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### **Education**

Ph.D., political science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1987  
John Motley Morehead Fellow  
Major field: judicial politics and American government  
Minor fields: public policy and administration; comparative politics  
Dissertation: "The Structure of Local Legal Culture: Explorations in Political and Organizational Influences on Decision Making in Trial Courts" (chair: Deil S. Wright)

M.A., political science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1983  
Thesis: "Police Responses to Domestic Disturbances: A Two-Dimensional Typology"

B.A., summa cum laude, Florida State University, 1980  
Majors: English, Political Science

### **Professional Experience**

University at Albany, State University of New York, Albany NY.  
Associate professor, School of Criminal Justice, September 1996 - present.  
Assistant professor, School of Criminal Justice, September 1990 to August 1996.  
Associate dean, School of Criminal Justice, September 2001 to September 2002; and August 1995 to February 1997.

Michigan State University, East Lansing MI.  
Assistant professor, Department of Political Science; adjunct assistant professor, School of Criminal Justice, August 1986-August 1990.  
Research associate, Social Science Research Bureau, 1989-90.  
Administrator, Master's Program in Policy and Administration, 1987-1990.

University of Georgia, Athens GA.  
Visiting instructor, Department of Political Science, 1984 - 1985.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Political Science.  
Graduate instructor, 1983-1984.  
Research assistant, Police Services Study, 1981-1983.

Florida State University, Tallahassee FL, Department of Political Science.  
Research assistant, 1979-1980.

Legal Aid Foundation, Tallahassee FL.  
Executive director of non-profit agency providing legal representation to low-income clients,  
1977-1980.

## **Research**

### **Articles and Book Chapters**

Andrew Davies and Alissa Pollitz Worden. 2008. State Politics and the Right to Counsel: A Comparative Analysis. Law & Society Review 42(4).

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Andrew Davies. 2008. "Protecting Due Process Policies in a Punitive Era: An Analysis of Changes in Providing Counsel to the Poor." Studies in Law, Politics, and Society (forthcoming).

Andrew Davies and Alissa Pollitz Worden. 2008. "Criminal Justice Policy in the United States: Due Process during the Punitive Turn." In I. Morgan and P. Davies, ed., The Federal Nations of North America: Perspectives on American Federalism. New York: Palgrave - MacMillan.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. 2007. "Courts and Communities: Toward a Theoretical Synthesis." In David E. Duffee and Edward Maguire, editors, Criminal Justice Theory New York: Routledge.

David E. Duffee, Alissa Pollitz Worden, and Edward Maguire. 2007. "Directions for Theory and Theorizing in Criminal Justice." In David E. Duffee and Edward Maguire, editors, Criminal Justice Theory. New York: Routledge.

Bonnie E. Carlson and Alissa Pollitz Worden. 2005. "Attitudes and Beliefs about Domestic Violence: Results of a Public Opinion Survey: Definitions of Domestic Violence, Criminal Domestic Violence, and Prevalence." Journal of Interpersonal Violence 20(10).

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Bonnie E. Carlson. 2005. "Attitudes and Beliefs about Domestic Violence: Results of a Public Opinion Survey: Beliefs about Causes." Journal of Interpersonal Violence 20(10).

Alissa Pollitz Worden. 2000. "The Changing Boundaries of the Criminal Justice System: Redefining the Problem and the Response in Domestic Violence," in Charles Friel, editor, Boundary Changes in Criminal Justice Organizations: Volume 2, Criminal Justice 2000. National Institute of Justice.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Criminal Justice Responses to Violence Against Women," American Journal of Preventive Medicine 19(4) (2000).

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Representing the Accused: Professional Values and Professional Choices of Small-Town Lawyers" Criminal Justice Review 23(1): 1-28 (1998).

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Gender and Professional Values in the Criminal Bar." Women and Criminal Justice 8(3): 1-28 (1997).

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "The Judge's Role in Plea Bargaining: An Analysis of Judges' Agreement With Prosecutors' Sentencing Recommendations." Justice Quarterly 12(2): 257-278 (1995).

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Counsel for the Poor: An Evaluation of Contracting for Indigent Criminal Defense," Justice Quarterly 10(4): 613-637 (1993).

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "The Attitudes of Women and Men in Policing: Testing Conventional and Contemporary Wisdom," Criminology 31: 203-241 (1993).

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Privatizing Due Process: Issues in the Comparison of Assigned Counsel, Public Defender, and Contracted Indigent Defense Systems," Justice System Journal 14(3): 390-418 (1991). Reprinted in G. Larry Mays and Peter R. Gregware, editors, Courts and Justice (Prospect Heights: Waveland Press, 1995).

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Policy Making by Prosecutors: The Uses of Discretion in Regulating Plea Bargaining," Judicature 73(6): 335-340 (1990).

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Robert E. Worden. "Local Politics and the Provision of Indigent Defense Counsel." Law and Policy 11(4): 401-424 (1989).

Gordon P. Whitaker, Charles David Phillips, and Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Aggressive Patrol: A Search for Side Effects." Law and Policy 6(3):339-658 (1984).

Robert E. Worden and Alissa Pollitz. "Police Arrests in Domestic Disturbances: A Further Look." Law and Society Review 18(1): 105-119 (1984). Also published in Understanding Police Agency Performance, ed. Gordon P. Whitaker (Washington D.C.: National Institute of Justice, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1984).

### **Reports and monographs**

Bonnie E. Carlson, Alissa Pollitz Worden, Michelle van Ryn, and Ronet Bachman. "Overview: Syntheses of Research on Violence Against Women for Practitioners." National Institute of Justice website.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Violence Against Women: Syntheses of Research for Practitioners – Task Force and Coalition Members." National Institute of Justice website.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Violence Against Women: Syntheses of Research for Practitioners – Judges and Court Administrators." National Institute of Justice website.

Bonnie E. Carlson and Alissa Pollitz Worden. Public Opinion about Domestic Violence. Report submitted to the National Institute of Justice (2002).

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Models of Community Coordination in Domestic Violence Cases, Final Report to the National Institute of Justice (2000).

Alissa Pollitz Worden: contributor, Interim Reports to the New York State Legislature, Evaluation of the 1994 New York State Family Protection and Domestic Violence Intervention Act (1998, 1997).

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Process and Substance: Vestiges of Adversariness and Determinants of Sanctions in Contemporary Court Research," Urban Affairs Quarterly 26(4): 629-638 (1991).

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Report on Michigan Indigent Defense Systems," prepared for the State Bar of Michigan, Task Force on Assigned Counsel, 1989.

Charles David Phillips and Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Policing and the Fear of Crime." In Understanding Police Agency Performance, ed. Gordon P. Whitaker (Washington D.C.: National Institute of Justice, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1984).

### **Book reviews and essays**

Review of Roy Flemming, Peter Nardulli, and James Eisenstein, The Craft of Justice, The Law and Politics Book Review 3(11): 113 (1993).

Review of Susan S. M. Edwards, Policing Domestic Violence, Women and Criminal Justice 5(1): 133.

### **Research in Progress**

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew Davies, and Megan Cowles. "The Antecedents of Due Process Policies."

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Camela M. Steinke. "Gender, Race, and Police Officer Attitudes."

Alissa Pollitz Worden and David E. Duffee. "Dimensions of Theory in the Study of Criminal Justice."

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Sarah J. McLean, and Robert E. Worden. "Continuity and Change in Law Enforcement Policies for Domestic Violence."

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Bonnie E. Carlson, "Public Values and Policy: Community Opinion About Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence."

Sarah J. McLean and Alissa Pollitz Worden, "Judicial Attitudes About Domestic Violence."

Alissa Pollitz Worden, "Communities, Coordination, and Social Change: A Comparative Study of Local Responses to Family Violence" [book manuscript under development]

### **Funded Research**

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Evaluation of a Rural Domestic Violence Coordination Project." New York State Police/COPS, 2002-2003. \$25,000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Public Perceptions about Domestic Violence." University at Albany Faculty Research Awards Program, 2002-2003. \$4000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Judicial Attitudes About Domestic Violence." University at Albany Faculty Research Awards Program, 2000-01. \$2500.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Bonnie E. Carlson, "Beliefs and Perceptions About Domestic Violence in the Hispanic Community," National Institute of Justice, 2000-2002. \$29,000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Bonnie E. Carlson and Michelle van Ryn, "Violence Against Women: Syntheses for Diverse Audiences," National Institute of Justice, 1999-2002. \$375,000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Bonnie E. Carlson, "Beliefs and Perceptions About Domestic Violence," National Institute of Justice, 1999-2002. \$180,000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Models of Community Coordination in Response to Partner Violence," National Institute of Justice, 1996-1999. \$104,000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Evaluation of New York's Mandatory Arrest Law for Domestic Violence Cases," New York Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, 1994-2000. \$240,000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Community Values and Domestic Violence," University at Albany Faculty Awards Program, 1998-99. \$10,000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action Leave Award, spring 1995. Awarded to conduct continuing research on police and court responses to domestic violence and to develop external grant funding proposals.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and David E. Duffee. "Doctoral Education in Criminal Justice: Predictors of Attrition, Time to Degree, and Success," University at Albany Faculty Research Awards Program, 1994-95. \$2500.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Processing Domestic Violence Cases: The Impact of Post-Arrest Discretionary Decisions," University at Albany Faculty Research Awards Program, 1993-94.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Evaluation of Indigent Defense Systems" from the Policy Studies Program of the Social Science Research Bureau, Michigan State University, 1989-90.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Implementation and Impact of a Judicial Mandate: The Provision of Counsel for Indigent Defendants in Criminal Prosecutions," from the All-University Research Initiation Grant Program, Michigan State University, 1988-89.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "The Structure of Legal Culture: Political and Organizational Influences on Decision Making in Trial Courts, from the American Judicature Society, 1987.

### **Selected conference presentations**

Alissa Pollitz Worden and David E. Duffee. "Dimensions of Theory in Studying Criminal Justice." resented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2008.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Camela Steinke. "Gender, Race, and Police Officer Attitudes." Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March, 2007.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Sarah J. McLean, and Robert E. Worden."Local Adaptations to Policy Reform: Police and Court Responses to Domestic Violence Initiatives." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2004.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Bonnie E Carlson. "Policy Perspectives on Domestic Violence:An Assessment of Public Opinion." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2003.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Bonnie E. Carlson. "Revisiting and Reassessing Conventional Wisdom: Attitudes About Domestic Violence in Rural and Urban Communities." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2002.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and David E. Duffee. "Factors Affecting Retention and Completion of Doctoral Study in Criminal Justice," presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 1995.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "An Interorganizational Perspective on Local Legal Culture," presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, 1993.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "The Determinants of Local Legal Culture," presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 1987.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "The Structure of Local Legal Culture: Organizational and Political Influences on Decision Making in Georgia's Superior Courts," presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 1986.

### **Teaching**

Graduate courses and seminars:

Research Design and Methods (CRJ 505/682)

Criminal Justice Theory (CRJ 540/640)

Doctoral Workshop on Criminal Justice Research (CRJ 683)

Prosecution and Adjudication (CRJ 652)

Sentencing Research Seminar (CRJ 646)

Women and Crime (CRJ 510)

Gender, Criminal Justice Administration, and Policy (CRJ 649)

Seminar on Court Research (CRJ 788)

Workshop on College and University Teaching (CRJ 788/786)

Internship in Public Administration and Policy (Michigan State)

Undergraduate courses:

Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRJ 201)

Honors Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRJ 201H)

American Criminal Courts (CRJ 353)  
Seminar on Criminal Adjudication (Michigan State)  
American Judicial Process (Michigan State)  
Seminar on Judicial Policy-Making and Behavior (Michigan State)  
Introduction to American Government (Michigan State)  
Internship in Public Administration (Michigan State)

Doctoral student dissertation committees chaired to completion:

Debra Cohen: The Development and Utilization of a Work Orientation Typology for the Study of Public Defender Job Satisfaction (1995)  
David Lynch: The Nature of Occupational Stress Among Public Defenders (1996)  
Michael Weiss: Toward an Understanding of Public Defender Motivations (2003)  
Sarah McLean: Rural Magistrates: An Exploratory Study of Decision Making in Partner Violence Cases (2003)  
Wendy Pogorzelski: Public Defenders as Managers (2004)  
Scott Phillips: Police Behavior in Domestic Violence Cases (2006)  
Terrylynn Pearlman: An Exploration of Public Opinion about Bias Crime (2007)

Doctoral student dissertation committees chaired, *in progress*:

Melissa Mackey: Evaluation of specialized domestic violence adjudication systems  
Bivette Stodghill: Impact of children's exposure to family violence on misconduct  
Andrea Kordzek: Court processing of animal cruelty cases  
Yumi Suzuki: Advising rape victims: effects of attitudes toward rape and social support systems  
Steven Anderson: Felony disenfranchisement and its effect on election outcomes (co-chair, Rockefeller College)

Doctoral comprehensive exam projects chaired to completion:

Catherine Bailey: Interest groups in criminal justice policy making  
Andrea Kordzek: Explanations of state policy in animal cruelty cases  
Yumi Suzuki: Explanations for rape victim reporting  
Susan Ehrhard: Defense lawyer experiences with capital cases

Doctoral comprehensive exam projects chaired, *in progress*:

Camela Steinke: Police officers' experiences with bias  
Brent Lovett: Evolutional theory of organizational change and survival  
Creaig Dunton: Female sex offender behavior  
Jeff Sandler: Female sex offender recidivism  
Julie Schnobrich-Davis: Analysis of the Metro LEC

### **Honors**

School of Criminal Justice, Graduate Student Association: Award for Professional Development, 2007

State University of New York: Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2007

University at Albany: President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2007

Phi Beta Kappa

### **Professional Contributions**

American Society of Criminology, Outstanding Paper Award Selection Committee, 2008.

Program committee, American Society of Criminology, 2006.

Program committee, American Society of Criminology, 2004.

Program committee, Academy for Criminal Justice Sciences, 2004.

Invited speaker, National Institute of Justice Annual Evaluation Conference, 2003.

Invited participant, National Academy of Sciences National Research Council meeting on Violence Against Women, April 2002.

Invited participant, 1999 National Symposium by the Family Research and Policy Initiative: Research and Policy Issues. University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Invited speaker at the OJP/NIJ conference on "Community Justice: Transforming the System to Serve Communities" in Washington D.C., March, 1998.

Program committee, American Society of Criminology 1998.

Program committee, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 1995.

Program committee, American Society of Criminology, 1992.

Editorial board, Women and Criminal Justice, 1992 to 1996.

Editorial board, Criminal Justice Review, 1990 to 1996.

Michigan State University principal representative to the annual conferences of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, 1987-90.

Steering committee, Michigan Public Management Institute, 1988, 1989, 1990.

Reviewer for National Institute of Justice review panels and reports, 1995-present.

Reviewer for academic journals:

Criminology	Justice Quarterly
Social Problems	Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Law and Society Review	Justice System Journal
Judicature	Criminal Justice Review
Women and Criminal Justice	Journal of Politics
American Political Science Review	
Journal of Quantitative Criminology	

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

#### University at Albany

University Honors College Governing Board, 2005–present

Organization for Women Faculty Steering Committee, 2005-present.

University Senate, 2005-2007

University Council on Promotion and Continuing Appointments, 2005-2007

Faculty Research Awards Program Review committee, 2006

Search Committee, Associate Vice President for Research, 2002.

Search Committee, Dean for School of Criminal Justice, 2001.

Rockefeller College Diversity Committee, 1995-96

Steering Committee, Women and Public Policy Program, 1995-96

#### School of Criminal Justice

Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 2008-2009

Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2006-2007

Chair, Self-study accreditation committee, 2004-2006  
Chair, Committee on Undergraduate Assessment, 2004-2006  
Faculty Search Committee, 2005-2006  
Chair, Internship Development Committee, 2002-2003.  
Chair, Graduate Advising Committee, 2001-2002.  
Associate Dean, 1995-1997 and 2001-2002.  
Admissions and Awards Committee, 1997-2000 (chair, 1997-98)  
School representative, Sexual Harassment Coordination (2000-2005)  
Student Performance Committee, 1994-95  
Chair, Curriculum Committee, 1994-95  
Curriculum Committee, 1991-92, 1993-94, 2002-2003.  
Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 1991-93  
Undergraduate Committee, 1991-92, 2007-2008  
Faculty Recruitment Committee, 1991, 1993  
Rockefeller College Diversity Committee, 1995-96.  
Graduate (PhD & MA) advisor: 1995-present.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

Consultant, NORC, Census of Public Defenders (Advisory Board), 2007-present.

Consultant, Rensselaer County Child Advocacy Center (START), 2004-2006.

Participant, CCAP: Schenectady County Domestic Violence Task Force, 2005–present.

Principal investigator, Evaluation of a Specialized Domestic Violence Docket. Unity House and the Troy Police Department, Troy NY.

Presentation to Equinox Board of Directors (Albany County Domestic Violence Coordinating Agency) on public opinion on policy, April 2003.

Consultant, Capital District Bar Association on gender issues in court system

Consultant, Rensselaer County Court and Unity House: evaluation of arrest enhancement initiative.

Consultant/ policy development with Albany County District Attorney on (1) development and evaluation of community prosecution initiative and (2) development of specialized court part for domestic violence cases, 2002-2003.

Consultant, Syracuse Police Department, Evaluation of COPS grant initiative for improving responses and followup in domestic violence cases.

Consultant, Institute for Law and Justice study of arrest policies (National Institute of Justice) (1998 to 2001).

Member, New York State Legislative Commission to Study Cameras in the Courtroom (1996-1997).

Participant and workshop facilitator, New York State Police Conference on Domestic Violence in Law Enforcement Families (May 1996).

Consultant, State Bar of Michigan (summer 1989): analysis of survey data on indigent defense programs in Michigan counties.

Board of Directors, Capital Area Chapter of American Society for Public Administration, Lansing, Michigan 1988-89.

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