

Curriculum Vita

Debra Curtis

Salve Regina University
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EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. Anthropology, Rutgers University, New Jersey.

Committee: Louisa Schein, Chair; Fran Mascia-Lees, Peter Guarnaccia, and Bruce Robbins.

Doctoral Dissertation Project: *The Impact of Globalization on Adolescent Sexuality in the West Indies*.
- 1987 M.P.H. San Jose State University, California.
- 1985 B.A. Political Science, Keene State College, New Hampshire.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2012-Present Program Coordinator, Global Studies.
- 2013- Present Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2012 Presidential Award, Salve Regina University.
- 2012 Salve Regina University, Faculty Research Grant, Office of the Provost (\$1,109).
- 2011 Freshmen Advocate Award.
- 2002 National Science Foundation (NSF) \$14,000.
- 2001 Bigel Fellowship, Anthropology Department, Rutgers University \$2,000.

2001 Special Study Award, Graduate School, Rutgers University
\$1,500.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2007-Present Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island
Assistant Professor.

1999- 2006 Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island
Professional Lecturer.

1998-1999 University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Dartmouth,
Massachusetts, Adjunct Faculty.

1995-1996 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey
Adjunct Faculty (summer sessions).

PUBLICATIONS

2014 Curtis, Debra. "Capitalism." In *Encyclopedia of Human
Sexuality*. Wiley-Blackwell Press, in press.

2014 Curtis, Debra. *Flaming Souls: Homosexuality,
Homophobia, and Social Change in Barbados*. *American
Ethnologist*, 40.3. [book review].

2009 Curtis, Debra. *Pleasures and Perils: Girls' Sexuality in a
Caribbean Consumer Culture*. Rutgers University Press.
[book, peer-reviewed].

2008 Curtis, Debra. "The Sexualization of Girls: "Serving Our
Children on Corporate Platters." Op ed. In *Providence
Journal*. January 2. [op-ed].

2008 Frankel, A. and Curtis, D. "What's In a Purse? Maybe a
Woman's Reputation." In *Sex Roles: A Journal of
Research*, 59, 615-622. [peer-reviewed].

2004 Curtis, Debra. "Commodities and Sexual Subjectivities: A
Look at Capitalism and Its Desires." In *Cultural
Anthropology* 19(1): 95-121. [peer-reviewed].

2005 Curtis, Debra. "Fashion for the Field." In *Anthropology
News*. October 2005, Vol. 46, No. 7, Pp 68. [op-ed].

- 1996 Curtis, Debra. "Nightwork: Sexuality, Pleasure, and Corporate Masculinity in a Tokyo Hostess Club." *Gender and Society* 10 (2): 215-216. [book review].
- 1992 King, Roy, Debra Curtis and Guenther Knoblich. "Biological Factors in Sociopathy: Relationships to Drug Abuse Behaviors." In *Vulnerability to Drug Abuse*. Myer Glantz and Roy Pickens, eds. Pp.115-136. Washington DC: American Psychological Association. [book chapter].
- 1991 King, Roy, Debra Curtis and Guenther Knoblich. "Complexity Preference in Substance Abusers and Controls." In *Perceptual and Individual Differences* 2:287-291. [peer-reviewed].

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS-PEER REVIEWED

- 2014 [with] Frankel, A. and Kelley, D. "Unexpected reactions to a tragedy." Poster presented at the March meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA. March 13-16.
- 2014 [with] Gunnip, S. and Frankel, A. "Do women want "what they've got?" Poster presented at the March meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA. March 13-16.
- 2013 "Dangerous Pedagogies: Teaching Race, Class, and Sex." American Anthropological Association. 112th Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 20-24.
- 2013 [with] Frankel, A. and Boisvert, A. "What College Students Think Other College Students' Attitudes Toward Female Students Who Carry Condoms." Association of the Psychological Science, Washington, D.C., May 23-26.
- 2013 [with] Frankel, A. and Gonsalves, K. and Long, J. "The White Guy Finished Last: Evaluations of a Business Executive's Decision Making." Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. March 1-3.
- 2012 "Cultural Interstices and the Erotic: Spaces In-Between." American Anthropological Association. 111th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November 14-18.

- 2012 “Teaching the Anthropology of Sexuality.” American Anthropological Association. 111th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November 14-18.
- 2012 [with] Frankel, A. and Sousa, A. and Kalny, S. “How Good Looking are You? It May Depend on Your Job.” Association for Psychological Sciences, Chicago, ILL. May 24-27.
- 2012 [with] Frankel, A., Greenstein, C., Haughton, A., and Morrissey, A. “Can a Baby-faced man be an award winning cop? Not Likely.” Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburg, PA. March 1-4.
- 2011 [with] Frankel, A. Comier, D., Santoro, D., Lombardo, M., Bagley, K., and Smith, B. “Are There Any Strings Attached to Hooking Up? There are for Acquaintances.” American Psychological Science Annual Convention, Washington, DC. May 25 – 29.
- 2011 [with] Frankel, A., Jedyndasty, C. and Hyuga, A. “Can a Woman be too Pretty to be a Cop?” Presented at the Eastern Psychological Association, Cambridge, MA. March 10-13.
- 2010 “Tourism and Anthropology: Producing Erotic Subjectivities.” American Anthropological Association. 109th Annual Meeting. New Orleans. November 17-21.
- 2010 [with] Frankel, A. and Vardaro, E. “What’s in a college student’s purse? Probably not condoms.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, Boston, MA. May, 27-30.
- 2010 [with] Frankel, A., Cecala, N. and Kidd, E. “What’s the cost of a condom? If you’re a woman it’s very high.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Brooklyn, NY. March 4-7.
- 2009 Public Sex and Private Injuries: Sexual Violence “Among Girls on Nevis.” American Anthropological Association. 108th Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. December 2-6.
- 2009 “Teaching Human Sexuality.” American Anthropological Association. 108th Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. December 2-6.

- 2009 [with] Frankel, A., Cecala, N., and DiRuggiero, E.
 “Assumptions college women make about college women who use condoms.” Poster presented at the meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2008 [with] Frankel, A. Fitzpatrick, M. and Macauley, K.
 “Money becomes you: How good looking you are may depend on how much you earn.” Poster presented at the meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- 2007 “Sexual Pleasure and Sexual Violence: A Fine Line. Between Coercion and Consent.” American Anthropological Association. 106th Annual Meeting. November 28-December 1.
- 2006 “Commodity Erotics: Sex, Nevisian Teenage Girls, and Pleasure” American Anthropological Association. 105th Annual Meeting. November 15-19.
- 2005 “Sex, Pleasure, and Girls: Coming of Age in the West Indies.” American Anthropological Association. 104th Annual Meeting. December 15-19.
- 2000 “Capitalism and Its Desires: The Intersection of Sexual Subjectivity and Commodities.” American Anthropological Association. 99th Annual Meeting. November 15-19.
- 1999 “Universality of Human Rights: Writing Against Difference.” 1999. American Anthropological Association. 98th Annual Meeting. November 17-21.
- 1996 “Field Sex: An Analysis of the Silent Taboo.” American Anthropological Association. 95th Annual Meeting. November 20-24.

PEER REVIEWER, NATIONAL FUNDING AGENCIES

National Science Foundation (NSF), 2011 (amount requested, \$94,907).

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), 2013 (amount requested, \$245,000).

PRESS INTERVIEWS

- 2004 Press Interview: “Women in the Sex Industry” by Mireya Navarro, *The New York Times*.
- 2004 Press Interview: “Female Sexuality” by Fabrice Rousselot, *Liberation* (French publication).
- 2004 Press Interview: “Female Sexuality” by Alyson Walls, *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2014 “Gender in Popular Culture.” Middlebury-Monterey Summer Intensive College English program. Salve Regina University. July 30.
- 2014 “Understanding the Anthropology of Sexuality and Gender.” Bryant University. April 22.
- 2013 “Gender in Popular Culture.” Middlebury-Monterey Summer Intensive College English program. Salve Regina University. July 25.
- 2013 “Anthropology of Sexuality.” Bryant University. April 23.
- 2012 “Sexuality, Consumer Culture, and Globalization” Bryant University, December 3.
- 2011 “Social Class in Everyday American Life.” Topics in American History and Culture for Salve Regina University’s Office of International Studies. July 7.
- 2011 “Consumer Culture and Desire.” Rhode Island School of Design. April 15.
- 2011 “Youth Culture, Sex, and Technology.” Tiverton High School. January 20.
- 2010 “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: The Impact of Technology on Our Children.” Community College of Rhode Island. November 3.
- 2010 “Social Class in America.” Topics in American Culture for the Salve Regina University International Summer School. July, 15.

- 2010 “What is Tolerance in the Face of Radical Difference?”
Forum on Human Dignity and Compassion. Mercy Chapel,
Salve Regina University. November 2.
- 2010 “What is Anthropology?” Residential Life Program. Mercy
Center, Salve Regina University October 1.
- 2009 “Headhunting and Sexuality: What it Means to be Human.”
Amherst College. April 6.
- 2003 “Ride for a Ride: Understanding Sexual-Economic
Exchange in the West Indies.” Rutgers University,
November 5.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2012-Present Atwood Committee (Appointed by the Provost).
- 2013-2014 Women, Gender, and Sexuality Minor Committee.
- 2013-Present Pell Center Fellow, Salve Regina University.
- 2013 Task Force on Student Success and Transformation
(Appointed by the Provost).
- 2013 AAC&U: Institute on High Impact Practices and Student
Success. Madison, WI. June.
- 2013 AAC&U: Global Learning in College:
Asking Big Questions, Engaging Urgent Challenges,
Providence, R.I. October.
- 2013-2014 Co-Chair, Multicultural Advisory Committee (Appointed
by the Provost).
- 2013-Present International Programs Advisory Committee (Appointed by
the Provost).
- 2012 Search Committee, Director of Multicultural Programs
(Appointed by the Vice President of Student Affairs).
- 2011-2012 Health Care Major Committee, (Appointed by the Dean of
Professional Studies).
- 2012-2014 Sabbatical Committee (Elected position).

2011-2012	International Student Enrollment Committee (Appointed by the President).
2011-2012	Faculty Advisor, Multicultural Student Organization.
2011	Coordinator, Eight-week Lecture Series. Topics in American History and Culture for Salve Regina University's Office of International Studies in conjunction with the Spouting Rock Beach Association. July 7-28, 2011.
2010-2012	Social Committee for Faculty Assembly (volunteered).
2009-2010	Chair, Sub-Committee on Diversity for the Retention Committee, appointed by (Dean of Arts and Sciences).

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2014	First-Year Advisor, (3 two-day Orientations). June.
2014	Connections Day. April 5. Salve Regina University.
2013	Major/Minor Fair, October 15, Salve Regina University.
2013	Connections Day, April 6. Salve Regina University.
2011-2013	Department Liaison.
2011	Major/Minor Fair. September 29. Salve Regina University.
2011	Open House. September 26. Salve Regina University.
2010-2012	Faculty Advisor, Sociology and Anthropology Club
2010	Major/Minor Fair. October 1. Salve Regina University.
1999-2007	Faculty Advisor, Anthropology Club

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2007-2010 Chair, Board of Directors, Flying Kites Kenya.

2009-2011 Secretary, Board of Trustees, Saint Philomena School.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Anthropology
Native Americans
Physical Anthropology
Globalization and Cultural Dynamics
Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality
Anthropology of Human Rights
Cultural Anthropology
Social Theory
Race and Ethnic Relations
Sociology of Deviance
Research Methods

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Globalization and Cultural Dynamics
Social Theory

MANUSCRIPT REVIEW FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

Childhood (An international journal on the study of children cross-culturally), 2011.

Vanderbilt University Press, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Anthropological Association