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## EMPLOYMENT

**University of Colorado Boulder** Fall 2015-present  
Department of Sociology  
Assistant Professor

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## EDUCATION

**University of Chicago** 2007  
Ph.D. Sociology  
Dissertation: *Mobilizing Piety: Women, Islam, and the Public Sphere in Indonesia*  
Committee: Saskia Sassen, Leslie Salzinger, Chairs; Andreas Glaeser; Danilyn Rutherford

**University of Chicago** 1999  
M.A. Sociology  
Thesis: *Space of Resistance: The Puerto Rican Cultural Center and Humboldt Park*

**Barnard College (Columbia University)** 1994  
B.A. Political Science

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

Gender, Culture, Religion, Globalization, Development, Theory, Qualitative Methods

### Current Research Projects:

Marriage and Divorce in Contemporary Indonesia (2013 – present)

Globalization and the Rise of Contemporary Art in Southeast Asia (2016 – present)

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## SCHOLARSHIP

### I. Books

Rachel Rinaldo. 2013. *Mobilizing Piety: Islam and Feminism in Indonesia*. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Media Coverage:** Interview on New Books in Islamic Studies website (6/2014), Interview for Voice of America Daybreak Asia (8/2014), Article for Bitch Magazine (1/2015), Gender & Society blog posts (11/2014; 3/2015); **Reviews:** *Sex Roles, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, American Journal of Sociology, Gender & Society, Social Forces, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Contemporary Sociology, Pacific Affairs, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

## II. Peer Reviewed Articles

Rinaldo, Rachel. Forthcoming. "Obedience and Authority among Muslim Couples: Negotiating Gendered Religious Scripts in Contemporary Indonesia." *Sociology of Religion*.

Manisha Desai and Rachel Rinaldo [Authors contributed equally]. 2016. "Reorienting Gender and Globalization: Introduction to the Special Issue." *Qualitative Sociology* 39(4): 337-351. *Peer reviewed by Editorial Board members*.

Orit Avishai, Afshan Jafar, and Rachel Rinaldo [Authors contributed equally]. 2015. "A Gender Lens on Religion." *Gender & Society* 29(1): 5-25 (special issue). *Peer reviewed by the Editorial Board*.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2014. "Pious and Critical: Muslim Women Activists and the Question of Agency." *Gender & Society* 28(6): 824-846.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2011. "Muslim Women, Moral Visions: Globalization and Gendered Debates in Indonesia." *Qualitative Sociology* 34(4): 539-560.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2010. "The Islamic Revival and Women's Political Subjectivity in Indonesia." *Women's Studies International Forum* 33(4): 422-431.

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

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

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

## II. Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Rachel Rinaldo. (In Press) "Democratization and Women's Activism in Indonesia." Chapter for *Activists in Transition: Contentious Politics in the New Indonesia*, edited by Thushara Dibley, Michele Ford, and Vanessa Hearmann, Cornell University Press. *Chapter peer reviewed by editors and participants in book workshop*.

## III. Journal Issue Editorships

2016. *Qualitative Sociology*. 2016. Special Issue on Gender and Globalization (with Manisha Desai)

2015. *Gender & Society*. 2015. Special Issue on Gender and Religion (with Orit Avishai and Afshan Jafar).

## IV. Under Review and in Preparation for Journal Submission

Jeff Guhin and Rachel Rinaldo. "What Kind of Culture Do Ethnographic Interviews Reveal?" [Authors contributed equally]. Revise and Resubmit from *Sociological Methods & Research* (Resubmitted July 2018).

Rachel Rinaldo and Tracy Fehr-Sardone (Graduate Student, CU Boulder Sociology). "Divorce and Shifting Marriage Norms in Indonesia." Manuscript in preparation, expected journal submission October 2018.

## V. Other Publications (Non-Peer Reviewed)

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2013. "Sociology." Chapter 18 in *Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures*, edited by Suad Joseph. 2013 edition: *Disciplinary Paradigms and Approaches*. Brill Publications.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2013. "Religion and the Politics of Morality: Muslim Women Activists and the Pornography Debate in Indonesia." Chapter 10 in Hui Yew-Foong, ed. *Encountering Islam: The Politics of Religious Identities in Southeast Asia*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

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

## VI. Book Reviews

Rinaldo, Rachel. In Press. Review of *Pious Fashion: How Muslim Women Dress*, by Elizabeth Bucar. *Contemporary Sociology*.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2018. Review of *Institutional Origins of Islamist Mobilization*, by Quinn Mecham. *American Journal of Sociology* 123(6): 1848-1850.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2018. Review of *Activist Archives: Youth Culture and the Political Past in Indonesia*, by Doreen Lee. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 42(1): 179-181.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2017. Review of *Humanizing the Sacred: Sisters in Islam and the Struggle for Gender Justice in Malaysia*, by Azza Basaruddin. *Journal of Asian Studies* 76(2): 565-567.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2016. Review of *Gender and Sexuality in Muslim Cultures*, edited by Gul Ozyegin. *Contemporary Sociology* 45(6): 776-777.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2016. Review of *Jakarta: Drawing the City Near*, by Abdou Maliq Simone. *Contemporary Sociology* 45(1): 84-86.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2015. Review of *Do Muslim Women Need Saving?* by Lila Abu-Lughod. *Sociology of Islam* 2 (3/4): 358-361.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2015. Review of *Muslim American Women on Campus: Undergraduate Social Life and Identity* by Shabana Mir. *Gender & Society* 29(2): 290-292.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2013. Review of *Power, Change, and Gender Relations in Rural Java: A Tale of Two Villages*, by Ann R. Tickamyer and Siti Kusujarti. *Inside Indonesia*. <http://www.insideindonesia.org/review-power-change-and-gender-relations-in-rural-java>.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2012. Review Essay: Evelyn Blackwood. *Falling into the Lesbi World: Desire and Difference in Indonesia* and Sharyn Graham Davies. *Gender Diversity in Indonesia: Sexuality, Islam and Queer Selves*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 71(3): 842-845.

Rinaldo, Rachel. 2009. Review of *Women Shaping Islam: Reading the Quran in Indonesia*, by Pieterella van Doorn-Harder. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 77(1): 156-159.

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

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

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## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

### External

- 2017 International Collaboration Grant, Global Religions Research Initiative (PI: \$25,000)
- 2016-2017 Selected Participant, Critical Realism and Ethnography Workshop – Critical Realism Network (\$7500 for travel to 3 workshops)
- 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
- 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)
- 2002-2003 Fulbright-Hays International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$27,721)
- 2002 U.S. Indonesia Society Summer Language/Travel Grant (\$1500)

### Internal

- 2018 CU Boulder Center for Asian Studies, Southeast Asia Course Development Grant (\$1500)
- 2016 CU Boulder CARTSS Faculty Research Award (\$3500)
- 2014 UVA Social Science Dean’s Office Discretionary Funds for “Gender and Globalization: A One Day Symposium” (\$3000)
- 2013 UVA/NSF Advance Career Enhancement Fellowship (\$5000)
- 2013 UVA Faculty Summer Stipend
- 2009-2010 UVA Excellence in Diversity Fellow
- 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 University of Chicago Robert S. Park Memorial Lectureship
- 2004-2005 University of Chicago Committee on Southern Asian Studies Dissertation Writing Fellowship

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## SELECTED INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

- 2018 *Invited Speaker.* “Localizing the Islamic Cultural Script of Obedience.” Workshop on Reorienting Islam in Southeast Asia: Global Forces, Local Projections. Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, February 27-28, 2018.
- 2017 *Invited Speaker.* “The Obedient Wife? Gender, Marriage, and Divorce in Urban Java.” UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies Colloquium, May 17, 2017.
- 2016 *Invited Speaker.* “Engaging with Islam and Feminism: Insights from Research on Indonesian Women Activists.” What Works for Women’s Equality? Insights from Research and Practice. Conference at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, August 2, 2016.
- 2016 *Guest Lecture.* “Mobilizing Piety: Islam and Feminism in Indonesia.” Southeast Asia in International Politics (IR 369), taught by Jeremy Menchik. Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies. April 6, 2016. Via Skype.
- 2015 *Invited Speaker.* “Gender, Religion, and Modernity in Indonesia and Beyond.” Panel on The Evolution of Asian Studies in the United States.” Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge. Accra, Ghana, September 2015.
- 2014 *Invited Speaker.* “Pious and Critical: Muslim Women Activists and the Question of Agency.” University of Richmond Sociology/Anthropology department colloquium, November 2014.
- 2013 *Guest Lecture.* “Muslim Women Activists and the Question of Agency.” Departments of Sociology and International Affairs, Brawijaya University, Malang, Indonesia. January 17, 2013.
- 2012 *Invited Speaker.* New Mobilities and Evolving Identities: Islam, Youth, and Gender in South and Southeast Asia. Conference organized by Humboldt University (Berlin), Goethe University (Frankfurt), and Berlin Graduate School for Muslim Cultures and Societies. Berlin, Germany, April 20-21, 2012.
- 2011 *Invited Speaker.* NEH Sawyer Seminar: “Globalization and the New Politics of Women’s Rights.” Center for Research on Gender and Women. University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI, September 2011.
- 2008 *Invited Speaker.* “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 Workshop.” Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, October 2008.

### **Professional Conference Presentations**

- 2018 “Obedient Wives and Women’s Work outside the House.” Special Session on The Political Economy of Women’s Work in Muslim Societies. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2018.
- 2018 “I Have a Right to A Better *Imam*”: Divorce, Islam, and Changing Marital Ideals in Muslim Indonesia.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference, Philadelphia, August 2018.
- 2016 “The Obedient Wife? Marriage, Gender, and Social Change in Indonesia.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA August 2016.
- 2014 “Pious and Critical: Muslim Women Activists and the Question of Agency.” Sex and Gender Session on (Re) Theorizing Gender. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, August 2014.
- 2012 “Reclaiming Islam as a Utopian Vision” Presidential Thematic Session on Religion and Utopia. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, August 2012.
- 2012 “Muslim Women Activists and Interpretive Agency.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario, March 15-18, 2012.
- 2010 “Theorizing through Religion: Gender and Agency.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, August 2010.
- 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 “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.

### **Professional Conference Organizer/Presider/Discussant**

- 2018 *Discussant*. Session on Religion and Immigration. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Denver, April 2018.
- 2018 *Organizer*. Section on the Sociology of Religion, Session on Religion, Gender, and Sexuality. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2018
- 2017 *Organizer and Discussant*. Sex and Gender Session on Gender in Global Contexts, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, August 2017
- 2017 *Organizer and Discussant* (with Colin Beck). Special Session on The Future of Muslim Societies, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, August 2017

- 2017 *Moderator*. Author Meets Critics Session for *Politicizing Islam: The Islamic Revival in France and India*, by Fareen Parvez. Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, August 2017.
- 2016 Author Meets Critics Session for *Mobilizing Piety: Islam and Feminism in Indonesia*. Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 2016.
- 2016 *Discussant*. “Gender and Development.” Section on Sociology of Development, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 2016.
- 2016 *Moderator* for “Tales of the Waria” discussion. Film presentation at the Media, Gender, and Religion Conference, CU Boulder, January 2016.
- 2015 *Program Chair* for Islam/Muslims. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference. Organized panels on Islam, Gender, and Sharia Law; Roundtable on the Islamic State (also served as moderator). Newport Beach, CA 2015.
- 2015 *Organizer*. “Innovative Research in the Sociology of Religion.” Section on Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, August 2015.
- 2015 *Discussant*. “Conversations in Feminist Theory.” Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender, American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL August 2015.
- 2014 *Organizer and Moderator*. Gender and Globalization: A Symposium. Conference at the University of Virginia, October 17, 2014.
- 2013 *Organizer and Discussant*. Sociological Perspectives on Islam, Gender, and Sexuality. Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference, New York, August 2013.
- 2012 *Invited Discussant*. “Indonesia in Global and Transnational Perspective.” Graduate student conference, UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Los Angeles, April 27-28, 2012.

### **Local/Community Outreach Presentations and Panel Moderation**

- 2018 *Invited Panelist*. “Religion and Foreign Affairs.” Student Forum sponsored by Project Nur, CU Boulder, April 24, 2018.
- 2018 *Moderator*. “Perspectives on Islam.” Conference on World Affairs, CU Boulder, April 9, 2018.
- 2018 Guest Speaker for Colleen Berry’s class – Sex and Gender in Asia (ASIA 3300), CU Boulder February 15, 2018.
- 2017 *Invited Panelist*. Muslim Travel Ban Community Forum, CU Boulder. April 24, 2017.
- 2016 *Invited Speaker*. “The Obedient Wife? Marriage, Gender, and Social Change in Indonesia.” CU Boulder *Social Sciences Today* Community Forum. October 25, 2016.

- 2009 *Organizer and 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.

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## TEACHING AND ADVISING

### Teaching

- 2015-present **University of Colorado Boulder**  
**Graduate Courses:** Sociology of Gender, Qualitative Logics, Cultural Sociology, Sociological Theory.  
**Undergraduate Courses:** Classical Theory, Introduction to Sex and Gender, Women and Development, Gender, Islam, and Modernity, Sex, Gender, and Social Change in Southeast Asia.
- 2009-2014 **University of Virginia**  
**Graduate Courses:** Sociology of Gender.  
**Undergraduate Courses:** Women, Islam, and Modernity; Gender and Society; Culture and Power; Introduction to Sex and Gender; Introduction to Social Theory.

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## SELECTED RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Editorial Boards and Journal/Manuscript Reviewing

- 2013-present Editorial Board Member, *Sociology of Religion*
- 2010-present Editorial Board Member, *Qualitative Sociology*
- 2010-2013 Editorial Board Member, *Sociological Theory*
- 2001-2002 Book Review Editorial Board Member, *American Journal of Sociology*
- 1999-present Journal Manuscript Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Intersections: Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Mideast Women's Studies*, *Journal of Religious Research*, *Social Problems*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.  
Book Manuscript Reviews: NYU Press (2018), University of California Press (2018), Ohio University (2012)

### International Service

- 2015 European Research Council. Ad-Hoc Reviewer for SH2 Advanced Grant.

### National/Disciplinary Service

- 2019 Social Science Panel Reviewer for AAUW Fellowships
- 2019 ASA Sex and Gender section Book Award Committee Member
- 2018 ASA Sex and Gender section Article Award Committee Member



- 2017-2020 Council Member, ASA Section on the Sociology of Religion
- 2017 Section on the Sociology of Religion Book Award Committee
- 2015-2016 Association for the Sociology of Religion – International Committee Member
- 2014-2015 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion – Conference Program Co-Chair for Islam/Muslims
- 2013-2014 ASA Sex and Gender Nominations Committee Member
- 2013 ASA Sociology of Religion Distinguished Article Award committee member
- 2013 Ad-Hoc Proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation (Cultural Anthropology program)

**University Service**

- 2018-2019: **Center for Asian Studies:** Executive Committee, UISFL Grant Steering Committee
- 2017-2018 **Center for Asian Studies:** Executive Committee, PUEC Committee for Colleen Berry, UISFL grant steering committee
- 2017 - present **CARTSS** Steering Committee
- 2017- 2018 **Havlicek Award Committee**
- 2016-2017 **Center for Asian Studies:** Speakers Committee, UISFL grant steering committee
- 2015 – present **Faculty Associate**, Department of Women and Gender Studies, CU Boulder

**Departmental and University Service**

- 2018-2019 **CU Boulder Sociology Department:** Graduate Committee, CPI Workshop Co-Organizer, Betsy Moen Award Committee
- 2017-2018 **CU Boulder Sociology Department:** Graduate Committee, Betsy Moen Award Committee, CPI Workshop
- 2016-2017 **CU Boulder Sociology Department:** Speakers Committee, Merit Review Committee, Betsy Moen Award Committee, CPI Workshop
- 2015-2016 **CU Boulder Sociology Department:** Theory/Culture Search Committee member, Betsy Moen Award Committee

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association: Sex and Gender, Culture, Theory, Global/Transnational, Development, Asia/Asian-American sections; Association for Asian Studies; Sociologists for Women in Society; Association for the Sociology of Religion

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## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Bahasa Indonesia

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## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

“How a Growing Number of Muslim Women Clerics are Challenging Traditional Narratives”

The Conversation, June 2017

<https://theconversation.com/how-a-growing-number-of-muslim-women-clerics-are-challenging-traditional-narratives-77932>

“Writing Religion for the International Panel on Social Progress”

The Immanent Frame, January 2017

<https://tif.ssrc.org/2017/01/12/writing-religion-ipsp/#Rinaldo>

“Islam and Feminism are not at Odds”

Bitch Magazine Online, January 2015

<https://www.bitchmedia.org/post/islam-and-feminism-are-not-at-odds>

“An American in Jakarta”

Gender & Society blog, March 2015

<https://gendersociety.wordpress.com/2015/03/20/an-american-in-jakarta/>

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