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**CURRENT POSITIONS**

Associate Professor, Department of Politics, New York University, 2001-

Visiting Research Professor, Santa Fe Institute, 2001-

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, New York University, 1995-2001

**EDUCATION**

BA in Physics, magna cum laude, Cornell University, 1979

BA in Philosophy and Mathematics, University of Oxford, 1981

MA in Physics, University of California, Berkeley, 1984 (ABD in doctoral program)

MA in Latin American Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 1988

PhD in Political Science, Stanford University, 1995

**FIELDS OF INTEREST**

Comparative Politics: emergence and resolution of civil wars; collective action and social movements; transitions to democracy; the politics of Latin America and Africa

Political Economy: civil wars; development; economic growth and distribution

**FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, and AWARDS**

Faculty Fellow, International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University. Spring 2002

Member, Society for Comparative Research. 2001-

Principal Investigator, United States Institute of Peace. Project: Ending Civil Wars -- The Structural Bases for Durable Settlements, 2001-2003

Member, Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes, research group on ethnic violence. 2001 -

Harvard Academy Scholar, Harvard University, 1994-1995 and 1996-1997

Peace Scholar Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace, 1993-1994

Dissertation Research Fellowship, MacArthur Fellowship Program, Stanford Center for International Security and Arms Control, 1992-1993

Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for the Study of World Politics, 1992

Research Fellowship, MacArthur Fellowship Program, Stanford Center for International Security and Arms Control, Summer 1991

Graduate Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center, 1990-1991

Graduate Fellowship, Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation, Winter 1990

Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University, 1988-1992

Marshall Scholarship, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, 1979-1981

Danforth Graduate Fellowship, 1979-1984

## TEACHING AWARDS

Chicano Studies Program, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley, 1988-1989 (for teaching 1987-1988)

Physics Department, Faculty Associate Award (for outstanding teaching by teaching assistant), University of California, Berkeley, May 1984

## PUBLICATIONS

*Insurgent Collective Action and Civil War in El Salvador* (Cambridge University Press, 2003). See [us.cambridge.org/features/wood](http://us.cambridge.org/features/wood)

“Civil Wars: What We Don’t Know,” *Global Governance*, 9(2), 2003.

“Civil War, Reconstruction, and Reconciliation: The Repopulation of Tenancingo, El Salvador,” in Aldo Lauria Santiago and Leigh Binford, eds., *Landscapes of Struggle: Politics, Society, and Community in El Salvador*, forthcoming (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2003).

“Challenges to Political Democracy in El Salvador,” in Frances Hagopian and Scott Mainwaring, eds., *The Third Wave of Democratization in Latin America*, forthcoming (Cambridge University Press).

“An Insurgent Path to Democracy: Popular Mobilization, Economic Interests and Regime Transition in South Africa and El Salvador,” *Comparative Political Studies*, 34(8), 2001. Translation published in *Estudios Centroamericanos*, No. 641-2, 2002.

“Peasant Political Mobilization in El Salvador: The Contribution of Emotional In-process Benefits,” in Jeff Goodwin, James M. Jasper and Francesca Polletta, eds., *Passionate Politics: Emotions and Social Movements* (University of Chicago Press, 2001).

*Forging Democracy from Below: Insurgent Transitions in South Africa and El Salvador* (Cambridge University Press, 2000).

“Civil War and the Transformation of Elite Representation in El Salvador,” in Kevin Middlebrook, ed., *Conservative Parties, the Right, and Democracy in Latin America* (Johns Hopkins University

Press, 2000).

"The Peace Accords and Post-war Reconstruction," in James Boyce, ed., *Economic Policy for Building Peace* (Lynne Rienner, 1996).

Published in Spanish in James Boyce, ed., *Ajuste Hacia La Paz: la política económica y la reconstrucción de posguerra en El Salvador* (Mexico: Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo and Plaza y Valdés Editores, 1999).

Joint report of research team also published as *Adjustment Toward Peace: Economic Policy and Post-war Reconstruction in El Salvador*, (United Nations Development Program, 1995).

"Macroeconomic Policy and the Salvadoran Peace Accords," with Alexander Segovia, *World Development* 23(12): 2079-2100 (December 1995).

"Teaching Discussion Sections in the Sciences" in *Learning to Teach: A Handbook for Teaching Assistants at UC Berkeley*, University of California Graduate Assembly (1984).

"Line-shape Analysis and Filter Difference Method for a High Intensity Time-of-Flight Inelastic Neutron Scattering Spectrometer" with A.D. Taylor, et al., *Nuclear Instruments and Methods* (1983).

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

"Modeling Robust Settlements to Civil War: Indivisible Stakes and Distributional Compromises," re-submitted to *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

"The Stakes of the Game: The Politics of Redistribution after Democratic Transitions," unpublished journal article.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of Margaret Popkin, *Peace Without Justice: Obstacles to Building the Rule of Law in El Salvador*, in *Hispanic America Historical Review*, February 2002.

Review of Anton Lowenberg and William H. Kaempfer, *The Origins and Demise of South African Apartheid*, in *Journal of Development Economics*, 62: 549-554 (June/July 2000).

Review of Robert L. Rothstein, ed., *After the Peace: Resistance and Reconciliation*, in *Journal of Politics* 62(4), November 2000.

Review of Christian Smith's *Resisting Reagan*, in *Mobilization* 2(1), March 1997.

## RECENT INVITED LECTURES AND PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

“Collective Action When Risks Run High: El Salvador’s Civil War,” lecture to be presented at the University of Washington, Seattle, October 18, 2003 and Duke University, November 10, 2003.

Previous versions were presented at the UC Davis Center for History, Society, and Culture, May 13, 2003; the Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, March 29, 2002; the Institute for Latin American Studies, Columbia, November 26, 2002; the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 29-September 2, 2001; the Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, May 16, 2001; the Departments of Political Science and of Sociology, University of New Mexico, November 6, 2000; Contentious Politics Seminar, Columbia University, April 17, 2000; at the Comparative Politics Speaker Series, New School University, March 8, 2000; and at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, New York University, November 5, 1997.

“Ending Civil War: A Model of Robust Negotiated Settlements,” lecture presented at the Department of Politics, Princeton University, November 18, 2002; the Universidad Pontificana Javeriana (Bogotá, Colombia), August 14, 2002; the Department of Political Economy, University of Siena, May 29, 2002; the Department of Political Science, University of Washington, April 24, 2002; the Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, April 23, 2002; the Central European University, March 1, 2002; the Santa Fe Institute, December 4, 2001; and the Political Science Department, University of New Mexico, December 5, 2001.

“Ending Civil Conflict: Durable Settlement or War Without End”? Santa Fe Institute Public Lecture, Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 13, 2002.

“The Challenge of Conducting Research on Civil Conflicts: Ethnography and Political Economy during the Salvadoran Civil War,” lecture presented at the Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico, November 30, 2001.

“The Origins and Patterns of Political Violence,” lecture presented at the Santa Fe Institute, October 18, 2001 (with Christopher Boehm).

“Challenges to Political Democracy in El Salvador,” paper presented at the 2001 conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington D.C., September 5-8. Also presented at the conference on the Advances and Setbacks in the Third Wave of Democratization in Latin America, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, April 23-24, 2001.

“The Transformation of Property Rights in Postwar El Salvador: Bargaining, Mobilization, and Technocratic Intervention,” paper presented to the New England Council of Latin American Studies, Amherst College, October 14, 2000.

“Civil War Settlement: Stakes, Expectations, and Optimal Agreements,” lecture presented at the African Social Science Seminar, New York University, November 18, 1999. An earlier version was presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 2-6, 1999.

“An Insurgent Path to Democracy: Popular Mobilization, Economic Interests and Regime Transition in South Africa and El Salvador” lecture presented to the Faculty Seminar of the Department of Political Studies, University of Cape Town, March 17, 1999. Also presented to the Political Science Department, University of Natal, Durban, March 30, 1999; to the Institute for Latin American and Iberian Studies, University of New Mexico, November 4, 1999; and at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University, April 10, 1997.

“The Stakes of the Game: The Politics of Redistribution after Democratic Transitions,” paper presented at

the Political Economy Workshop, Yale University, September 27, 1999. Also presented at the Political Economy Workshop, New York University, October 1, 1999 and at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 2-6, 1999.

#### **OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, 1994 - present

Visiting Scholar at the Development Policy Research Unit and the South Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town, January - March, 1997 and January - March, 1999

Visiting Scholar, Institute for Economic and Social Research, Central American University "José Simeón Cañas", El Salvador, 1991-1992

Instructor of Physics (full-time, tenured Spring 1986), Chabot College, Livermore, California, 1984-1986

#### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Department of Politics, New York University

Introduction to Comparative Politics, graduate core course, Fall 1995, Fall 1997, Fall 1998, Fall 1999, Fall 2000, Fall 2002

Seminar in Comparative Politics: Civil Wars and Negotiated Settlements, undergraduate seminar, Fall 2002, Fall 2003

Civil Wars, graduate seminar, Fall 2003

Politics of Economic Growth, graduate course, Fall 1999 (with Adam Przeworski)

Collective Action and Social Movements, graduate seminar in political theory and comparative politics, Spring 1996 and Spring 1998 (with Russell Hardin), Spring 2001. Also taught at the University of New Mexico, Fall 2001

Political Economy of Development, graduate course, Fall 1995, Fall 1997 (with Adam Przeworski), Fall 1998

Collective Action: Social Movements and Revolutions, undergraduate course, Spring 2001

Seminar in Comparative Politics: The Transition to Democracy in South Africa, undergraduate seminar, Spring 1998

Stanford University

Research Methods in Latin American Studies, Center for Latin American Studies, Spring 1993

Chabot College, Livermore Campus (Livermore, California) 1984-1986

various physics and astronomy courses, seminar on human rights

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Editorial Board, *Politics and Society*, 2003 -

Organizer of series of inter-disciplinary workshops on political violence, the first was held at Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá in May 2003, the second to be held at Santa Fe Institute in January, 2004.

Member, committee to name the best book in African politics in 2002, African Studies Association, 2003

Member of Comparative Politics Section Article Award Committee of the American Political Science Association (to award the Luebbert prize for the best article published in 1999 and 2000), 2001

Member of steering committee proposing a SSRC Collaborative Research Network on the Political Economy of Peace-building Assistance, 2000-

Member of panel reviewing fellowship applications for the United States Institute for Peace, Spring 2001

Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *World Development*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Journal of Developing Areas*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *World Politics*, Cambridge University Press, University of California Press, Stanford University Press, and the University of Pittsburgh Press

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Advisory Committee, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, 2003-2006

Advisory Committee, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2003-2004

Co-convener, Field Research Workshop, Fall 2003 (with Tim Mitchell)

Curriculum Committee, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2002-2003

Honors Adviser and Pi Sigma Alpha Adviser, 2002-

Search Committee for Director of Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2001-2002

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Library Liaison Committee, for which I chaired the working group on Graduate Services in Bobst Library and authored the group's report (May 2000), 1999-2002

Executive Committee for the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2000-2001

Advisory Committee, The Cold War as Global Conflict, International Center for Advanced Studies, 2000-2003

Search Committee for the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, 2000-2001

Merit Review Committee, Department of Politics, 1999-2000, 2000-2001

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Honors and Awards Committee (awards graduate fellowships and prizes), 1999-2000

Department of Politics Recruitment Committee, 1997-1998, 1998-1999 (Fall term only), 1999-2000

Department of Politics Fellowship Director, 1997-1999, 2000-2001

Ad-Hoc Committee on the Library (appointed by the Dean of Faculty of Arts and Science to review the NYU libraries), 1995-1996

**LANGUAGE COMPETENCE**

Spanish - fluent speaking and reading proficiency

Portuguese - fair reading proficiency

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association

American Sociological Association

Latin American Studies Association

New England Council for Latin American Studies