

MICHAEL ANGROSINO: “SON AND LOVER: THE ANTHROPOLOGIST AS NON-THREATENING MALE”

**Field Site: Trinidad, Indian (from India) community
Lived with a family in the village**

PEOPLE’S CONCERNS:

Presentation of Self; careful about what they project

**CHALLENGE NOT BE TOO LOOSE AND CASUAL,
BUT NOT BE TOO UPTIGHT**

**UNATTACHED SINGLE MAN: PERCEIVED AS A
THREAT TO LOCAL WOMEN VIRTUOUS WIFE,
FALLEN MISTRESS AND ESP.DAUGHTERS!**

**HE BECAME A “SON” OF THE FAMILY BY
HELPING HIS “MOTHER” AT RITUAL EVENTS.
ALSO A BROTHER, COUSIN, ETC.**

But he still had to be linked with a woman, because his male informants had “sweet ginger” on the side

**HIS SOLUTION: GIVE IMAGE OF A LOVER WITH
NON-LOCAL WOMEN: TOURISTS AND A
FEMALE ANTHROPOLOGIST WORKING
ELSEWHERE.**

**Problem with the article: He accepts the male view of
the society and treats women as objects.**

**LAURIE KRIEGER: NEGOTIATING GENDER
ROLE EXPECTATIONS IN CAIRO**

**Studying traditional urban women
Interested in family planning**

**SINGLE AMERICAN FEMALE
LOCAL PEOPLE EXPECTED A TALL, THIN,
BLONDE
SHE WAS SHORT, DARK, DARK HAIR NOT THIN**

*****She thought she could only interview women.
Needed to act like a prude**

**BUT MODEST CLOTHES WERE REWARDED
HAD TO ACT LIKE A GOOD WOMEN AND NOT A
PROSTITUTE
NEEDED TO BECOME AN ADOPTED RELATIVE
NEEDED TO GUARD HER REPUTATION**

**But still expected to be a westerner and believe in
romantic love and kissing**

**HER OWN PRE-CONCEIVED IDEAS OF WHAT
WERE EXPECTED WERE NOT TRUE
EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT
SEXUALITY TO THE MARRIED WOMEN
EXPECTED TO ALSO BE ABLE TO INTERVIEW
HUSBANDS**

