



## Announcing Recipients of the Annual LeoGrande Prize and LeoGrande Award

American University's School of Public Affairs and Center for Latin American & Latino Studies are pleased to announce the 2014 recipients of the William M. LeoGrande Prize for the best book on U.S.-Latin American relations, and the William M. LeoGrande Award for the best scholarly book or article on Latin American or Latino Studies published by a member of the American University community, for 2013-2014.

Alan McPherson, Professor of International and Area Studies and ConoPhillips Petroleum Chair of Latin American Studies at the University of Oklahoma, is this year's winner of the LeoGrande Prize. With this prize Professor McPherson is recognized for his book, *The Invaded: How Latin Americans and Their Allies Fought and Ended U.S. Occupations* (Oxford University Press, 2014). An illuminating account of the varied responses and resistance to the U.S. occupations of Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Guatemala, the book explores the variety of motivations beyond nationalism that catalyzed local resistance to the U.S. presence. In so doing it offers a persuasive and powerful argument about the difficulties of transforming values through political reform imposed from without, and for the consequences and likely failure of such occupations.

Eileen Findlay, Associate Professor of History in AU's College of Arts and Sciences, is the 2014 recipient of the LeoGrande Award. Professor Findlay receives the award for her book *We Are Left without a Father Here* (Duke University Press, 2014), which offers an analysis of the circumstances of mid-twentieth century labor migration from Puerto Rico to the U.S. and explores this case as an opportunity to understand in greater depth the intersections of gender, the politics of workers, Puerto Rican populism, and U.S. colonialism.

The William M. LeoGrande Award and the The William M. LeoGrande Prize were established in 2012 to honor William M. LeoGrande's tenure as Dean of American University's School of Public Affairs from 2003 to 2012. The endowed award was made possible through the financial support of alumni, friends, and colleagues of Professor LeoGrande. One of the world's most accomplished scholars in Latin American politics and U.S. foreign policy, Professor LeoGrande continues to serve as a professor of government at American University.