

## **ERICA BORNSTEIN**

### Curriculum Vita

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### RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Philanthropy, charity and humanitarianism, non-governmental organizations, human rights, political and legal anthropology, anthropology of religion, economic anthropology, ethnographic methods, southern Africa, India.

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2004-present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.  
2006-07 Resident Scholar, School for Advanced Research (formerly School of American Research), Santa Fe, NM.  
2003-04 Fellow, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University.  
2002-03 Lecturer, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University.  
2001-02 Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar, Center for African Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of California, Irvine, Doctoral dissertation title: *The Good Life: Religious NGOs and the Moral Politics of Economic Development in Zimbabwe*. 2001.

M.A. Social Relations (Anthropology and Sociology), University of California, Irvine. 1995.

B.A. Bennington College, Bennington, VT. 1984.

### ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD RESEARCH

New Delhi, India (2004-2005, return visits 2007, 2009) Research on sacred and secular giving and humanitarianism, with a focus on Hindu concepts of dan (donation).

Zimbabwe (1995, 1996-1997). Institutional ethnography with Christian non-governmental organizations involved in programs of economic development.

### PUBLICATIONS:

#### **Books**

*Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics*

(co-edited with Peter Redfield), School for Advanced Research Advanced Seminar Series. Santa Fe, NM: School for Advanced Research Press. *In press*.

*Disquieting Gifts: Humanitarianism in New Delhi*.

Ethnographic monograph, Stanford Studies in Human Rights Series, Stanford University Press. *Forthcoming*.

*The Spirit of Development: Protestant NGOs, Morality, and Economics in Zimbabwe*.

Palo Alto, California: Stanford University Press (paperback edition). 2005[cloth edition, New York and London: Routledge/Taylor and Francis 2003]

## Publications: Scholarly Articles

In press:

“An Introduction to the Anthropology of Humanitarianism” (with Peter Redfield) In *Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics* Erica Bornstein and Peter Redfield (eds.) School for Advanced Research Advanced Seminar Series. Santa Fe, NM: School for Advanced Research Press.

“The Value of Orphans” In *Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics* Erica Bornstein and Peter Redfield (eds.) School for Advanced Research Advanced Seminar Series. Santa Fe, NM: School for Advanced Research Press.

Under revision (accepted for publication):

“Gifts of Experience In “What Matters? Ethnographies of Value in a Not-So Secular Age” Courtney Bender and Ann Taves (eds). Columbia University Press.

- 2009 “The Impulse of Philanthropy,” *Cultural Anthropology*, Vol. 24(4), November. Pp. 622-651.
- 2007 “Harmonic Dissonance: Reflections on Dwelling in the Field,” *Ethnos*. Vol 72(4). December. Pp. 483-508.
- 2007 “Faith, Liberty, and the Individual in Humanitarian Assistance.” In *Non-governmental Politics*, Michel Feher, Gaëlle Krikorian and Yates McKee (editor), New York: Zone Books/MIT Press. Pp. 658-667.
- 2007 “A Vision of the World” In *Non-governmental Politics*, Michel Feher, Gaëlle Krikorian and Yates McKee (editors), New York: Zone Books/MIT Press. Pp. 669-671.
- 2006 “Charitable Choice: L’humanitarisme et les Politiques de la Foi” In *Politique Non Gouvernementale, Vacarme No. 34 Hiver 2006, Numéro Spécial*. Feher, Michel (ed). Pp 189-193.
- 2006 “Une Vision Du Monde World Vision (Etas-Unis): Un Portrait World Vision” In *Politique Non Gouvernementale, Vacarme No. 34 Hiver 2006, Numéro Spécial*. Feher, Michel (ed). Pp194-195.
- 2006 “Rituals without Final Acts: Prayer and Success in World Vision Zimbabwe’s Humanitarian Work.” In *The Limits of Meaning: Case Studies in the Anthropology of Christianity*. Engelke Matthew and Tomlinson, Matt (eds). Oxford, UK and New York: Berghahn Books. Pp. 85-104.
- 2006 “No Return: A Brief Typology of Philanthropy and the Sacred in New Delhi.” In *The Politics of Altruism: Caring and Religion in Global Perspective*. Inaba, Keishin and Habito, Ruben (eds.). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press. Pp. 165-179.
- 2005 “Transcending Politics through the Kingdom of God and Free Markets” In *Between a Rock and a Hard Place: African NGOs, Donors, and the State*, Kelsall, Tim and Igoe, Jim (eds), Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press. Pp. 63-92 & Conclusion, Pp. 279-284.
- 2002 “Developing Faith: Theologies of Economic Development in Zimbabwe,” *The Journal of Religion in Africa*, Vol. 32(1). Pp. 4-31.
- 2001 “Child Sponsorship, Evangelism, and Belonging in the Work of World Vision Zimbabwe,” *American Ethnologist* Vol. 28(3), August. Pp. 595-622.
- 2001 “The Verge of Good and Evil: Christian NGOs and Economic Development in Zimbabwe,” *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. Vol 24(1), May. Pp. 59-77.

## Book reviews

- 2009 “Two Views of African Christianity” *H-NET REVIEWS* essay. Published by [H-SAfrica@h-net.msu.edu](mailto:H-SAfrica@h-net.msu.edu) (January). <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=24032>.
- 2008 *Suffering for Territory: Race, Place, and Power in Zimbabwe*, *American Anthropologist* Vol 110(1). March. Pp.132.

- 2003 “Between Church and Politics: Swiss Missions in Mozambique and the World Bank in Africa. Review article, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, Vol. 29(3), September. Pp 795-798.

#### **Other invited publications**

- 2009 “A Modest Map of the Aid World,” (with Peter Redfield). Human Rights Forum, *Anthropology News*. January. Pp. 22-23.
- 2008 SSRC Working paper *Genealogies of Suffering and the Gift of Care: A working paper on the Anthropology of Religion, Secularism, and Humanitarianism*. (with Peter Redfield). <http://programs.ssrc.org/religion/humanitarianism.pdf> 4/30/08.
- 2001 “Christian Evangelism in Africa,” In *The Encyclopedia of African and African-American Religions*. New York: Routledge. Pp. 86-92.
- 2001 “World Vision International,” In *The Encyclopedia of African and African-American Religions*. New York: Routledge. Pp. 381-382.

#### AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2010 Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Interdisciplinary Research Grant, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, The University of Iowa. Project title: *India, Its Diaspora in the United States, and Philanthropy: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry*. Collaborative project with Meena Khandelwal (Anthropology & Women’s Studies, The University of Iowa) and Mark Sidel (College of Law, The University of Iowa).
- 2009-10 Resident Fellow, Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Project title: *Spaces of Empathy: Humanitarianism and the Activist Imaginary*.
- 2009 UWM Foundation/ Graduate School Research Award. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- 2008 Advanced Seminar co-organizer (with Peter Redfield, University of North Carolina, Chapel-Hill), School for Advanced Research seminar March 8-14, 2008. Seminar title: *Between Politics and Ethics: The Anthropology of Global Humanitarianism*. Award funded 10 scholars in residence for one week at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, NM to workshop papers to be published as a book (see *Forces of Compassion* book, SAR Press).
- 2006-07 Resident Scholar, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico. SAR/Social Science Research Council Fellowship. Project title: *The Orphan: A Cultural Account in New Delhi*.
- 2006-07 Resident Fellow, Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (declined). Project title: *The Orphan: A Cultural Account in New Delhi*.
- 2004-05 American Institute of Indian Studies and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Senior Scholarly Development Fellowship, for ethnographic research in India. Project title: *Sacred Giving and Secular Humanitarianism in India*.
- 2003-04 Resident Fellow, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University. Project title: *Sacred Giving and Secular Humanitarianism*.
- 1998-99 Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship.
- 1998 University of California Regents, Dissertation Writing Fellowship.
- 1996-97 Pew Charitable Trusts, Dissertation Research Fellowship (awarded through the Research Enablement Program of the Overseas Ministries Study Center), for research in Zimbabwe.
- 1995 University of California Regents, Research Grant, for research in Zimbabwe.
- 1995 Social Relations Program Travel Grant for research in Zimbabwe, University of California, Irvine.
- 1995 Robin M. Williams Graduate Student Paper Award: “The Evangelical Ethic and the Spirit of Development,” University of California, Irvine.
- 1995 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), for intensive study of Shona, African Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

### **Teaching awards & course development grants**

- 2010 Course development grant award, Religious Studies Program, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Funds for books and supplies to develop courses for the Religious Studies program.
- 2010 Middle East and North African Studies Course Development Award for *Humanitarianism in Global Perspective*. Funds to enhance course readings and to purchase films for the UWM library.
- 2009 International Interdisciplinary Teaching and Research Cluster Award. Project title: *A Global Dialogue on Business, Development, and Ethics*. Collaborative project with A. Aneesh, Kalman Applbaum, and Ingrid Jordt.
- 2006 Course development grant, Center for International Education, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, to develop a new course titled: *The Global Politics of Human Rights*.
- 1995 Teaching Performance Honorable Mention, School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine, for Sociological Theory (Fall 1999 and Spring 2000) and Economic Anthropology (Winter 2000 and Spring 1995).

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Keynote addresses**

- 2010 Association of Development Researchers in Denmark (FAU) annual conference, “Development that Matters: Religion, Local Communities, Livelihood and Entrepreneurship”, Gjerrild, Denmark.
- 2008 “Enacting Improvement: A One-day Conference on the Ethics of Development and Philanthropy,” October, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK.

#### **Invited lectures**

- 2010 Institute of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies (TORS), University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2010 Center for International Education, Ethics Working Group Series, UWM, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2009 Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, as part of the 2008-09 Lecture Series on the Anthropology of Religion, Markets, and Politics, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- 2009 Carroll University, Waukesha, WI.
- 2008 Legal Knowledge and Anthropological Engagement: conference in honour of Marilyn Strathern, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK.
- 2008 School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM. (with Peter Redfield)
- 2007 South Asian Studies Program, University of Iowa.
- 2007 Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico.
- 2006 School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2005 Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, India.
- 2004 Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- 2004 Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- 2001 Center for African Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1997 Department of Religious Studies, Classics, and Philosophy, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe.
- 1997 Christian Witness Committee of World Vision Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe.
- 1997 Christian Care National Office, Harare, Zimbabwe.

#### **Select conference presentations**

- 2010 “Religion, Humanitarianism and Faith, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland. July 2-4.
- 2010 Center for International Education conference titled “Law and Disciplinarity: Thinking Beyond Borders,” University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

- 2009 “Religion, Secularism, and Humanitarianism: Exploring Differences, Boundaries, and Connections,” October, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2009 “Global Governance and Shifting Sovereignties: Who Rules and How,” Global Studies Department, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2009 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2008 “Invidious Distinctions and Ambivalent Attachments: Religious, Spiritual, Secular,” SSRC, NY.
- 2007 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 2006 Conference on ethnographic methods. University of California, Irvine.
- 2006 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, San Jose, CA.
- 2006 Society for Cultural Anthropology annual meetings, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2005 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 2002 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, New Orleans, LA.
- 2001 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 2001 American Ethnological Society annual meetings, Montreal, Canada.
- 2000 “Critical Citizenship: the Role of Non-governmental Organizations in Civil Society,” University of California, San Diego.
- 2000 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- 1999 Satterthwaite Colloquium on African Ritual and Religion, Satterthwaite, UK.
- 1999 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 1998 American Ethnological Society annual meetings, Toronto, Canada.
- 1998 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1997 Pew Charitable Trusts and OMSC Colloquium, Nashville, Tennessee.

#### **Radio interview**

- 2009 “Charity” on the radio program *Encounter*, Australia Broadcasting Company, Radio National. May 24. <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/encounter/default.htm>.

#### **Panel discussant**

- 2009 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2008 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- 2007 American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, DC.

#### **TEACHING**

- 2004-present Assistant Professor, UW-Milwaukee Department of Anthropology  
 Humanitarianism in Global Perspective (Anthro 442/ Global Studies 442)  
 The Global Politics of Human Rights (Anthro 447 & Global Studies 447)  
 International Studies Senior Seminar (IS 550)  
 Introduction to Anthropology: Culture and Society (Anthro 102)  
 Introduction to Anthropology ONLINE (Web 102-202)  
 Anthropological Theory (Anthro 460)  
 Lifeways in Different Cultures: A Survey of World Societies (Anthro 104)  
 Peoples and Cultures of South Asia (Anthro 326)  
 Anthropological Theories of Religion (Anthro 351/ Religious Studies 351)  
 Religious Giving in Anthropological Perspective (Anthro & Religious St. 544)
- 2003-04 Instructor, Cornell University, Society for the Humanities  
 Giving and Humanitarianism
- 2001-03 Instructor, Stanford University, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology  
 History and Theory of Cultural and Social Anthropology  
 Post-field Research Seminar (Ethnographic Writing)

2000-01 Graduate Instructor, University of California Irvine, Department of Anthropology  
Economic Anthropology  
Ethnography and Politics in Southern Africa  
African Societies (Theme: Colonial and Post-Colonial Religion and Politics)

SERVICE: UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY

**Service to the discipline**

2009-11 Elected board member (two-year board term), Association of Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA).  
2010 Student paper prize committee member, APLA  
2008 APLA Religion and Politics Workshop participant, AAA annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.  
2007 Panel co-organizer, AAA annual meetings, Washington, DC.  
2006 Panel co-organizer and chair, AAA annual meetings, San Jose, CA.  
2005 Panel co-organizer, AAA annual meetings, Washington, D.C.  
2001 Panel organizer and chair, panel AAA annual meetings, Washington, D.C.

**Book reviewer**

American Anthropologist; Journal of Southern African Studies; H-net SAfrica

**Peer reviewer** (manuscripts for journals)

American Anthropologist; American Ethnologist; Body & Society; Cultural Anthropology; Ethnos; Global Change Peace and Security Journal (Routledge); Human Organization; Humanity; Journal of Intervention and State-Building; Political and Legal Anthropology Review; Social Problems; Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development.

**Peer reviewer** (manuscripts for books)

Duke University Press, Kumarian Press, Pluto Press

**Research proposal reviewer**

SSRC-ACLS, International Dissertation Research Fellowship (2009); National Science Foundation (NSF) Law and Social Sciences Program (2009); NSF Cultural Anthropology Program (2010); Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – UK (2006 & 2010).

**University committee service: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**

Religious Studies Steering Committee (Chair) 2007-present; Religious Studies Search Committee 2008; Ethics Working Group, Center for International Education 2009-10; Center for International Education (CIE)/Overseas Undergraduate Research (OUR) Travel; Awards Application Review Committee 2009-present; Masters of Development Practice (MDP) Advisory Committee 2009 Awards and Recognition Committee 2005-08; Ethnic Studies Advisory Board 2005-06

**Service to the community**

2009- present Institute of World Affairs (IWA), Advisory Board, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee,  
2007-present Collaborative Arts in Research Translation for Human Advancement (CARTHA).  
Council of Advisors.

**Membership in Professional associations**

American Anthropological Association; Association for Political and Legal Anthropology; Society for Cultural Anthropology; Society for the Anthropology of Religion