

Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
(expected May 2011)

- Concentrations: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Human Rights, Latin American Politics, Gender Studies
- Dissertation Title: “Why Soldiers Rape: Wartime Sexual Violence in Latin America”
- Dissertation Committee: Professors William Stanley (Chair) and Christopher Butler of the University of New Mexico; Kathy Hochstetler of the University of Waterloo, Canada; Elisabeth Wood of Yale University

M.A. in Political Science, 2004, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

B.A. in Political Science and Spanish, 2002, Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

- Magna Cum Laude
- Honors in Political Science and Spanish; Thesis Title: “The Effects of Globalization on Indigenous Populations in Latin America”

Professional Experience

- Graduate Student Instructor, Political Science Dept., University of New Mexico 2005-present
Political Science 322: Human Rights and Political Violence
Political Science 240: Introduction to International Relations
Political Science 220: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Research Assistant to Professor Christopher Butler, Political Science Dept., University of New Mexico 2003-2008
Research on the dynamics of civil wars and international diplomacy
- Research Assistant to Professor Elisabeth Wood, Political Science Dept., Yale University 2005-2008
Research on wartime sexual violence in Latin America and Asia, and civil war resolution
- Research Assistant to Professor Emeritus Chris Garcia, Political Science Dept., University of New Mexico 2005
Research on minority politics in the U.S., and media coverage of Latino political candidates and issues
- Teaching Assistant, Political Science Dept., University of New Mexico 2002-2004

Political Science 110: The Political World

Political Science 200: American Politics

Political Science 240: International Relations

Political Science 362: Modern Political Theory

- Research Assistant to Professor William Stanley, Political Science Dept. and the Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico 2002-2003
 Research assistance at the Latin American Data Base

Publications

- “Wartime Sexual Violence in Guatemala and Peru” *International Studies Quarterly* 53:445-468. 2009
- “Digging in the Archives: The Promise and Perils of Primary Documents” *Politics and Society* 37:75-99 2009
- “The Role of the Health Care Industry in New Mexico State Politics: A Connect the Dots Report” Common Cause, Albuquerque, NM 2007

Awards and Honors

- Graduate Dean’s Dissertation of the Year Award, University of New Mexico 2010-2011
- Office of Graduate Studies 3% Scholars Award, University of New Mexico 2010-2011
- Latin American and Iberian Institute’s Dissertation Fellowship, University of New Mexico 2008-2010
- Research Project and Travel (RPT) Grants, University of New Mexico 2008, 2006, 2005
- Political Science Graduate Student Association’s Research Grants, University of New Mexico 2007, 2005
- Graduate Student Research Grant, Feminist Research Institute, University of New Mexico 2007
- Graduate Research and Development (GRD) Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Association, University of New Mexico 2007
- Student Research Allocations Committee (SRAC) Award, University of New Mexico 2006
- Student Conference Award Program, University of New Mexico 2006
- Distinction on PhD Comprehensive Exam in International Relations 2005
- Student Opportunities for Academic Research (SOAR) Grant, Moravian College 2002

- Irving S. Amrhein Award in Spanish, Moravian College 2002
- Ronald J. Stupak Award in Political Science, Moravian College 2002
- Alumni Fellowship Award for Honors, Moravian College 2002

Selected Conference Presentations

- “Explaining Variation in Violence Across Different Branches of the Peruvian State Military, 1980-2000” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC 2010
- “Archival Research on Human Rights Abuses” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA 2008
- “Patterns of Sexual Violence in Peru: Evidence from the Archives of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission” Workshop on Wartime Sexual Violence, Yale University, New Haven, CT 2007
- “Los Patrones de la Violencia Política y la Violencia Sexual Durante el Conflicto Interno en el Perú” Workshop on History and Historiography, National University of San Marcos, Lima, Peru 2007
- “The Determinants of Diplomatic Dyads” with Christopher Butler European Peace Science Society Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2006
- “Understanding Sexual Violence in Latin American Civil Wars” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM 2006
- “Recruitment, Contest Functions and Civil War” with Scott Gates and Christopher Butler Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC 2005
- “Modeling Social Networks and Rebellion” with Scott Gates and Christopher Butler Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL 2005
- “Social Networks and Rebellion: the Nicaraguan Civil Wars” with Scott Gates and Christopher Butler Workshop of Disaggregating the Study of Civil War and Transnational Violence, Institute of Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), University of California, San Diego 2005
- “Sexual Violence During Civil War” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Honolulu, HI 2005

General Research and Teaching Interests

- International Relations: civil war, human rights violations, international law, conflict resolution, women in world politics

- Comparative Politics: social movements and violent rebellion, Latin American politics, civil-military relations, gender and politics
- Research Methodologies: archival research, comparative historical analysis, interview methods, ethics of research involving human subjects, particularly in post-conflict societies, regression, time series, and cross-sectional, sub-national analysis

Professional & Community Service

- Reviewer for *Human Rights Review* 2009-present
- International Observer for the Presidential Elections in El Salvador, Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad, Olocuilta, La Paz, El Salvador 2009
- ETS Advanced Placement College Entrance Exams, Reader 2007
- Co-Founder and President of the Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of New Mexico 2002-2004

Affiliations/Memberships

- American Political Science Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- International Studies Association
- Peace Science Society
- Women in International Studies (WIIS)
- Feminist Research Institute, University of New Mexico

Languages

- Fluent in Spanish
- Beginning reading skills in Quechua

References

- Professor William Stanley, Political Science Dept., University of New Mexico, (505) 277-1096
- Professor Christopher Butler, Political Science Dept., University of New Mexico, (505) 277-3742
- Professor Elisabeth Wood, Political Science Dept., Yale University, (203) 432-6107
- Professor Kathryn Hochstetler, Political Science Dept., University of Waterloo, (519) 888-4567