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Employment:

2007-present Associate Professor of Sociology (untenured), Columbia University
2006 (spring) Visiting Professor, Sciences-Po, Centre des Amériques
2002-2007 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Columbia University

Education:

2001 PhD in Sociology, University of Wisconsin at Madison
1999 MS in Sociology, University of Wisconsin at Madison
1993 AB in East Asian Studies/ Environmental Studies, Princeton University

Publications:

Books:

2006 Fisher, Dana R. *Activism, Inc.* Stanford University Press.
2004. Fisher, Dana R. *National Governance and the Global Climate Change Regime.* Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

Articles and Book Chapters: (* - refereed)

Forthcoming * Fisher, Dana R. "On Social Networks and Social Protest: Understanding the Organizational Embeddedness of Large-Scale Protest Events" *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change*. Volume 30.

Forthcoming * Fisher, Dana R. and Marije Boekkoi. "Mobilizing Friends and Strangers: Understanding the Role of the Internet in Days of Action." *Information, Communication & Society*. Volume 13, Number 3.

2009 Fisher, Dana R. Oliver Fritsch, and Mikael S. Andersen. "Transformations in Environmental Governance and Participation" in *the Ecological Modernisation Reader*. Mol, Spaargaren, and Sonnenfeld, editors. London: Routledge Press. (summer).

2008 Fisher, Dana R. "Who Are Climate Change Activists in America?" *Environmental Law Reporter*. 38 (December): 10864-10867.

2006 * Fisher, Dana R. "Bringing the Material Back In: Understanding the United States Position on Climate Change." *Sociological Forum*, Volume 21, Number 3: 467-494.

2006 * Fisher, Dana R. "Taking Cover Beneath the Anti-Bush Umbrella: Cycles of Protest and Movement-to-Movement Transmission in an Era of Repressive Politics." *Research in Political Sociology*, Volume 15: 27-56.

2005 * Fisher, Dana R., Kevin Stanley, David Berman, and Gina Neff. "How Do Organizations Matter? Mobilization and Support for Participants at Five Globalization Protests." *Social Problems*. Volume 52, Issue 1: 102-121.

2005 * Fisher, Dana R. Fisher, R. David Simpson, Bhaskar Vira, W. Bradnee Chambers, and Debra J. Davidson. "Chapter 3: Assessing Responses." In *Ecosystems and Human Well-Being: Policy Responses, Volume 3*. The Findings of the Responses Working Group of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Washington, DC: Island Press.

- 2005 Barrett, Brendan F.D. and Dana R. Fisher. 2005. "Ecological Modernization and Japan." Pp. 3-11 in *Ecological Modernization and Japan*, edited by B. F. D. Barrett. London: Routledge.
- 2004 * Fisher, Dana R. and William R. Freudenburg. "Post Industrialization and Environmental Quality: An Empirical Analysis of the Environmental State." *Social Forces*. Volume 83, Issue 1: 157-188.
- 2005 "Rejoinder: Ecological Efficiency, Disproportionality, and Methodological Precision: On the Importance of Linking Methods to Theory." *Social Forces* (September).
- 2004 * Fisher Dana R. and Jessica Green. "Understanding Disenfranchisement: Civil Society and Developing Countries' Influence and Participation in Global Governance for Sustainable Development." *Global Environmental Politics*. Volume 4, Issue 3: 65-84.
- 2004 Fisher, Dana R. "Civil Society Protest and Participation: Civic Engagement Within the Multilateral Governance Regime." In Norichika Kanie and Peter M. Haas, ed., *Emerging Forces in Environmental Governance*. United Nations University Press. Pp. 176-199.
- 2003 * Fisher, Dana R. "Global and Domestic Actors within the Global Climate Change Regime: Toward a Theory of the Global Environmental System." *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*. Volume 23, Number 10: 5-30.
- 2003 Fisher, Dana R. "Beyond Kyoto: The Formation of a Japanese Climate Change Regime." In Paul G. Harris, ed., *Global Warming and East Asia: The Domestic and International Politics of Climate Change*. Routledge Press. Pp.187-205.
- 2002 Fisher, Dana R., Brack W. Hale, Jefferson Hinke, and Christine Ann Overdeest. "Social and Ecological Responses to Climate Change: Towards and Integrative Understanding." *International Journal of Environment and Pollution*. Volume 14, Number 4: 323-336.
- 2002 * Fisher, Dana R. "From Treadmill of Production to Ecological Modernization? Applying a Habermasian Framework to Understanding Environment-Society Relationships." *Research in Social Problems and Public Policy, Special Issue on The Environmental State Under Pressure*. Volume 10: 53-64.
- 2001 * Fisher, Dana R. "Resource Dependency and Rural Poverty: A Comparative Analysis of Rural Areas in the United States and Japan." *Rural Sociology*. Volume 66, Issue 2: 181-202.
- 2001 * Fisher, Dana R. and William R. Freudenburg. "Ecological Modernization and Its Critics: Assessing the Past and Looking Toward the Future." *Society and Natural Resources*. Volume 14, Number 8: 701-709
- 2001 * Fisher, Dana R. and Larry Michael Wright. "On Utopias and Dystopias: Toward an Understanding of the Discourse Surrounding the Internet." *Journal of Computer Mediated Communication*. Volume 6, Issue 2. web journal.
- Reprinted in George, Joey F (editor). 2003. *Computers in Society*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.
- 2000 Fisher, Dana R. "Indicators of Sustainability as a Tool for Cross-Cultural Community Needs Assessment." In Research on Cases and Theories special issue on Sustainable Development. Elohimjl, Elmar A. Stuhler, Francisco Parra-Luna (eds). Volume 8. Rainer Hampp Verlag: pp 99-110.
- 1998 * Fisher, Dana R. "Rumoring Theory and the Internet: A Framework for Analyzing the Grassroots." *Social Science Computer Review*. Summer: Volume 16, Number 2: 158-168.

Minor Articles, Research Reports, Book Reviews, etc.:

- 2008 Fisher, Dana R. Book Review of Roberts, J. Timmons and Bradley C. Parks. 2007. A Climate of Injustice: Global Inequality, North-South Politics, and Climate Policy. *Contemporary Sociology*. Volume 27, Number 2: 179-180.
- 2006 "Ending Rot in America's Grass Roots." Opinion Piece in *The Christian Science Monitor*. 30 October 2006.
- 2006 "The Activism Industry." *The American Prospect*. September.
Reprinted as "Outsourced Activism Has Limited Impact on Political Campaigns."
Lansford, Tom (editor). 2008. *Political Activism*. Farmington Hills, MI: Greenhaven Press.
- 2005 Fisher, Dana R. "Using Social Network Analysis to Understand an Epistemic Community" *Global Civil Society Yearbook 2005-2006*. pp 244-245.
- 2005 Fisher, Dana R. and Paul-Brian McInerney. "Civic Engagement and the Canvass: CIRCLE Working Paper 26." *Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) Working Paper Series*. January.
- 2004 Fisher, Dana R. Book Review of Meyer, David S., Nancy Whittier, and Belinda Robnett. 2004. Social Movements : identity, culture, and the state. *Social Forces*. 82:1671-1672.
- 2002 Fisher, Dana R. Book Review of DeSombre, Elizabeth The Domestic Roots of International Environmental Policy. *Human Ecology*. June 2002, Volume 30, Issue 2
- 2001 Fisher, Dana R. "Missing the Point: Public Discourse on Global Climate Change in the United States." *Environmental, Technology and Society Section Newsletter for the American Sociological Association*. Spring, Number 101: 6.
- 2000 Fisher, Dana R. "On Recommendations for Comparative Research: A Response." *Environment & Society, Newsletter of Research Committee 24 of the International Sociological Association*. p. 8-9. July
- 2000 Mitsuda, Hisayoshi and Dana R. Fisher. "Environmental Sociology in Japan." *Environment & Society, Newsletter of Research Committee 24 of the International Sociological Association*. p. 2-4. July.
- 2000 Fisher, Dana R. "Chikyuu no Kikouhendou ni Kansuru Kyoutougiteisho no Jisshi Oyobi Saitakuni Tsuite [Looking at Global Mechanisms of Change: About the Adoption and Enforcement of the Kyoto Protocol]" JISTEC Report. Vol. 35: spring.
- 1999 Fisher, Dana R. "Studying the Implementation and Adoption of the Kyoto Protocol for Global Climate Change through the Summer Institute in Japan." National Science Foundation Special Scientific Report #99-16 (October 21).
- 1998 Fisher, Dana R. Book Review of Libby, Ronald T. Eco-Wars: Political Campaigns and Social Movements. *Society and Natural Resources*. Volume 13, Number 5: 513-515.
- 1997 Fisher, Dana R. "Indicators of Sustainability as a Tool for Cross-Cultural Community Needs Assessment." *Sustainable Development: Towards Measuring the Performance of Integrated Socioeconomic and Environmental Systems*. Elohimjl, Parra-Luna and Stuhler (Eds). Proceedings of WACRA Europe. 16-19 September.
1996. Fisher, Dana R. "Towards a Global Information Infrastructure: The Environment and the Information Superhighway." Proceedings of the Environment and the Net Conference. 9-10 May: Seattle, Washington.

- 1996 Fisher, Dana R. "The Paradox of the Global Information Infrastructure." *The Nautilus Bulletin*. p.1, winter.
- 1995 Hayes, Peter and Dana Fisher. "Vertical Nuclear Proliferation in Asia." *The Nautilus Bulletin*. p. 4-5. summer.
- 1995 Fisher, Dana R., Peter Hayes, Janice Heppell and Stephen Noerper. "Regional Non Proliferation in Northeast Asia--A Building Block for a Non Nuclear World." *INESAP Report*. 21 March.
- 1995 Fisher, Dana R. "The GII's Effects on the Haves and Have-Nots." Proceedings of the Wilton Park Conference on the Implications of New Technology. 24-28 October: West Sussex, England.
- 1995 Fisher, Dana R. "The Future of the Internet: NGOs and the *Information Superhighway*". Proceedings of the Pacific Science Congress' Seminar on the Global Information Infrastructure. 5-10 June: Beijing, People's Republic of China.
- 1995 Fisher, Dana R. "The World Wide Web as a Tool for International Computer Networking: the Possibilities and Limitations." Proceedings of the Pacific Science Congress' Workshop on Harnessing the Communication Revolution. 11-12 June: Beijing, People's Republic of China.
- 1994 Von Hippel, David, Peter Hayes and Dana Fisher. "Climate Change and the Rise in Sea Level With Their Accompanying Socioeconomic Impacts and Response Strategies for Asia and the Pacific." Proceedings of UN ESCAP Consultative Meeting. 13-15 December: Bangkok, Thailand.

Papers Under Review and Papers in Progress:

- Fisher, Dana R. "Understanding the Relationship Between Sub-National and National Climate Change Politics in the United States: Toward a Theory of Boomerang Federalism." Under Review.
- Fisher, Dana R., Lindsay K. Campbell, and Erika S. Svendsen. "The Organizational Structure of Urban Environmental Stewardship. Under Review.
- Fisher, Dana R. and Paul-Brian McInerney. "Friends, Strangers, and Self-Starters: Analyzing How Pathways to Mobilization Matter." Under Review.
- Fisher, Dana R. and Paul-Brian McInerney. "The Limits of Networks in Organizational Mobilization" Revising for Resubmission
- Fisher, Dana R. "Outsourcing Activism in America." In preparation.

Current Projects (In Data Collection):

Comparing Climate Change Policy Networks (COMPON)

The COMPON project aims to explore transnational comparisons of national policy responses to global climate change, focusing on the role of advocacy, scientific, and civic networks. I direct the United States case study for this multi-country project.

The Protest Project

This project continues to add to a dataset of protest events around the world (so far, data have been collected from 3663 protesters at 11 events in 6 countries since 2000). I am currently working on papers that analyze the network ties among the participants in the Step It Up day of action in the US and the concurrent international day of action. Additional data will be collected at the protests during the climate change negotiations in Copenhagen in December 2009.

The Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project (STEW-MAP)

This project studies how civic groups are working together to steward their local communities in New York City (we surveyed 2767 civic groups in 2007). We are currently writing up findings and conducting network analysis of the connections among these groups and mapping them and their connections geographically. The Project has been funded as part of the NSF ULTRA-Ex program to study the relationship between urban civic stewardship and re-greening efforts in NYC.

Funding:

- 2009-11 Principal Investigator of “Understanding the Dynamic Connections Among Stewardship, Land Cover, and Ecosystem Services in New York City’s Urban Forest.” Funding from the Urban Long-Term Research Areas Exploratory (ULTRA-Ex) awards competition at the National Science Foundation (DEB-0948451), \$299,167.
- 2008-11 Co-Principal Investigator of “Social Networks as Agents of Change in Climate Policy Making” (COMPON Project). Funding from the Human and Social Dimensions Program of the National Science Foundation (BCS-0826892), \$719,912.
- 2007-9 Principal Investigator of “Comparative Forms of Mobilization and Professionalization.” Seed Grant from the Alliance Program. \$7,500.
- 2007-9 Contracted by the Norwegian Center for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo (CICERO) to study “The relationship between sub-national policy-making and the US position within the climate change negotiations” as part of the *Bargaining for Non-participation* Project. Funding from the Norwegian Research Council. 120,000 NOK.
- 2005-9 Co-Investigator for “Emergent Forms of Urban Environmental Stewardship: Understanding Civic Innovation in New York City” Funding from the US Forest Service. \$22,370.
- 2005 Columbia University Faculty Development Grant to write up findings of Civic Engagement and the Canvass Project into book manuscript. \$3,000 fellowship.
- 2004 Columbia University Faculty Development Grant to work on project on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment as an Epistemic Community. \$3,000 fellowship.
- 2003 Principal Investigator for “Engaging the Disenfranchised: Civil Society and Developing Countries’ Participation in Multilateralism” grant from the Center for Global Partnership. \$5,000 Seed Grant.
- 2002 Principal Investigator for “Civic Engagement and the Canvass” grant from the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE). \$52,675.
- 2002 Start-up grant from the Columbia Earth Institute. \$20,000.

Awards and Fellowships:

- 2006 American Sociological Association Travel Award Grant for US Participants in the International Sociological Association (ISA) XVIth World Congress of Sociology Durban, South Africa (SES-0548370) supported by the National Science Foundation
- 2002 Recipient of Katherine DuPre Lumpkin Award for the best dissertation in the Department of Sociology 2001-2001 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2000 National Science Foundation Dissertation Enhancement Award, Funded to collect data for dissertation research in Japan and the Netherlands
- 2000 Wageningen University Research Fellowship, Four-month fellowship to study Dutch and European Union responses to the Kyoto Protocol with Arthur Mol at Wageningen University, Netherlands.

- 1999 National Science Foundation Summer Institute in Japan, Researched the political and economic feasibility of the Kyoto Protocol under Dr. Tsuneyuki Morita at the Japanese National Institute for Environmental Studies.
- 1999 National Science Foundation IGERT Research Trainee, Member of interdisciplinary team working on local responses to global climate change and environmental justice issues related to Mercury contamination of lakes in Dane County from 1999-2001.

Affiliations:

- 2002-present Faculty Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP), Columbia University
- 2002-present Faculty Affiliate, Earth Institute, Columbia University

Editorial Boards:

- 2008-2011 Advisory Editor, *Social Problems*

Manuscript Reviewer (past 3 years):

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| <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> | <i>Social Forces</i> |
| <i>American Sociological Review</i> | <i>Social Problems</i> |
| <i>Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change</i> | <i>Sociological Forum</i> |

Courses Taught at Columbia University:

- Civil Society
- Climate Change, Social Change
- Evaluation of Evidence
- Environmental Sociology
- Global Climate Change, Science, Policy, and Action (co-taught with Steve Rayner)
- Methods for Social Research
- Practicum on Publishing

University Service:

- 2009-present Director, Environmental Stewardship Project, ISERP
- 2009-present Program Coordinator, ISERP Working Group on Activism and Politics
- 2007-2008 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
- 2006-2007 Department Representative of the Executive Committee of the Arts & Sciences (ECFAS), Columbia University
- 2006-2007 Sociology Liaison to the Journalism Masters Program
- 2003-2005 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Columbia University (Co-Chair 2004-5)

Professional Service:

- 2009 Organizer of Session for Presidential Mini-Symposium at ASA 2009 in San Francisco on “Understanding Democratic Renewal: The Movement to Elect Barack Obama.”
- 2006-present Secretary of the International Sociological Association’s Research Committee on Environment and Society (RC24)
- 2009-present Council Member, American Sociological Association, Communication and Information Technologies Section
- 2008 National Science Foundation, Participant in Workshop on the Sociological Perspectives on Global Climate Change
- 2008, 2005 Grant Reviewer for National Science Foundation (SBE Section)
- 2003-6 Council Member, American Sociological Association, Environment & Technology Section

- 2004-6 Member, Awards Committee, Rural Sociological Society
- 2002-5 Contributing Lead Author, Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
- 2000-1 Participant in the Asia-Pacific Integrated Model (AIM) for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Annual Meetings 2000-2001
- 2000 National Science Foundation, Summer Programs in Asia Review Panel, Review Panel member for Summer Institutes in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan

Selected Refereed Presentations and Invited Talks:

- “The Limits of Networks in Organizational Mobilization: On Canvassers and their Careers.” 2008. American Sociological Association; Department of Sociology, University of Chicago; Department of Sociology, Yale University.
- “Boomerang Federalism: Toward an Understanding of Climate Politics in the United States.” April 2009, IHDP Meetings; February 2009, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York; January 2009, Workshop on US Climate Policy, the Norwegian Center for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo (CICERO).
- “Understanding the Organizational Embeddedness of Protest: a comparison of large-scale protest events in the US and France” (in French). 2007. Congres de l’Association française de science politique, Toulouse, France; 2008. The Harvard Networks in Political Science Conference.
- Activism, Inc.* 2006. Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Maxwell School and Department of Sociology, Syracuse University; 2007, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University.
- “Outsourcing Activism in America.” 2006 American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada; 2007. American Political Science Association, Chicago, September.
- “Understanding Disenfranchisement: Civil Society’s Influence and Participation in Global Governance.” Center for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia University’s Conference on International Civil Society, World Governance and the State. New York, NY, March 30-April 1, 2005.
- “Civic Engagement and the Canvass.” The Center for Comparative Research at Yale University Comparative Research Workshop. New Haven, CT, February 2005.
- “Bringing the Material Back In: Understanding the United States Position on Climate Change.” 2004. Rural Sociological Society, Sacramento, CA; 2005, Department of Human Ecology, Rutgers University; and 2006, the Institute du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI), Paris, France.
- “Taking Cover Beneath the Anti-War Umbrella: Coalition Development and Social Movement Spillover in an Era of Regressive Politics.” UNU/IAS and IIASA Workshop on Disenfranchisement, Laxemborg, Austria June 2004.
- “Do Organizations Matter? Mobilization and Support for Participants at Five Globalization Protests” (with Kevin Stanley, David Berman, and Gina Neff). American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA, August 2003.
- “From Mitigation to Adaptation: Bridging the Climate Change and Climate Variability Communities.” The International Research Institute for Climate Prediction. April 2003. “Post Industrialization and Environmental Quality: An Empirical Analysis of the Environmental State.” (with William R. Freudenburg). American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL, August 2002.
- “Towards an Environmental State: The Domestic Roots of the Global Climate Change Regime.” Columbia Earth Institute Conference on Environmental Politics. April 2002.

- “Global and Domestic Actors within the Global Climate Change Regime.” Kyoto Environmental Sociology Conference, a meeting of the International Sociological Association-Research Circle 24. Kyoto, Japan, October 2001; Advanced Research Seminar, Department of Environmental Sociology. Wageningen University, Netherlands, June 2000; Battelle-Pacific Northwest National Lab Climate Change Group. Washington, D.C., April 2000; United Nations University Seminar Series. Tokyo, April 2000
- “The Internationalization of Environmental Protest: Understanding the Role of Social Movement Organizations in an Increasingly Globalized World.” Globalization and the Environment: Prospects and Perils Mini-Conference at the American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA, August 2001.
- “The Kyoto Protocol for Global Climate Change Since 1997: Measuring the Political Outcomes.” American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA, August 2001.
- “Going Beyond Protest: Civil Society within the Global Governance Regime.” *What is the Missing Link? The Multilateral Environmental Governance Regime, Structural Integration and the Possibility of a World Environment Organization*, Preliminary Workshop. Honolulu, May 2001
- “Civil Society and Information Technology: *In Search of Virtual Community*.” Sapporo Association of Urban Studies. Hokkaido, Japan, May 2001
- “Social Movement Organizations and Protest: A Reclarification of the Mobilization of Civil Society.” American Sociological Association. Washington, DC, August 2000
- “International Environmental Policy Implementation Within Post-Industrial Society: *On Actors and Institutions*.” American Sociological Association (joint session with RSS). Washington, D.C. August 2000
- “Post-Industrialization and Environmental Quality: An Empirical Assessment of the Environmental State” (Fisher and Freudenburg). Rural Sociological Society. Washington, D.C. August 2000
- “Resource Dependency and Rural Poverty: A Comparative Analysis of the United States and Japan.” American Sociological Association. Chicago, August 1999; Rural Sociological Society. Portland, August 1998.
- “Towards a Theory of Ecological Modernization: A Review” (Fisher and Freudenburg). Rural Sociological Society. Chicago, August 1999.
- “Claims and Frames in the Public Sphere: Thinking Locally about Global Climate Change” (Fisher and Davidson). Rural Sociological Society. August 1999
- “Rumoring Theory and the Internet: *A Framework for Analyzing the Grassroots*.” Computing in the Social Sciences. Whitman College, April 1998; Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility. Madison, WI, December 1997
- “Indicators of Sustainability as a Tool for Community Needs Assessment.” Rural Sociological Society. Toronto, Canada, August 1997

Previous Positions:

- School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
Visiting Scholar and Adjunct Professor 2001-2002 Academic Year
- United Nations University Summer 1997
Visiting Scholar
- Guest researcher at the university in Tokyo, Japan. Conducted research for Master’s thesis.
- Campaign for an Environmental Economy January 1994-August 1994
Project Coordinator

Lobbied for nationwide Clean Energy Campaign. Coordinated a group of energy activists to plan the contents of the BBS.

Center for Environmental Citizenship

1993

Political Director

Designed and operated Shadow Congress, a nation-wide computer network that organizes and educates students about environmental legislation in US Congressional Subcommittee.

Center for Study of Responsive Law

January 1992

Worked under Ralph Nader researching the grassroots environmental movement in Japan as background for undergraduate thesis.