

Sharon Erickson Nepstad

Curriculum Vitae

Distinguished Professor of Sociology
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Education

Post-doctoral Fellow, Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion (2001-2002)
Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Colorado-Boulder (1996)
B.A. in Psychology, Bethel University of St. Paul, *summa cum laude* (1986)

Academic Positions

Interim Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Arts & Sciences, University of New Mexico (2024-2025)
Associate Dean for Student Success, College of Arts & Sciences, University of New Mexico (2022-2024)
Distinguished Professor of Sociology, University of New Mexico (2016-present)
Chair of Sociology, University of New Mexico (2012-2014, 2016-2021)
Professor of Sociology, University of New Mexico (2009-2015)
Director of Religious Studies, University of New Mexico (2009-2012)
Visiting Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Notre Dame University (2008)
Professor of Sociology, University of Southern Maine (2008)
Director of Religious Studies, University of Southern Maine (2006-2008)
Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Southern Maine (2005-2007)
Assistant Professor of Sociology and Peace & Conflict Studies, Duquesne University (1999-2005)
Director of Peace and Justice Studies, Regis University (1997-1999)
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Regis University (1996-1999)

Areas of Specialization

- Social Movements
- Nonviolence/Civil Resistance Studies/Peace Studies
- Sociology of Religion
- Political Sociology

Awards

2026 - Norwegian Fulbright Commission Award, Visiting Researcher, Norwegian Nobel Institute
2023 - Fulbright Specialist Award, Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil
2022 - Global Exchange on Religion in Society, appointed delegate to South Africa, sponsored by the European Commission

2021 - Robin Williams Award for Distinguished Contributions to Scholarship, Teaching and Service, American Sociological Association section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict
 2012 - Outstanding Book Award for *Nonviolent Revolutions: Civil Resistance in the Late 20th Century*, American Sociological Association section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict
 2009 - Outstanding Book Award for *Religion and War Resistance in the Plowshares Movement*, American Sociological Association section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict
 2008 - Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Scholarship, University of Southern Maine
 1995 - Graduate Student Research & Creative Work Award, University of Colorado.
 1995 - Merle Adams Outstanding Graduate Student Theory Paper Award, University of Colorado
 1993 - Graduate Teacher Excellency Award, University of Colorado-Boulder

Scholarship

Books

Beck, Colin, Mlada Bukovansky, Erica Chenoweth, George Lawson, Sharon Erickson Nepstad, and Daniel Ritter (equal co-authors). 2022. *On Revolutions: Unruly Politics in the Contemporary World*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2019. *Catholic Social Activism: Progressive Movements in the United States*. New York: New York University Press.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2015. *Nonviolent Struggle: Theories, Strategies, and Dynamics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

*Translated into Arabic (2024)

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2011. *Nonviolent Revolutions: Civil Resistance in the Late Twentieth Century*. New York: Oxford University Press.

*Translated into Catalan (2013): *Revolucions noviolentes: Resistència civil al final del segle XX*, published by Barcelona Institut Català Internacional per la Pau.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2008. *Religion and War Resistance in the Plowshares Movement*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2004. *Convictions of the Soul: Religion, Culture, and Agency in the Central America Solidarity Movement*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Edited Volumes

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Lester R. Kurtz. 2012. *Nonviolent Conflict and Civil Resistance*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.

Special Issue Journal Editor

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2015. Special issue of *Mobilization* on Nonviolent Resistance Research.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2026. "The Social Allure of Enemies: Moral Power and Illusions in Public Reactions to Arendt's *Eichmann in Jerusalem*." *Journal of Political Power*, 1–17.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/2158379X.2026.2695746>
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2025. "Moral Witness and Political Pragmatism in U.S. Peace Movements." *American Behavioral Scientist*
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00027642251334673>
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2023. "Toward an Agency-Centered, Iterative Approach to Social Movement Repression." *Sociology Compass* <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.13078>
- Setter, Davyd and Sharon Erickson Nepstad. 2022. "How Social Movements Influence Public Opinion on Political Violence: Attitude Shifts in the Aftermath of the George Floyd Protests." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 27(4): 429–444.
<https://doi.org/10.17813/1086-671X-27-4-429>
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2021. "Religious Support for Civil Resistance Campaigns: When and How Does it Contribute to Regime Change?" *Socius* 7: 1-14.
doi:[10.1177/23780231211054997](https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231211054997)
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2019. "Religion, Ideology, and Support for Nonviolent Revolutionary Struggles: A Comparison of Catholic Leaders in Argentina, Chile, and El Salvador in the 1970s-1980s." *Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change* 43: 89-108.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Alexis M. Kenney. 2018. "Legitimation Battles, Backfire Dynamics, and Tactical Persistence in the NFL Anthem Protests, 2016-2017." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 23(4): 469-483.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2015. "Nonviolent Resistance Research." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 20(4): 415-426.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2013. "Nonviolent Civil Resistance and Social Movements." *Sociology Compass* 7(7): 590-598.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2013. "Mutiny and Nonviolence in the Arab Spring: Exploring Military Defections and Loyalty in Egypt, Bahrain, and Syria." *Journal of Peace Research* 50(3): 337-349.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Lester Kurtz. 2012. "Introduction: Nonviolence and Civil Resistance Studies." *Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change* 34: xi-xxvii.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2011. "Nonviolent Resistance in the Arab Spring: The Critical Role of Military-Opposition Alliances." *Swiss Political Science Review* 17 (4): 485-491.

- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2009. "Disruptive Action and the Prophetic Tradition: War Resistance in the Plowshares Movement." *U.S. Catholic Historian* 27(2): 97-113.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Stellan Vinthagen. 2008. "Strategic Changes and Cultural Adaptations: Explaining Differential Outcomes in the International Plowshares Movement." *International Journal of Peace Studies* 13(1): 15-42.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2007. "Oppositional Consciousness Among the Privileged: Remaking Religion in the Central America Solidarity Movement." *Critical Sociology* 33(4): 661-688.
- Bob, Clifford and Sharon Erickson Nepstad. 2007. "Kill a Leader, Murder a Movement? Leadership and Assassination in Social Movements." *American Behavioral Scientist* 50(10): 1370-1394.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Clifford Bob. 2006. "When Do Leaders Matter? Hypotheses on Leadership Dynamics in Social Movements." *Mobilization* 11(1): 21-42.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2004. "Disciples and Dissenters: Tactical Choice and Consequences in the Plowshares Movement." *Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change* 25: 139-160.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2004. "Religion, Violence, and Peacemaking." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 43(3): 297-301.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2004. "Persistent Resistance: Commitment and Community in the Plowshares Movement." *Social Problems* 51 (1): 43-60.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2004. "The Role of the Church in International Peacebuilding and Development: Lessons from the U.S.-Central America Solidarity Movement." *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development* 1(3): 20-34.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2001. "Creating Transnational Solidarity: The Use of Narrative in the U.S.-Central America Peace Movement." *Mobilization* 6 (1): 21-36. (Reprinted in 2002 in *Globalization and Resistance: Transnational Dimensions of Social Movements*. Edited by Jackie Smith and Hank Johnston. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.)
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2000. "School of the Americas Watch." *Peace Review* 12 (1): 67-72.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Christian Smith. 1999. "Rethinking Recruitment to High Risk/Cost Activism: The Case of Nicaragua Exchange." *Mobilization* 4 (1): 40- 51.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 1997. "The Process of Cognitive Liberation: Cultural Synapses, Links, and Frame Contradictions in the U.S.—Central America Peace Movement." *Sociological Inquiry* 67 (4): 470-487.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. Forthcoming in 2026. "Preventing Mass Atrocities by Promoting Democracy: How Religious Leaders Can Help Challenge Authoritarian Regimes." In *Resisting Mass Atrocities*, edited by Ellen Emilie Stensrud, Gyda M. Sindre, and Claire Q. Smith. Rutgers, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. Forthcoming in 2026. "Resisting the Sentimentalization of Archbishop Romero's Radical Legacy." In *Romero: Activating Heritage of International Solidarity*, edited by Kim Christiaens, Veerle Draulans, and Jonas Van Mulder. Leuven: Leuven University Press, Belgium.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2023. "Rustin's Resistance to War and Militarism." In *Bayard Rustin: A Legacy of Protest and Politics*, edited by Mike Long. New York: New York University Press.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2019. "Defections or Disobedience? Assessing the Consequences of Security Force Collaboration or Disengagement in Nonviolent Movements." Pp. 79-97 in *Social Movements, Nonviolent Resistance, and the State*, edited by Hank Johnston. New York: Routledge Books.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2017. "Peace Movements in the United States." In the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion*, edited by John Corrigan and Tracy Leavelle. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2017. "Religious Beliefs and Perceptions of Repression in the U.S. and Swedish Plowshares Movement." Pp. 246-268 in *Religion and Progressive Activism: New Stories About Faith and Politics*, edited by Ruth Braunstein, Todd Fuist, and Rhys Williams. New York: New York University Press.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2015. "How Regimes Counter Nonviolent Resistance Movements: The Cases of Panama and Kenya." Pp. 121-144 in *Civil Resistance: Comparative Perspectives on Nonviolent Struggle*, edited by Kurt Schock. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2015. "Why Nonviolence Sometimes Fails: China in 1989." Pp. 405-415 in *The Social Movements Reader: Cases and Concepts*, edited by Jeff Goodwin and James M. Jasper. Malden, MA and West Sussex, UK: John Wiley & Sons.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Stellan Vinthagen. 2012. "Strategic Choices in Cross-National Movements: A Comparison of the Swedish and British Plowshares Movement." In *Strategies for Social Change*, edited by Gregory Maney, Rachel Kutz-Flamenbaum, Deana Rohlinger, and Jeff Goodwin. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Rhys H. Williams. 2007. "Religion in Rebellion, Resistance, and Change." Pp. 403-421 in *Handbook of Sociology of Religion*, edited by N.J. Nemerath III and James Beckford. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Christian Smith. 2001. "The Social Structure of Moral Outrage in Recruitment to the U.S.-Central America Peace Movement." Pp. 158-174 in *Passionate Politics: Emotions and Social Movements*. Edited by Jeffrey Goodwin, James Jasper, and Francesca Polletta. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 1996. "Popular Religion, Protest, and Revolt: The Emergence of Political Insurgency in the Nicaraguan and Salvadoran Churches of the 1960s-1980s. Pp. 105-124 in *Disruptive Religion: The Force of Faith in Social Movement Activism*. Edited by Christian S. Smith. New York: Routledge.

Wehr, Paul and Sharon Erickson Nepstad. 1994. "Violence, Nonviolence, and Justice in Sandinista Nicaragua." Pp. 81-98 in *Justice Without Violence*. Edited by Paul Wehr, Guy Burgess, and Heidi Burgess. Boulder, CO: Lynne Reiner Publishers.

Works in Progress

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. *The Allure of Enemies: Why We Love to Hate and How Conflict Transformers Shift Enemy Dynamics*. Book manuscript in draft form.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Alisa Rogers. "Tactical Potency: Comparing Reactive Strength of Symbolic Political Protest in Professional Sports." Article manuscript in draft form.

Essays and Encyclopedia Entries

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Jalal Fetrati. 2023. "Revolution." In *The Elger Encyclopedia of Political Sociology*, edited by Maria Grasso and Mario Guigni.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2012. "The Central America Solidarity Movement." *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*, edited by David Snow, Donatella della Porta, Bert Klandermans, and Doug McAdam. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2012. "Commitment." *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*, edited by David Snow, Donatella della Porta, Bert Klandermans, and Doug McAdam. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2012. "The Plowshares Movement." *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*, edited by David Snow, Donatella della Porta, Bert Klandermans, and Doug McAdam. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2010. "War Resistance and the Catholic Left." In the *Oxford International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Edited by Nigel Young. New York: Oxford University Press.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2010. "The Sanctuary Movement." In the *Oxford International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Edited by Nigel Young. New York: Oxford University Press.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2005. "The Continuing Relevance of Coser's Theory of Conflict." *Sociological Forum* 20(2): 323-325.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 1997. "Nicaragua, Nonviolence and Revolution." Pp. 351-353 in *Protest, Power, and Change: Nonviolent Action from ACT-UP to Women's Suffrage*. Edited by Roger S. Powers and William B. Voegelé. New York: Garland Publishers.

Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 1997. "The U.S. Sanctuary Movement." Pp. 456-458 in *Protest, Power, and Change: Nonviolent Action from ACT-UP to Women's Suffrage*. Edited by Roger S. Powers and William B. Voegelé. New York: Garland Publishers.

Book Reviews

2023. Review of Bill Wylie-Kellerman's *Celebrant's Flame: Daniel Berrigan in Memory and Reflection*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books. *Peace and Change* 48(3).
doi.org/10.1111/pech.12632

2016. Review of Maia Carter Hallward and Julie M. Norman's *Understanding Nonviolence: Contours and Contexts*. Cambridge, UK and Malden, MA: Polity Press. *Mobilization* 21(3): 379-380.

2013. Review of Clifford Bob's *The Global Right Wing and the Clash of World Politics* (Cambridge University Press). *Mobilization* 18(4).

2012. Review of Wendy Pearlman's *Violence, Nonviolence, and the Palestinian National Movement* (Cambridge University Press). *Perspectives on Politics* 10(4): 993-995.

2012. "Critical Dialogue Series: Response to Wendy Pearlman's Review of *Nonviolent Revolutions*." *Perspectives on Politics* 10(4): 998.

2010. Review of Richard J. Callahan Jr.'s *Work and Faith in the Kentucky Coal Fields: Subject to Dust* (Indiana University Press). *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49(3): 572-574.

2009. Review of David Smilde's *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism* (University of California Press). *Sociology of Religion* 70(4): 459-461.

2009. Review of Paul Christopher Johnson's *Diaspora Conversions: Black Carib Religion and the Recovery of Africa* (University of California Press). *American Journal of Sociology* 115(1): 280-282.

2009. Review of David Cortright's *Peace: A History of Movements and Ideas* (Cambridge University Press). *Peace Review* 21(3): 417-419.

2008. Review of Heidi Swarts' *Organizing Urban America: Secular and Faith-Based Progressive Movements* (University of Minnesota Press). *Mobilization* 13(4): 447-448.

2008. Review of Paul Almeida's *Waves of Protest: Popular Struggle in El Salvador, 1925-2005* (University of Minnesota Press), *Canadian Journal of Sociology* 33(3): 730-732.
2007. Review of T.V. Reed's *The Art of Protest: Culture and Activism from the Civil Rights Movement to the Streets of Seattle* (University of Minnesota Press), *Social Forces* 86(2): 877-879.
2005. Review of Allen D. Hertzke's *Freeing God's Children: The Unlikely Alliance for Global Human Rights* (Rowman & Littlefield), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 44(1): 115.
2004. Review of Thomas J. Linneman's *Weathering Change: Gays and Lesbians, Christian Conservatives, and Everyday Hostilities* (New York University Press), *American Journal of Sociology* 110(1): 252-254.
2003. Review of Robert Wuthnow and John H. Evans (eds.) *The Quiet Hand of God: Faith-Based Activism and the Public Role of Mainline Protestantism* (University of California Press). *Contemporary Sociology* 32(6): 754-756.
2002. Review of John Burdick and W.E. Hewitt (eds.) *The Church at the Grassroots in Latin America: Perspectives on Thirty Years of Activism* (Praeger), *Contemporary Sociology* 31(2): 196-197.
2000. Review of Philip D. Oxborn and Graciela Ducatenzeiler (eds.) *What Kind of Democracy? What Kind of Market? Latin America in the Age of Neoliberalism* (Penn State Press), *Contemporary Sociology* 29 (4): 662-663.
1999. Review of Jackie Smith, Charles Chatfield, and Ron Pagnucco (eds.) *Transnational Social Movements and Global Politics* (Syracuse University Press), *Contemporary Sociology* 28 (1): 94.

Grants

2022. "Tactical Potency: Comparing Reactive Strength of Symbolic Political Protest in Professional Sports." \$4,964 from the University of New Mexico's Summer Research Funding (SuRF).
2012. "Nonviolently Transforming Authoritarian Regimes: Understanding the Dynamics of Civil Resistance." \$110,674 funded by the United States Institute of Peace.
2004. "Prophetic Provocation: War Resistance in the Plowshares Movement" \$2,000 funded by the Presidential Scholarship Grant, Duquesne University.
2003. "The European Plowshares Movement." \$1,800, funded by the Philip H. and Betty L. Wimmer Family Foundation Award, Duquesne University.

2001. "Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges: Creating Peace in Cyprus." \$26,350 funded by AMIDEAST for conflict resolution training for Greek & Turkish Cypriots.

2000. "Swords into Plowshares: Radical Politics and the Catholic Left." \$4,800 funded by Duquesne University's Faculty Research Fund.

Invited Scholarly Presentations

2026. "The Price of Peace: How Conflict Transformers Shift Enemy Dynamics." Norwegian Nobel Institute, Oslo, Norway, May 2026.

2024. "Moral Witness and Political Instrumentality in U.S. Peace Movements." Peace and Nuclear Security Conference, University of California-Irvine, February 2024

2023. "How Social Movements Influence Public Opinion on Political Violence: Attitude Shifts in the Wake of the George Floyd Protests." Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil.

2023. "Preventing Mass Atrocities by Promoting Democracy: How Religious Leaders Can Help Challenge Authoritarian Regimes and Facilitate Democratization." Mass Atrocities Resistance Research Project, Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies, Oslo, Norway, May 2023.

2022. "Nonviolent Struggle in Repressive Times: Counter-Strategies for Persistent Resistance." German Federation for Social Defense annual meeting, Hanover, Germany, March 2022.

2021. "Beyond Enmity: Finding Hope in a Time of High Conflict." Freilich Lecture on Bigotry and Tolerance, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, December 2021.

2021. "Make or Break Moments for Protest Movements: Nonviolence as a Key Factor." Berlin Summer Dialogue, sponsored by the Development and Peace Foundation. Berlin, Germany, June 2021.

2019. "Rethinking Revolutions." Presentation and panel discussion at the University of Stockholm (with Mlada Bukovansky and Colin Beck). Stockholm, Sweden, May 2019.

2018. "The Future of Revolutions." Presentation and panel discussion at Pomona College (with George Lawson and Daniel Ritter), Claremont, California, April 2018.

2017. Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. "The Value of a Movement-Centered Approach to Revolution." Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom, May 2017.

2016. Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. "Defections in Civil Resistance" and "Why Nonviolent Revolutions Sometimes Fail." Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, June 2016.

2015. "Defections in Civil Resistance" and "Why Nonviolent Revolutions Sometimes Fail." International Center for Nonviolent Conflict Academic Workshop, University of Arizona, Tucson, October 2015.
2014. "Revisiting the Factors Affecting Nonviolent Revolutionary Outcomes." Peace, War, and Social Conflict section of the American Sociological Association, mini-workshop at the University of California-Berkeley, August 2014.
2009. "Peaceful Revolutions: Religion, Nonviolence, and Citizen Uprisings in the Late 20th Century." Annual Lecture in Religion and Peace, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, October 2009.
2008. "Revolutionary Nonviolence: Success and Failure in Late 20th Century Democracy Movements." Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.
2008. "The Religious Roots of Resistance in the Plowshares Movement." Interdisciplinary Workshop on American Religion, University of Notre Dame, Southbend, Indiana.
2005. "Social Movement Leadership" with Clifford Bob. Pittsburgh Social Movements Forum, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
2004. "Catholics, Peacemaking, and Social Action: What North America Can Learn from Central America." Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, November 2004.
2002. "Community and Persistence in the Catholic Left and the Plowshares Movement." Pittsburgh Social Movements Forum, University of Pittsburgh.
2002. "Plowshares Theology and Practice." Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.
2001. "Sustaining Religious Resistance to War: The Role of Catholic Left Communities in the Plowshares Movement." Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University.
1994. "The State of Contemporary Cuba." Educational Ethnography Forum, University of Colorado-Boulder.

Conference Presentations

2022. Panelist, Author Meets Critic session on *Religion in Rebellions, Revolutions, and Social Movements*, edited by Jean-Pierre Reed and Warren Goldstein. Association for the Sociology of Religion annual conference, Los Angeles, California.
2021. "Violence and Nonviolence in Revolution Studies." Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, (online).

2021. Panelist, Author Meets Critic session for Robert Braun's *Protectors of Pluralism* (Cambridge University Press), Altruism and Morality section and Sociology of Religion section, Notre Dame's Center for the Study of Religion in Society, (online).
2020. "Challenging the Violence-Nonviolence Dichotomy in Social Movement and Revolution Studies." Presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting (online).
2018. Nepstad, Sharon Erickson and Alexis MacLennan. "Legitimation Battles, Backfire, and Tactical Persistence." Presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
2018. Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. "The Rise and Decline of Nonviolence in U.S. Social Movements." Presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
2017. Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. "Defections or Disobedience? Assessing the Consequences of Security Force Collaboration or Disengagement in Nonviolent Revolutions." Presented at the Conference on Social Movements and Protest: Nonviolent Strategies and the State, San Diego State University, San Diego, California.
2016. Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. "Examining the Effects of Population Characteristics, Political Context, and Religious Institutional Support on Nonviolent Campaign Outcomes." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington.
2016. Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. "Religious Elites and Civil Resistance Struggles: Argentina, Chile, and El Salvador in the 1970s." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington.
2015. "Refining our Understanding of Nonviolent Campaign Outcomes." Presented at the European International Studies Association Conference, Sicily, Italy.
2010. "The Distinctive Dynamics of Nonviolent Revolutions." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
2009. "Religion and Mutiny in 20th Century Nonviolent Uprisings." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, California.
2008. Author Meets Critic panel participant for David Smilde's *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism* (University of California Press). Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.
2008. "What Makes Nonviolence Work? Comparing the Democracy Movements in China and East Germany." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, Massachusetts.

2007. "Cultural Dilemmas in Cross-national Collective Action: The Case of The International Plowshares Movement" (with Stellan Vinthagen). Presented at the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Workshop of the American Sociological Association, Hofstra University.
2006. "Kill a Leader, Murder a Movement? Leadership and Assassination in Social Movements" (with Clifford Bob). Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal.
2005. "The Latent Functions of Social Movement Repression." Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia.
2004. "Alternative Meanings of Conversion in the Catholic Left." Presented at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas.
2004. "Who Leads? Sources of Social Movement Leadership" (with Cliff Bob). Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
2003. "Politicizing the Cultural Resources of Christianity: Progressive Religion in the Central America Solidarity Movement." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta.
2002. "Persistent Resistance: Community and Abeyance in the Plowshares Movement." Presented at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Chicago.
2002. "The Political and Religious Resistance of the Plowshares Movement." Presented at the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Workshop of the American Sociological Association. Notre Dame University.
2002. Author Meets Critic panel participant for Stephen Hart's *Cultural Dilemmas of Progressive Politics* (University of Chicago Press). Annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago.
2001. "Changing Perspectives: Political Socialization and Ideological Transformation." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim.
2000. "Creating Transnational Solidarity: The Use of Narrative in the U.S.-Central America Peace Movement." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington DC.
1998. "The Social Structure of Moral Outrage in Recruitment to the U.S.-Central America Peace Movement." Presented at the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Workshop of the American Sociological Association, University of California-Davis.
1997. "The Role of Social Ties in High-Risk Activism: The Case of Nicaragua Exchange." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto.

1996. "Micro-mobilization and the Diffusion of Injustice Frames in the Central America Peace Movement." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York.
1996. "Biographical Availability and Stability in the U.S. Central America Peace Movement" (with Christian Smith). Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York.
1995. "Indignation and Action: The Development of Insurgent Consciousness in the Central America Peace Movement." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington DC.
1995. "Catholicism in the Nicaraguan and Cuban Revolutions." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society Meeting, Chicago.
1994. "Recruitment into High-Risk Activism: An Examination of the Nicaraguan Solidarity Movement. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California.
1993. "The Great and Little Traditions in Sandinista Nicaragua: Roman Catholicism, the Popular Church, and Political Protest." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Miami, Florida.
1992. "Conflict Reduction in Nicaragua" (with Paul Wehr). Presented at the annual meeting of the Peace Studies Association, Boulder, Colorado.

Teaching

Teaching Awards

2007. Nominee for the Emerging Teacher-Scholar Award, University of Southern Maine.
2003. Nominee for the 2003 Omicron Delta Kappa Nominee, Teacher of the Year Award, Duquesne University.
1995. Pew Teaching Leadership Award.
1993. Graduate Teacher Excellency Award, University of Colorado-Boulder.

Published Teaching Resources

2003. Syllabus for Introduction to Peace Studies, printed in the American Sociological Association Teaching Resource Guide, *Teaching the Sociology of Peace and War: A Curriculum Guide*, edited by John McDougall and Morten Ender.

2003. Syllabus for Social Movements, printed in the American Sociological Association Teaching Resource Guide, *Social Movements and Collective Action*, edited by Bob Edwards, Marieke Van Willigen, and Tisha Yelverton.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

Introduction to Sociology
Nonviolent Social Change
Social Movements
Sociology of Religion
Introduction to Peace Studies
Qualitative Research Methods

Graduate

Social Movements
Nonviolent Social Change
Politics, Resistance, and Change
Qualitative Research Methods
Teaching Sociology Seminar
Social Science Writing & Publishing

Teaching Presentations and Workshops

2001. "Presenting your Teaching Experience in the Job Search" with Laurel Willingham-McClean. Duquesne's Center for Teaching Excellence, Pittsburgh, PA.
1996. "Incorporating Race, Class, and Gender into Your Curriculum" with Suzanne Leahy and Rose Ann Rentería. Workshop for the Pew Annual Conference on Training and Employment of Graduate Teaching Assistants, Denver.
1995. "Tricks of the Teaching Trade." Workshop for Graduate Instructors, sponsored by the Teaching Excellence Program, University of Colorado-Boulder.

Service

To the Profession

Journal Editorial Boards:

Editorial Board Member, *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* (2023-present)
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Resistance Studies* (2014-2022)

American Sociological Association Service:

Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section
Section Chair, 2004-2005
Council Member, 2001-2004
Session Organizer and Presider, 2002-2004, 2015, 2021
Chair of the Nominations Committee, 2004-2005, 2019-2020
Distinguished Career Award Committee, 2004-2006
Outstanding Book Award Committee, 2010 & 2013
Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section
Council Member, 2019-2022
Outstanding Article Award Committee, 2021 and 2022

Outstanding Book Award Committee, 2020
Special Session Organizer, 2012 Annual Meeting
Section Session Organizer, 2011 Annual Meeting
Workshop: Thematic Session Organizer and Presider, 2011
Publications Committee, 2008-2011
Regular Session Organizer, 2006 Annual Meeting
Program Committee, 2006-2007
Sociology of Religion Section,
Student Paper Awards Committee, 2002 and 2003.

Journal Manuscript Peer Reviewer:

American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review, Social Problems; Journal of Peace Research; Sociological Inquiry; Sociological Perspectives; Mobilization; Review of Religious Research; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change; Latin American Research Review; Peace & Change; Journal for Historical Sociology; Comparative Politics; Journal of Political Power; Journal of Applied Social Science.

Book manuscript Reviewer:

Oxford University Press, University of California Press, University of North Carolina Press; NYU Press, Rowman & Littlefield Press, Vanderbilt University Press, SUNY Press, Polity Press, Zed Books, Routledge Press.

To the University of New Mexico Sociology Department

Department Chair, 2012-2014, 2016-2021
Member of the Executive Council, 2009-2012
Member of the Graduate Committee, 2009-2012
Member of Faculty Search Committees, 2011 and 2019
Colloquium committee, 2014-2015, 2016, 2021

To the University of New Mexico

Promotion to Distinguished Professor Committee, 2017-2020
Promotion to Full Professor Committee, Arts and Sciences, 2014-2015
Religious Studies Program Director, 2009-2012
Academic Program Reviewer (internal member of external team) for the following departments: Political Science (2013), Latin American Studies (2016), and English (2019)
Staff Concerns Committee, 2009-2010
Information Technology Committee, 2009-2010

Public Engagement

1997-2023 (current). Member of the Board of Directors, *Sexto Sol Center for Community Action*, a center for consulting on sustainable development, environmental reclamation projects, community organizing, and research in Chiapas, Mexico.

1993-1997. Conflict Resolution and Mediation Workshop Leader for the following:

- Co-founder and mediation trainer for the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program of Boulder County (1993-1996).
- Conflict Resolution trainer for Magee Hospital Womancare's Russian & Belarussian Program (2001).
- Workshop on "Handling Conflict Constructively." Johns Hopkins University Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth (2001).
- Workshop on "Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges: Creating Peace in Cyprus." Cypriot Student Fulbright Scholars, Duquesne University (2001).

1998-2000. Consultant, *Bold Leaders Project* – youth training program in Northern Ireland.

1993-1999. Steering Committee member, *Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center*, Boulder, Colorado.

1993-1995. Member of the Board of Directors, *INVST* – the International and National Voluntary Service Training Program at the University of Colorado.

1991-1996. President, Co-founder, Trainer, and Mediator, *VORP of Boulder County* (Victim Offender Reconciliation Program), Boulder, Colorado.

Professional Organization Memberships

American Sociological Association