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EDUCATION

Ph.D., International Relations May 2006
American University, School of International Service, Washington, DC
Fields: International Politics; International Peace and Conflict Resolution
Dissertation: 'Transnational Activist Networks: Against Neoliberal Globalization and For Another Possible World' (published as *Global Activism* by Routledge, 2007)

M.A., International Studies Aug. 1996
University of Miami, Graduate School of International Studies, Coral Gables, FL
Fields: International Economics; Inter-American Relations
Thesis: 'The Rise and Decline of an Alliance: Cuba and African American Leaders in the 1960s' (published by Michigan State University Press, 1999)

B.A., Spanish and Business Administration May 1992
Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota

H.S. Diploma, Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Public School May 1988
Waubun, Minnesota

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, University of Miami International Studies Dept. Aug. 2007-present
(formerly Visiting Assistant Professor, Aug. 2005-May 2007)

COURSES TAUGHT (UNDERGRADUATE, MASTERS, & PH.D.)

- transnational social movements and global transformation
- rightwing social movements in historical & comparative perspective
- European social movements and theory
- globalization and human rights
- international peace and conflict resolution
- international security and foreign policy
- social science research methodology
- graduate seminars in international relations theory
- dissertation proposal design workshop
- introduction to global politics/ international studies

OTHER RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Researcher, European Academy Institute for Minority Rights, Bolzano, Italy
January - July 2008 & summer 2007
Research Assistant, American Univ. School of International Service, Washington, DC
September 2000 - May 2003
Research & Teaching Assistant, University of Miami School of International Studies,
Coral Gables, FL January 1999 - May 2000; 1994 - 1996
Spanish Instructor, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN August - December 1993
English Teacher, Urania School, Merano, Italy May 2003 - June 2005

OTHER EDUCATION

MFA intensive courses on Ezra Pound's epic poem *The Cantos* and Poetry Writing
Workshop, University of New Orleans summer study abroad at the Ezra Pound Center
for Literature, Merano, and Venice, Italy, June - July 2010

Re-writing the Screenplay MFA course with Tom Musca (professor, screenwriter, director,
producer), University of Miami Film School, Spring semester 2011

Summer Peacebuilding Institute, Eastern Mennonite University Master's Courses,
Harrisonburg, VA, May - June 1999

Universidad de las Americas, Mexico City, Mexico, Spring semester 1992

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Global Movement(s) (in progress; prospective publisher: London, Routledge, 2012).

Global Activism (London: Routledge, 2007).

The Rise and Decline of an Alliance: Cuba and African American Leaders in the 1960s (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 1999).

ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, & REVIEW ESSAYS

The World Social Forums as a Bounded Open Space: Maintain it, Fix it or Nix it? Evidence from Post-9/11 Global Anti-War Activism.' Ch. 8 in *Handbook of the World Social Forum Activism*, Jackie Smith, Scott Byrd, Ellen Reese, and Elizabeth Smythe, eds. (Boulder: Paradigm Publishers 2011).

'Coordinated Power in Contemporary Leftist Activism.' Ch. 3 in *Power and Transnational Activism*, Thomas Olesen, ed. (London: Routledge 2011): 51-72.

'The Global Anti-War Movement within and beyond the World Social Forum.'
Globalizations 6, no. 4 (Dec. 2009): 509-23.

'Review of "La Via Campesina: Globalization and the Power of Peasants" by Annette Aurelie Desmarais,' *Studies in Social Justice* 2, no.1 (2008): 119-20.

'A Global Civil Society in a World Polity, Or Angels and Nomads against Empire?' *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations* 13, no. 3 (2007): 445-60.

'Who's Afraid of the Lion's Roar? Commentary on Grahame F. Thompson's "Exploring Sameness and Difference: Fundamentalisms and the Future of Globalization".'
Globalizations 3, no. 4 (Dec. 2006): 455-8.

'Human Rights in U.S. Policy: A Casualty of the "War on Terrorism"?' *International Journal of Human Rights* 7, no. 4 (Winter 2003): 51-62.

'Review Article: Population Transfer, Cleansing, and Partition.' *Journal of Refugee Studies* 14, no. 4 (May 2002): 436-446.

'Religion as a Resource for Peace: A Theoretical and Practical Framework.' *Journal of the Henry Martyn Institute [Hyderabad, India]* 20, no. 1 (January-June 2001): 32-49.

'Strategic Nonviolent Conflict in Kosovo.' *Peace & Change* 25, no. 1 (January 2000): 70-101.

'Cuba, the Black Panther Party and the U.S. Black Movement in the 1960s: Issues of Security.' *The New Political Science* 21, no. 2 (June 1999): 217-230.

[The above was also published as a book chapter in Kathleen Cleaver and George Katsiaficas, eds. *Liberation, Imagination, and the Black Panther Party: A New Look at the Panthers and Their Legacy* (Routledge, 2001).]

IN PRESS

Guest editor of special edition of *Globalizations* journal, themed 'Global Movement(s),' forthcoming, vol. 9, no. 3, Summer 2012.

'Transnational Coalescence of the Global Peace and Justice Movement,' Special edition of *Globalizations* journal, themed 'Global Movement(s).'

Reitan, Ruth, and Shannon Gibson. 'Climate Activist Networks and the UNFCCC: A Participatory Action Research Approach,' Special edition of *Globalizations* journal, themed 'Global Movement(s).'

'Anti-War Movement, Global.' *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalizations Oxford*, George Ritzer, ed. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012).

Ruth Reitan and Shannon Gibson. 'Environmental Movement.' In *Encyclopedia of Global Studies*, Mark Juergensmeyer and Helmut K. Anheier, eds. Shannon Gibson, co-author. (Sage, 2012).

UNDER REVIEW

'Paradoxical Peace: A Scholar-Activist's Auto-Ethnography on Religious Pacifism, Anti-Capitalism, and Anarchism,' submitted to 'Confronting the Political: Occupying Subjectivity,' edited journal by Chris Rosedale.

Selection of 14 poems from 'You were a God in My Eyes,' submitted to *Revolutionary Love Letters*, edited book by Jamie Heckert.

SCHOLARLY ELECTRONIC-JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

'US Native Americans' Struggle for Survival and Self-Determination, Past and Present.' Eurac Research (Summer 2008) European Academy (Eurac) Bolzano, Italy, at: www.eurac.edu/Focus/indigenous_americas/indigenous_us_native.htm

'Walden Bello on the Global Anti-War Movement and the World Social Forum, Interview with Ruth Reitan, 29 March 2008.' News & Notes on Global Democratization (August-September 2008), Network Institute for Global Democratization, Helsinki, Finland, at: www.nigd.org/nan/nan-doc-store/07-08-2008/walden-bello-on-the-global-anti-war-movement-and-the-world-social-forum

FILMOGRAPHY (FEATURE-LENGTH, HISTORICAL DRAMATIC SCREENPLAYS)

Reitan, Ruth Halaj. 'Cuba Libre (Serpent's Dream).' WGAE reg. no. I206711 (07/27/09) 92 pp. In pre-production with producer Traci Bransford-Marquis. *Awards*: first-runner up in the Mid-Atlantic Black Film Festival, Norfolk, Virginia, October 2010; Semi-finalist in the 25th International Talentscout & WriteMovies writing contest, 2010; Runner-up in the 2010 Great Lakes International Script Competition.

'Lost Generation.' WGAE reg. no. I66144 (12/11/08) 111 pp. *Awards*: 2nd place in Work-In-Progress Screenplay Competition, Drama Category, Woods Hole Film festival, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, July 2011; Finalist in the Screenplay Competition, 11th annual Beverly Hills International Film Festival, 2010.

'Paradiso Terrestre: Ezra Pound and Italian Fascism.' WGAE registered (09/25/2011) 117 pp.

FUNDED RESEARCH

National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Award, for 'Transnational Environmental Activism,' by Shannon Gibson, Sociology Division, no. 1030605, 15 August 2010-14 August 2011, Ruth Reitan Principal Investigator, Shannon Gibson co-PI, \$9,820.

UM International Studies Department and College of Arts and Sciences Research Support, to attend the 15th United Nations Conference of Parties (COP 15) Climate Treaty meetings and parallel civil society KlimaForum, Copenhagen, Denmark, 10-19 December 2009, Ruth Reitan PI, Protocol ID 20090010, \$900.

Seed Funding, UM College of Arts and Sciences, for research at the World Social Forum in Belem, Brazil, 25 January-3 February 2009, Ruth Reitan PI, \$4870.

World Social Forum research grant, International Studies Association-International Political Economy Section, for field research in Nairobi, Kenya, 20-25 January 2007, Ruth Reitan PI, \$1,000.

UM Provost Summer Research Award, 2009, \$10,500.

Max Orovitz Summer Research Award, UM Arts and Humanities Faculty, 2008, \$9,300.

UM College of Arts and Sciences International Travel Support, to present research papers at: Comparative and Interdisciplinary Studies Section of the International Studies Association (CISS-ISA) 10th International Millennium Conference, Venice, Italy, July 2010; and the World International Studies Committee (WISC) 2nd Global International Studies Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, July 2008, \$2,700.

UM International Studies Department travel grants, to present research papers at: 5th European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Potsdam, September 2009; 9th CISS-ISA Conference, Potsdam, Germany, June 2009; International Studies Association (ISA) Conventions in New York 2009, San Francisco 2008, Chicago 2007, and San Diego 2006.

Multi-year recipient of travel grants from ISA to attend annual conventions.

UM College of Arts and Sciences Publication Support for book index, Nov. 2008, \$793.

American University School of International Service travel grants, to present research papers at: American Political Science Association Convention, Washington, DC, September 2005; ISA Conventions in Honolulu 2005, Montreal 2004, New Orleans 2002, Chicago 2001; and Central and Eastern European-ISA Convention, Budapest, June 2003.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Chair of panel 'Articulating Feminist, Global Justice, Anti-War, and Environmental Struggles Within the World Social Forum and Alter-Globalization Movement.' ISA Convention, San Diego, CA, 4 April 2012.

'Constructing the Alter-Globalization Movement via Miscibility: Post-9/11 Anti-Neoliberal and Anti-War Activism.' ISA Convention, San Diego, CA 4 April 2012.

Chair of Outstanding Scholar Activist (OSA) Award Panel Honoring Mike Davis 3 April 2012.

'The Global Left as 'Frayed Braid': Climate Activism within the Alter-Globalization Movement' (co-authored with Shannon Gibson). ISA Convention, Montreal, Canada, 17 March 2011.

Chair of panel 'Climate Justice Movement and UN COP15: Roots, Parts, and Relationship to the Whole Global Justice/Alter Globalization Movement.' ISA Convention, Montreal, 17 March 2011.

Chair of panel 'Ethico-Political Reflections on Environmental and Feminist Activism.' ISA Convention, Montreal, 19 March 2011.

Roundtable participant in 'AlterGlobalizations Caucus', facilitating scholarly networking, collaboration, and participatory research on transnational activist networks and the World Social Forum process. ISA Convention, Montreal, 18 March 2011.

Intellectual Capitalism vs. Participatory Action Research,' roundtable discussion on 'Social Movements and Social Transformation: Knowledge and Power.' Social Movement Governance, The Poor and the New Politics of the Americas Conference, University of South Florida, Tampa, 3 February 2011.

'The Three Historical Strands of Leftist Activism Entwined in the Contemporary Global Climate Justice Movement.' The Comparative and Interdisciplinary Studies Section of the International Studies Association (CISS-ISA) 10th International Millennium Conference, Venice, Italy, 5 July 2010.

Opponent on doctoral thesis examination 'The Politics of Pulp Investment and the Brazilian Landless Movement' by Markus Kroeger, University of Helsinki, Finland, Faculty of Social Sciences, 27 March 2010.

Presenter and discussant at public seminar 'Local Activism in Global Contexts.' University of Helsinki, hosted by Amnesty International Finnish Section and Centre of Excellence in Global Governance Research, 26 March 2010.

'Competing Conceptions of Power and World Order in the Global Justice Movement.' 5th European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Potsdam, 10-12 September 2009.

'Horizontal and Networked Power vs. Hierarchical and Hegemonic Power in the Global Justice Movement.' CISS-ISA 9th International Millennium Conference, Potsdam, Germany, 13-15 June 2009.

Led workshop discussion on 'Student Debt and Poverty.' Miami Poverty Conference, University of Miami, Coral Gables, 21 February 2009.

'The World Social Forum as a Bounded 'Open Space': Maintain it, Fix it or Nix it? Evidence from Post-9/11 Global Anti-War Activism.' ISA Convention, New York, 15 February 2009.

Chair of panel 'The World Social Forum as Space for Constructing New Coalitions and Networks and Innovating Alternative Epistemologies and Practice.' ISA Convention, New York, 15 February 2009.

Roundtable participant in 'AlterGlobalizations Caucus.' ISA Convention, New York, 16 February 2009.

'The World Social Forum and Post-9/11 Global Anti-War Activism.' World International Studies Committee (WISC) 2nd Global International Studies Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 24 July 2008.

'Equality vs. Difference in Social Movement Claims-making.' Guest Master's degree lecture, European Academy, Bolzano, Italy, 27 June 2008.

'What Kind of Solidarity toward which Global Order? Tensions among Contemporary Transnational Activists within the 'Global Justice Movement'.' International Seminar on Solidarity and Citizenship in World Politics, Helsinki, 6-7 March 2008.

Panel Participant in 'Capitalism '08: the Possibilities of a Freer Future,' discussing Immanuel Wallerstein's public address 'The Chaotic State of the World System.' Old Student Union House, University of Helsinki, 5 March 2008.

'Imperial Nomads vs. World Polity Saints: Competing Models of Global Order and Change among Contemporary Leftist Activists.' ISA Convention, San Francisco, 25 March 2008. Co-facilitator of 'Alternative Globalizations Workshop.' ISA Convention, San Francisco, 27 March 2008.

'Constructing 'The World's Other Superpower': Anti-War Movements Go Global to Counter US Global War on Terror.' ISA Convention, Chicago, 28 Feb-3 March 2007.

Coordinator and co-facilitator of 'Assemblage and Research Planning for Alternative Globalizations.' ISA Convention, Chicago, 2 March 2007.

'Immigrant & Minority Activism within the Global Justice Movement: Equality vs. Difference, Reformism vs. Radicalism.' European Academy Master's Lecture, Bolzano, Italy, 22 June 2007.

Co-facilitator of 'The Future of the Movements' Seminar. World Social Forum, Nairobi, Kenya, January 2007.

'The Nature of Transnational Activism and Solidarity Today: Altruism's Out, Identity's (Back) In, and Reciprocity's Welcome.' ISA Convention, San Diego, 22-25 March 2006. Chair and presenter.

'Environmental Activism Goes Global: The Case of Friends of the Earth International.' American Political Science Association Convention, Washington, DC, 1-4 September 2005.

'Transnational Activism's Trigger: The Structural Violence of Neoliberal Globalization.' ISA Convention, Honolulu, 1-5 March 2005.

'The Personal Is Methodological (as well as Political): The Co-Constitution of Normative Commitments and Methodology.' Roundtable discussant and presenter on 'Transnational Social Movements and Scholar Activism II: World Social Forum,' ISA Convention, Honolulu, 1-5 March 2005.

'The World Social Forum and the Global Movement of Movements: Internationalizing Activism and Deepening Democracy.' ISA Convention, Montreal, 17-20 March 2004.

'The Mobilization of Global Civil Society.' Berlin Roundtable on Transnationality entitled 'Transnational Risks and Civil Society.' Irmgard Coninx Foundation, Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) and Humboldt University, 2-10 January 2004.

'How Civil Society Went Global: Analyzing the Process of Scale Shift from the Localized 'IMF Riot' to the World Social Forum.' Central and Eastern European-ISA Convention, Budapest, 25-28 June 2003.

'Constructing Broad Coalitions and Mobilizing Structures in the Globalization Era: The Case of the World Social Forum.' Conference entitled 'Globalizzazione, Conflitti, Movimenti Sociali.' University of Trento, Italy, 5-6 June 2003.

'De/Constructing Globalization.' ISA Convention, New Orleans, 24-27 March 2002.

'The Case for Partitioning Kosovo.' ISA Convention, Chicago, 20-24 February 2001.

'Rising Up Now would Mean Suicide: Strategic Nonviolent Conflict in Kosovo.' ISA-South Conference, Lexington, 12-14 November 1999.

'Political Ideology and Tactics of African American and Cuban Leaders in the 1960s in Comparative Perspective.' UNC-Chapel Hill Conference on Cuba and African Americans, 28 February 2000.

'The Cuban Government and U.S. Black Leaders in the 1960s.' South Eastern Conference on Latin American Studies, Florida International University, Miami, 11-13 April 1996.

'Cuban and U.S. Black Leadership: Conflicts and Common Ground.' North Central Council of Latin Americanists Conference, Ripon College, Wisconsin, 26-28 October 1995.

Organized conference and presented paper on the above topic at the Cuban Studies Association - University of Miami Graduate Student Conference, 22 March 1996.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

International Studies Association, sections: International Political Economy, International Political Sociology, Environmental Studies, Feminist Theory and Gender Studies, Peace Studies, and Global South Caucus. IPE section chair, 2007-8; IPE program chair, 2007 Chicago convention; IPE Outstanding Scholar Activist Award committee 2007-present; at-large section officer, 2006

Board member of *Globalizations* journal, since 2007

Reviewer of article and book manuscripts for *American Sociological Review*, *Globalizations*, *Review of International Studies*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Affinities*, *Ethnoscapes*, IPE Compendium/ ISA Compendia project, Routledge Press (Rethinking Globalization series), and Lynne Rienner Press

Network Institute for Global Democratization. Board member, 2007, current member

INS Department SACS Committee member (2011-12)

INS Department International Relations & Foreign Policy graduate comprehensive exam committee (ongoing)

INS Department Representative to Graduate Faculty (since Fall 2011)

Advisory Board of UM's Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy (since 2009)

INS Department representative to the College Council (Spring 2008)

Ph.D. student representative, American U. School of International Service, 2001-2002

Ph.D. student representative, U. of Miami School of International Studies, 1999-2000

AmeriCorps member, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Minneapolis, 1996-1998

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

English (native speaker); Spanish and Italian (reading)