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Dr. Burt's early research focused on state and insurgent violence in Peru. Her 2007 book *Silencing Civil Society: Political Violence and the Authoritarian State in Peru* (Palgrave Macmillan) received an Honorable Mention for the WOLA-Duke Book Award for Human Rights in Latin America. Grupo Planeta is publishing later this year a revised version of the Spanish translation of the book, *Violencia y autoritarismo en el Perú: Bajo la sombra de Sendero y la dictadura de Fujimori*, previously published by the Instituto de Estudios Peruanos in 2009 and 2011. She's coeditor of *Politics in the Andes: Identity, Conflict, Reform* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2004).

Currently, Dr. Burt's research focuses on human rights, transitional justice, and historical memory. Her work explores the efforts of victims of grave human rights violations to access justice. She has been an international observer to the trials of former heads of state Alberto Fujimori in Peru and Efraín Ríos Montt in Guatemala, and organized several international delegations to monitor these proceedings. She has written extensively in scholarly and journalistic outlets about these and other human rights trials and their local and global significance, including *Transitional Justice in the Aftermath of Civil Conflict: Lessons from Peru, Guatemala and El Salvador* (2018). She is completing a manuscript entitled, *We Only Want to be Human: Victims in Pursuit of Justice in Postwar Guatemala*.

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