

# Margo Okazawa-Rey, EdD

Doctoral Faculty - School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University

Berkeley, CA, US

Critical ethnic studies and gender studies; Militarism, conflict, and women's activism; Social change; Mixed-racial identity development

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## Description

Dr. Margo Okazawa-Rey is currently on the faculty of the School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, California. She is also Elihu Root Peach Fund Chair in Women's Studies at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY and Professor Emerita at San Francisco State University.

Dr. Okazawa-Rey has held distinguished visiting positions at Mills College, Distinguished Fellow in Research Justice, 2013-2014 and Barbara Lee Distinguished Chair in Women's Leadership from 2008-2009. She was also the Feminist Activist Scholar in Residence at Scripps College (2006) and the Jane Watson Irwin Co-Chair in Women's Studies at Hamilton College (1999-2001).

Dr. Okazawa-Rey's primary areas of research and activism are gender, militarism, and feminist activist research. Her work focuses specifically on militarism, armed conflict, and violence against women.

She is the author of numerous publications. Her chapter, "Critical Ethnic Studies and Gender Studies: Education for Justice, Transformation, and Progressive Social Change," appears in *The Race Controversy in American Education* (2015). An article published in *Asian Journal of Women Studies*, "Amerasian Children of GI Town: A Legacy of US Militarism in South Korea," was among the first research articles that discussed the situation of mixed-race children abandoned by US military fathers in South Korea. *Women's Lives: Multicultural Perspectives* (6th ed., 2013) co-edited with Gwyn Kirk (former Irwin Co-Chair), is an intro to women's studies textbook used widely across the US, and, with Julia Sudbury, *Activist Scholarship: Anti-racism, Feminism, and Social Change* (2009) has influenced thinking about the relationship between research and activism among scholars. She also co-authored, with Amina Mama, "Militarism, Conflict and Women's Activism in the Global Era: Challenges and Prospects for Women in Three West African Contexts," published in the *Feminist Review* (2011).

Dr. Okazawa-Rey sits on the international boards of the NGOs PeaceWomen across the Globe, based in Bern Switzerland, and Du Re Bang (My Sister's Place) in Uijongbu, South Korea. She was a founding member of the Combahee River Collective, who articulated a theory of intersectionality in "A Black Feminist Statement."

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## Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Research

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## Topics

Militarism, armed conflict, and violence against women, Mixed-racial identity development, African-American/Asian-American relations, Critical multicultural education, Feminist activist research methodology, Transnational Feminist Praxis, Theories and Practices of Social Change, Global Studies

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## **Affiliations**

International Leadership Association 2015, National Women's Studies Association 2011-present, Editorial Board Feminist Africa 2007-present, Editorial Board Social Justice 2000-present, Editorial Board Journal of Negro Education 1991-1998

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## **Past Talks**

**Redefining Democracy, Peace, and Security in Africa: Gender, Race, Class, and Nation**  
(March, 2015) Urgent Action Fund Africa

**Teach In to Act Out: Campus & Community Activism & The Corporate University**  
(January, 2015) Engaging the Head, Heart, and Hands

**Strengthening Capacity Building of Women in Armed Conflict and Militarized Situations**  
(November, 2011) National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference

**Reflections on Personal and Political History of the International Network of Women against Militarism**  
(October, 2011) 25-Year Anniversary Conference of Hansori

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## **Education**

**Harvard University**  
EdD Graduate School of Education

**Boston University**  
MSS School of Social Work

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## **Accomplishments**

**Elihu Root Peace Chair in Women's Studies**  
(2014-2016) Hamilton College

**Distinguished Fellow in Research Justice**  
(2013-2014) Mills College

**Trust Africa Foundation Grantee**  
(2010-2011) Co-Principal Investigator

**Social Science Research Council Grantee**  
(2010) Co-Principal Investigator

**Margo Okazawa-Rey Social Justice Fellowship**

(2009) Named in her honor at Pitzer College/Claremont Colleges Intercollegiate Asian-American Studies Program for undergraduate summer research.

**Activist Scholar in Residence**

(2006) Mellon Foundation Feminist Activist Scholar in Residence, Scripps College

**Earl and Edna Stice Feminist Scholar of Social Justice**

(2005) University of Washington

**Social Work Leader Award**

(2002) Soros Foundation, Project on Death in America

**Distinguished Visiting Scholar**

(2001) National Endowment for the Humanities/Jack Gray Chair, University of Hartford

**Jane Watson Irwin Distinguished Chair**

(2001) Jane Watson Irwin Distinguished Chair in Women's Studies, Hamilton College

**Fellowship**

(1994) Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship

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