
About the Authors

Jo Dixon is Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and the Institute for Law and Society at New York University. She has written extensively on gun ownership, violence, and the role of race and gender in the allocation of rewards and punishments in society. She is currently conducting research on the politics of individual, collective, and state resistance to domestic assault.

Patricia Ewick is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Clark University. She is author of several articles on regulation and social control of organizations. Her current research is on the dailyness of law, collaborating with Susan Silbey on a study of the varieties of legal consciousness among ordinary American citizens.

Mary A. Finn is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Georgia State University in Atlanta. Her research interests focus on criminal justice handling of mentally disordered offenders.

Bill Maurer is a Lecturer in Anthropology at Stanford University. His research focuses on the internationalization of markets and legal regimes in the Caribbean, citizenship and transnational processes, and legal constructions of modern personhood. His work appears in *PoLAR: The Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, and *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*.

María Teresa Sierra is Professor at the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social in Mexico City. Her research interests include Indian rights in Mexico and Latin America, inter-ethnic dynamics and legal processes in Indian regions, and discrimination and legal practices toward Indians. She has published *Discurso Cultura y poder* (1992), *La Lucha por los Derechos Indígenas en el Brasil de hoy* (1993), and is co-author (with Victoria Chenaut) of *Orden Jurídico y Formas de Control Social en el Medio Indígena* (forthcoming), as well as articles on legal anthropology and discourse analysis. She was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Stanford University (1993–94). She has done fieldwork among the Otomis of the Valle del Mezquital and is currently doing research on the Nahuas of the Sierra Norte de Puebla.

Susan Silbey is Professor of Sociology at Wellesley College. She has written about consumer protection, alternative dispute resolution,

and cultural analyses of law. She is currently collaborating with Patricia Ewick on a study of the varieties of legal consciousness among ordinary American citizens.

Loretta J. Stalans is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Loyola University of Chicago. Her current research focuses on how citizens and authorities make decisions about how to handle domestic violence situations and how to handle issues raised during tax audits. She also is currently co-authoring with Julian Roberts a book on public opinion about crime and the criminal justice system.

Roselle L. Wissler is a co-principal investigator of the Noneconomic Damages Project at the University of Iowa. Her research interests include dispute resolution, procedural justice, and decisionmaking in the legal process.