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EMPLOYMENT

University of Virginia Department of Sociology Assistant Professor	Fall 2009-present
University of San Francisco Center for the Pacific Rim Kiryama Postdoctoral Fellow	2008-2009
National University of Singapore Asia Research Institute Postdoctoral research fellow	2007-2008

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Ph.D. Sociology Special Field Examinations: Gender and the Nation-state; Globalization and Culture	2007
University of Chicago M.A. Sociology Thesis: "Space of Resistance: The Puerto Rican Cultural Center and Humboldt Park"	1999
Barnard College B.A. Political Science Graduated <i>cum laude</i>	1994

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

Mobilizing Piety: Women, Islam, and the Public Sphere in Indonesia

The revitalization of Islam in Indonesia over the past 25 years is part of a global revival of Islam. This study investigates how religion can empower women in the public sphere and how religion is part of the ways women present themselves as legitimate in the public sphere. I explore these questions through an ethnographic study of Muslim and secular women activists in Jakarta, Indonesia. I argue that women's knowledge of religion and use of religious discourses and their self-presentations as religious practitioners are the keys to their legitimacy in the public sphere. As Islam becomes an increasing part of the Indonesian public sphere, the use of religious texts and discourses allows women activists to be heard. When a variety of religious interpretations exist in political contexts that embrace religion, such as contemporary Indonesia, religion can be a significant force for women's involvement in politics. The women activists in this study represent three distinct strategies of mobilizing religious knowledge and practices as a means of entry to the public sphere. These engagements are tied to

different understandings of Islamic teachings on gender, as well as contrasting conceptions of the relationship between religion and public life. Because these women are involved in the public sphere, where their use of Islamic discourse provides them with legitimacy and the potential to mobilize across class lines, their different political imaginations all have the potential to shape national discourses and policies.

Dissertation Committee: Saskia Sassen, Leslie Salzinger (Boston College), Chairs; Andreas Glaeser; Danilyn Rutherford (Anthropology) **Defense:** June 2007

Received Best Dissertation Award (2008). Women and Politics Research Section, American Political Science Association

SCHOLARSHIP

I. Articles

Rinaldo, Rachel. Forthcoming. "Women and Piety Movements." Chapter 26, in Bryan S. Turner, ed. *The New Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Religion*. New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2008. "Envisioning the Nation: Women Activists, Religion, and the Public Sphere in Indonesia." *Social Forces* 86/4: 1781-1804.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2008. "Muslim Women, Middle Class Habitus, and Modernity in Indonesia." *Contemporary Islam* 2/1: 23-39.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2008. "Pious Islam and Women's Activism in Indonesia." *Michigan State University Women in Development Working Paper Series* # 291.

**A revised version of this paper, "The Islamic Revival and Women's Political Subjectivity in Indonesia" is forthcoming in a special issue of *Women's Studies International Forum* (2010).

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2006. "Contesting Womanhood in Two Indonesian Islamic Organizations." *Jurnal Antropologi Indonesia* 30/1: 21-35.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2002. "Ironic Legacies: The New Order and Indonesian Women's Groups." *Outskirts, a journal of feminist cultural criticism*, Vol 10.
<http://www.chloe.uwa.edu.au/outskirts/archive/volume10/rinaldo>

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2002. "Space of Resistance: The Puerto Rican Cultural Center and Humboldt Park." *Cultural Critique* 50: 135-174.

II. Manuscripts under Review and in Preparation

"Muslim Women, Moral Visions: Globalization and Gendered Debates in Indonesia." Manuscript resubmitted to *Qualitative Sociology* (January 2010).

Muslim Women, Moral Visions: Islam and Feminism in Indonesia. Book manuscript in preparation.

"Religion and the Politics of Morality: Muslim Women Activists and the Pornography Debate in Indonesia." Chapter under review for a volume published by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.

"High Heels and Headscarves: Women's Clothing and Islamic Piety in Indonesia." Manuscript in preparation. *Received Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Culture Section, 2007 Graduate Student Paper Award.*

"Feminism, Interpretation, and Agency." Manuscript in preparation.

III. Book Reviews

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2009. *Women Shaping Islam: Reading the Quran in Indonesia*, by Pieterella van Doorn-Harder. Book Review. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2008. *Textures of Struggle: The Emergence of Resistance among Garment Workers in Thailand*, by Piya Pangsapa. Book Review. *Contemporary Sociology* 37/6: 598-599.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2008. *Women Building Peace: What they Do, Why it Matters*, by Sanam Naraghi Anderline. Book Review. *Gender & Society* 22/5: 687-689.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2006. *Reorganising Power in Indonesia: The Politics of Oligarchy in an Age of Markets*, by Richard Robison and Vedi R. Hadiz. Book Review. *University of Chicago South Asia News* 30/2: 12-13.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2004. *National Performances: The Politics of Class, Race, and Space in Puerto Rican Chicago*, by Ana Y. Ramos-Zayas. Book Review. *City and Community* 3/2: 177-178.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2008	Best Dissertation Award, Women and Politics Research Section, American Political Science Association
2007	Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Culture Section, 2007 Graduate Student Paper Award
2006-2007	University of Chicago Committee on Southern Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship
2005-2006	University of Chicago Committee on Southern Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship
2005	Selected to participate in Association for Asian Studies 2005 Dissertation Workshop, "Religion and Politics in Asia"
2005	National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$7,500)
2005	University of Chicago Robert S. Park Memorial Lectureship
2004-2005	University of Chicago Committee on Southern Asian Studies Dissertation Writing Fellowship
2002-2003	Fulbright-Hays International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$27,721)
2002	U.S. Indonesia Society Summer Travel Grant
2001	Puffin Foundation Arts Grant for documentary video production
2000	American Sociological Association / American Association for the Advancement of Science Mass Media Science Journalism Fellowship

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS

- 2010 "Polygamy and Pious Identities in Indonesia." Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 27, 2010.
- 2009 "Engendering Morality: Women, Islam, and the Nation-State in Indonesia." American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, August 2009.
- 2009 Discussant, "*Mosque in Morgantown: Islam and Feminism in West Virginia.*" Joint presentation of the University of San Francisco Center for the Pacific Rim and the San Francisco International Film Festival, USF, March 16, 2009.
- 2009 "Gender and Moral Visions in Indonesia." Religion and Globalization in Asia: Prospects, Patterns, and Problems for the 21st Century. University of San Francisco, March 13, 2009.
- 2008 "Beyond Morality: Gender, Islam, and the Nation-State in Indonesia." Religion in Politics: Resistance, Negotiation and Transcendence conference at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, December 11-12, 2008.
- 2008 Invited participant, "Religion on the Edge," Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, October 2008.
- 2008 "Women's Activism, Islam, and Pluralism in Indonesia." Guest Presentation. Kapal Perempuan annual meeting, Jakarta, Indonesia, March 20, 2008.
- 2008 "Women Activists, Islam, and Globalization in Indonesia." Guest lecture. Department of International Relations, Brawijaya University, Malang, Indonesia, March 12, 2008.
- 2007 "High Heels and Headscarves: Women's Clothing and Islamic Piety in Indonesia." American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York City, August 12, 2007.
- 2007 "Pious Feminism: Islam and Women's Rights in Indonesia." Association for Asian Studies, Boston, MA, March 25, 2007.
- 2006 "Veiled Feminism: Islamic Religious Piety and the Women's Movement in Indonesia." American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada. August 12, 2006.
- 2006 "Studying Islam and Women after 9/11." Sociologists for Women in Society Summer Meeting, Graduate Student Roundtable on Social Movements. August 11, 2006.
- 2006 "Feminism in Uncertain Times: Women Activists, Islam, and State Transition in Indonesia." 8th Annual Globalization Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. April 22, 2006.
- 2005 "Transforming Feminism: The Politics of Islam, Global Flows, and Women's Rights in Indonesia." Seeking Gender Justice Beyond the Beijing Conference, Invited Panel Speaker, The Ray Smith Symposium, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. September 18, 2005.

- 2005 “The Struggle over Women: Gender and Sexuality in Two Indonesian Muslim Women’s Organizations.” 4th International Symposium of *Jurnal Antropologi* Indonesia, University of Indonesia, Depok, Indonesia. July 13, 2005.
- 2005 “High Heels and Headscarves: Womanhood, Islam and Globalization in an Asian Megacity.” 7th Annual Globalization Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. May 7, 2005.
- 2005 “The Struggle over Women: Gender Ideology in Two Indonesian Islamic Organizations.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. March 29, 2005.
- 2003 “Globalization and the Women’s Movement in Indonesia.” Brown Bag Presentation, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. November 2003.
- 2002 “Globalization and Feminists in Indonesia.” ISA International Congress of Sociology, Brisbane, Australia. July 9, 2002.
- 2002 “Globalization, Cultural Flows, and Indonesian Feminists.” 3rd Annual Globalization Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. May 2002.
- 1999 “Combining Ethnography and Documentary Artwork.” Co-presented at the Sociological Ethnography Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. February 1999.

TEACHING

- 2009-2010 Fall Semester: Women, Islam, and Modernity
Spring Semester: Gender and Society; Culture and Power
- 2005 **Instructor, University of Chicago**
Department of Sociology
Gender and Sexuality in the Developing World (Park Lectureship)
- 2001 **Instructor, University of Chicago**
Center for Gender Studies
Problems in Gender Studies 101 -- Feminism and Gender

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2009-present Editorial Board Member, *Sociological Theory*
- 1999-present **Manuscript Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology***
- 2006 **Panel Organizer and Presenter**
Association for Asian Studies 2007 conference, Boston, MA
“Examining Religion: Social Change in Asia”

2001-2002 **Member, Book Review Editorial Board**
American Journal of Sociology
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

FILM AND VIDEO

2002 *Division + Western*
Produced, shot and edited documentary video about Chicago's Puerto Rican community
Screened at Women in the Directors Chair International Film Festival (Chicago), American
Sociological Association annual meeting. Shown on Chicago Public Television (WTTW),
September 2003, September 2005.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association – Sex and Gender, Culture, Theory sections
Association for Asian Studies, Sociologists for Women in Society, Association for the Sociology of Religion
American Anthropological Association

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Bahasa Indonesia – fluent speaking, reading, writing

REFERENCES

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