

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 1982 Ph.D., University of Connecticut, Anthropology (with Program in Social Sciences and Health Care, Department of Community Medicine).
Dissertation title: "Health Services, Health, and Development in Sudan: The Impact of the Gezira Irrigated Scheme."
1974 M.A., University of Connecticut, Anthropology.
1970 A.B., Stanford University, Anthropology.

Faculty and research positions

- 2008-present Professor, Department of Anthropology, Purdue University
1997-2008 Professor of Anthropology, California State University, Fresno.
Visiting Professor, Institute for Women, Gender, and Development Studies, Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman, Sudan (spring 2004);
Visiting Professor, University of Lüneburg, Germany (spring 2007).
1986-1997 Assistant Professor to Professor, Anthropology, California State University, San Bernardino.
Visiting Professor (Fulbright), Department of Cultural Anthropology, University of Uppsala, Sweden (fall semester 1991).
1982-86 Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Sociology, University of Wisconsin College—Manitowoc County.
1979-81 Research Associate, University of Connecticut Medical Center.
1974-79 Teaching and research positions, University of Khartoum and Economic and Social Research Council, Khartoum, Sudan.

Administrative/academic leadership positions

- 2008-present Head, Department of Anthropology, Purdue University
1997-2003 Dean, College of Social Sciences, California State University, Fresno
2005 (spring) Interim Chair, Women's Studies, California State University, Fresno
1996-97 Special Assistant to Vice President, Academic Affairs, for University Accreditation, California State University, San Bernardino
1994-96 Interim Dean, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, California State University, San Bernardino
1992-94 Assistant Dean, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, California State University, San Bernardino

1987-1993 Women's Studies Program Director, California State U., San Bernardino

Academic Honors, Grants, and Consultancies

- 2016 European Asylum Support Office Workshop on FGM, Invited presentation on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting in Northeast Africa. Malta, Oct 25-26.
- 2014 Fellow, Rockefeller Center, Bellagio, Italy (one month writing residency, August-Sept.) Writing project on "Generation of Change: New leaders and initiatives on female genital modifications in Africa and beyond."
- 2013 Evaluation research for UNICEF and UNFPA, Sudan, January 2013 (two weeks), and meeting in New York, April 2013 (two days) on the Joint Programme: Accelerating Change to End FGM/C (Universalis)
- 2011-12 Public Health Policies for Breast Cancer Prevention Research: A Global Venture, Co-Investigator, Global Policy Research Institute, Purdue (\$30,000). Project to establish research collaborations in Lebanon, Uruguay, and Ghana.
- 2011-12 Family Food Security for Poor Households in Sub-Saharan Africa (domestic sheep and goats husbandry), Co-Investigator, Global Policy Research Institute, Purdue University (\$30,000). Project to establish research collaborations in Ethiopia and Kenya.
- 2010 Academic Consultation, UNICEF, New York, November.
- 2007-08 Research Consultant to UNICEF Sierra Leone, Preliminary Study on the Patterns of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting in Sierra Leone. Dec.-Jan.
- 2007 UNICEF International Consultation on Social Factors in FGM/C, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. March.
- 2006 UNICEF International Consultation on Social Factors in FGM/C, New York, USA. Sept.
- 2006 Childhood Obesity and Overweight Prevention Initiative, California State University, Fresno, assigned time for collaboration with the College of Health and Human Services (semester).
- 2004 Consultant, CARE Sudan. Research on reform of FGM in North Kordofan State, July.
- 2004 UNICEF consultant, Sudan. Research on Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of FGM in Sudan, May-July.
- 2003-2004 Faculty sabbatical, "Reform Movement Against Female Genital Cutting in Sudan." California State University, Fresno.
- 2002 Honorable Mention, Eileen Basker Memorial Prize, for book on research on gender and health (*The Female Circumcision Controversy*), Society for Medical Anthropology, American Anthropological Association.
- 1991-92 Faculty sabbatical, California State University, San Bernardino.
- 1991 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, "Ethnocentrism and the Ethnographic Study of Women."
- 1991 Fulbright Lecturing/Research Award, University of Uppsala, Sweden, fall.
- 1991 Grant-in-Aid, American Council of Learned Societies, research in Sudan, summer, 1992.
- 1989-90 Malone Faculty Fellowship in Arab and Islamic Studies, delegation to

- Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, Dec. 28, 1989 to January 18, 1990, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations.
- 1989 Summer Fellowship, CSUSB, travel grant for ethnographic research on “Women’s Work and Health in Rural Central Sudan.”
- 1982 Finalist, Distinguished Dissertation Award, Council of Graduate Schools in the United States and University Microfilms International.
- 1981 W.H.R. Rivers Prize (paper competition), Society for Medical Anthropology.
- 1970-74 Fellowship, U.S. Public Health Service Traineeship in Social Sciences and Health Care Training Program, University of Connecticut.
- 1966-70 California State Scholarship, Stanford University.

Publications — book and dissertation

- 2001 *The Female Circumcision Controversy: An Anthropological Perspective*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- 1982 *Health Services, Health and Development in Sudan: The Impact of the Gezira Irrigated Scheme*. Ph.D. dissertation, University of Connecticut. Ann Arbor, MI: University Microfilms.

Publications — articles, chapters, and research reports

Submitted:

- “Human Rights Fatigue: ‘We Are Tired of Hearing About Human Rights’.” Special Issue on Gender, Violence, and Human Rights for the journal *Gendered Perspectives on International Development*, Michigan State University Center for Gender in Global Context.
- 2016 “Ethical Challenges for Social Media and Social Marketing in Sudan.” In *Networks of Knowledge Production in Sudan: Identities, Mobilities, and Technologies*, edited by Sondra Hale and Gada Kadoda. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, pp. 63-78.
- 2015 “Epilogue: Harm and Well-Being: Cultural Practices and Harmful Global Practices.” In Longman, Chia, and Tamsin Bradley, eds., *Interrogating Harmful Cultural Practices: Gender, Culture and Coercion*. Farnham, England: Ashgate. Pp. 193-205.
- 2015 “Female Genital Cutting Debates.” (Second author: Elizabeth Wirtz). In *The International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality*, edited by Patricia Whelehan and Anne Bolin. Malden, Oxford: John Wiley and Sons, Ltd.
- 2014 “Sondra Hale’s ‘Ethnographic Residuals’: Silence and non-Silence on Female Genital Cutting,” special issue, Scholar, Mentor, Activist: Sondra Hale’s Transnational Feminist Commitments, *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 10,1 (Winter 2014), pp. 105-127.

- 2012 “Seven Things To Know About Female Genital Surgeries in Africa.” Public Policy Advisory Network on Female Genital Surgeries in Africa (15 authors), *Hastings Center Report*, vol. 42, issue 6, Nov.-Dec., pp. 19-27.
- 2011 “Competing Globalizing Influences on Local Muslim Women’s Reproductive Health and Human Rights in Sudan: Women’s Rights, International Feminism, and Islamism.” In Browner, Carole, and Carolyn Sargent, eds., *Reproduction, Globalization, and the State*, pp. 96-110. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2011 “Sudan: War and Political Violence Are Destructive to Life and Health.” In Johnston, Barbara Rose, ed., *Life and Death Matters* (2nd ed.), pp. 349-50. Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press.
- 2009 “Honorable Mutilation: Changing Responses to Female Genital Cutting in Sudan.” In Hahn, Robert, and Marcia Inhorn, eds., *Anthropology and Public Health: Bridging Differences in Culture and Society*, Oxford: Oxford U. Press, pp. 397-421.
- 2008 “The Future of the Anthropology of Health.” *Viennese Ethnomedicine Newsletter*, special issue: “Medical Anthropology at the University of Kansas.” Vol. X, Number 2&3:36-39 (Feb.-June).
- 2008 *Patterns of Female Genital Cutting in Sierra Leone: A Preliminary Study*. Research report. Freetown: UNICEF Sierra Leone, April. 60 pp.
- 2008 “Initiation: Clitoridectomy and Infibulation.” In *New Encyclopedia of Africa*, John Middleton and Joseph Miller, eds. Detroit: Thompson/Gale, Vol. 3, pp. 28-31.
- 2006 “Sexuality Issues in the Movement Against Female Genital Cutting in Sudan.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 20,1: 121-138.
- 2005 “The Socio-Cultural Dynamics of Female Genital Cutting: Research Findings, Gaps, and Directions.” *Culture, Health, and Sexuality*.
- 2005 The Abandonment of Female Genital Cutting: A Report on the Effects of a Community Declaration in Bara Province, North Kordofan, Sudan. Khartoum, Sudan: CARE-Sudan. In *Abandoning Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: Information From Around the World* (CD-Rom), Population Reference Bureau (www.prb.org).
- 2005 “Feminist Activism for the Abolition of Female Genital Cutting in Sudan.” *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 1,2:92-112. May.
- 2004 “Changes in Girls’ Peer Pressure about FGM (in Sudan).” *Women* (magazine of

- the Babikr Badri Scientific Association for Women's Studies, Omdurman, Sudan), spring edition.
- 2004 "Humanitarian Aid to Women and Children of Darfur," *Anthropology Newsletter*, October.
- 2004 "Bumps on the Road to Freedom from Female Genital Cutting." Preliminary research report, CARE, Sudan.
- 2004 *FGM in Sudan—Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices: Qualitative Research on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/FGC) in West Kordofan and Kassala States*. Research report, UNICEF, Khartoum, Sudan.
- 2004 "Female Genital Cutting: Culture and Controversy," In Brettell, Caroline, and Carolyn Sargent, eds., *Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective* (3rd ed.). Prentice Hall. Pp. 481-494.
- 2002 "Physical Aesthetics and Women's Human Rights in Botswana and Sudan." *The Ahfad Journal: Women and Change*, Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman, Sudan. Special issue on Gender in Africa, Vol. 19, No. 2, December, pp. 59-67.
- 2000 "Is Female 'Circumcision' a Maladaptive Cultural Pattern?" Chapter in *Female 'Circumcision' in Africa: Culture, Controversy, and Change*, Bettina Shell-Duncan and Ylva Hernlund, eds. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, pp. 41-54.
- 2000 "Sudanese Women and the Islamist State." Chapter in *Women and Power in the Middle East*, Suad Joseph and Susan Slymovics, eds. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- 1999 "Circumcision (Female)." (Revised.) *Women's Studies Encyclopedia*, 2nd ed., Helen Tierney, Ed. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing
- 1998 "Nuer," *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life*, volume 1, Africa, pp. 341-346. Detroit: Gale.
- 1998 "Clitoridectomy and Infibulation." *The Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara*, John Middleton, ed. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Vol. 2, pp. 382-83.
- 1998 "Resistance and Embrace: Sudanese Rural Women and Systems of Power," in *Pragmatic Women and Body Politics*, Margaret Lock and Pat Kaufert, eds., Cambridge University Press, pp. 58-77.
- 1997 "Circumcision: Male/Female." *The Dictionary of Anthropology*, Thomas Barfield, ed. Malden, MA and Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, pp. 61-62.

- 1997 "The Movement Against Clitoridectomy and Infibulation in Sudan: Public Health Policy and the Women's Movement." In Brettell, Caroline, and Carolyn Sargent, eds., *Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective*, 2nd ed. Prentice Hall. pp. 441-453. (Also in 1st ed., 1993. Orig. 1982.)
- 1996 "The Cultural Debate Over Female Circumcision: The Sudanese Are Arguing This One Out For Themselves." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 10, 4: 455-475.
- 1995 "Food For Hope: Two Books By Fatima Mernissi", review of *The Veil and the Male Elite: A Feminist Interpretation of Women's Rights in Islam* and *Dreams of Trespass: Tales of a Harem Girlhood*. *Association of Middle East Women's Studies Newsletter*, Vol. X, No. 1, March, pp. 1-2.
- 1995 "Women's Rights and Cultural Self-Determination in the Female Genital Mutilation Controversy." Guest essay, Association for Feminist Anthropology column, *Anthropology Newsletter*, May, pp. 14-15.
- 1995 "An Anthropologist in the Dean's Office: A Narrative From the Field" (invited member profile). *Association of Middle East Women's Studies Newsletter*, Vol. X, 2, May, p. 6.
- 1994 "Positioning Medical Anthropology's Audience." Review essay: *From the Fat of Our Souls* (Crandon-Malamud), *Curing Their Ills* (Vaughan), and *Health and Development in a Rural Kenyan Community* (Brainard). *Reviews in Anthropology*, 23:257-267.
- 1992 "The Islamist State and Sudanese Women." *Middle East Report*, No. 179 (Nov.-Dec.), pp. 29-32.
- 1991 "The Islamic Movement, Development, and Health Education: Recent Changes in the Health of Rural Women in Central Sudan." *Social Science & Medicine* 33,6:637-645.
- 1991 "Development Schemes, Cultural Debates, and Rural Women's Health." UCLA, G.E. von Grunebaum Center for Near East Studies, working papers series, conference on Women and Health in the Middle East (1990). 28 pp.
- 1991 (with Jay O'Brien) "A Social History of Food, Famine, and Gender in Twentieth Century Sudan." Chapter in *African Food Systems in Crisis. Part 3: Essays in the Political Economy of Famine and Hunger*, R.E. Downs, Donna O. Kerner, and S. P. Reyna, eds. New York: Gordon and Breach Publishers, pp. 177-203.
- 1990 "Nuer Women in Southern Sudan: Health, Reproduction, and Work." Women in International Development Working Papers Series, #215. East Lansing: Michigan State University

- 1990 "Development and the Health of Rural Women in Central Sudan." *African Studies Center Newsletter*, UCLA, Spring, pp. 9-11.
- 1989 "Circumcision (Female)," *The Women's Studies Encyclopedia, Volume I, Views From the Sciences*, Helen Tierney, ed., Greenwood Press, pp. 62-63.
- 1988 "Reproductive Ritual and Social Reproduction: Female Circumcision and the Subordination of Women in Sudan." In O'Neill, Norman and Jay O'Brien, eds., *Economy and Class in Sudan*. Aldershot, Hampshire, U.K.: Avebury, Gower Publishing Co. (Arabic version published in the *Bulletin of Sudanese Studies*, Khartoum, Oct. 1991, pp. 8-31).
- 1987 "Gender, Power, and Traditional Arts," (review essay on H.J. Drewel and M.T. Drewel, *Gelede: Art and Female Power Among the Yoruba*, and S. Price, *Co-Wives and Calabashes*). *Reviews in Anthropology* 14,1:37-45.
- 1983 "Struggling With the Mosquito: Malaria Policy and Agricultural Development in Sudan." *Medical Anthropology* 7,2:51-62.
- 1982 "The Movement Against Clitoridectomy and Infibulation in Sudan: Public Health Policy and the Women's Movement." W.H.R. Rivers Prize essay, *Medical Anthropology Newsletter*, Vol. 13, No. 2, pp. 4-12.
- 1981 "Medical Anthropology, Health Policy and the State: A Case Study of Sudan." In Stull, Donald D., Akira Yamamoto, and Felix Moos, eds., *Symposium on Anthropology and Public Policy*, *Policy Studies Review* 1,1:47-65.
- 1979 "Patterns of Family Living: A Case Study of Two Villages on the Rahad River." Monograph Series No. 12, Development Studies and Research Center, University of Khartoum. (Invited monograph, published for F.A.O.-sponsored conference on Population and Rural Development in Sudan.)
- 1978 "Women's Labor in the Subsistence Sector—The Case of the Central Nuer Area of Jonglei Province (Sudan)." Khartoum, Sudan: Executive Organ for Development Projects in the Jonglei Area.
- 1978 *Social Services in Gezira Province: A Study of Use, Distribution, and Effectiveness of Health, Education, and Other Social Services* (research report). Khartoum, Sudan: Ministry of Social Affairs.
- 1977 "Economic Activities of Nuer Women, Jonglei Province." *Sudan Society*, No. 6., University of Khartoum.

Publications -- book and film reviews

- 2012 “*Sifinja—The Iron Bride*” (film by Kurt Beck and Valerie Hänsch, U. of Bayreuth, Germany), *American Anthropologist* 114,1:148-49 (March).
- 2010 *Between Rites & Rights: Excision in Women’s Experiential Texts and Human Contexts* (Chantal Zabus, 2007, Stanford University Press). *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 24,3 (September): 426-429.
- 2007 *Female Circumcision: Multicultural Perspectives*. (Rogaia Mustafa Abusharaf, ed., 2006, University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia). *American Ethnologist* 34,2, May (on-line).
- 2006 *Five Women of Sennar: Culture and Change in Central Sudan* (Susan Kenyon, 2004, Waveland Press, Long Grove, IL). *American Ethnologist*, 33,4, November (on-line).
- 2004 *A Colonial Lexicon of Birth Ritual, Medicalization, and Mobility in the Congo* (Nancy Rose Hunt, Duke U. Press, Durham, NC). *Isis: An International Review Devoted to the History of Science and Its Cultural Influences*, Vol. 95, 2:317-318.
- 2002 *Getting God’s Ear: Women, Islam, and Healing in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf* (Eleanor Doumato, Columbia University Press, NY). *Al-Arabiyya: Journal of the American Association of Teachers of Arabic*, Volume 34, 121-123.
- 1998 *Nuer Dilemmas: Coping with Money, War, and the State* (Sharon Hutchinson). *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 31, 1: 239-240.
- 1995 *Gender, Sickness and Healing in Rural Egypt: Ethnography in Historical Context* (Soheir Morsy). *American Anthropologist*, 97,4: 16-17.
- 1995 *Women's Medicine: The Zar-Bori Cult in Africa and Beyond* (I.M. Lewis, Ahmed Al-Safi, and Sayyid Hurreiz, eds.). *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 9,3: 418-420.
- 1994 Film review: “Female Circumcision: Beliefs and Misbeliefs.” *American Anthropologist*, vol. 96, No. 2, June, pp. 488-489.
- 1992 *Cultivating Workers: Peasants and Capitalism in a Sudanese Village* (Victoria Bernal). *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, vol. 25, No. 3, pp. 654-656.
- 1992 *Religion and Custom in a Muslim Society: The Berti of Sudan* (Ladislav Holy). *Ethnos* (Stockholm), vol. 57:I-II, pp. 105-107.
- 1986 *Women and the Family in the Middle East: New Voices of Change* (Elizabeth Warnock Fernea, ed.). *Ahfad Journal: Women and Change* (Ahfad University College for Women, Omdurman, Sudan) 3,2:76-78.

- 1986 *The Sudan: Unity and Diversity in a Multi-cultural State* (John Obert Voll and Sarah Potts Voll). *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 19,4:758-760.
- 1986 *The Transformation of the Woman Suffrage Movement: The Case of Illinois, 1850-1920* (Steven M. Buechler). *Wisconsin Sociologist* 23,4:186-187.
- 1984 *Silent Violence: Food, Famine, and Peasantry in Northern Nigeria* (Michael Watts). *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 16,1:25-27.
- 1981 *Resources for Third World Health Planners: A Selected Subject Bibliography* (Philip Singer and E. Titus). *Medical Anthropology Newsletter* 13,1:14-15.

Conference and University Presentations (selected)

- 2015 "Ethical challenges for knowledge production using social media." (Co-author: Alyssa Kirschling.) paper presented at the Sudanese Knowledge Society symposium "Contemporary Issues in Knowledge Production: Identities, Mobilities, and Social Media," February 14-16, Khartoum, Sudan.
- 2014 "Why Narratives Matter: Ethnographic Writing on Sudan," (with Jay O'Brien), paper presented at the Sudan Studies Association, San Francisco, May 23-25.
- 2014 "Is the 'Global Sisterhood' Making the FGM/C Change Happen? International Organizations, Transnational Feminism, and FGM/C Abandonment in African and Middle Eastern Contexts," paper presented at Transnational Feminisms and the New Middle East Insurrections Conference, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Journal of Middle East Women's Studies, Yale University, April 3.
- 2014 "Positive Communication for Ending Female Genital Cutting in Sudan: The Saleema Initiative," paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM, March 19.
- 2014 "'Every girl is born Saleema. Let her grow up Saleema.' New Initiatives against Female Genital Cutting in Sudan." Anthropology Colloquium Series, University of Toronto, Canada, February 28.
- 2013 "Challenges of a global movement for breast cancer prevention: Research infrastructures, public values, and cultural diversity." Paper presented in session on "The Public Value of Primary Prevention Research" at the International Breast Cancer and Nutrition Think Tank, Saumur, France, October 2013.
- 2011 "Interrogating 'Harmful Cultural Practices'." Invited discussant. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Québec, Canada, Nov. 19.

- 2011 Kinsey Institute and Department of Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington. Invited lectures.
- 2011 “Too Late? An Exploration of Alan Paton’s *Cry the Beloved Country*.” Public lecture for Purdue University Books and Coffee 2011. Feb. 10.
- 2010 “Human Rights Fatigue: ‘We Are Tired of Hearing About Human Rights’.” Paper presented in an invited symposium on Gender, Violence, and Human Rights, at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 20 (in absentia).
- 2010 SUNY Cortland, invited lecture.
- 2010 UCLA, March, invited lecture, Department of Anthropology and Center for Near Eastern Studies.
- 2010 Marion University, Indianapolis, Women’s Issues Group. “Female Circumcision: Exploring Cultural Relativism.” Nov. 9.
- 2009 University of Michigan, invited lectures: Women’s Studies; Anthropology and Public Health.
- 2008 “Debating Policies of Inclusion, Collaboration and Engagement with Circumcised African Women in Global Campaigns for Social Change.” Invited discussant. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Nov. 21.
- 2008 “The Orgasm Puzzle and Female Genital Cutting: Research Insights from Sudan and Sierra Leone.” Paper presented at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Nov. 19.
- 2008 “Global Women’s Organizations Negotiate Religion: Opposition to FGC in Sierra Leone and Sudan.” Panel presentation, California State University, Long Beach, Nov. 17.
- 2008 “No Safety: The Destruction of Health in Darfur, Sudan.” Presentation for panel on “Embodied Danger: The Health Costs of War and Political Violence,” Society for Applied Anthropology and Society for Medical Anthropology, joint meetings, Memphis, TN, March.
- 2007 “The Contradiction.” Presentation for Policy Forum on “Zero-Tolerance and Criminalization of FGC as Tools for Abandonment,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Dec. 1.
- 2006 Global processes and religious ideological controversies: International and local programs for Muslim women’s reproductive health and human rights in Sudan.” Presented at Conference on Reproduction, Globalization, and the State,

- Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy, June 1-7.
- 2006 "Sexuality and Female Genital Cutting." Presentation for the "Middle Eastern Sexualities" colloquium series, sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies (CMENAS) and Near Eastern Studies (NES), University of Michigan, Oct. 6.
- 2006 "No Safety for Women and Children: The Destruction of Health in Darfur, Sudan." Paper presented in Presidential Invited Session on "Embodied Danger: The Health Consequences of War and Violence." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, Nov. 17.
- 2006 Discussant for "Male and Female Genital Surgeries: Critical Intersections/Astonishing Issues." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, Nov. 16.
- 2005 Discussant for panel on "Female Genital Cutting: New Research." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Nov.
- 2005 "Feminist Activism for the Abolition of Female Genital Cutting in Sudan." Panel on "Medical Anthropology in the Muslim World," Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C., Nov. 20.
- 2005 "Bumps on the Road to Freedom from Female Genital Cutting: A Report on a Declaration Against FGC in a Community in North Kordofan, Sudan." Paper presented in panel on "Culture and Politics," Sudan Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Aug. 18-20.
- 2005 "Cultural Anthropology and the Construction of the Female Body. Presented in panel on "Re-Making Sex II: Is Sex Universal?" Berkshire Conference on the History of Women. Scripps College, June 2-5.
- 2004 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Panelist on Islam, Gender and Reproductive Health, Nov. 5.
- 2004 "Sexual Response and Sudanese Conceptions of the Infibulated and Uninfibulated Vulva: Research in Sudan, 2004." Seminar on Advancing Knowledge on Psycho-Sexual Effects of FGM/C: Assessing the Evidence, Alexandria, Egypt, October 10-12.
- 2004 "Female Genital Cutting and Change in Sudan." Lecture presented to the Faculty of Medicine, University of Gedaref (June 28); Faculty of Medicine, U. of Kordofan (July 29); and for the Hawa Women's Organization and students of the Midwifery School, El Obeid, Sudan (July 29). (In Arabic.)

- 2004 "Resisters and Reformers in Sudan, 2004: Toward Ending Female Genital Cutting." Paper presented at the Sudan Studies Association, May.
- 2004 "Gender and Ethnic Rights in the United States: Our On-Going Challenges." Presentation for Tri-Lateral Conference of Beijing Union University, University of Seoul, and California State University, Fresno, April 15-17, Fresno, CA.
- 2004 "Resisters and Reformers: Ethnographic Report on Change Efforts to End Female Genital Cutting in Sudan, 2004." Presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology and Society for Medical Anthropology joint meeting in Dallas, TX, April 1.
- 2004 "Changes for Women in Two Rural Communities of Sudan: Work, Health, and FGM." Public lecture, Ahfad Univ. for Women, Omdurman, Sudan, March 28.
- 2003 "Women with Circumcision: Understanding the Cultural Contexts and Caring for Patients." Presentation and workshop for Loma Linda University Medical School, Family Medicine faculty and residents, Dec. 9.
- 2003 "Female Circumcision: the Controversy and the Process of Change," University of Pennsylvania, Medicine and the Middle East series, April 18.
- 2003 "Female Genital Cutting and Sexuality" (for Human Sexuality class) and "Female Genital Cutting: An Anthropological Perspective" (public lecture sponsored by Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and the Program in Feminist Studies). Stanford University, Jan. 16, 2003.
- 2002 "The Two Body Problem: Partner Accommodation in Comprehensive Universities." Paper for panel on The Two Body Problem, at the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 13-16.
- 2002 "Holy Men, Zar, Midwives, and the Neighbors: Traditional and Alternative Health Practices of Muslim Communities of the Nile Valley and Arabia." Workshop presented at U.C.L.A., Near East Studies Center, August 5.
- 2002 "The Socio-Cultural Determinants of Female Genital Cutting: A Brief Look at Research Findings, Gaps, and Directions." Paper presented at the Conference to Advance Research on Female Genital Cutting, Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy, April 30.
- 2002 "Building World Community Through Higher Education Curriculum and International Competitive Events." Paper presented at the Tripartite International Conference on "The Impact of Economy, Science, and Society on the 21st Century's Higher Education," Beijing, China September 10-13.
- 2000 "The Female Circumcision Controversy," University of Richmond, March.

- 2000 “Women in Modern Islam: Female Circumcision, an Anthropological Perspective,” lecture, Cross Cultural Center, California State University, San Bernardino, May 25.
- 2000 “Physical Aesthetics and Women’s Human Rights in Botswana and Sudan.” Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 17.
- 2000 “Managing Collaboration in Higher Education.” (Coauthors: John B. Franz, Fred J. Evans, and Vivian Vidoli). Paper presented at conference “Towards the Global University II, Redefining Excellence in the Third Millennium,” Cape Town, South Africa, April. (Conference sponsored by Cape Technikon U., Cape Town, U. of Central Lancashire, U.K., and California State U., Fresno.)
- 1999 “Rural Men’s Participation In Grassroots Debates On Female Circumcision In Sudan.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November.
- 1999 “Gender and Human Rights Discourse: An Approach to Changing Cultural Practices Harmful to Women and Girls.” Sociology Department Seminar, University of Botswana, July.
- 1999 “The Female Circumcision Controversy,” public lecture, Whittier College, March.
- 1998 “Women and Human Rights: Setting the Agenda.” Special event organizer and panel presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, December.
- 1998 “Women’s Human Rights and Cultural Self-Determination in the Female Circumcision Controversy in Sudan: An Anthropologist’s Perspective.” Paper presented at a conference on “Gender, Health, and History,” University of Illinois at Chicago, April 24-25.

Field Research Experience and Consulting:

- 2015 Sabbatical project, Sudan, January-February
- 2011 International Breast Cancer and Nutrition (IBCN) Project, consultations with faculty and administrators at American University, Beirut, Lebanon, for research collaboration (May).
- 2011 IBCN Project, consultations at University of Uruguay and the Ministry of Public Health, Montevideo, Uruguay, for future research collaboration (August).
- 2010 UNICEF Academic Consultation on Changing Social Norms on Female Genital Cutting, New York, Nov. 18-20.
- 2010 Academic consultations in Eldoret, Kenya, to establish study-abroad program with Moi University (June).

- 2007-08 Preliminary Study on the Patterns of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting in Sierra Leone, UNICEF research (Dec. 2007-January 2008).
- 2007, 2006 UNICEF International Consultations on Social Factors in FGM/C:
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, March, 2007;
New York, Sept. 2006.
- 2006 Childhood Obesity & Overweight Prevention Initiative, CSU Fresno.
- 2004 Research in Sudan on leadership and changes in the social movement against Female Genital Cutting. Interviews with feminist activists. Research to update data on practices and attitudes in previous research villages (in Rahad and in Gezira). Jan.-March.
Related project on dynamics of FGC in four additional villages with UNICEF, May-July.
FGC Abandonment project in community in North Kordofan, CARE, July.
- 1999, 2000, 2001 Research on beauty pageants, feminism, and the HIV crisis in Botswana. June-July (4 weeks each year).
- 1992 Participant observation in Gezira and Rahad villages on effects of Islamic movement on rural women's work, health conditions, and genital cutting practices. April-May.
- 1990 Interviewing and meetings in conjunction with delegation to Saudi Arabia (Dhahran, Riyadh, and Jeddah) and Bahrain. Focus on women's education and attitudes toward gender restrictions. Jan. 1-18.
- 1989 Follow-up study on women's work and health at previously studied rural villages in Rahad and Gezira, Sudan; interviews in Khartoum and Wad Medani. July-Sept.
- 1974-79 Teaching and research in Sudan on Sudanese cultures and political economy.
- 1977-79 Doctoral research on health services in Gezira Province, Sudan. Community case studies, interviews with officials and health workers, and archival research.
- 1976-77 Director and fieldwork supervisor for sample surveys of health, education and social services facilities and their utilization in selected communities, Gezira Province, Sudan. Sponsored by Ministry of Social Affairs, Khartoum. December 1976 to July 1977.
- 1976-77 Research on family units, village economy and labor migration in two villages in the Rahad area, northern Sudan, Nov. 1976-Jan. 1977. Sponsored by U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and the Development Studies and Research Center, University of Khartoum. Return visits in 1978 and 1979 to the villages and a resettlement site.

- 1975-76 Socio-economic research in the Jonglei area, southern Sudan. Preparatory work and pilot surveys in March, June, and November 1975. Fieldwork in a central Nuer village and neighboring communities from February to May 1976. Research Associate with interdisciplinary team from the Economic and Social Research Council, National Council for Research, Sudan.
- 1972-73 Graduate research project on access to abortion services in Connecticut. Study of referral agencies and physicians prior to legalization in the state. Interviews with nursing staff following legalization.
- 1971 Rootwork beliefs of psychiatric in-patients in Hartford, Connecticut. Department of Psychiatry, University of Connecticut.

Professional Organization Service

- 2010, 2011 America Council of Learned Societies, fellowship application reviewer.
- 2006-2009 Society for Medical Anthropology, Secretary (elected).
- 1997-2001 American Anthropological Association, Committee for Human Rights, elected member. Project on Women's Human Rights.
- 2000-2001 Assignment from AAA President to the Special Ad Hoc Task Force, charged to examine allegations contained in *Darkness in El Dorado* by Patrick Tierney and to determine if further investigation was needed. (Dec.-Jan.)
- 1996-2000 Association for Feminist Anthropology, American Anthropological Association: Executive Board member, elected term 1996-2000; travel grant selection committee, 2000; Sylvia Forman prize committee 1999; Nominations committee, 1997.
- 1990-92 Association for Feminist Anthropology, Secretary-Treasurer.

Professional memberships

American Anthropological Association
 Society for Medical Anthropology
 Association for Feminist Anthropology
 Middle East Section
 Association of Middle East Women's Studies
 Sudan Studies Association (Board member, 2009-present.)

Recent Editorial Service:

- 2004- Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*.
- 2000-2003 Editorial Board, *Social Justice: Anthropology, Peace, and Human Rights*.
- Manuscript reviewer for journals and publishers.

Anthropological Research & Teaching Interests:

Regions of expertise: Sudan, Africa, and the Middle East.

Medical anthropology/anthropology of health.

Women's health: traditional practices affecting the health of women and children in Africa, female circumcision (clitoridectomy and infibulation), spirit possession and healing, and beauty pageants for HIV prevention (Botswana). Transnational issues of physical aesthetics and sexuality. The body and sexuality.

International Breast Cancer and Nutrition project—multinational project on body image, nutrition, and breast cancer prevention.

Feminist anthropology and women's human rights issues.

Health and development. Food security.

“Beauty” as a cultural concept and beauty pageants in Africa in relation to health promotion.

Ethnic and religious diversity.

Religious belief systems, especially Islam; impact on gender and health.

Language abilities:

Speaking: Sudanese Arabic (fluent), German (good), French (basic).

Reading: German (good), French (good)