

Albert L. Michaels

Albert L. Michaels, professor of History at the State University of New York at Buffalo, is an authority on Central and Latin America. He is also the director of the Council of International Studies at that University. He received both his B.A. and Ph.D. degrees with distinction from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Michaels has written and lectured widely on Latin America, with particular reference to Mexico, Bolivia, Cuba and Costa Rica. He has co-edited two books on Mexico and edited a book on Latin America. In addition, he has contributed chapters on Mexico, Chile and Latin America to seven other books, and published numerous articles concerning Mexico, Chile, Costa Rica and Latin America generally. He also has a broad interest in U.S. foreign policy and serves on the Board of the Buffalo Council on World Affairs.

He has participated in two-dozen conferences where he has presented papers to his peers on Mexico, Chile, economic development in Latin America, political movements in Latin America and other related issues. He was an official delegate to the Helsinki Tribunal in Mexico in February 1975. He has spent summers researching in Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, and Costa Rica.

One of his special interests is the use of audio visual aids in teaching history. He and Dr. James Wilkie have preserved oral history by taping autobiographies of over 30 political leaders in Mexico, Bolivia and Costa Rica. The average length of the taped interviews is 15 hours and the tapes contain lengthy discussions between the interviewer and his subject. All tapes have been transcribed.

Dr. Michaels, a native of Buffalo, is married and has seven children.

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