.857939)

Medellín's Biblioteca España: Progress in Unlikely Places, Jennifer S. Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development* 3(1):2, 2014 DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5334/sta.cz>

Security and Economic Voting: Support for Incumbent Parties in Colombian Presidential Elections, Jennifer S. Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Democratization*, **20/6** (October 2013): 1117-1143

Party System Decline in Colombia: A Sub-national Examination of Presidential and Senate Elections from 1994 to 2006, Jennifer S. Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Democracy and Security*, Volume 8, Issue 2 (2012): 175-190.

A Cross-national Panel Study of Devaluations on Disaggregated Export Sectors: A Case for Sector Specific Policies, Manuel Cantavella-Jordá, M. and Sheila Amin Gutierrez de Piñeres *Applied Econometrics and International Development*. Vol. 12-2(July-December of 2012).

Conflict Induced Displacement & Violence in Colombia, Jennifer S. Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, Volume 34, Issue 7 (July 2011): 572-586.

Short-run Effects of Devaluation: A Disaggregated Analysis of Latin American Exports, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres and Manuel Cantavella, *Applied Economics*, Jan-Feb 2010, Vol. 42, No. 1-3, pp. 133-142.

Reform and Development: The Latin American Experience, Jennifer S. Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Democracy Review* (in English and Arabic) Al Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies in Egypt, Vol 28, 2007.

Export-Led Growth: Are the results robust across methodologies and/or data sets? A Case Study of Latin America, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres and Manuel Cantavella, *Applied Economics*, July 2007, Vol. 39, Issue 12, pp. 1475-1500.

A Subnational Study of Insurgency: FARC Violence in the 1990's, Jennifer S. Holmes, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, and Kevin Curtin, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, March 2007, Vol.30, No.3, pp. 249-265.

Deepening Democracy and Reforming Public Administration: Applying the Balanced Scorecard Approach to the Americas, Jennifer S. Holmes, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, and L. Douglas Kiel, *International Journal of Public Administration*, 2006, Vol. 29, No. 12, pp. 1125-1145.

Drugs, Violence, and Development in Colombia: A Department Level Analysis, Jennifer S. Holmes, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, and Kevin Curtin, *Latin American Politics and Society*, 2006, Vol. 48, No. 3, pp. 157-184.

What a Difference a Source Makes! An analysis of export data, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Applied Economics Letters*, January 2006, Vol. 13, No. 1, pp. 35-40.

The Illegal Drug Industry and the Economy in Colombia: A Department Level Analysis, Jennifer Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, Jan 2006, Vol. 25, Issue 1, pp. 104-118.

The Democratic Development Scorecard: A Balanced Method for Assessing National Development in Democracies, Jennifer Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *International Journal of Social Economics*, January 2006, Vol.33, Issue 1, pp. 54-76.

Sources of Fujimori's Popularity: Neoliberal Reform or Ending Terrorism? Jennifer S. Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Terrorism & Political Violence*, Winter 2003, Vol. 14, No. 4, pp. 93-112.

Government Regulations and FDI: A History of Mexico, Juan Espana, Joel Nicholson, and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *International Journal of Public Administration*, Special Issue on Latin America, Jack Rabin and Thomas Vocino, Eds., 2000, Vol. 23, No. 12, pp. 2171-2207.

Commodity Composition of Trade: A Comparative Analysis of Latin America, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres and Michael Ferrantino, *Latin American Business Review*, 2000, Vol.1, No. 3, pp. 1-16.

Export Sector and Domestic Growth: Can Granger-Causality Capture the Structural Dynamics? The Case of Colombia, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres and Michael Ferrantino, *Review of Development Economics*, October 1999, Vol. 3, No.3, pp. 268-280.

Externalities in the Agricultural Export Sector and Economic Growth: A Developing Country Perspective, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Agricultural Economics*, 1999, Vol. 21, pp. 257-267.

Do Government Policies Distort Relative Factor Prices: Evidence from Colombia, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres and Chris Giosa, *Applied Economics*, June 1999, Vol. 31, pp. 755-759.

Export Diversification and Structural Dynamics in the Growth Process: A Case Study of Chile, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres and Michael Ferrantino, *Journal of Development Economics*, April 1997, Vol. 52, No. 2, pp. 375- 391.

Country of Origin Attitudes in Mexico: The Malinchismo Effect, William Bailey and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Journal of International Consumer Marketing*, 1997, Vol. 9, No. 3, pp. 25- 43.

Export Diversification Trends: Some Comparisons for Latin America, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres and Michael Ferrantino, *International Executive*, July/August 1997, Vol. 39, No. 4, pp. 465-477.

Externalities in the Export Sector and Long Run Growth Rates, Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Singapore Economic Review*, April 1996, Vol. 41, No. 1, pp. 13-24.

Externalidades en el Sector de Exportaciones y Crecimiento en el Largo Plazo: Un Caso de Colombia Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Ensayos de Economica*, 1994, Vol. 5, No. 8, pp.11- 26.

### **Book Chapters**

Economic Development and Democracy in Latin America, Michael Ferrantino and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres in *Latin American Democracy: Emerging Reality or Endangered Species?* Revised 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Edited by Richard Millett, Jennifer Holmes and Orlando Perez, Routledge, 2015.

Violence and Sectoral Development in Colombia (peer reviewed- invited publication) Jennifer S. Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres in *Economic Development Strategies and the Evolution of Violence in Latin America* Palgrave Macmillan, edited by William Ascher and Natalia Mirovitskaya, 2012

Feminism in Latin America: Equity, Justice and Survival in *Latin American Democracy: Emerging Reality or Endangered Species?* Edited by Richard Millett, Jennifer Holmes and Orlando Perez, Routledge, 2009, pp119-140.

Poverty, Participation, Inequality, and Democracy in Latin America: The Importance of Regional and Sub-National Views, Jennifer S. Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres in *The Politics of Development: poverty, inequality and democratic governance in developing societies*. Eds Roberto Espíndola and Ronaldo Munck. Routledge, 2007.

Corruption: is dollarization a solution? Jennifer Holmes and Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, *Institutions, Globalization, and Empowerment*, Eds Kartik C. Roy, Jörn E. Sideras. Cheltenham, England and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishers, 2006.