Peterson’s Gender Institute bio, Jan 2023

V Spike Peterson is Professor Emeritx at the University of Arizonawhose IR research queries how structural hierarchies of sex/gender/sexuality, class, race *and* state/nation are historically produced, intersectionally constituted, ideologically normalized and potentially transformed. Her curiosity, politics and critical perspective stem from anti-war, civil rights and feminist activism in the 1960/70s and since then, more than a dozen years backpacking, living and *learning* outside of the United States, including five years in Africa. This personal experience and studies in philosophy, anthropology and historical sociology inform her persistent, trans-disciplinary critique of mainstream IR. Peterson edited and contributed to *Gendered States: Feminist (Re)Visions of International Relations Theory* (1992), co-authored with Anne Sisson Runyan *Global Gender Issues* (1993, 1999, 2010), and introduced an alternative analytics exposing the interactive constitution of class, gender, race and national hierarchies in *A Critical Rewriting of Global Political Economy: Integrating Reproductive, Productive and Virtual Economies* (2003). Recent publications address sexual and racial logics shaping intimate-global relations, social reproduction, global political economy, citizenship regimes, alt-right nationalisms, and the politics of im/migration. Her current work foregrounds how under-theorized yet structural power relations of privilege produce, normalize, and sustain practices of domination.