

## 2008-2009 IRW Interdisciplinary Seminar The Culture of Rights/The Rights of Culture

### IRW Seminar Fellows:

**Ousseina Alidou**, Africana Studies and Comparative Literature

“Muslim Women and Rights Discourse: Kenya in Comparative Perspective”

**Debtri Dhar**, Women’s & Gender Studies

“Reading Bodies, Writing Culture: Postcoloniality and Women’s Rights in Contemporary India”

**Leslie Fishbein**, American Studies

“Tangled Tropes: Blacks and Jews in Vexed Conversation”

**Sally F. Goldfarb**, School of Law-Camden

“A Clash of Cultures: Women, Domestic Violence, and Law”

**Stacey Leigh Hunt**, Political Science

“Culture of Citizenship, Culture of Violence: Inculcating Differentiated Citizen Participation and Rights under Democratic Neo-liberal Governance in Contemporary Colombia”

**Shakti Jaising**, English

“Global Neoliberalism and Human Rights Discourse”

**Laura Lomas**, English-Newark

“Undocumented Subjects: Migration, Criminalization and Economic Integration in the Americas”

**Robyn Magalit Rodriguez**, Sociology

“Rights and Belonging in New Jersey after 9/11”

**Catherine Sameh**, Women’s & Gender Studies

“Islamic Feminism in Iran: Rights, Religion, and New Transnational Feminist Discourses”

**Karen Gainer Sirota**, School of Social Work

“Narrative Ethics and Women's Rights: Gender, Discourse, and the Micropolitics of Everyday Life in US Dual-Earner Families”

**Rebecca Tuuri**, History

“‘Building Bridges of Understanding’ in the Pursuit of Welfare Rights: The Activism of the National Council of Negro Women in the War on Poverty”

**Johanna Rossi Wagner**, Italian

“Interstitial Cultures: Women of the Italian Colonial Empire in the Works of Erminia Dell’Oro”

### IRW Global Scholars:

**Annalisa Butticci**, University of Padua, Italy

(September 2008 - May 2009)

“Female Genital Mutilation: Culture, Rights and Power on Women’s Bodies”

**Heather Hewett**, SUNY-New Palz (September 2008 – May 2009)

“African Literary Representations of Human Rights, Women’s Bodies, and Culture”

**Enikő Magyari-Vincze**, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania (January - May 2009)

“Culture, Rights and Moral Entitlement”

**Salma Maoulidi**, Sahiba Sisters, Tanzania (January - May 2009)

“Between Law and Culture: Contemplating Rights for Women in Zanzibar”

**Fatima Sadiqi**, University of Fes, Morocco

(September 2008 - May 2009)

“Berber Women’s Cultural Rights”

**Susan Smith-Peter**, College of Staten Island

(September 2008 - May 2009)

“From Creole Estate to Native Corporation: Indigenous Rights in Alaska”

**Sasha Turner**, Tulane University (July 2008 – May 2009)

“Her West Indian Fortune: White Women and Plantation Management in Jamaica, 1765-1812”

**Meyda Yeğenoğlu**, Middle East Technical University, Turkey (September 2008 – May 2009)

“The European Social Imaginary and the Question of Muslim Women’s Rights”

### Conveners:

**Dorothy Hodgson**

Anthropology

Director, Institute for Research on Women

**Beth Hutchison**

Associate Director, Institute for Research on Women