

# Amy Caroline Rothschild

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## Education

Ph.D. Anthropology, University of California, San Diego, 2018

Dissertation: “Victims and Veterans: Memory, Nationalism, and Human Rights in Post-Conflict Timor-Leste”

M.A. Anthropology, University of California, San Diego, 2009

Thesis: “Nationalist Formation in the Former European Colonies of Asia and Africa”

J.D. Yale Law School, 2002

Intensive Semester Research Program, Eritrea (Honors Thesis Equivalent)

Journal of Law and Humanities (Editor)

B.A. Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, 1998

Magna cum laude; Minor in Sociology

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## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed Articles (selected)

2024. “Dark tourism in Timor-Leste: An examination of foreign tourists’ visits to the Santa Cruz cemetery and the Comarca Balide prison via analysis of Tripadvisor reviews.” *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*. 35(3): 220-236

2024. Rothschild, Amy & Susana Barnes. “Editorial: Unsettled and unsettling tourism landscapes of Timor-Leste.” *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*. 35(2): 151-159

2023. “Human Rights in Timor-Leste’s Struggle for Independence.” *Indonesia* 115: 31–43.

2017. “Victims versus Veterans: Agency, Resistance and Legacies of Timor-Leste’s Truth Commission.” *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 11(3): 443-462.

2015. “Democratization of Perpetration: Human Rights, Transitional Justice and Memories of Resistance in Post-Conflict Timor-Leste.” *Conflict and Society* 1(1): 92-108.

### Book Chapters (selected)

2020. "Remembering the Dead in Timor-Leste: Victims, Heroes and Martyrs," In *the Dead as Heroes, Ancestors and Martyrs in Independent Timor-Leste*. Lia Kent and Rui Feijo, eds. Pp. 219-241. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

2017. "Malae Melee: A Failed Attempt to Observe the Making of Timor-Leste's First Feature Film." In *Fieldwork in Timor-Leste: Understanding Social Change Through Practice*. Maj Nygaard-Christensen and Angie Bexley, eds. Pp. 227-245. Copenhagen: Nias Press.

### **Conference Proceedings (selected)**

2023. "Remembering the 12 November Massacre." In *The Santa Cruz Massacre, 1991: Thirty Years On*.

2021. "Victimhood and Martyrdom in Timor-Leste." In *Remembering the Past, Building the Future: New Ways of Seeing Timor-Leste* 5. Timor-Leste Studies Association. Pp. 153-161.

2017. "Human Rights Victims or Victimized Heroes? Reparations and Competing Notions of Accountability in Post-Conflict Timor-Leste." Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies (CHGS) Conference Proceedings. Pg. 67-77.

### **Reviews**

Forthcoming 2026. Review of *The Unruly Dead: Spirits, Memory, and State Formation in Timor-Leste*, by Lia Kent. *Southeast Asian Studies*, April.

Rothschild, Amy, and Angie Bexley. 2022. "Rethinking Human Rights and Peace in Post-Independence Timor-Leste Through Local Perspectives." *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 23 (2): 205–6.

### **Works in Progress**

Book project: *Victims and Veterans: Human Rights and Memory in Post-Conflict Timor-Leste* (to be submitted 2026).

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### **Awards & Honors**

Center for Faculty Excellence Summer Research Stipend, Ithaca College, 2020, 2022

Canadian Humanities and Social Sciences Research Council Connection Grant, 2019

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2014-2015

Dan David Prize Scholarship, 2014-2015

Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, 2011-2012

UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellowship, 2014-2015

UCSD Center for Humanities Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2014-2015

UCSD President's Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2013-2014

UC Pacific Rim Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship, 2011-2012

Department of Anthropology Dissertation Grant, UCSD, 2011-2012

Institute for Int'l, Comparative, and Area Studies Travel Grant, UCSD, 2010 & 2009

Friends of the Int'l Center Travel Grant, UCSD, 2009

Dean's Summer Fellowship Fund Travel Grant, UCSD, 2009

M.E. Spiro Fellowship, UCSD, 2008-2009

Regents Fellowship, UCSD, 2007-2008

UCSD Dean's Graduate Fellowship Award, UCSD, 2007

Career Options Assistance Grant Program, Yale Law School, 2002-present

Howard Holtzmann Fellowship in Int'l Dispute Resolution, Yale Law School, 2002-2003

Transitional Justice Internship, Center for Human Rights, Notre Dame Law, 2002-2003

Schell Center Summer Human Rights Fellowship, Yale Law School (\$8,000), 2000

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## **Selected Talks & Presentations**

2025. *Keywords in Timor-Leste Studies*, Vienna — “Reconciliation in Timor-Leste Over Time.”
2024. *Third Critical Perspectives on Human Rights*, CUNY — “Dark Tourism as Human Rights Practice.”
2023. *Carceral Spaces in Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, Leicester — “Dark Tourism, Memory, and Human Rights.”
2022. *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Seattle — “Dark Tourism in Timor-Leste.” (Chair and Presenter)

2022. *The Search for Humanity After Atrocity*, Kean College, Union, NJ — “Collective Remembrance, Victimhood, and Reparations in Post-Atrocity Timor-Leste.”
2022. *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Hawaii — “Human Rights in Timor-Leste, 20 Years After Independence.” (Chair and Presenter)
2022. *Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Convention*, Baltimore — “The ‘Hidden Holocaust’ in Timor-Leste: Whose Suffering Counts?”
2021. *The Santa Cruz Massacre, 1991: Thirty Years On* (Virtual) — “Remembrance of the Santa Cruz Massacre.”
2021. *International Conference on the Self-Determination of Timor-Leste* (Virtual) — “Anticolonialism and Human Rights in Timor’s Struggle for Independence.”
2020. *Timor-Leste Studies Association Annual Conference* (Virtual) — “Remembering the Dead in Timor-Leste: Victims, Heroes or Martyrs?”
2020. *Timor-Leste Studies Association Workshop* (Virtual) — “Accounting for Death.”
2020. *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston — “Human Rights and Remembering Death.” (Cancelled due to COVID)
2019. *Challenges of Reconciliation, International Workshop*, Bishop, Canada — “Remembering the Dead in Timor-Leste: Victims, Heroes or Martyrs?”
2019. *Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Annual Meeting*, Montreal — “Contests over Pasts of Suffering: Who Owns Timor’s Past?”
2018. *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, San Jose — “Recovery through Healing? Human Rights and Transitional Justice in Post-Disaster Timor-Leste.”
2018. *5th International Conference on Genocide*, California State University, Sacramento — “Genocide or Heroic Struggle? The Politics of Memory in Post-Genocide Timor-Leste.”
2017. *Emerging Expertise: Holding Accountability Accountable, The Stassler Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies*, Clark University, Worcester, MA — “Human Rights Victims or Victimized Heroes? Reparations and Competing Notions of Accountability in Post-Conflict Timor-Leste.”
2014. *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Washington DC — “From Victims to Veterans: Memory, Nationalism and Human Rights in Independent East Timor.” (Chair and Presenter)
2014. *Memory, Media and Technology: Exploring the Trajectories of Schindler’s List*, USC — “The Santa Cruz Massacre: Resistance, Media and Memory in East Timor.”

2014. *Approaching Perpetrators Workshop*, Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia — “Democratization of Perpetration: Human Rights, Memory and Resistance in East Timor.”

2014. *UC Human Rights Collaboration*, UC Davis — “Democratization of Perpetration: Transitional Justice and Memories of Resistance in East Timor.”

2014. *Globalizing the Holocaust Conference*, UC Davis — “The Holocaust, Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention: A Case Study of East Timor.”

2013. *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago — “Heroes or Perpetrators?: Human Rights, Transitional Justice and Timor’s Resistance Movement.”

2013. *State, Society & Governance in Melanesia Program*, Australian National University — “Victims or Heroes? Memory, Nationalism and Human Rights in Independent East Timor.”

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## **Academic Employment**

### **Ithaca College**

Associate Professor of Sociolegal Studies, 2024–present

Assistant Professor of Sociolegal Studies, 2019–2024

Courses: Foundations in Law & Justice; Human Rights & Genocide; Laws of War & Disaster; Sociolegal Research; Capstone Seminar

### **University of California, San Diego**

Instructor, 2014–2019

Courses: Humanitarian Aid; Race and Racisms; Contemporary Issues in Human Rights; Introduction to Culture

Teaching Assistant, 2009–2018

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## **Other Professional Experience**

World Bank Consultant, 2008–2009. Authored monograph on commercial sex work & HIV/AIDS in West Papua.

Assistant to Legal Advisor, CAVR, Timor-Leste, 2002–2003. Refined human rights database and conducted trainings.

Human Rights Advocate, Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, Yale Law School, 2000–01.

## **Certifications & Languages**

Certificate in Pedagogy, UCSD, 2014

CELTA, 2003

Languages: Indonesian (advanced), Tetum (intermediate)

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## **References**

Nancy Postero, Professor of Anthropology, UCSD – [npostero@ucsd.edu](mailto:npostero@ucsd.edu)

Geoffrey Robinson, Professor of History, UCLA – [robinson@history.ucla.edu](mailto:robinson@history.ucla.edu)

Suzanne Brenner, Professor of Anthropology, UCSD – [sbrenner@ucsd.edu](mailto:sbrenner@ucsd.edu)

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