Nominations Call for the William M. LeoGrande Award

The School of Public Affairs and the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies at American University are pleased to announce the competition for the 2020 William M. LeoGrande Award for the best book or peer-reviewed article in Latin America or Latino Studies published by a member of the American University Community. The $2,000 award will be given annually to the author of a book or article published in Spanish, English or Portuguese during the preceding two years.

Nominations for the 2020 award will be accepted until January 31, 2021, and the prizewinner will be announced by April 1, 2021, following evaluation by a multidisciplinary committee comprised of scholars from AU and other institutions.

Nominations must include one copy of the book or article published in either 2019 or 2020 and a letter of no more than 750 words explaining its significance. Any published reviews and/or copies of evaluations by peer reviewers may be submitted as supporting materials.

Please note: Due to the fact that we continue to work remotely, nominations and accompanying materials should be sent electronically to clals@american.edu and not sent via the postal service. Should you wish to submit your work, but do not have a digital copy, please contact Rob Albro (albro@american.edu), and we will find a solution.

About the William M. LeoGrande Award

The William M. LeoGrande Award was 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. He has written five books, including Our Own Backyard: The United States in Central America, 1977 – 1992. Most recently, he was co-author of Back Channel to Cuba: The Hidden History of Negotiations between Washington and Havana.

Professor LeoGrande has been a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow, and a Pew Faculty Fellow in International Affairs. His articles have appeared in various international and national journals, magazines, and newspapers.