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WOMEN’S RIGHTS AND RIGHT-WING POLITICS IN NICARAGUA, 1821–1979

Dr. González-Rivera grew up in Nicaragua where as a child she lived through the last years of the right-wing Somoza dictatorship and experienced the first years of the Nicaraguan Sandinista revolution. She is the author of Before the Revolution: Women’s Rights and Right-Wing Politics in Nicaragua, 1821–1979. For the first time by any historian, in this book, she documents the rise of first-wave feminism in Nicaragua during the first decades of the 20th century including the movement’s co-optation by a U.S.-backed dictator. Her book addresses the reasons behind why so many working and middle-class women in Nicaragua felt compelled to support a right-wing dictatorship over the course of half a century. A radical new interpretation of Nicaraguan women’s history by Professor Rivera is also a delving into the relationship between feminism and leftist revolutions in Latin America.

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