

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITION: University of California, San Diego, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
September 2001 to present.

RESEARCH AND THEORETICAL INTERESTS: My work focuses on the politics of citizenship, and its relation to nationalism, identity, and political economy. I have focused these concerns on an analysis of indigenous politics in Bolivia, examining the articulation of social movements and neoliberal economic strategies. By focusing on the complex interrelations between discursive, political, and material fields, my work calls for a critical dialogue between cultural politics and political economy.

My current research takes two approaches to the study of the cultural logic of neoliberalism and its influence on indigenous citizenship. First, in my forthcoming book *Post-multicultural Citizenship, Indigenous Politics in Neoliberal Bolivia*, I examine state-sponsored multiculturalism as a regime of citizenship, which acts to include and exclude certain groups. Comparing this regime to past epochs -- colonial tributary pacts, republican liberalism, and post-1952 corporatism, I ask how neoliberal policies and practices inform the particular exclusions that mark the current regime. Through careful ethnographic studies of the effects of the Law of Popular Participation, local struggles over land rights, and NGO development projects, I argue that despite the rhetoric of Indian empowerment, Bolivia's multicultural reforms of the 1990s reinforced the power of the traditional dominant elite class, political parties, and a new set of patrons, the NGOs. The striking protagonism of Indians in current Bolivian politics must be understood in light of the successes and failures of these reforms. Second, in the 2004 volume *The Struggle for Indian Rights in Latin America*, co-edited with Leon Zamosc, I make cross-country comparisons of indigenous struggles across Latin America to find patterns in the complex relations between neoliberalism's effects and indigenous strategies.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

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| -the anthropology of identity | -international development theory and practice |
| -ethnicity and multiculturalism | -political economy |
| -Latin American history | -social movements and NGOs |
| -indigenous politics | -neoliberalism and globalization |

EDUCATION:

- PhD.** University of California, Berkeley.
Socio-cultural Anthropology, (June 2001)
Dissertation: Suburban Indians: Constructing Indigenous Identities and Citizenship in Lowland Bolivia.
(Funded by Fulbright IIE and Inter-American Foundation.)
Committee: Nancy Scheper-Hughes (chair), Donald Moore, and Allan Pred (Geography).
- J.D.** University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, AZ. Juris Doctor, 1979.
Moot Court Board Participant and Editor, 1978-1979.
Associate Editor and writer, Arizona Law Review.
- B.A.** Stanford University, Stanford, CA, 1972-76.
Psychology/Human Biology 1976.

TEACHING:

University of California, San Diego (current):

Graduate seminars: State, Culture, and Power; Cultural Anthropology Core Theory Course, Anthropology of Latin America; Indians and Peasants in the Andean Countries.

Undergraduate courses: Debating Multiculturalism in the Americas; Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, Development, Culture, and Poverty (International Studies).

Undergraduate Adviser: Senior Thesis Seminar.

University of California, Berkeley (1995 to 2000):

Instructor, Latin American History research senior seminar, "Ethnic and Indigenous Identities in Latin America."

Graduate Student Instructor in anthropology, development studies, Latin American history.

Guest lecturer in issues of development in Latin America and ethnographic media

Teaching Award: 1996 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor.

School for International Training, Cochabamba, Bolivia. 1997-98.

Scholarly adviser for United States college students in semester abroad program focusing on development issues.

Served as liaison between program and Indigenous groups to set up student independent study projects.

Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ. (1986-1990):

Associate Professor, Criminal Law and Justice Program. Taught classes in substantive criminal law and criminal procedure.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

In Press Post-Multicultural Citizenship, Indigenous Politics in Neoliberal Bolivia. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

In Press, Review of Contesting Citizenship in Latin America, by Deborah Yashar. *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (PoLAR).

2005 Review of *The Spectacular City*, by Daniel Goldstein. *The Americas*, October 2005.

2005 A propósito de identidades y territorios indígenas, Book Review of *Identidades y territorios indígenas, Estrategias identitarias de los tacana y los ayoreos frente a la ley INRA*, by Enrique Herrera. *In T'inkazos, Revistas Boliviana de Ciencias Sociales*, May 2005. La Paz: Bolivia.

2005 Commentary on Douglas Hertzler's essay: "Campesinos and Originarios" *In Journal of Latin American Anthropology* 10(1):72-77.

2005 Neoliberal Restructuring in Bolivia, Book Review of *¡Cochabamba! Water War in Bolivia!* by Oscar Olivera in collaboration with Tom Lewis. *In A Contracorrientes*, online journal, Vol. 2, No. 5 Spring 2005.

2005 *La Lucha por los Derechos Indígenas en América Latina*, eds. Nancy Grey Postero and Leon Zamosc. Quito, Ecuador: Abya Yala Press. This is the Spanish translation of the English volume.

2005 Indigenous Responses to Neoliberalism: A Look at the Bolivian Uprising of 2003. *In Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (POLAR) 28(1): 73-92.

2004 *The Struggle for Indian Rights in Latin America*, eds. Nancy Grey Postero and Leon Zamosc. Brighton: Sussex Academic Press. In that volume, my chapter, "Articulations and Fragmentations: Indigenous Politics in Bolivia," and the Introduction to the volume, co-written with Leon Zamosc, "Indigenous Movements and the Indian Question in Latin America."

In Press Gubernamentalidad, Ciudadanía Indígena y Neoliberalismo en Bolivia. *In Enciclopedia Social y Política de América Latina*, eds. Torcuato S. Di Tella y Patricia Chomnalez. Buenos Aires, Argentina: Editorial EMECE (with funding from the United Nations Development Fund).

Forthcoming Bolivia's Indigenous Citizens: Towards a Post-Multicultural Public? *In* *New Public Appearance of the Popular in Latin America: Regional Variation from North and South*, Albro, Robert and Jeff Himpele, eds.

Submitted, pending review. An Indigenous Victory Over Neoliberalism? Indigenous Citizenship and Governmentality in Bolivia. Resubmitted to *Cultural Anthropology* (September 2004).

2001 Dissertation: *Suburban Indians: Constructing Indigenous Identities and Citizenship in Lowland Bolivia*. A study of the construction and strategic use of indigenous identity among the Guaraní indigenous people of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. In the late 1990s, Bolivia instituted a series of constitutional and legislative changes which have the potential to radically alter the social and political position of indigenous peoples. Examining the practices of citizenship at the municipal and local level, I showed how these "multicultural reforms" are also part of an ongoing process of state formation which extends the reach and power of the neoliberal state, incorporating indigenous peoples into national economic development through the creation of a new category, the indigenous citizen. Facing tremendous changes as the growing city makes their once rural villages into urban communities, the Guaraní negotiate their relations as citizens of the nation-state, their funding from international NGOs, and historical narratives about leadership and land tenure to create a vision of urban indigenous development.

CONFERENCE PAPERS and PANELS:

Seduced by Neoliberalism? American Anthropology Association meetings, Washington, DC, November 2005.

Civil Society After October 2003, panel discussion on *The Crisis in Bolivia* with Bolivian ambassador Jaime Aparicio Otero. Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS), University of California, San Diego, May 2005.

Octubre Negro, Public Responses to Privatization. Research Conference on *The Privatization of Public Culture: Neoliberalism and Cultural Policy in Latin America*, at the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS), University of California, San Diego, February 2004

Indigenous Responses to Neoliberalism: A Look at the Bolivian Uprising of 2003. American Anthropology Association meetings, Chicago, October 2003.

Movimientos Indígenas Bolivianos: Articulaciones y Fragmentaciones. International seminar, *Movimientos Indígenas y el Estado en América Latina*, Cochabamba, Bolivia, May 2003. Co-organizer of this conference, which was a sequel to the May 2002 CILAS conference in San Diego.

The Conditions of Democracy: Governmentality and Indigenous Citizenship in Neoliberal Bolivia. Research Workshop on *Civil Society and Political Transformation in Latin America*, at the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS), University of California, San Diego, March 2003

Rationalizing Indigenous Politics: Multiculturalism and Neoliberalism in Bolivia. American Anthropology Association meetings, New Orleans, November 2002, and Latin American Studies Association meetings, March 2003, Dallas.

Bolivian Indigenous Movements: Articulation and Fragmentation. *The Struggle for Indian Rights in Latin America* Research Workshop at the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS), University of California, San Diego, May 2002. Co-organizer of this conference.

Theorizing a Politics of Corruption. A Case Study of Land Loss and Leadership in a Guaraní Village. Latin American Studies Association meetings, September, 2001, Miami.

Community Politics of Change: Guaraní Land and Leadership at the City's Edge. Latin American Studies Association meetings, March, 2000, Miami.

Bolivia's Indígena Citizen: Multiculturalism in a Neoliberal Age. American Anthropological Association meetings, November, 1999.

For Whose Benefit? Winners and Losers in Postwar Development Practices. Keynote address, Middlebury College Symposium, Development in Latin America, April, 1999.

SERVICE:

Advisory Board, Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies (LACES), 2004-2006.

Peer Reviews for: Journal of Latin American Anthropology, Anthropological Theory, Ethnos, Journal of Latin American Studies, Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development, Ashgate Press, and Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies.

HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Faculty Career Development Grant, UCSD Winter 2005.

University of California Humanities Research Institute Faculty Fellowship, Fall 2004.

“Cloning Cultures: The Social Injustice of Sameness” research group.

UC MEXUS-CONACYT Collaborative Grant, 2003 for new fieldwork in Tijuana, Mexico, in collaboration with Dra. Siliva Lopez, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico, Dept of Population Studies, Dr. Stuart Aitken, San Diego State University, Geography Dept., and graduate student Joel Jennings, Cambridge University, U.K.

University of California Academic Senate, San Diego, Committee on Research Grants for field work in Bolivia, Feb-March 2002, and July-August 2002.

University of California, San Diego, Chancellor’s Summer Faculty Fellowship 2002.

Simpson Foundation Dissertation Write-up Fellowship for 1999-2000.

Fulbright IIE Dissertation Fellowship for 1997-1998, for field research in Bolivia.

Inter-American Foundation Dissertation Fellowship for 1997-1998.

Simpson Foundation Dissertation Fellowship for 1997-1998 (declined).

Inter-American Foundation Fellow, Summer 1996.

Tinker Foundation Travel Grant, Summer 1996.

Lowie/Olson Fund Travel Grant, Summer 1995 and 1996

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1999 Indigenous Communities in Bolivia’s Amazon. Report for World Wildlife Fund.

1998 Informe para las comunidades de Pueblo Nuevo y Villa Paraiso: Resultados iniciales de las encuestas de Julio a Noviembre de 1998. Santa Cruz, Bolivia: Capitanía Zona Cruz.

1992 On Trial in the Promised Land: Seeking Asylum. In Refugee Women and Their Mental Health. Binghamton, NY: Harrington Park Press. Chapter about difficulties faced by refugees who apply for political asylum in the United States.

1979 Confessions Obtained by Deception. Arizona Law Review, v.19:576.

RELATED RESEARCH AND CONSULTING:

Documentary on Bolivia, November 2005

Consultant, interviewee for Buena Onda Films’ new project, Donald Ranvaud, Producer.

World Wildlife Fund, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 1999.

Consultant to the WWF’s SW Amazon Project as it developed initial conservation projects with indigenous groups in Bolivia’s Amazon. Provided scholarly research, traveled with WWF staff to facilitate community meetings, and helped formulate funding proposals for potential projects.

Natural Resources Research Project, CIDOB-*Cooperación Técnica Británica*. Consultant and evaluator for traditional medicines research project co-sponsored by Bolivia’s national Indigenous organization and British International Aid Project.

JOURNALISM:

National Public Radio: Reporter, Associate Producer, and Project Director for an independent documentary production company, Homelands Productions, of Tucson AZ, which produced two series for National Public Radio:

-**Vanishing Homelands: A Chronicle of Change Across the Americas**, which aired on **NPR** through 1992. The series, funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, examined environmental and cultural impacts of development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and particularly focused on the effects upon indigenous people. I reported, recorded, and co-produced documentaries from Ecuador, Bolivia, Honduras, and Panama. A follow-up grant from the Ford Foundation allowed translation and broadcast in Ecuador, the Amazon, and Brazil.

-**Searching for Solutions**, 1993-94. Funded by the CPB, the Ford Foundation, and the MacArthur Foundation, the series focused on sustainable development, alternative energy, and the population-consumption connection. Traveled to Brazil and India to examine women's health and family planning for the Population series.

As Project Director, administered the grants, managed all financial, legal, and personnel matters for the projects. Coordinated fund-raising, promotion, and relations with radio stations which carried the series.

New York Time Magazine, 1992: "Accidents of History", in The New York Times Magazine, Feb.22, 1992. Profile of the chief of the Yuquí Indians of Bolivia and the evangelical missionaries with whom he now lives.

Earth Summit, 1992: Covered the Global Forum at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro for NPR and WHYY Radio, Philadelphia.

LEGAL PRACTICE:

Keller and Postero, Attorneys at Law, Tucson, AZ. 1980-90.

Partner in a small private firm serving mostly Spanish-speaking clients. Trial and appellate work, specializing in federal criminal defense, political asylum and immigration, and human rights law. Represented members of the Sanctuary movement (church workers prosecuted for aiding Central American refugees) in Tucson (1985) and Albuquerque (1987). Traveled on/headed legal fact-finding delegations to refugee camps in Mexico, and to Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Panama, often leading teams of attorneys.

Arizona Supreme Court, Phoenix, AZ. 1979-80.

Judicial clerk. Legal research and drafting court opinions for Chief Justice James Cameron.

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Fluent in English and Spanish, competent in Portuguese.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: American Anthropology Association, Latin American Studies Association, Arizona State Bar.

REFERENCES:

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