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EDUCATION

- 1976 Ph.D. in Development Studies (sociology and anthropology)
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1971 M.A. in Ibero-American Studies (sociology and anthropology)
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1964 M.A. in English
University of Aberdeen
Scotland

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Edgar P. Baker Professor of Anthropology and International Affairs

Elliott School of International Affairs
George Washington University
(September 1, 1996 - present)

As director of the International Development Studies Program for the past 12 years, my responsibilities have included the following:

- Provide overall direction to the program, and work closely with the Dean's Office and the IDS Advisory Committee.
- Teach two multidisciplinary courses on the theory and practice of development to graduate students in the program, as well as teach related graduate courses in anthropology.
- Advise students in the program, as well as other students, both graduate and undergraduate, interested in anthropology and/or development.
- Identify development professionals based in DC interested in teaching courses that complement present GW offerings.

- Help students to find internships and employment in the DC area.
- Collaborate with the Organization of International Development (OID), previously known as the Overseas Development Network), the GW student organization for those interested in development
- Collaborate with various groups and institutions in Colombia, sharing research results, undertaking collaborative research, participating in workshops, and teaching. Also involved in trying to find financial support for the ongoing peace process.

Associate Research Scholar

School of International and Public Affairs
Columbia University
(September 1994 - June 1996)

As development-practitioner-in-residence, major responsibilities included the following:

- Taught a two-course sequence to graduate students on project management in the Third World. The first course looked at the broader development context in which projects occurs, whereas the second course, a workshop in applied project management, offered students the opportunity to practice what they had learned in a more realistic setting.
- Advised students in the Economic and Political Development concentration of the Masters in International Affairs offered by the School of International and Public Affairs.
 - * Worked with various international development institutions in New York to identify potential assignments for teams of graduate students.

Adjunct Professor

Department of Anthropology
George Washington University
(September 1994 - May 1996)

Major responsibilities included the following:

- Taught graduate courses on various aspects of development, such as economic anthropology, anthropology of development, and research methods in development.
 - * Advised graduate students in development anthropology and international development studies.

Consultant to the World Bank

Washington, DC
(March 1993 - June 1994)

Major responsibilities included the following:

- Prepared a study on participation and local government to be included as part of the World Bank's ongoing study of participation and development.
- Prepared a selective assessment of the first phase of the World Bank-supported Decentralization and Regional Development project in Mexico and assist in the appraisal of the second phase, with particular focus on the agricultural and productive components to be designed and implemented in the states of Chiapas and Oaxaca.
- Prepared a Country Environmental Strategy Paper for Uganda to be used in guiding the World Bank's environmental and macroeconomic policies for the country.

Senior Associate and Coordinator of the Africa Program

World Resources Institute (WRI)
Washington, DC (1991 - 1992)

World Resources Institute is a non-profit organization which does applied research on a variety of environmental issues, both overseas and in the United States.

Major responsibilities included the following:

- Coordinated and managed the research and technical service activities of a staff of five responsible for WRI's work in Africa.
- Coordinated and served as liaison with the Africa Bureau of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and other potential funders of research, including the World Bank and the German government.
- Coordinated ongoing and developed new activities related to policy research, national environmental planning, and natural resource management in Africa.

Senior Forestry Officer (Programming)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Forestry Department
Rome (1990 - 1991)

Major responsibilities included the following:

- Incorporated emerging policy issues into the biannual Program of Work and Budget for the Forestry Department, and also into the medium-term action plan of FAO.
- Analyzed and formulated comments from a rural development, social science perspective on important documents prepared within the department, as well as the Tropical Forestry Action Plan.

- Developed guidelines for the assessment of the institutional dimensions and social impacts of forestry projects, in collaboration with the University of Minnesota, the Oxford Forestry Institute, the World Bank, and the United Nations Environmental Program.
- Collaborated with WRI in the organization of a regional workshop for non-governmental organizations held in Bangkok to discuss the issues and problems associated with community-based forestry activities in Asia.

Senior Professional Staff Member

Development Alternatives, Inc.(DAI)
Washington, DC (1976-1990)

DAI is a private development consulting company that undertakes both short and long-term assignments in various parts of the world, often under contract to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Over a period of 15 years with DAI, I undertook a variety of applied activities in both Latin America and Africa related to the environment, natural resource management, and sustainable development. These activities included: policy formulation and planning; applied research on development issues; and project design, implementation, and management.

Major activities undertaken included the following:

- Carried out short-term assignments in both Francophone and Anglophone Africa - ranging from agricultural research in Mali, to institutional analysis in Rwanda, to community forestry in Zambia.
- Worked long-term as manager in Congo (then Zaire) of a 10-person technical assistance team on a large agricultural production and marketing project.
- Helped organize and facilitate various workshops dealing with a variety of topics: non-governmental organizations and agroforestry in Haiti; agricultural sustainability in Pakistan; and national strategies for community forestry in Zambia.
- Wrote and edited a multitude of technical reports on topics ranging from animal traction in Niger to a national environmental policy in Uganda; edited a volume on integrated rural development; and published articles in such professional journals as **Human Organization**, **World Development**, and the **Canadian Journal of Development Studies**.

COURSES

Courses taught include the following:

- * Anthropology of development
- * Anthropology of Latin America

- * Anthropology of development institutions
- * Anthropology of the development project
- * Anthropology, natural resources, and the environment
- * Comparative economic systems
- * IDS Cornerstone
- * IDS Capstone
- * Project management
- * Qualitative research methods in development
- * Social Capital, Civil Society, and Anthropology
- * Theory and Practice of Development

MA THESES SUPERVISED

Beirouk, Shelley Wagner

1998 The Saharawis: Refugee Women, Education and Nationalism in Exile. (IDS Program.)

Todd, James Eugene

1998 Intersections of Development, Environmentalism and Tourism in Yucatán: The Production of (New) Space(s) through Conservation Initiatives. (Anthropology Program.)

Adams, Lee Anne

1999 Community Organization in Bañado Tacumbú: A Vehicle for Social Change? (IDS Program.)

Kaminskis, Marian

2000 Development Anthropology, Development, and Academia: Is Integration Possible? (Anthropology Program.)

Salisbury, Margaret

2002 The Quebradeira Social Movement in Rural Northeastern Brazil: The Reciprocal Relationship of Women and the Babacu Palm Towards Sustainable Development?

Balenger, Sally

2006 Re-Defining Sexual Trafficking: Dominican women, Agency, and Exploitation in Transnational Prostitution

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Previous Research

When undertaking my dissertation research in the early 1970s, my interests focused on the role of religion and culture in the process of social and political change in the Andes of Southern Peru. During my period with Development Alternatives, I was actively involved in four major applied research projects, all comparative and interdisciplinary. For two of them, one dealing with the role of local organizations in rural development and the other with the contributions of social soundness analysis to development, I served as both manager and principal investigator. For the remaining two, one a study of the administrative and managerial problems encountered in implementing integrated rural development projects and the other the sustainable use of fragile lands, I served as a researcher.

Recent Research

Since 1995, I have been conducting research in Colombia on several aspects of local development, particularly development planning and discourse, alternative development, ethnicity and representation, the role of culture, refugees and disasters, the roles of development institutions, all within the broader context of modernity and globalization. As the economic and political situation has steadily deteriorated, my research has expanded to include the cultivation of opium poppies, the symbiotic relationships with guerrilla forces, and the growing involvement in the peace process. The research was undertaken at several sites, both rural and urban, in the department of Cauca, located in southwestern Colombia, the department with the largest concentration of indigenous people in the country. The book that resulted from this research, **Countering Development: Indigenous Modernity and the Moral Imagination**, was published by Duke University Press in May 2008..

Research Grants

From 1995, with the exception of 2003 when I had a sabbatical, I have spent part of each summer in Colombia conducting research, supported by summer research grants – from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in 1996 and from the Elliott School in 1997, 1998, and 1999. In 2000, I took a leave of absence in the spring semester and spent six months in Colombia, partially supported by an International Collaborative Research Grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. The objective of this research project, entitled **Transformations in Colombia -- Ethnic Politics since the 1970s: A Plan for Collaborative Research and Dialogue**, was to establish an international and interethnic dialogue among international researchers, national anthropologists, and indigenous investigators. The research focused on the changing face of ethnic politics in Cauca. In July 2000, we organized a symposium at the IX Congreso de Antropología en Colombia at which we presented the preliminary results of our collaborative research. The revised papers have recently been published in Spanish by the University of Cauca, with the title **Retornando la Mirada: Una Investigación Colaborativa Interétnica Sobre el Cauca a la Entrada al Milenio**. The grant was renewed for an additional year. In 2002, I was awarded a grant from the GW University Facilitating Fund to support the writing of a book.

Present Research

Contemporary Colombia offers unique possibilities for the study of processes of social, political, and cultural change. The 1991 Constitution created the conditions for broader political participation at municipal, provincial, and national levels. It mandated the right to establish alternative political spaces and the right for previously excluded groups to be included in the political process. In 2000, the Social Alternative Block in Cauca, a coalition of forces posing an alternative to the traditional political leaders, emerged in a coalition that included the indigenous movement, other indigenous organizations, social movements, political parties, and popular

organizations. It succeeded in electing Taita Floro Tunubalá, a member of the Guambiano ethnic group, as the first indigenous departmental governor in the history of Colombia.

The objective of my research is to answer a series of related questions about Tunubalá's governorship. First, what was the process by which he was elected? What he did he accomplish during his governorship and how he did he do it? What difference did his government make? What motivates people like Tunubalá, members of his cabinet, and other supporters, to persevere in their struggle to improve conditions in Cauca against what is sometimes life-threatening, if not deadly opposition? I received a Fulbright Award for the spring semester of 2007 at the University of Cauca, where I taught in the new doctoral program in anthropology, the first in Colombia, while continuing this research. I continue the process of reviewing the voluminous documentation I have collected over the past five years as well as my background reading in political science, sociology, and history. I also submitted a manuscript chapter entitled "En Minga por El Cauca: Alternative Government in Colombia, 2001-2003" for publication in a forthcoming edited volume.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2008 **Countering Development: Indigenous Modernity and the Moral Imagination.** Durham: Duke University Press.
- 1985 **Implementing Rural Development Projects: Lessons from AID and World Bank Experience.** Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press. (A volume coedited with Elliott Morss, in which I coauthored three chapters.)

Articles

- 2005 Desde Afuera y Desde Adentro: Planificación Indígena Como Contra-Desarrollo. *In Retornando la Mirada: Una Investigación Colaborativa Interétnica Sobre el Cauca a la Entrada al Milenio*, edited by Joanne Rappaport. Pp. 65-96. Popayán: Editorial Universidad del Cauca.
- 2004 Foreign Aid: Necessary but Needs Fixing. *In Divided Diplomacy and the Next Administration: Conservative and Liberal Alternatives*, edited by Henry R. Nau and David Shambaugh. Pp 83-89. Washington, DC: The George Washington University. (Co-authored.)
- 2002 Anthropology and Development: Evil Twin or Moral Narrative? **Human Organization** 61: 299-313.
- 2002 The Indigenous Public Voice: The Multiple Idioms of Modernity in Native Cauca. *In Indigenous Movements, Self-Representation, and the State in Latin America*, edited by Jean Jackson and Kay Warren, pp. 47-80 Texas: Texas University Press. (With Joanne Rappaport.)

- 1998 Pueden los Subalternos Planificar? Etnicidad y Desarrollo en Cauca, Colombia. *In* **Modernidad, Identidad y Desarrollo: Contrucción de Sociedad y Recreación Cultural en Contextos de Modernización**, edited by María Lucía Sotomayor. Pp. 185-224. Bogotá: Instituto Colombiano de Antropología.
- 1997a Can the Subaltern Plan? Ethnicity and Development in Cauca, Colombia. **Urban Anthropology** 26(3-4):243-292. (Refereed version of 1998 chapter.)
- 1997b Cambio Dirigido, Movimiento Indígena y Estereotipos del Indio: El Estado Colombiano y la Reubicación de los Nasa. *In* **Antropología en la Modernidad**, edited by Ma. Victoria Uribe and Eduardo Restrepo. Pp. 361-399. Bogotá: Instituto Colombiano de Antropología. (With Joanne Rappaport.)
- 1996 The Anthropology of Development Discourse, Agency, and Culture. **Anthropological Quarterly** 69(3):165-175.
- 1995 Anthropology, the Environment, and the Third World: Principles, Power, and Practice. *In* **Global Ecosystem: Creating Public Policy Options Through Anthropological Perspectives**, edited by Pamela Puntenney. Pp. 59-72. Bulletin of the National Association of Practicing Anthropologists. Washington, DC: American Anthropological Association.
- 1994 Planning as a Rational Act: Constructing Environmental Policy in Uganda. **Working Paper No. 181**. Boston: Boston University, African Studies Center.
- 1993 Doubly Damned: Dealing with Power and Praxis in Development Anthropology. **Human Organization** 52(4):380-397.
- 1992a Poverty and Natural Resources: Principles for Environmental Management and Sustainable Development. **Environmental Impact Assessment Review** 12 (1/2):49-65.
- 1992b Forestry for Sustainable Development: The Social Dimension. **Unasyuva**, Vol. 43, No. 169, pp.41-45.
- 1991 Collaboration in Development Consulting: Stooges, Hired Guns, or Musketeers? **Human Organization** 50(1):1-15.
- 1990a Learning from Experience: Social Analysis for the Nineties. **Development Anthropology Network** 8(1):11-16 (Coauthor).
- 1990b Three Faces of Sustainable Development: Institutions, People, and Resources. *In* **Low Input Sustainable Yield Systems: Implications for the World's Rangelands**, edited by R. P. Cincotta, G.K. Perrier, C.W. Gay, and J. Tiedeman. Pp. 13-35. Proceedings of the 1990 International Rangeland Development Symposium. Logan, VT: Utah State University, Department of Range Science.
- 1990c Rapid Rural Appraisal: Social Science as Investigative Journalism. *In* **Methods for Social Analysis for Projects in Developing Countries**, edited by K. Finsterbusch, J. Ingersoll, and L. Llewellyn. Pp. 143-163. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press.

- 1990d Development Anthropology: In Quest of a Practical Vision. *In The Human Dimension of Development: Perspectives from Anthropology*, edited by H.M. Mathur. Pp. 161-172. New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company. (Reprint of 1988 article.)
- 1989a Promoting Rural Growth: People, Places, and Priorities. *In Sub-Saharan Conference on Market Towns and Rural Growth: Economic and Social Linkages*. Pp. 23-53. Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire: RHUDO/AID and the Government.
- 1989b Development of Fragile Lands: An Integrated Approach Reconsidered. *In Fragile Lands of Latin America: Strategies for Sustainable Development*, edited by John Browder. Pp. 25-43. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press.
- 1988a Development Anthropology: In Quest of a Practical Vision. *Development Anthropology Network* 6(2):13-17.
- 1988b The Notorious Nine: Critical Problems in Project Implementation. *World Development* 16(12):1399-1418. (With Elliott Morss).
- 1988c The Provision of Technical Assistance: A View from the Trenches. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* 9(1): 81-103.
- 1987 Sustainable Development of Fragile Lands: The Case of Extensive Livestock Production in Africa. *Agricultural Administration and Extension* 24(1):3-32.
- 1985a Decentralization and Participation: Concepts in Need of Implementation Strategies. *In Implementing Rural Development Projects*, pp. 107-147. (With Jerry VanSant).
- 1985b Ineffective Information Systems. *In Implementing Rural Development Projects*, pp. 175-197. (With Elliott Morss).
- 1985c Sustaining Project Benefits. *In Implementing Rural Development Projects*, pp. 217-243. (With Elliott Morss and Christopher Nordlinger).
- 1983a Participation in Community Development. *Journal of Community Action* 1(6):47-51. (With Jerry VanSant -- a shorter version of our 1982 article).
- 1983b Technical Assistance Alternatives for Rural Development: Beyond the Bypass Model. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* 4(2): 221-240. (With George Honadle and Jerry Silverman).
- 1983c Beyond the Rhetoric of Rural Development Participation: Can It Be Done? *World Development* 2(5):427-446. (With Jerry VanSant).
- 1983d Problemas Críticos de la Ejecución: Definición, Manifestación, y Alivio (Critical Implementation Problems: Definition, Manifestation, and Alleviation). *In Capacitación en Administración de Proyectos: Problemas de Implementación de Proyectos*, edited by Ernesto F. Betancourt. Washington, D.C.: World Bank, Economic Development Institute. (With Elliott Morss -- a Spanish version of our 1981 consulting report.)

- 1982 Managing Staff to Promote Participation. **Rural Development Participation Review** 3(2):4-6. (With Jerry VanSant and Thomas Armor).
- 1981 Local Organization, Participation, and Rural Development: Results from a Seven-Country Study. **Rural Development Participation Review** 2(2):3-7. (With Elliott Morss).
- 1980 The Roles of Christ and Inkarrí in Andean Religion. **Journal of Latin American Lore** 6(2):279-298.
- 1979 Símbolo y Protesta: Movimientos Redentores en Chiapas y los Andes Peruanos. **América Indígena** 39(1):47-80.
- 1978 Verticality and Andean Cosmology: Quadripartition, Opposition, and Mediation. **Actes du XLII Congrès International des Américanistes** 4:199-211.
- 1975 La Alpaca en el Mito y el Ritual. **Allpanchis Phuturinga** 8: 141-164. (With Rosalind Wynne).
- 1974 Taytacha Qoyllur Riti: Rocas y Bailarines, Creencias y Continuidad. **Allpanchis Phuturinga** 7:49-100.
- 1973 Reforma Agraria y Sistema de Cargos. **Allpanchis Phuturinga** 5:131-158.

Major Consulting Reports

Note: Over a period of some 18 years, I produced many, many reports. While the list that follows is already abbreviated, I have taken the liberty of marking the reports I consider more worthwhile with an asterisk (*) and providing a brief description.

- 1994 **Background Paper: Local Government and Participation.** Report prepared for the World Bank Participation Sourcebook. Washington, DC (Coauthor).
- 1994 **Participation and Local Government: Levers for Task Managers.** Report prepared for the World Bank. Washington, DC (Coauthor).
- 1994 **Fiscal Choice and Expressing Voice: Recent Experience in Participation in LAC.** Report prepared for the World Bank, Washington, DC (Coauthor).
- *1993 **Agriculture and Small Farmer Production: The Case of PRONASOL in Oaxaca.** Report prepared for the World Bank, Washington, DC.
This report deals with some of the central and perennial problems of small farmer agriculture in contemporary Mexico, ranging from resource depletion to political marginalization.
- 1993 **Small Farmer Production: The Achilles Heel of Decentralization in Mexico.** Report prepared for the World Bank, Washington, DC.
- 1993 **Uganda: Country Environmental Strategy Paper.** Report prepared for the World Bank, Washington, DC (Coauthor).

- 1993 **Assessing Forestry Project Impacts: Issues and Strategies.** Report prepared for FAO, UNEP, the World Bank, and EPAT. St. Paul, Minnesota: University of Minnesota (Coauthor).
- 1992 **The Uganda National Environmental Action Plan: The WRI Contribution During Phase One.** Report prepared for the NEAP Secretariat, Kampala. Washington, DC: WRI (Principal author).
- 1990 **Enhancing the Effectiveness of Governmental and Non-Governmental Partnership in Natural Resources Management.** A report prepared for the Natural Resources Management Support Project (NRMS). Washington, DC: EDI and DAI (Coauthor).
- 1990 **Agricultural Sustainability: Provincial Perceptions in Pakistan.** Report prepared for the Government of Pakistan and AID/Pakistan. Washington, DC: DAI (Coauthor).
- *1990 **The Three Faces of Sustainable Development: Institutions, People, and Natural Resources.** Report prepared for The Osborn Center for Conservation and Development, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, DC.
This report developed a model for better understanding the practical problems underlying the concept of sustainable development. It also served as the basis for a later publication in the Proceedings of the 1990 International Rangeland Symposium (Gow 1990).
- *1990 **Forestry in FAO: Issues and Priorities for the 1990s.** Report prepared for the FAO Forestry Department, Rome.
This report, based on three months of research in Rome, provided an up-to-date analysis of the problems confronting FAO's Forestry Department.
- *1990 **National Program for Agroforestry in Haiti.** 2 vols. DESFIL report prepared for AID/Haiti. Washington, DC: DAI (Principal author).
This report, the work of an interdisciplinary team that I led, consists of an assessment and redesign of a highly regarded social forestry project in Haiti in which anthropologists and anthropological knowledge played a crucial role. This report also provided the basis for two subsequent publications -- Gow 1991 and 1993.
- *1989 **Social Analysis for Third World Development: Toward Guidelines for the Nineties.** Report prepared for AID/Washington: Washington, DC: DAI (Principal author).
This report, the product of a team of six social scientists that I led, was prepared in collaboration with the Institute of Development Anthropology. The report critically assessed the contribution of social analysis, conducted by anthropologists, to USAID's rural development projects and suggested ways in which such analysis might be improved.
- 1989 **National Community Forestry Strategy for Zambia.** Report prepared for the Government of Zambia and FAO. Lusaka, Zambia: FAO.
- 1989 **Agricultural Research Support Project in Mali: Institutional Analysis for the Project Identification Document.** Report prepared for AID/Mali. Washington, DC: DAI.
- 1988 **Environmental Assessment of the Northern Zone Consolidation Project No. 035 in Costa Rica.** 2 vols. DESFIL report prepared for AID/Costa Rica. Washington, DC: DAI (Principal author).

- *1986 The Rwanda Social and Institutional Profile.** 3 vols. Report prepared for AID/Rwanda. Washington, DC: DAI (Principal author).
This study which I led called for the assessment of those government institutions working in the fields of health, education, and agriculture, and was used to provide a basis for USAID's future development strategies in Rwanda.
- 1985 **The Range Management Improvement Project in Morocco: An Evaluation.** Report prepared for AID/Morocco. Washington, DC: DAI (Principal author).
- 1984 **Refugee Settlement in Somalia: A Discussion and a Report.** Report prepared for AID/Somalia. Washington, DC: DAI (Principal author).
- 1982 **Five Years Later: Progress and Sustainability in Project North Shaba.** Report prepared for AID/Zaire. Washington, DC: DAI (Coauthor).
- 1982 **Agricultural Sector Assistance Strategy for Upper Volta.** Report prepared for AID/Burkina Faso. Washington, DC: DAI (Coauthor).
- *1981 Differing Agendas: The Politics of IRD Project Design in Panama.** IRD project field trip report. Washington, DC: DAI (Principal author).
This study, by far the toughest I ever undertook, entailed the redesign of an integrated rural development project in Panama in a highly charged political environment.
- 1981 **IRD in Colombia: Making it Work.** IRD project field trip report. Washington, DC: DAI (Coauthor).
- *1981 Integrated Rural Development: Nine Critical Implementation Problems.** IRD Research Note No. 1. Washington, DC: DAI (Coauthor).
This research note provided the conceptual framework upon which our later edited volume (Morss and Gow 1985) was based.
- 1980 **Integrated Rural Development: Making it Work?** A state-of-the-art report prepared for AID/Washington. Washington, DC: DAI (Coauthor).
- *1979 Local Organizations and Rural Development: A Comparative Reappraisal.** 2 vols. Report prepared for AID/Washington. Washington, DC: DAI (Principal author).
This study involved comparative research on the role of small farmer organizations in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Much of the data (with full attribution) was subsequently used by Norman Uphoff in two of his books -- **Local Organizations: Intermediaries in Rural Development (1984)** and **Local Institutional Development: An Analytical Sourcebook with Cases (1986)**.
- 1977 **The Rural Poor in Haiti: A Social Analysis.** Report prepared for AID/Haiti. Washington, DC: DAI.
- 1976 **An Evaluation of the Haitian American Community Help Organization.** Report prepared for AID/Haiti. (Coauthor).

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