

# Civil Rights Project

## Proyecto Derechos Civiles

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### CRP Co-Director Patricia Gándara Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

The Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles is proud to announce the election of CRP Co-Director Patricia Gándara to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The induction ceremonies take place September 29-30, 2023 in Cambridge, MA, where the AAAS headquarters are located.

The AAAS is one of the oldest honorary societies in the United States and an independent research center. It was founded in 1780 during the American Revolution by a group of 62 white men, including John Adams, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, James Bowdoin and other founders of the United States. Since then, membership has diversified. Professor Gándara joins a distinguished group, including Astronomer Maria Mitchell, the first white woman elected in 1848 after discovering a new comet; Ralph Bunche, the first Black member elected in 1951, after winning the Nobel Peace Prize; and famed opera singer and civil rights pioneer, Marian Anderson, the first Black female member, who was elected in 1957. The Academy has grown to more than 14,500 members from a multitude of disciplines, professions and perspectives. The AAAS publishes the journal, *Daedalus*.



**Patricia Gándara** is research professor and co-director of the Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles at UCLA. Gándara is an elected fellow of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the National Academy of Education. She was presented the Medalla de Reconocimiento Alfonso Garcia Robles of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico in 2019 for her work with immigrant. In 2011 she was appointed to President Obama's Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. Recent publications include *The Bilingual Advantage: Language, Literacy, and the U.S. Labor Market* with Rebecca Callahan (2014); "The economic value of bilingualism in the United States," *Bilingual Research*

*Journal*, (2018); "The Students We Share: Falling through the cracks on both sides of the US-Mexican border," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (2019), and *Schools under Siege: the impact of immigration enforcement on educational equity*, with J. Ee, (2021).

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#### About the Civil Rights Project

[The Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles](#) is co-directed by UCLA Research Professors Gary Orfield and Patricia Gándara. Founded in 1996 at Harvard University, CRP's mission is to create a new generation of research in social science and law on the critical issues of civil rights and equal opportunity for racial and ethnic groups in the U.S.

CRP has commissioned more than 400 studies, published more than 25 books and issued numerous reports monitoring the success of American schools in equalizing opportunity and providing the authoritative source of segregation statistics. The U.S. Supreme Court, in its 2003 *Grutter v. Bollinger* decision upholding affirmative action, and in Justice Breyer's dissent (joined by three other Justices) to its 2007 *Parents Involved* decision, cited the Civil Rights Project's research. In June 2023 Justice Sotomayor's dissent to the Court's decision banning affirmative action in *SFFA v Harvard College* cited CRP's research.