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Recent Courses Taught

- Theories of Conflict, Violence, and War (SIS 610.001, 2007Sp)
- Conflict in Africa (SIS 696.006 2007Sp)
- Peace Paradigms (SIS 607.002 2006F)
- Youth and Conflict (SIS 619.008 2006F)

Research Interests

- Youth and Conflict
- Migration Crises and Security
- Reintegration of Former Child Soldiers in Sierra Leone
- Post-Conflict Reconstruction
- Education and Economic Development
- NGOs and Globalization
- Search for Local Solutions to Conflict
- Youth and Childhood Studies
- Humanitarianism
- Anthropology of Violence
- Human Rights in Africa

Professional Practice

- Lead Researcher, UNICEF, “Transnational Fosterage of War-affected Children in West Africa: Immediate Coping Capacities across Borders
- Expert Consultant, “Where are the Girls? Girls in Fighting Forces in Northern Uganda, Sierra Leone, and Mozambique: Their Lives During and After War” a CIDA study
- Evaluation of Talking Drum Studio programming in Sierra
- Project Proposal Evaluation for Children at Risk, Holland.
- Ethnographic fieldwork throughout Sierra Leone

Awards (Selected)

- 2006. Gail P. Kelly Award from the Comparative and International Education Society.
- 2004. Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation dissertation year fellowship.
- 2003, 2004. Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation dissertation fellowship.
- 2003. American Association of University Women, American Dissertation Fellowship.
- 1999, 2000. Rocca Memorial Fellowship for doctoral research in African Studies
- Foreign Language and Area Studies grant for study of Mende language Summer 1996.