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# Spotlight On Scholarship

## A Sabbatical Report

Throughout the year we will host a series of presentations to recognize professional achievement in scholarship and to celebrate the rich diversity and talents of our colleagues.

***This Spotlight on Scholarship features***

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***Gratzia Villarroel***  
*Director of International Studies and  
Associate Professor of Political Science*

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“In the Footsteps of Bartolina Sisa:  
Indigenous Women, Evo Morales, and the Bolivian Social Revolution”

When Evo Morales took power in Bolivia in 2006, he made the controversial promise to his female followers that instead of creating a Ministry of Gender (as many Bolivian women had expected), he would appoint indigenous women to ministerial positions. Morales kept his promise and not only appointed several indigenous women to high ranking government positions but he also elevated the political status of the powerful indigenous women’s union, the *Federación Nacional de Mujeres Campesinas Indígenas de Bolivia, Bartolina Sisa*. Why did Evo Morales take this approach towards gender equality? Do indigenous women in high-ranking positions promote policies that advance the status of all Bolivian women? Are political structures in place that guarantee that Bolivian women continue to enjoy high-ranking political positions in a post-Morales administration? Join Gratzia, the 2007-2008 Santo Domingo Visiting Scholar of the David Rockefeller Center of Latin American Studies at Harvard University, as she discusses her sabbatical research on the interplay of gender and ethnicity in one of Latin America’s most controversial governments.

**Thursday, April 23, 2009**  
**Please Note Correct Time: 12:00 – 12:50**  
**Union Shield Room**



The Office of Faculty Development will provide light refreshments.