

KIRI GURD

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Sociology

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DEGREES:

PhD Candidate Sociology, currently

Boston University

Fields of Specialization: Development, Cultural Sociology, Globalization

Courses:

- Classical Sociological Theory, Boston University
- Statistics, Boston University
- Sociology of Human Rights, Boston College
- Pro-seminar Research Methods, Boston University
- Contemporary Social Theory, Boston University
- Qualitative Research Methods, Boston University
- Sociology of Culture, Boston University
- Gender, Armed Conflict, and Peacemaking, Boston Gender Consortium, *Competitive Acceptance*

MSC Gender and Development Studies (2003-2004) Merit Awarded

London School of Economics and Political Science

Fields of Specialization: Humanitarian Aid, Human Rights, Gender Theory

Courses:

- Organizations and Social Policy
- African Development
- Gender Theory
- Social Policy
- Complex Emergencies
- Social Institutions and International Development

BA Political Science and Women's Studies (1997-2001) Honours Awarded

Dalhousie University

Fields of Specialization: Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan; International Relations; Human Rights; Gender Discrimination

PUBLICATIONS:

Forthcoming Gurd, Kiri (Summer 2010) "Reconciliation as Social: a New Understanding for Canada" in ICTJ publications

Gurd, Kiri and Rashida Manjoo (August 2010) "The Need for a New Narrative: challenging hegemonic meanings of human rights violations in the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission" in *Women, War, and Violence: Personal Perspectives and Global Activism* Eds. Robin Chandler, Lihau Wang, and Linda Fuller. Palgrave MacMillan

Gurd, Kiri (2006) "Connections and Complicities: Reflections on Epistemology, Violence, and Humanitarian Aid" *International Journal of Women's Studies, Special Edition*

FELLOWSHIPS:

Research Center – Pardee Center for the Longer-Range Future Summer 2010
Research Fellowship – International Center for Transitional Justice 2009-2010
Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship – Boston University - 2009
Visiting Research Fellowship – Unit for Global Justice, Goldsmiths College, University London supervised by Kirsten Campbell Fall 2008
Boston University Senior Teaching Fellowship 2007
Boston University Teaching Fellowship Award 2006 - 2007

AWARDS

Teaching Fellowship Prize. Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences. 2007
Scholarship Award. Boston University Graduate School of Arts Sciences. 2006-2008
Women Studies Network Association (UK) Annual Essay Competition 2003

CONFERENCES

“Truth Commissions and their Discontents: the battle for norms, legitimacy, and power” at Eastern Sociological Society – Philadelphia, PA (February 2011)

“Bringing Organizations Back In” at “Law’s Imperial Fields,” International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain (June 24-26, 2010)

Co-Conference Organizer, “Sociology and Empire,” mini-conference, Boston University, July 31-Aug. 1st, 2008

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Research Fellow “Truth-Seeking Unit” -International Center for Transitional Justice, New York 2009-2010

Workshop Leader/Presenter – “A New Methodology: Ethnography of ‘Fields’ and Networks” – Unit for Global Justice, Goldsmiths College, University London, October 2008

Assistant Organizer – “Sociology and Empire” Mini-Conference-American Sociological Association, Boston July 31-Aug 1st 2008

Research Assistant – “The Need for a New Narrative”, Supervisor – Rashida Manjoo Research Fellow - Harvard Law School – Human Rights Program, 2007-2008 (currently Rashida Manjoo is Des Lee Distinguished Prof of Global Awareness, Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri).

- Research on Gender, Structural Violence, and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- Writing a co-authored publication on the subject

Ethnographic Research Assistant – “Governing Green Laboratories: Trust and Surveillance in the Cultures of Science” Supervisor – Susan Silbey, Department Chair – Sociology and Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Spring/Summer 2007

- Conducted ethnographic research of MIT laboratory – Plasma Fusion and Science Center – for three months
 - o Wrote field notes, memos, analysis, and final paper
- Conducted in-depth, semi-structured interviews with members of the laboratory and professionals within the field at a conference

- Wrote a final paper based on research findings aimed for publication: “Narratives, safety and science”

In-depth Interviewer – “University Environmental Management Systems” Supervisor – Susan Silbey, Department Chair Sociology and Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, July 2007

- Conducted in-depth interviews with Environmental Health and Safety managers from universities and companies at the Annual Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association Conference.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer – “Sexuality and Social Life” Winter 2011

Lecturer – “Introduction to Sociology” Fall 2010 UMASS Boston University

Lecturer – “Gender in a Global Perspective” Fall 2010 Emerson College

Lecturer – “Sexuality and Social Life” Summer 2010 Boston University

Lecturer – “Sexuality and Social Life” Summer 2009 Boston University

Lecturer – “Sexuality and Social Life” Spring 2009 Boston University

Lecturer – “Sexuality and Social Life” Summer 2008 Boston University

Lecturer – “Principles in Sociology” Fall 2007 Boston University

Teaching Fellow, Boston University

- "Introduction to Sociology: Law and Society." Fall 2006
- "Principles in Sociology." Spring 2007

Director of Community Education and Outreach (2004-2006)

Massachusetts Department of Education/Quincy YMCA/ Quincy Public Schools

- Coordinates: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Federal Education Grant in three 'at-risk' elementary schools; Volunteer Program; International Program
- Develops curriculum, training materials, program manual, marketing resources
- Recruits, hires, trains, and supervises program staff (10 people)

Assistant Director: Camp Hayward for Girls (Winter/ Summer 2003)

South Shore YMCA

- Provided administrative, programmatic, and supervisory support to Director
- Organized and oversaw all camp program activities (320 children; 80 Staff)
- Prepared and taught Camp Leadership Training Program
- Evaluated staff according to YMCA professional standards assessment.

International Development Worker: Cross-Cultural Solution (Fall 2002)

Salvador, Brazil

- Developed and conducted research project with CCS country director towards establishing a women’s, needs-based cooperative
- Supervised children and assisted teachers in impoverished elementary school

English Language Teacher, Easy English School - Suwon, South Korea (Fall 2001)

- Taught English to children, teenagers and adults
- Organized and ran an all-women’s conversational English class

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Canadian Citizen; US permanent resident/greencard holder
- Moderate Proficiency in French and Portuguese