

The Borders of Human Security: GEOPOLITICS COMES HOME

Eminent social scientists, lawyers, labor leaders, and community advocates will come together for a CSWS conference May 20–21, 2004, to address the topic of human security. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will open the conference on Thursday evening, May 20, by exploring the concept of human security—an alternative security paradigm that has captured the attention of many in the international policy community.

On Friday, May 21, the conference continues with four panels that include distinguished scholars and community advocates who will discuss:

- The effects of violence that result from war, political conflict, terrorism, and the war on terrorism
- Human rights, immigration, and work
- The production of economic insecurities in the context of globalization
- Local, national, and international efforts to promote human security

The conference is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Speakers include:



Joan Acker is professor emerita in the Department of Sociology at the University of Oregon. Much of her research has focused on women's economic security and gender inequality issues. Her book *Doing Comparable Worth* examines efforts to raise women's wages through pay equity. She also studied wage setting and gender pay inequality in Sweden. Her most recent research, with Sandra Morgen, looks at the economic and family consequences of the 1996 federal welfare reform law. In her current book project she is exploring ways of thinking about economic survival and provisioning as gendered and racialized class relations in the context of local and global restructuring of work and redistribution.



Cynthia Cockburn is a feminist researcher and writer, a visiting professor in sociology at City University London, and active in the international women's movement against militarism and war. Her research focus is gender in war and peace processes. Recent publications include *The Line: Women, Partition, and the Gender Order in Cyprus*; *The Space Between Us: Negotiating Gender and National Identities in Conflict* (Zed Books 2004 and 1998); and *The Postwar Moment: Militaries, Masculinities and International Peacekeeping* (co-edited with Dubravka Zarkov; Lawrence and Wishart 2002).



Patricia Cortez was born and raised in El Salvador during the civil war and her background has in many ways influenced her career. Arriving in the U.S. on a short-term visa, she worked to attain political asylum, took English-as-a-second-language classes and through a strong commitment to education is now earning a master's degree in social work. Having escaped political violence and with a deep understanding of the barriers refugees and immigrants experience in our community, Cortez now coordinates services for survivors of political violence living in Lane County.



Deana Dartt is a first-year doctoral student, having obtained her M.A. (2003), and B.A. (1999) degrees in anthropology at the University of Oregon. The 1999 American Association of University Women's (AAUW) Senior Woman of the Year and Target of Opportunity Laurel Award recipient for 2000–6, she is currently enrolled in the new museum studies certificate program within the Arts and Administration Program and works at the UO Museum of Natural History. A descendent of the Montecito Chumash of California, her research interests are concerned with pacific maritime peoples and the theory and method involved in how these cultures are represented. She is especially interested in how the "indigenous voice" is achieved in museum and visual interpretive exhibits and the identity politics involved in these processes.



Dalia Hashad is the Arab, Muslim, South Asian Advocate for the American Civil Liberties Union. Her work encompasses civil liberties advocacy and protection; the plight of detainees; community outreach and empowerment; and discrimination in public transportation. Hashad works with organizations and individuals throughout the nation on public education, helping to organize forums and producing reports that highlight problems, legal rights, and potential solutions. As a member of the Palestine Peace Project, she worked in the West Bank with LAW: Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment. She is a fierce advocate who is passionate about protecting the civil liberties of Arabs, Muslims, and South Asians.



Noeleen Heyzer is the first executive director from the South to head the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the leading operational agency within the United Nations to promote women's empowerment and gender equality. Since joining UNIFEM, Heyzer has worked on strengthening women's economic security and rights in the context of feminized poverty and globalization; promoting women's leadership in conflict resolution, peace-building, and reconstruction; ending violence against women; and raising awareness of the gender dimensions of HIV/AIDS. She has published extensively on gender and development issues. Born in Singapore, she received a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Singapore and a doctorate in social sciences from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.



Cindi Katz is professor of geography in Environmental Psychology and Women's Studies at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Her books include *Growing up Global: Economic Restructuring and Children's Everyday Lives* (University of Minnesota Press 2004); *Life's Work: Geographies of Social Reproduction* (co-edited with Sallie Marston and Katharyne Mitchell; Blackwell 2004); and *Full Circles: Geographies of Gender over the Life Course* (co-edited with Janice Monk; Routledge 1993). Katz currently holds a fellowship at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University where she is working on a project concerning late-twentieth-century U.S. childhood.

Margaret Knox is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Geography at the University of Oregon. She has been the coordinator for the Native American Research Interest Group on the University of Oregon campus for the last two years. She is the recipient of the University of Oregon Doctoral Research Fellowship, which was awarded to her for her collaborative work with the tribes on territorial acculturation on the Warm Springs Reservation.



Hope Marston is a political activist who works on issues of human rights, anti-racism, and social and economic justice in coalition with community groups and activists. Marston previously spearheaded successful efforts to pass local resolutions opposing harsh antiterrorism legislation passed in the wake of September 11, 2001. She is currently the organizer for the Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network-Jobs with Justice (ESSN-JWJ), working with labor and community groups to secure worker rights. ESSN-JWJ has worked to raise community awareness about the threat that stores like Wal-Mart pose to both small business and to workers in the United States and throughout the world.

Harriet Merrick serves on the boards of the American Civil Liberties Union, Basic Rights Oregon (BRO) Elect PAC; Planned Parenthood-SW; and Community Alliance of Lane County's Advisory Board. She is a former board member of the Democratic Party of Lane County Executive Committee, Right-to-Privacy, HIV Alliance, the Equality Project, BRO's state board, and has served on various task forces. She is a steering committee member opposing multiple anti-gay ballot measures. She has been an instructor at Lane Community College and the University of Oregon, a campaign consultant, a citizen lobbyist, a community organizer, a fund raiser, and a speaker at various engagements.



Sandra Morgen, director of the Center for the Study of Women in Society and professor of anthropology at the University of Oregon, has published widely on social welfare policy, including policy reports, journal articles and an anthology, *Work, Welfare, and Politics* (2002), co-edited with Frances Fox Piven, Joan Acker, and Margaret Hallock. During 1998-2000 she led a team of researchers studying welfare restructuring in Oregon. She also serves on the advisory committee for a project on economic security issues for the New York-based National Council for Research on Women. She published *Into Our Own Hands: The Women's Health Movement in the U.S., 1969-1990* (Rutgers) in 2002.



Lise Nelson is assistant professor of geography at the University of Oregon. Her work examines the intersections between economic globalization, democracy, and the politics of place in Mexico and Oregon. She is currently finishing a book, *Women Defending the Plaza: Gender, Citizenship, and the Politics of Place*, on women's participation in municipal politics during an era of rapid political and economic change in Michoacán, Mexico. Her ongoing research in Woodburn, Oregon, explores efforts to build clean and affordable housing for farm workers. These organizing efforts not only claim urban space and social citizenship for a highly marginalized group of workers, they also reconfigure local understandings of place and belonging.



Guadalupe Quinn is the Lane County regional coordinator for CAUSA, Oregon's statewide Immigrant Rights Coalition. CAUSA does local, state, and national work. Quinn has been active in the areas of human rights and racial justice work since 1980. For almost twenty-five years she has worked with groups and organizations that are addressing issues of human rights, economic justice, worker rights, immigrant rights, and racial justice. A Mexican immigrant, she moved to the U.S. in 1951, grew up in California, and has lived in Oregon since 1978. She is committed to grassroots organizing that educates and empowers communities. Quinn has done trainings in the areas of undoing racism; multiracial movement building; multicultural-diversity-equity issues; grassroots organizing; cultural awareness-sensitivity; community advocacy work; and alliance building.

Ramón Ramírez is president of PCUN (*Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste*—Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers United), Oregon's union of farmworkers and nursery and reforestation workers. PCUN is Oregon's largest Latino organization. PCUN's fundamental goal is to empower farmworkers to understand and take action against systematic exploitation and all of its effects. To achieve this end, PCUN is involved in community and workplace organizing on many different levels. Founded in 1985 by eighty farmworkers, PCUN has since grown to include more than 5,000 registered members, 98 percent of whom are Mexican and Central American immigrants, and encompasses a wide variety of organizing projects. Ramón Ramírez was one of seventeen national award winners, selected from a pool of 1,300 nominees, for the Ford Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World award in 2003.

Rhonda Ramiro is currently the chair of the Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines, located in the Bay Area, where her primary focus is on educating, organizing, and mobilizing people and communities to take progressive action in upholding and supporting human rights in the Philippines and throughout the world. She has been involved in campaigns to uphold immigrant rights, obtain justice for airport screeners, and end U.S. intervention in the Philippines.



Dorothy Roberts is the Kirkland and Ellis Professor at Northwestern University School of Law and a faculty fellow of the Institute for Policy Research. She has written many books and articles on the interplay of gender, race, and class in legal issues concerning reproduction, motherhood, and child welfare, including *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty* and *Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare*. She serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Black Women's Health Initiative and the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform.



Lynn Stephen is currently Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Oregon. Her research has centered on the intersections of gender, culture, and politics in the context of globalization. She is the author of four books including *Zapata Lives! Histories and Cultural Politics in Southern Mexico* (2002). Her current books in progress are *Cultural Difference and Globalization: Transnational Mexican Indigenous Migrants* and *Zapotec Women in the Global Economy*. She has a strong commitment to collaborative research projects such as "The Story of PCUN and the Farmworker Movement in Oregon," done in collaboration with Oregon's only farmworker union.



Carol Van Houton is a retired clinical social worker. In retirement she keeps busy as the cofounder of the Committee for Countering Military Recruitment, a joint project of local nonprofits Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC) and Eugene Peaceworks. She also coordinates the free counseling program at CALC for youth and their families on issues about the draft, conscientious objection, and military enlistment. She is a Board member of CALC as well.