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I have a B.A in Family development of the University of Caldas. Master in Development planning at the los Andes University, both in Colombia. At the moment I'm a student at the Colegio de Mexico's Doctoral programme in Population Studies.

Professor and researcher full time from September 6th of 2000, at the Department of Family Studies at the University of Caldas, Colombia. I was director of the Department of Family Studies, Coordinator of the Master Programme in Development and Family Studies and director of the Commission of Investigations and Post-graduate of the same university. As professor, I oriented the seminars of Family History, Sociology of the Sexuality, Epistemology of the Family and Theories of Family, both at degree and masters levels. I participate in the field of investigation about Family, Development and Change, with the project "Alternate family forms".

The Family Studies Department I work for includes several lines of work, one of which has to do with what has been called Alternate Family Forms, that is, those arrangements that subvert one of the several axis that give structure to this social institution: heterosexuality, cohabitation and blood ties. Discussion around sexuality and daily life organization allows what have been called "Alternate Families" to flourish (Gallego, 2003). As a set, these alternate forms include gay and lesbian couples living together, homoparenting and other social arrangements that are not based on heterosexual cohabitation.

Alternate forms of families present a political and paradigmatic breaking point in Latin American social sciences. Paradigmatic because the existence of cohabiting gay/lesbian couples, homoparenting and other social arrangements demand research and new language, narratives and forms to build knowledge around them. Political because, since the 80s, the communities that began these alternate family forms have been asking for recognition of their own forms of private life organization, specially with regards to the legal status of their consensual unions. This last issue provokes, in most Latin American societies, a moral panic interesting to study and understand.

Most recent publications.

La familia en la construcción de lo público, un reto desde la modernidad. Manizales, centro editorial Universidad de Caldas, 2002. 281 páginas. ISBN 958-8041-54-6.

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