

CURRICULUM VITAE
SUSAN F. HIRSCH

- Ph.D. Duke University, 1990 (Anthropology)
Dissertation: *Gender and Disputing: Insurgent Voices in Coastal Kenyan Muslim Courts*
- B.A. Yale College, 1982 (Anthropology)
cum laude Senior Essay: Language Minorities in the American Courtroom

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2004-present George Mason University, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. Full Professor (2009). Founding Director of the Undergraduate Program in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, 2004-09. Affiliated in the Women and Gender Studies Program.
- 1990-2004 Wesleyan University, Department of Anthropology, Chair [2000-02], Associate Professor (1997). Affiliated in the Women's Studies Program.
- 1997-98 Fulbright Fellow, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Department of Sociology and Anthropology.
- 1990 Northwestern University, Women's Studies Program, Visiting Instructor.
- 1986-87 Duke University, Ernestine Friedl Instructor in Anthropology.
- 1985-86 Research Fellow, University of Nairobi, Kenya, Dept. of Linguistics.
- 1984 American Embassy, Niamey, Niger, Intern to the Economic Officer.

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION AND LANGUAGES

Legal anthropology, sociolegal studies, conflict analysis and resolution, discourse analysis, responses to terrorism, theories of victimhood, gender, East Africa, Islam. English, Kiswahili, and French.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (U.S. Dept. of Education), Linking Theory to Practice: Conflict Analysis and Resolution Pedagogy, 2011-2013.
- Point of View Working Group Fellowship: Transitional and Transnational Justice, 2007-10; Better Learning through Practice, 2010-11.
- Critical Thinking across the Curriculum, George Mason University, 2007-08.
- Global Studies Center Research Grant, George Mason University, 2007.
- National Humanities Center Research Fellowship (Hurford Family Fellow), Research Triangle Park, NC, 2002-03.
- Rockefeller Fellowship, Islam and Globalization, Kluge Center, Library of Congress, 2002-03.
- Fulbright Lectureship, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 1997-1998. Research Affiliate in the Sociology/Anthropology Department, UDSM, 1994-98.
- Research Grant, National Science Foundation, Law and Social Science Division, An Ethnographic Analysis of the Impact of Globally Significant Ideologies on Legal Consciousness and Gender Relations, 1992-94.
- Doctoral Fellowship, American Bar Foundation, 1988-90.
- Doctoral Fellowship, Northwestern Univ. Law and Social Science Program, 1987-88.
- Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1987-88.
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Advanced Intensive Swahili), Michigan State University, Summer 1985.

MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

Conceptualizing Stakeholders in an Appalachian Conflict. Team project on conflict over mountaintop mining in West Virginia.

Mitigation Challenges: Bringing New Ethnographies of Violence into the Courtroom. APT team project combining practice and research focused on Baltimore.

Satisfying Victims and Healing Societies: The Promises of Justice after Extreme Violence. Writing project based on research conducted in U.S., Europe, and Africa, 2005-present.

Terrorism, Capital Punishment, and the Quest for Justice: A Victim/Anthropologist's Perspective. Participant observation at the embassy bombings trial in New York City for six months in 2001. Interviews with participants and analysis of the trial transcript.

Law Reform in Tanzania. Ethnographic, archival, and participatory research in Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on law reform (focusing on gender issues), five weeks of preliminary research (1992-93); three months of research (1994), five weeks (1996), two weeks (1997), 12 months (1997-98).

Language and disputing in Kenyan Islamic Courts. Twelve month ethnographic and linguistic study of Islamic courts in Mombasa and Malindi, Kenya, 1985-86, and two follow-up periods of research, 1988 and 1990 (three months each).

PRIZE

Herbert S. Jacob Book Prize (2007) awarded by the Law and Society Association for *In the Moment of Greatest Calamity: Terrorism, Grief, and a Victim's Quest for Justice*.

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

In the Moment of Greatest Calamity: Terrorism, Grief, and a Victim's Quest for Justice. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006. Paperback edition with new preface, 2008.

Pronouncing and Persevering: Gender and the Discourses of Disputing in an African Islamic Court. Series on Language and Legal Discourse. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998.

Edited Book

Contested States: Law, Hegemony, and Resistance. Mindie Lazarus-Black and Susan F. Hirsch (ed.). In *After the Law: A Series on Law in Society*, John Brigham and Christine Harrington, (ed.). New York: Routledge Press, 1994.

Edited Journal and Book Series

Case Studies of Conflict and Change (Series co-editor with Agnieszka Paczynska). Ten book series under contract at Kumarian Press.

PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review. Vol. 22, N. 2 (November 1999), Vol. 23, N. 1 and 2 (May and November 2000); Vol. 24 N. 1 and 2 (May and November 2001); Vol. 25 N. 1 and 2 (May and November 2002).

Manuscripts in Process

Divergent Views of Mining in Appalachia: Reconciling Stakeholders in Environmental Conflict. (co-authored with E. Frank Dukes) Under contract for Kumarian Press.

"Civilians Under the Law: Inequality, Universalisms, and Intersectionality as Intervention." Forthcoming in *Civilians and the Ideology of War*. Edited by Daniel Rothbart, Karina V. Korostelina and Mohammed Cherkaoui.

"Promises of Justice: Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sudan." Forthcoming in *Gender, Conflict, and Agency*. Edited by Sandra Cheldelin and Maneshka Eliatamby.

"Thinking Critically in Conflict Analysis and Resolution." Article co-authored with Stryjewski, Rothbart, Shaw, and Warfield. In preparation for a journal on conflict and education.

Journal Articles

"Fear and Accountability at the End of an Era." *Law and Society Review* 42.3:591-604, 2008.

"Writing Ethnography after Tragedy: Toward Therapeutic Transformations." *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 30.1, 2007.

"Islamic Law and Society Post-911." *Annual Review of Law and Society* 2006. 2:165-82.

"Problems of Cross-cultural Comparison: Analyzing Linguistic Strategies in Tanzanian Domestic Violence Workshops." *Law and Social Inquiry*. Symposium on Violence Between Intimates, Globalization and the State. Fall 2003.

"The Power of Participation: Language and Gender in Tanzanian Law Reform Campaigns." Symposium on Women, Language, and Law in Africa. *Africa Today* 49.2, Summer 2002.

"Making Culture Visible: Comments on Elizabeth Mertz's *Teaching Lawyers the Language of Law: Legal and Anthropological Translations*." *The John Marshall Law Review*. (Centennial Issue titled The Languages of Race, Feminism, Anthropology, and Philosophy: Translating for the Legal Skills Classroom) v. 34.1:119-129, 2001.

"Naming Resistance: Ethnographers, Dissidents, and States." (with Susan Bibler Coutin) *Anthropological Quarterly* 71.1:1-17, 1998.

"Interpreting Media Representations of 'A Night of Madness'. Law and Culture in the Construction of Rape Identities." *Law and Social Inquiry* 19.4. Special symposium on Women, Law, and Violence, Lisa Frohman and Elizabeth Mertz (issue eds.), Fall, 1994. "Language, Gender and Authority in Coastal Kenyan Muslim Courts." *The Working Papers in Language, Gender and Sexism* 3/4, 1992.

"Defining Incest: A synchronic and diachronic approach to substantive law." *The Southern Anthropologist* 12.1:10-20, 1984.

Book Chapters

“State Intervention in Islamic Family Law in Kenya and Tanzania: Applications of the Gender Concept.” *Muslim Family Law in Colonial and Postcolonial Africa*. Edited by Shamil Jeppie, Ebrahim Moosa, and Richard Roberts (eds.). Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2010.

“The Victim Deserving of Global Justice: Power, Caution, and Recovering Individuals.” *Mirrors of Justice: Law, Culture, and the Making of History*. Edited by Kamari Maxine Clarke and Mark Goodale. Cambridge University Press, 2009.

“Deploying Law as a Weapon: Vengeance, Social Death, and Injustice in America’s War on Terror.” In *The Insecure American*. Edited by Hugh Gusterson and Catherine Besteman. University of California Press, 2009.

“Afterward.” *Power Trip: U.S. Unilateralism and Global Strategy after September 11th*. Edited by John Feffer. New York: Seven Stories Press, 2003.

“Feminist Participatory Research on Legal Consciousness.” *Practicing Ethnography in Law: New Dialogues, Enduring Methods*. Edited by J. Starr and M. Goodale. New York: Palgrave, 2002.

“Swahili Society.” *Encyclopedia of Cultures and Everyday Life*. Pepper Pike, Ohio: Eastword Publications. 1996.

“Introduction to ‘Images of Violence’.” In: *The Public Nature of Private Violence*. Edited by Martha Fineman and Roxanne Mykitiuk. New York: Routledge Press, 1994.

“Performance and Paradox: Exploring Law’s Role in Hegemony and Resistance.” Co-authored with Mindie Lazarus-Black. Intro. to *Contested States: Law, Hegemony and Resistance*. Edited by M. Lazarus-Black and S. Hirsch. New York: Routledge, 1994.

“Kadhi’s Courts as Complex Sites of Resistance: The State, Islam, and Gender in Post-Colonial Kenya.” In *Contested States: Law, Hegemony and Resistance*. S. Hirsch and M. Lazarus-Black (ed.). New York: Routledge, 1994.

“Sprache, Geschlecht und linguistische Ideologien in moslemischen Gerichtsverhandlungen in Kenia.” (Language, gender and linguistic ideology in Kenyan Muslim Courts.) In: *Geschlecht und Kultur im Gespräch*. Edited by S. Gunthner and H. Kotthoff. Frankfurt: Suhrkamp Verlag, 1992.

Working Papers, Journals, Websites, and Newsletters (not peer reviewed)

“Undergraduate Education in Conflict Analysis and Resolution (CAR): Implications for the Field of Mediation...and Beyond.” *Virginia Mediation Network Newsletter*. Fall, 2009.

“Putting Hate Speech in Context: Observations on Speech, Power, and Violence in Kenya.” Paper prepared for the Holocaust Memorial Museum conference on Speech, Power, and Violence and available at <http://www.ushmm.org/genocide/spv/>.

“Rehumanizing American Justice: New Strategies.” *ICAR News* 1.3. George Mason University. November 2008.

"Satisfying Victims and Healing Societies: The Promises of Justice after Extreme Violence." *Global Studies Center Working Paper Series*. George Mason University. September, 2008.

"The Impacts of Globalization on Tajikistan: New Roles for Conflict Resolution." Co-authored with Sandra Cheldelin. *Global Studies Center Journal*. George Mason University. Summer, 2008.

"Victims for the Prosecution: A Survivor of the Embassy Bombings on the Limits of Victim Impact Testimony." *Boston Review: A Political and Literary Forum* 27.5: 21-25, October/November 2002.

Review Essays and Book Reviews

Review of *Guantánamo and the Abuse of Presidential Power* (J. Margulies). Interdisciplinary Book Review Exchange: Lawyer and Anthropologist Confront Terrorism and American Law. *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 33 (Sup. 1), May 2010.

"Researching Language and Power: Talking Empowerment?" Review essay of *Researching Language: Issues of Power and Method* (D. Cameron, et.al.); *Talking Power: The Politics of Language* (R. Lakoff); and *Power in Family Discourse* (R. Watts). *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 4(2):64-73, 1994.

"Subjects in Spite of Themselves: Legal Consciousness Among Working-Class New Englanders." Review essay of *Getting Justice and Getting Even: Legal Consciousness Among Working-Class Americans*. (S. Merry). *Law and Social Inquiry* 17(3):839-857, 1992.

Review of *Just Words: Law, Language, and Power*. (John Conley and William M. O'Barr). *American Anthropologist* 102.1, March 1999.

Review of *Speaking Freely: Unlearning the Lies of the Fathers' Tongues* (J. Penelope) and *The Feminist Critique of Language: A Reader* (D. Cameron, ed.). *Language in Society*. 20.4, 1991.

Review of *Custom and conflict on a Bahamian Out-island*. *New West Indian Guide*. 1989.

Conference presentations and invited talks 2005-2010:

"Mountains and Metaphor: Conflict Over Mining in a Time of Uncivil Discourse." James Madison University, September 2010.

"Uncivil Speech: A Conflict Resolution Perspective." Virginia Law Day Conference, Richmond, April 2010. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slaSx4IJqNE>.

"Conundrums of Conflict and Youth." Conference on Youth in Post-Conflict Settings. George Mason University, October 2009.

"Putting Hate Speech in Context: Observations on Speech, Power, and Violence in Kenya." Keynote address, Virginia Mediation Conference, October, 2009. Holocaust Memorial Museum workshop, February 2009.

"Seeking Accountability after Mass Atrocity: Implications for Victims and Justice." Roundtable Organizer and Chair. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, June 2008.

"Satisfying Victims after Mass Atrocity: Toward Intertwined Theories of Voice and Justice." Presentation at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, June 2008.

"Post-Conflict Justice: Blurring the Western/Non-Western Dichotomy." Presentation at the Point of View conference titled Politics of Conflict Resolution: Western and Non-Western Perspectives, June 2008.

"An Anthropological Perspective on Professor Cotterell's Paper." Commentary at symposium at Georgetown University Law School. January 2008.

"Satisfying Victims and Healing Society: The Promise of Justice after Extreme Violence." George Mason University Visions Series, March 2008.

"Satisfying Victims: A Challenge to Global Justice." Invited presentation at the Justice, Law, and Society Program. University of Washington, February 2008.

"Deploying Law as a Weapon: Vengeance and Injustice in America's War on Terror." Presentation at the panel titled The Insecure American at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 2007.

"Satisfying Victims: New Versions of Voice." Invited co-presenter at the Annual Women's Studies Symposium. Wesleyan University, October 2007.

"The Quest for Justice after Terror." Invited public lecture at the University of California-Irvine, October 2007.

"Victims' Justice: Perspectives from Anthropology." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Berlin, July, 2007.

"The Quest for Justice after Terror: Reflections of a Victim/Anthropologist." Invited talk delivered at the Monday colloquium. Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago, and the American Bar Foundation, Chicago, March 2007, and the University of Pittsburgh, February 2007.

"Victims' Rights to Global Justice: Power, Caution, and Recovering Individuals." Invited presentation at the conference titled Justice in the Mirror. Yale University, December 2006 and the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (Halle, Germany) November 2006.

"Popular Discourses on Islam and the Politics of Scholarship." Presentation delivered at the Rockefeller Foundation conference "Islamic Culture(s) and Creative Encounters" held at The Library of Congress, September 8-9, 2006.

"Global Justice for Victims: New Means, New Measures?" Conference paper presented on the panel "International Justice" at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Berlin, July 5-9, 2006.

"Deploying Law as a Weapon: Vengeance, Social Death, and Injustice." Presentation for the conference workshop "What's Wrong with America?" Massachusetts Institute of Technology. May 2006.

"Writing *In the Moment of Greatest Calamity*": An Intimate/Public Anthropology." Invited talk delivered at Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, March 29, 2006.

"Taking the Long View of ICC Justice." Presentation for the workshop "Africa: Negotiating Peace, Justice, Development, and Security." ICAR Africa Working Group, Arlington, February 10, 2006.

"Overlapping Wars of/on Terror in Kenya: The Violent Consequences of Metaphor." Conference paper delivered in "Language Weapons Past and Present: Theory, Representation and Repercussions" an invited Presidential session for the Linguistic Anthropology section at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 2005.

Invited classroom presentations 2005-2010: University of Virginia, James Madison University, George Washington University, George Mason University, University of California-Irvine, University of Washington, Sarah Lawrence College, University of Richmond, Dickinson College.

Outreach presentations on justice 2005-08:

"Conflict Resolution in African Contexts." U.S. State Department Workshop on Conflict Resolution in Africa (D.C.), June 2008 and June 2007.

“Talking to our ‘Enemies’.” Public lecture in the National Great Decisions Series, University of North Carolina, February 2008.

“Lessons Learned from the Embassy Bombings Trial.” Presentation at the public conference on “Prosecuting Terrorism.” Center for Law and Security, New York University, November 2007.

“Writing *In the Moment of Greatest Calamity*.” Address to the incoming class of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, University of Mississippi (Oxford), August 2007. (In the Moment of *Greatest Calamity* was required reading for the 200 honors students.)

“Islamic Law, Justice, and Secularism.” Talk delivered at the Islamic University of Tajikistan (Dushanbe), June 2007.

Book talk on *In the Moment of Greatest Calamity*. Northumberland Library (Lottsburg, VA), March 2007.

“Lessons from the Embassy Bombings Trial.” Presentation on the panel titled Lessons from the War on Terror. U.S. Courts National Seminar on Mitigation Evidence (D.C.), March, 2007.

Book talk on *In the Moment of Greatest Calamity*. Milliken University Amnesty International/Macon County Citizens Opposing Capital Punishment (IL), March 2007.

Book talk on *In the Moment of Greatest Calamity*.” Politics and Prose Bookstore (D.C.), January 2007.

Book talk on *In the Moment of Greatest Calamity*. Kluge Center Seminar Series. Library of Congress, December, 2006.

News media quotes or mentions: New York Times, Washington Post, Democracy Now, Miami Herald.

Radio and television interviews: CBS Evening News, NBC Nightly News, CBS Radio News, KBOO Community Radio (Portland, OR), All Things Considered, Leonard Lopate Show (WNYC), The Current (Canadian Broadcasting Corp.)

RESEARCH CONSULTANCIES (unpaid)

First U.N. Conference on Victims of Terrorism. Member of the Panel of Experts. Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations. New York, Sept. 9-10, 2008.

First World Justice Forum. Commentator on the Scholars’ Initiative on Access to Justice. Sponsored by the American Bar Association. Vienna (Austria), July 2008.

Humanitarian Dialogues (HD). Geneva-based NGO. Advisory Board member for Conflict Mediators and Justice project. 2005-2008.

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (American Anthropological Association)

President, 2010-2012.

President-Elect, 2009.

Editor, *PoLAR, Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, 1999-2002.

Editorial Board member, *PoLAR*, 1997-2004; 2009-present

Nominations Committee, 2000.

Member, Executive Board, 1995-97, 1999-2002, 2008-2010.

Coordinator, APLA Annual Student Paper Prize, 1995-96.

Member, Nominations Committee for the Executive Board, 1995-96.

American Anthropological Association

Editorial Board Member, *American Ethnologist*, 2002-2005.

Law and Society Association

Trustee, Law and Society Association, Class of 1992-94 and Class of 2006-2008.

Member, International Participation Committee, 2005-2008.
Editorial Board member, *Law and Society Review*.
Member, Program Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting, Denver, 2009,
Baltimore, 2006, Las Vegas, 2005, Budapest, 2001, Philadelphia, 1993.
Chair, Committee on International Participation-Africa, 1994-96.
Member, Nominations Committee for Trustees, 1995.
Member, Program Planning Committee for the American Bar Association/Law
and Society Association Student Workshop, Madison, 1989 and Berkeley, 1990.
National Science Foundation [Law and Social Sciences Program]
Review Panel member [three years]
Committee of Visitors Chair, April 2-4, 2000; Cttee. of Visitors member, 2004.
Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship
Final Section Committee
Northern Virginia Mediation Service
Board Member, 2006-2009.
Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights
Member, 2005-present.

Manuscript and grant review for: *American Ethnologist, Text and Talk, Journal of Social History, Law and Society Review, American Anthropologist, Law and Social Inquiry, Political and Legal Anthropology Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, National Science Foundation, Charlotte Newcombe Fellowship, Fulbright Fellowship, among others.*

TEACHING

Advanced seminars:

Proposal Writing (CONF 998)
Advanced Qualitative Research Methods (CONF 812)
Law and Justice from a Conflict Perspective (CONF 733)
Teaching Skills for the Undergraduate Classroom (CONF 695)
Applied Practice and Theory—Structural Violence and Mitigation (CONF 690)
Integration—Conflict Analysis and Resolution (CONF 490)
Law and Conflict in Society (ANTH 300)
Discourse and Legal Processes (ANTH 375)

Lecture/Discussion courses:

Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution (CONF 501)
Identity Conflicts and their Resolution (CONF 302)
Research Methods (Honors level) (HNRS 110)
Conflict and Our World: Intro. to Conflict Analysis and Resolution (CONF 101)

Anthropology and Women's Studies courses:

Global Perspectives in Anthropology, The Construction of Cultural Identity,
Feminisms in Global Perspective, Challenges to African Societies in the Age of
Globalization, Rethinking Gender and Sexuality: Examples from African
Ethnography, African Women: Voices and Texts, Senior Research Seminar in
Women's Studies, Contemporary Anthropological Theory, Anthropological
Approaches to Gender, Language and Culture in Society, Being and Becoming
Human, Construction and Expression of Cultural Identity, African Lives
Narrated

SERVICE TO GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Cross-Disciplinary Curriculum Committee, Member, 2008-present
University Quality Enhancement Project Committee, member, 2008-present.
Center for Global Studies and Point of View Transitional and Transnational
Justice Working Group, Co-Convenor, 2006-present.
Center for Justice, Law, and Society, Member.

CAR Program Committee, Chair, 2004-2009.
Faculty Senate, Senator, 2005-2007; 2010-present
University General Education Committee, member, 2004-2008.
Dean's Advisory Council, 2007-2009.
Academic Policies Advisory Committee, 2007-2009.
Fulbright (Mason internal) Selection Committee, 2006-present.
Global Affairs Advisory Committee, 2006-2009.
Provost's Working Group on Africa, 2007-present.
MAIS Committee, 2004-2006.

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