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Bio

BIO

Elizabeth received her B.A. in Business Administration from the Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez and her M.A. in Latin American Studies from San Diego State University. Her research interest is on grassroots resistance movements in Latin America, particularly indigenous resistance and struggles. Elizabeth has been working since 1997 on education and health projects in indigenous communities of Chiapas, Mexico, and has participated in several forums and conferences advocating for the rights of indigenous peoples in Latin America.

CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

Elizabeth provides administrative leadership for the Center. She oversees Center programming, administering various fellowship and grant programs and visiting professorships, including a U.S. Department of Education National Resource Center grant, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, and the Tinker Visiting Professorship. She directs undergraduate and graduate degree programs, manages the Center's budget, fundraising, and outreach, and supervises the administrative staff. She supports and advises the Director in developing and setting program priorities, in policy and decision making, in liaising with other units on campus, and in representing the Center on and off campus. She serves as an academic advisor for LAS degree candidates.