

WILLIAM B. WOOD (2001 Winner)



Dr. William B. Wood is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Analysis and Information Management in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR) and the Geographer for the US Department of State. He oversees the work of offices covering global issues, economic, and African affairs, as well as those providing information management for the bureau and geographic information and remote sensing services for the Department. As the Geographer for the Department of State, he provides guidance to federal mapping agencies on the proper depiction of international boundaries and foreign place names for US cartographic products.

Prior to this appointment in 2001, Dr. Wood was the Director of INR's Office of the Geographer and Global Issues. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley and his Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Hawaii. His graduate research--sponsored by the Population Institute, East-West Center--was on urban and regional planning, urbanization, and regional development, particularly in Southeast Asia. In 1985 he joined the Department of State and since 1990 has served as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Dr. Wood is responsible for analysis on the foreign policy implications of a wide range of "global issues": boundary and territorial disputes; refugee and migration flows; human rights and humanitarian crisis interventions; war crimes accountability and atrocities prevention; ethnic distribution and conflicts; environmental, energy, and natural resource problems; and United Nations activities. He oversees INR's information and publishing services, including its classified web site. He leads the development of geographic information systems (GIS) applications for the Department of State's current international affairs concerns. He initiated and oversees the interagency Humanitarian Information Unit, which focuses on unclassified information support for international complex emergencies.

Dr. Wood has published numerous articles in academic journals on political geographic, GIS, sustainable development, and international migration topics. His co-edited book (with G. Demko) is *Reordering the World - Geopolitical Perspectives on the 21st Century* (Westview, second edition, 1999).

For these and numerous other achievements, Dr. Wood is awarded the Anderson Medal in Applied Geography for the year 2001.