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Current Position:

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)

- 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. 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.
- 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.
- 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. 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.
- 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 Working Papers:

Fisher, Dana R. and Paul-Brian McInerney. "The Limits of Networks in Organizational Mobilization" Under Review

Fisher, Dana R. "On Social Networks and Social Protest: Understanding the Organizational Embeddedness of Protest" ISERP Working Paper

Fisher, Dana R. and Marije Boekkoi. "Connecting Friends and Strangers: Understanding the Role of the Internet in Mobilizing for Days of Action"

Andersen, Mikael S., Dana R. Fisher, and Oliver Fritsch "Transformations in Environmental Governance and Participation" Chapter for *the Ecological Modernisation Reader*. Mol, Spaargaren, and Sonnenfeld, editors.

Fisher, Dana R. "Outsourcing Activism in America"

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.

Funding:

- 2005 Co-Investigator for "Emergent Forms of Urban Environmental Stewardship: Understanding Civic Innovation in New York City" Seed Grant Application to the US Forest Service. \$7,133.91.

- 2005 Co-Investigator with the Norwegian Center for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo (CICERO) in “Bargaining for Non-Participation? Two-level Games and US Behaviour in Climate Negotiations.” Funded by the Research Council of Norway. Approximately \$50,000.
- 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.

Manuscript Reviewer (past 3 years):

American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
Comparative Politics

Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change
Social Forces
Social Problems

Courses Taught at Columbia University:

Civil Society
 Environmental Sociology
 Evaluation of Evidence
 Global Climate Change, Science, Policy, and Action (co-taught with Steve Rayner)
 Writing Practicum for Sociology Graduate Students

University Service:

2007-8 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
 2006-7 Department Representative of the Executive Committee of the Arts & Sciences (ECFAS), Columbia University
 2006-7 Sociology Liaison to the Journalism Masters Program
 2003-5 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Columbia University (Co-Chair 2004-5)

Professional Service:

2008 Reviewer for National Science Foundation (SBE Section)
 2006-10 Secretary of the International Sociological Association’s Research Committee on Environment and Society (RC24)
 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, 2000

Doctoral Dissertations (past 5 years):

Name	Dissertation Topic	Year	Current Position
Cecelia Walsh-Russo (sponsor with Charles Tilly)	Transnational Diffusion of Anglo-American Abolitionism, 1824-1839	2008	Queen's College
Carson Hicks (chair)	Bringing the <i>States</i> Back In: The National Governors' Association and Transformations in US Welfare Policy	2006	Deputy Director of Evaluation, NYC Center for Economic Opportunity
Gioconda Herrera	Catholic Modernity and Nation Building	2005	Flasco Superior
Lesley Wood	The Diffusion of Direct Action Tactics	2004	York University
Takeshi Wada	A Historical and Network Analysis of Popular Contention in the Age of Globalization in Mexico	2003	University of Missouri

Current Students (and status)

Erzsebet Fazekas, reader (Ph.D. in progress)
 Shannon Arvizu, advisor (preparing dissertation proposal)
 Aurora Fredrickson, reader (writing M. Phil.)
 Erika Svendsen, (PhD in Urban Planning), reader (writing dissertation)

Selected Refereed Presentations and Invited Talks:

Activism, Inc. Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Maxwell School and Department of Sociology, Syracuse University, October 27, 2006.

"Outsourcing Activism in America." American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada, August 2006.

"Reconceptualizing the Notion of Civic Engagement." American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.

"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." Rural Sociological Society. Sacramento, CA, August 2004; Rutgers University Department of Human Ecology, fall 2005; and the Institute du développement durable et des relations internationales (IDDRI), Paris, France, spring 2006.

"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:

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