

# Miriam Jerotich Kilimo

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## EDUCATION

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- Exp. 2022     **PhD in Anthropology**  
Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA  
Dissertation: “The Making of Female Politicians: Gender Quotas, Political Subjectivity, and Nationhood in Kenya”
- 2019           **MA in Anthropology**  
Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
- 2016           **MSt in Women’s Studies**  
University of Oxford, Oxford, UK  
Thesis with High Distinction: “‘What it is to be a [Kenyan] Woman’: Redefining the Female Body in the Legislative Process against Female Circumcision”
- 2014           **BA in Anthropology modified and Senior Fellow**  
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA  
Salutatorian, Summa cum Laude, Senior Fellowship with High Honors: “Interethnic Friendship in Urban Kenya”

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Political Anthropology; Anthropology of Law; Feminist Ethnography; African Feminisms; Anthropology of Gender; Governance; Development Policy and Practice; African Diasporas; East Africa; Kenya

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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### External Grants

- 2019-2020     Social Science Research Council (SSRC) International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) (\$16,700)
- 2019-2020     National Science Foundation (NSF) Cultural Anthropology Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG) (\$3,150)
- 2019-2020     Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$7,140)

### Internal Grants

- 2017-2018     Professional Development Funds, Emory University (\$4,000)

- 2013 Kaminsky Family Fund, Dartmouth College (\$8,000)
- 2012 Robert G. McGuire III Research Fund, Dartmouth College (\$4,000)

## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

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### **External Fellowships & Awards**

- 2021 Preparing Future Faculty Predoctoral Fellowship, James Madison University
- 2019 Society of Humanistic Anthropology (SHA) Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Ethnographic Fiction and Creative Nonfiction Writing
- 2018 Royal Air Maroc-African Studies Association Student Travel Award
- 2015 Rhodes Scholarship, University of Oxford

### **Internal Fellowships & Awards**

- 2020 The Kristin Mann Award in African Studies, Emory University
- 2016 The George W. Woodruff Fellowship, Emory University
- 2014-2015 Richard D. Lombard '53 Public Service Fellowship, Dartmouth College
- 2014 The Phillip D. McInnis '36 Award, Dartmouth College
- 2014 Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth College
- 2014 The Class of 1962 Award for Excellence in Peer Tutoring, Dartmouth College
- 2014 Aimé Césaire Award for Excellence in the Humanities, Dartmouth College
- 2011-2014 Dr. W.E.B DuBois Award for Academic Excellence, Dartmouth College
- 2011-2013 Rufus Choate Scholar, Dartmouth College
- 2012-2013 James O. Freedman Presidential Scholarship, Dartmouth College
- 2011 Tucker Fellowship, Dartmouth College

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Journal Articles**

Kilimo, Miriam Jerotich. “‘You Can’t Do Politics Without Money’: Female Politicians, Money, and the Limits of Gender Quotas in Kenya.” (Article manuscript revised and resubmitted to *Africa*)

Kilimo, Miriam Jerotich. 2020. "Rebirth." *Anthropology and Humanism* 45 (1): 88-91

Brown, Eleanor, Faith Mwangi-Powell, **Miriam Jerotich** and Victoria Le May. 2016. "Female Genital Mutilation in Kenya: are young men allies in social change programmes?" *Reproductive Health Matters* 24 (47): 118-125

### **Book Chapter**

"Redefining the Female Body: The Legislative Process against Female Circumcision in Kenya." (Chapter in forthcoming volume on *Gender and Sexuality in Kenyan Societies*, Lexington Books)

### **Public Scholarship**

Kilimo, Miriam Jerotich. 2020. "Beyond the Nobel Peace Prize." In *Africa Is a Country*. <https://africasacountry.com/2020/11/beyond-the-nobel-peace-prize>

Kilimo, Miriam. 2016. "The Black Woman's Natural Hair." In *Mystiques: a feminist homage to Roland Barthes*, edited by Kerrie Thornhill, 12-19. Oxford: The Feminist E-Press, International Gender Studies

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES**

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### **Invited Lectures**

- 2020 "Female Politicians, Money, and the Limits of Gender Quotas in Kenya." Guest Speaker for Yale University course *Africa, Politics, Anthropology*.
- 2020 "Understanding and Analyzing Qualitative Studies." Invited Lecture for Summer Opportunity for Academic Research (SOAR), Office of Emory Diversifying Graduate Education (EDGE)

### **Conference Presentations**

- 2018 "Creating a New Political Habitus: The Impact of Kenya's Constitution on Female Politicians." The 117<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, USA
- 2018 "Gynocentric (Il)egibility: Women and Development in Kenya." The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA, USA
- 2018 "Creating a Political Habitus: The Impact of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 on Female Politicians." The Annual International Conference on the Status of African Women, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2018 "(Un)Relenting Borders: Conflicting Visions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010." The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Juncture Conference, Atlanta, GA, USA

- 2017 “A Misrecognition of Kenyan Women: The Consequences of Interpreting the Kenyan Constitution’s “Two-Thirds Gender Principle.” The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA), Chicago, IL, USA
- 2013 “Western Discourse in Legal Approaches: A History of Female Circumcision in Kenya.” The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP), Perth, Australia

## **TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, James Madison University
- 2021 **Instructor of Record**, Women and Gender in Africa, Emory University
- 2018 **Teaching Associate**, Africa: Anthropological Perspectives, Emory University
- 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, Concepts and Methods in Cultural Anthropology, Emory University
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Anthropology, Emory University
- 2013-2014 **Dean’s Office Student Consultant**, Dartmouth College
- 2012-2014 **Writing Tutor and Writing Assistant**, Dartmouth College
- 2012-2013 **Academic Undergraduate Advisor**, Dartmouth College

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2019-2020 **Dissertation Research**, Department of Anthropology, Emory University
- 2017-2018 **Preliminary Dissertation Research**, Department of Anthropology, Emory University
- 2014-2015 **Research Fellowship**, Africa Coordinating Centre for the Abandonment of FGM/C, University of Nairobi, Kenya  
*Projects:* Baseline Survey on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) in Kenya, Sexuality of Women who have undergone FGM/C, Young Men’s Attitude and Perceptions of FGM in Pokot (with Options UK), Evidence to End FGM/C (with Population Council)
- 2013-2014 **Senior Research Project**, Dean of Faculty Office, Dartmouth College  
*Project:* Inter-ethnic Friendship in Urban Kenya

2012-2013     **Research Assistantship**, German Department, Dartmouth College  
*Projects: Thomas Mann, Agnes Smedley, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Brazil*

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- May 2020 – present     **Founder & Director**  
Higher Ed Prep, Nairobi, Kenya
- Organize and facilitate information seminars, writing workshops, and individual advising sessions for African students interested in international Masters and PhD programs and scholarships
  - Write blogposts and design social media content about best practices in the scholarship application process
- Jul. – Aug. 2016     **Summer Consultant**  
Dalberg Global Development Advisors, Nairobi, Kenya
- Conducted research and analysis of the agricultural and digital financial landscape in Zambia
  - Synthesized research findings into deliverables and provided strategic recommendations for client engagement
- Apr. – Sep. 2015     **Assistant Coordinator**  
End FGM Guardian Global Media Campaign, London, UK | Nairobi, Kenya
- Monitored Kenyan media, as well as research, behavior change, regulatory, and enforcement initiatives on FGM
  - Developed and maintained logging system for sustained media monitoring and produced draft monthly reports on progress for donors
- Aug. 2014 – Jul. 2015     **Public Service Fellow**  
Africa Coordinating Centre for the Abandonment of FGM/C, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- Engaged in grassroots training and advocacy against female genital cutting among health care providers
  - Prepared work plans for consultants working in the inception phase of 5-year DFID funded research project to reduce FGM/C
  - Collaborated in the creation of a database of FGM/C interventions worldwide
  - Organized a national stakeholder meeting on FGM/C research and compiled report of the proceedings

## **RESEARCH & TEACHING DEVELOPMENT TRAINING**

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2020     Emory College Online Teaching Strategies (ECOTS), Office of International and Summer Programs, Emory University

- 2020 Emory Foundations for Online Teaching (EFOT), Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, Emory University
- 2019 Institute of Liberal Arts (ILA) Empowering Interdisciplinary Teaching and Scholarship Workshop, Emory University
- 2018 Proposal Writing Institute, Emory University
- 2018 Intensive Grant Writing Workshop, Emory University
- 2017 Beginning Grant Writing Workshop, Emory University
- 2017 Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program, Emory University

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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African Studies Association (ASA)

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

- Association for Africanist Anthropology (AAfA)
- Association for Black Anthropologists (ABA)
- Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA)
- Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA)
- Association for the Anthropology of Policy (AAP)
- Society for Humanistic Anthropology (SHA)

Anthropological Association of Kenya (AAKe)

## **SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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- 2021 Manuscript Reviewer, *Anthropology and Humanism*
- 2021 Research Proposal Reviewer, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program, Emory University
- 2019-2021 Scholarship Reviewer, Rhodes Scholarships for Kenya and for East Africa
- 2016-2018 Member, Colloquium Committee, Anthropology Graduate Students Association & Department of Anthropology, Emory University
- 2018 Volunteers' Coordinator for the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual ASA Conference, African Studies Association (ASA) Local Arrangements Committee, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 Alumni Recruiter, Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers (IRT), Atlanta, GA
- 2015 Children's Fiction Writer, Storymoja 'Start a Library' Campaign, Nairobi, Kenya

## **LANGUAGE & TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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### **Languages**

Swahili (Native)

German (Fluent in Reading; Conversant in Writing; Conversant in Speaking)

### **Technical Skills**

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