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My early research concentrated on issues of violence, masculinity and ritual among the Gisu of Uganda. Recently, my interests have moved into two other areas, HIV/AIDS and vigilantism in East Africa. Work on AIDS began during the two years that I spent teaching at the University of Botswana (1997-99). Since then, I have also returned to fieldwork among the Kuria of Kenya. Initially, funded by the ESRC, this research aimed to explore the social and economic effects of smallholder contract farming and involved a panel survey, conducted in 1984/5 and again in 1994/5. In 2002, under the aegis of the Crisis States Research centre, I began work on *sungusungu*, tracing its history in Tanzania and its later penetration into Kuria District, Kenya. Current research on this topic draws upon and extends this work:

*Making Law in Rural Kenya* (2008-2011)

This project aims to contribute to political anthropology and policy through ethnographic research into community policing initiatives in rural Kenya. Problems of governance have become a focus of attention in Africa. At the local level, the lack of capacity and/or the systemic corruption of the official agents of law enforcement, the police and judiciary, have spawned a mass of vigilante-type movements. This proposal focuses on one such movement in Kenya known as *sungusungu*. Research will concentrate on the modus operandi of this movement and its complex relationship to the state. A major part of the project will be to make a film/DVD as an instrument of the research involving the active participation of one such group in Kuria District. This film will complement the academic writing and be widely available as a research resource and for engaging with policy makers. Collaboration between the anthropologist and a documentary filmmaker will also involve an element of mutual training and aims to make a contribution to visual anthropology through articles and ethnographic film.

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*Main Publications*

*Books*

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