

# TRACY FEHR

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## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO - Boulder, CO *expected* Spring 2024

**PhD Candidate in Sociology / Specialization: Gender, Conflict, Human Rights, Development**

Dissertation: Transitional Justice Ritualism in Nepal

*Committee:* Rachel Rinaldo (chair), Janet Jacobs, Jennifer Fluri, Mathieu Desan, Punam Yadav

Comprehensive Exam Specialty Areas: Gender, Development, Qualitative Methods

Third-Year Paper: Nepal's Post-Earthquake Development Surge

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY - Raleigh, NC Spring 2011

**Masters in International Studies / Specialization: Human Rights**

Thesis: The Development of Women's Rights in Post-Conflict Transitional Africa

OHIO UNIVERSITY - Athens, OH Spring 2007

**Bachelor of Arts – Journalism / Specialization: Sociology and Human Rights**

Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

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### Peer-Reviewed Scholarship

- Fehr, Tracy. 2023. "The Multiplicity, Contradictions, and Shifting Status of Widowhood in Post-Earthquake Nepal." *Gender, Technology, and Development*, 27(3). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09718524.2023.2231791>
- Fehr, Tracy. 2022. "Nepal's Post-Earthquake Development Surge: The Unintended Local Impacts of Reconstruction." *Sociology of Development*, 8 (3): 272–293. <https://doi.org/10.1525/sod.2021.0021>

### Book Reviews

- Fehr, Tracy. 2020. Book Review of *Transitional Justice in Nepal: Interests, Victims, and Agency* by Yvette Selim. *HIMALAYA*, 39(2).
- Fehr, Tracy. Fall 2010. Book Review of *Peace versus Justice?: The Dilemma of Transitional Justice in Africa* by Chandra Lekha Sriram and Suren Pillay. *African Studies Quarterly*, 12(1).

### Manuscripts in Progress

- Bertha Alicia Bermudez Tapia, **Tracy Fehr**, Skye Niles, Lori Peek, Candace Evans, and Rachel Adams. "Conducting Emotionally Challenging Research." *Target Journal: Qualitative Inquiry*.
- Fehr, Tracy. "Transitional Justice Ritualism in Nepal." *Target Journal: International Journal of Transitional Justice*.
- Rinaldo, Rachel and **Fehr, Tracy**. "'I Have a Right to a Better Imam': Women, Divorce, and Islam in Indonesia." *Target Journal: Journal of Marriage and Family*.
- Fehr, Tracy. "Selective Silencing: Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Nepal." *Target Journal: Memory Studies*.

## Selected Public Scholarship

- Rayamajhi, Rajin, and **Tracy Fehr**. 7/23/2021. "[Nepal's COVID-19 Crisis Exacerbates Hardships for Women](#)." *The Diplomat*.
- Bermudez Tapia B, **Fehr T**, Niles S, Evans CM, Adams RM, and Peek L. 2020. "[CONVERGE Conducting Emotionally Challenging Research Training Module](#)." Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. NSF-Funded Grant.
- Fehr, Tracy. 11/30/2017. "[The Grad Student Rallying Cry for Higher Education](#)." *Huffington Post*.
- Fehr, Tracy. 4/26/2016. "[One Year Later: Nepal Earthquake Compounds Challenges for Single Women](#)." *Huffington Post*.
- Fehr, Tracy. 10/5/2015. "[Nepal's New Constitution Leads Region in LGBTI Rights](#)." *Huffington Post*.
- Fehr, Tracy. 6/17/2013. "[Waiting for Truth and Justice in Nepal](#)." *Huffington Post*.
- Fehr, Tracy. 3/8/2012. "[Pushing for Peace: Why Congo's Women Need a Seat at the Table](#)." *Huffington Post*.
- Fehr, Tracy. 8/19/2012. "[Girls, not Guns: The Promise of Progress for South Sudan](#)." *Women News Network*.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **Examining Gender and Transitional Justice in Nepal..... Dec 2021 – Present**

*Graduate Dissertation Research* – Kathmandu, Rolpa, Dang, Butwal, Nepal

- Conducted ethnography of gender and transitional justice across three field sites in Nepal
- Completed interviews with 99 respondents (conflict-affected women and key informants)
- Research supported by Fulbright-Hays DDRA, CU Boulder Dissertation Completion Fellowship

### **Conducting Emotionally Challenging Research (ECR).....Aug 2019 – Present**

*Graduate Research Assistant* – Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder

- Co-authoring a qualitative methods article about conducting Emotionally Challenging Research
- Conducted literature review about ECR in the social sciences and disaster research
- Co-authored and presented an NSF-funded training module for disaster researchers about ECR

### **Widows' Experiences and Development in Post-Earthquake Nepal.....July-December 2018**

*Graduate Third-Year Paper Research* – Nuwakot and Gorkha districts, Nepal

- Designed thesis project investigating the impacts of post-earthquake development on widows
- Conducted semi-structured interviews with 60 respondents and four focus groups
- Worked closely with a Nepali translator and hired local students for transcription/translation work

### **Divorce, Islam, and Changing Marital Ideals in Muslim Indonesia.....May 2017 – 2020**

*Graduate Research Assistant* – Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

- Conducted data analysis of transcribed interview data with Dr. Rachel Rinaldo
- Co-authored article about how Islam influences norms and divorce trends in Indonesia

### **Widows' Stories One Year After the Nepal Earthquakes.....March – April 2016**

*Field Research Consultant* – Women for Human Rights, Nepal

- Led field research team interviewing single women in six districts of Nepal
- Served as lead author and editor for booklet documenting the stories of 18 single women

**U.N. Security Council Support for the International Criminal Court.....Fall 2010**

*Graduate Research Assistant* – School of Public and International Affairs, NC State University

- Conducted content analysis research of U.N. Security Council meetings with Dr. Michael Struett

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Instructor of Record - University of Colorado Boulder (2018-present)**

SOCY 1001 – Introduction to Sociology

- online: Fall 2018

SOCY 2013 – Social Problems

- online: Summer 2019; Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Fall 2021; Fall 2023

SOCY 3012 – Gender and Development

- in-person: Fall 2019; Spring 2020

- online: Summer 2020; Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Summer 2021; Fall 2021; Fall 2023

**Teaching Assistant - University of Colorado Boulder (2016-2018)**

SOCY 1001 – Introduction to Sociology

SOCY 1004 – Deviance in U.S. Society

SOCY 2013 – Social Problems

SOCY 4000/WMST 4010 – Gender, Genocide, and Mass Trauma

**Adjunct Instructor - Institute for Crisis Management Studies, Kathmandu Nepal (2015-2016)**

Academic Writing (Master's level)

**Adjunct Instructor - Trident Community College (2015)**

PSC 201 – American Government

**Teaching Assistant - North Carolina State University (2009-2010)**

PS 231 – Introduction to International Relations

**CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS**

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- “Transitional Justice and Gender in Nepal.” *Forthcoming*. November 2023. Invited Visiting Scholar. Centre for Gender and Disaster. University College London. London, UK.
- “Transitional Justice Ritualism in Nepal.” 2023. Invited Talk – Lunch Series. Center for Asian Studies. University of Colorado Boulder.
- “Political and Private Identity in Violence.” 2023. Invited Panel Discussant. Social Science Baha Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and Himalayas. Kathmandu, Nepal.
- “Gender and Transitional Justice in Nepal: Preliminary Thoughts from a Multi-Sited Ethnography.” 2022. Public Fulbright Forum. The Fulbright Commission. Kathmandu, Nepal.
- “The Patriarchy of Reconstruction: Intersectional Exclusions for Single Women in Post-earthquake Nepal.” 2022. Martin Chautari Annual Conference. Kathmandu, Nepal.
- “The Multiplicity of Widowhood in Post-Earthquake Nepal: An Intersectional Analysis of Lived Experiences.” 2022. Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and Himalayas. Kathmandu, Nepal.
- “Intersectionality in Women’s Experiences.” 2022. Invited Panel Discussant. Social Science Baha Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and Himalayas. Kathmandu, Nepal.

- “Conducting Feminist Research.” 2022. Invited Talk. Tribhuvan University, Women and Gender Studies Department. Kathmandu, Nepal.
- “Nepal’s Post-Earthquake Development Surge: The Unintended Local Impacts of Reconstruction.” 2021. Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalayas. Online.
- “Conducting Emotionally Challenging Research Training Module.” 2020. CONVERGE National Science Foundation Webinar Series. National Hazards Center, CU Boulder.
- “Close to Home: Making Change on Our Own Campuses.” 2020. Sociologists for Women in Society Meeting. San Diego, California.
- “Hururu Aayo Hururu Gayo: Nepal’s Post-Earthquake Development Surge.” 2019. British Nepal Academic Council Annual Conference. University of Edinburgh, Scotland.
- “The Paradox of Compounding Hardships and Increased Development: Widows in Post- Earthquake Nepal.” 2017. Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies. CU Boulder. Boulder, Colorado.
- “Conflict Transformation and Windows of Opportunity: An Evaluation of Women’s Rights in Post-Conflict Africa.” 2017. Sociologists for Women in Society. Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- “Beyond the Truth: Explaining the Variation of Amnesty Authority within Truth Commissions.” 2013. University of South Carolina Graduate Student Conference. USC. Columbia, South Carolina.
- “Restorative versus Retributive Justice: An Evaluation of Post-Conflict Reconciliation Models in Africa.” 2010. SE Regional African Studies Conference. UNC. Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FUNDING**

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- CU Center for Humanities & the Arts Schwalbe Travel Award and Hazel Barnes Flat: \$1500	2023
- University of Colorado Boulder Dissertation Completion Fellowship: \$13,560	2023
- CU Boulder Sociology Betsy Moen Feminist “Walk the Talk” Award: \$1000	2023
- CU Boulder Sociology Department Dakin Peace Research Award: \$1000	2022
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship: \$27,335	2022
- CU Boulder Sociology Spring Semester Graduate Research Fellowship: \$11,390	2022
- CU Boulder Sociology Department Research Award for Nepali Language Training: \$1080	2020
- CU Boulder Sociology Department Dakin Peace Research Award: \$2000	2020
- CU Boulder Graduate Part-Time Instructor Teaching Excellence Award: \$500	2020
- CU Boulder Beverly Sears Graduate Research Grant Award: \$1000	2020
- CU Boulder Graduate School International Travel Grant: \$500	2019
- Center to Advance Social Sciences (CARTSS) Grad Student Award: \$1,000	2018
- Cornell University Summer Nepali Program Award: \$3,160	2017
- Cornell South Asia Foreign Area Language Studies (FLAS) Fellowship: \$7,500	2017
- CU Boulder Sociology Department Award for Nepali Language Training: \$1,000	2016-2017
- Nominated Outstanding Teaching Assistant at North Carolina State University	2011

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Institute of Crisis Management Studies – Tribhuvan University.....Aug 2015 – March 2016**

*Senior Research Fellow* – Kathmandu, Nepal

- Led the organization and implementation of national conference on Human Rights in Nepal
- Assisted in Master’s curriculum development, teaching courses, and student mentoring

### **Women for Human Rights, Nepal.....March 2013 – May 2013**

*International Intern* – Kathmandu, Nepal

- Co-wrote a successful U.N. Women grant proposal for two district women’s rights trainings
- Created an organization communications plan and authored opinion-editorial in *Kathmandu Post*

### **The Enough Project – Center for American Progress.....Jan 2011– March 2013**

*Communications Manager* – Washington, D.C.

- Synthesized information from reports into press releases, op-eds, and website content
- Served as Co-editor of Enough Said blog, writing/editing daily posts about Central/East Africa
- Communicated directly with organization partners, research affiliates, and journalists
- Prepared messaging with policy and advocacy teams for Congressional briefings, meetings, etc.

## DEPARTMENT AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- Member of Department Selection Committee Betsy Moen “Walk the Talk Award” 2024
- Co-leader of CU Boulder Sociology Department Job Search Group 2023
- Member of CU Boulder Tibet and Himalayan Initiative 2016-Present
- Member of CU Boulder Faculty Scholars Group for International Student Success 2021
- Founder and Organizer of Emotionally Challenging Research Student Group 2019-2020
- Co-coordinator of department Culture, Power & Inequality Research Workshop 2019-2020
- Student mentor for incoming graduate students 2018-Present
- Sociology Department Open House Diversity Panel Participant 2017-2019
- Student volunteer for Association of Nepal Himalayan Studies Conference 2017

## SPECIALIZED TOPICAL AND LANGUAGE TRAINING

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### **Nepali Language Skill – Intermediate**

Center for Comparative Conflict Studies, Singidunum University – Belgrade, Serbia Summer 2022  
*Justice after Mass Atrocities: Truth-Seeking, Retribution, Reparation*

School for International Training – Kathmandu, Nepal Fall 2020  
*Intermediate Nepali Language*

Cornell University – Ithaca, New York Summer 2017  
*FLAS Fellowship South Asia Program – Intensive Nepali Language*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Sociologists for Women in Society 2016-present
- Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies 2017-present
- American Sociological Association (Gender, Human Rights & Development sections) 2022-present
- International Studies Association (Human Rights, Gender & Peace sections) 2023-present

## ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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### **Rachel Rinaldo – [Rachel.Rinaldo@Colorado.edu](mailto:Rachel.Rinaldo@Colorado.edu)**

Director, Center for Asian Studies  
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of Colorado Boulder

*Dr. Rinaldo is my PhD advisor and dissertation chair. I have also worked with her as a research assistant for the project “Divorce, Islam, and Changing Marital Ideas in Muslim Indonesia.”*

### **Janet Jacobs – [JacobsJL@Colorado.edu](mailto:JacobsJL@Colorado.edu)**

Professor of Distinction, Department of Women and Gender Studies  
University of Colorado Boulder

*Dr. Jacobs serves on my dissertation committee as a primary member. I have also worked with her as a teaching assistant for WGS/SOCY 4000 “Gender, Genocide, and Mass Trauma.”*

### **Mathieu Desan – [Mathieu.Desan@Colorado.edu](mailto:Mathieu.Desan@Colorado.edu)**

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of Colorado Boulder

*Dr. Desan serves as a member on my dissertation committee.*

### **Punam Yadav – [P.Yadav@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:P.Yadav@ucl.ac.uk)**

Co-Director of the Centre for Gender and Disaster, Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction  
Associate Professor, Humanitarian Studies  
University College London, UK

*Dr. Yadav serves as a member on my dissertation committee. She is also hosting me as a visiting scholar in November 2023 at the University College London Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction.*