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Education University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
B.A. (1964) With Honors, Phi Beta Kappa
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Employment

Professor, and Co-director of Violence Research Group, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, State University of New York, (Since September 1996)

Professor and Director of Violence Research Group, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland at College Park (Associate Professor 1983-1985, Professor 1985-1996)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology University of Michigan, 1976-1983

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Brown University, 1969-1976

Areas of Interest

Criminology
Methodology and Statistics
Violence
Social Organization
Structural Factors in Crime
Measurement of Crime and Violence

Honors

Fellow of the American Society of Criminology, 2010

Publications

Book

1996 *Adam Dobrin, Brian Wiersema, Colin Loftin and David McDowall. Statistical Handbook of Violence in America.* Phoenix: Oryx Press.

Refereed Journals

2011 David McDowall, Colin Loftin, and Matthew Pate. Seasonal Cycles in Crime, and Their Variability. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 28, 3 (September), 389-410.

- 2010 Colin Loftin and David McDowall. The Use of Official Records to Measure Crime and Delinquency. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 26, 4 (December), 527–532. (25th anniversary issue).
- 2011 David McDowall, Colin Loftin, and Matthew Pate. Seasonal Cycles in Crime, and Their Variability. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 28, 3 (September), 389-410.
- 2009 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. Do City Crime Rates Follow a National Trend? The Influence of Nationwide Conditions on Local Crime Patterns. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. 25: 3 (September), 307-324.
- 2008 Colin Loftin, David McDowall and Matthew Fetze. A Comparison of SHR and Vital Statistics Homicide Estimates for U.S. Cities. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 24:1 (February), (February) 4-17.
- 2008 Colin Loftin, David McDowall and Min Xie. Likely Errors When Linking Supplementary Homicide Report Records with Census Data for Large U.S. Cities. *Homicide Studies*, 12:3 (August), 234-248. [J45] [2 cut]
- 2005 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. Are U.S. Crime Rates Historically Contingent? *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 42:4 (November), 359-383.
- 2003 Colin Loftin and David McDowall. Regional Culture and Patterns of Homicide. *Homicide Studies* 7:4 (November), 353-367.
- 2003 Colin Loftin, Brian Wiersema, David McDowall and Adam Dobrin. Underreporting of Justifiable Homicides by Police Officers in the United States, 1976-1998. *American Journal of Public Health* 93:7 (July), 1117-1121.
- 2002 Craig Rivera, Rebeka Chu and Colin Loftin. Do Strong Communities Increase Homicide?: An Evaluation of the Nisbett-Cohen Thesis. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 22: 7 & 8, pp. 109-121.
- 2000 Brian Wiersema, Colin Loftin and David McDowall. A Comparison of SHR and Vital Statistics Homicide Estimates for U.S. Counties. *Homicide Studies* 4:4 (November), 317-340.
- 2000 Rebekah Chu, Craig Rivera and Colin Loftin. Herding and Homicide: An Examination of the Nisbett-Reaves Hypothesis. *Social Forces* 78:3 (March), 973-989.

- 2000 David McDowall, Colin Loftin and Stanley Presser. Measuring Civilian Defensive Firearm Use: A Methodological Experiment. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 16:1 (March), 1-19.
- 2000 David McDowall, Colin Loftin and Brian Wiersema. The Impact of Youth Curfew Laws on Juvenile Crime Rates. *Crime & Delinquency* 46:1 (January), 76-91.
- 1998 Brian Wiersema, Colin Loftin, Robert C. Mullen, Erich M. Daub, Monique A. Sheppard, John E. Smialek and David McDowall. Firearm-Related Injury Surveillance in Maryland *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 15:3S, (October 1998), 46-56.
- 1996 Colin Loftin and Derral Cheatwood. Cold Floor Effects on Homicide. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 12:4 (December), 439-444.
- 1996 David McDowall, Colin Loftin and Brian Wiersema. Using Quasi-Experiments to Evaluate Firearm Laws. *Law & Society Review* 30:2 (July), 381-391.
- 1995 David McDowall, Colin Loftin and Brian Wiersema. Additional Discussion About Easing Concealed Firearms Laws. *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 86:1 (Fall), 221-226.
- 1995 David McDowall, Colin Loftin and Brian Wiersema. Easing Concealed Firearm Laws: Effects on Homicide in Three States. *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 86:1 (Fall), 193-206.
- 1993 Colin Loftin, David McDowall and Brian Wiersema. Evaluating Effects of Changes in Gun Laws. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 9:3 (supplement 1, May/June):39-43.
- 1992 Colin Loftin, David McDowall and Brian Wiersema. A Comparative Study of the Preventive Effects of Mandatory Sentencing Laws for Gun Crimes. *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 83:2 (Summer), 378-394.
- Reprinted in D. Weisburd and S. Bushway (Eds.) (2005). *Quantitative Methods in Criminology* (pp. 521-538). Aldershot, UK: Ashgate.
- 1992 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. Comparing the UCR and NCS Over Time. *Criminology* 30:1 (February), 125-132.
- 1991 Liz Marie Marciniak and Colin Loftin. Measuring Protective Handgun Ownership. *Criminology* 29:3 (August), 531-540.

- 1991 Colin Loftin, David McDowall, Brian Wiersema and Talbert J. Cottey. Effects of Restrictive Licensing of Handguns on Homicide and Suicide in the District of Columbia. *New England Journal of Medicine* 325:23 (December 5), 1615-1620.
- Reprinted in Scott H. Decker, Leanne Fital Alarid, & Charles M. Katz (Eds.). (2003). *Controversies in Criminal Justice: Contemporary Readings*. Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing Company.
- 1991 Patrick W. O'Carroll, Colin Loftin, John B. Waller, Jr., David McDowall, Allen Bukoff, Richard O. Scott, James A. Mercy and Brian Wiersema. Preventing Homicide: An Evaluation of the Efficacy of a Detroit Gun Ordinance *American Journal of Public Health* 81:5 (May), 576-581.
- 1989 David McDowall, Brian Wiersema and Colin Loftin. Did Mandatory Firearm Ownership in Kennesaw Really Prevent Burglaries? *Sociology and Social Research* 74:1 (October), 48-51.
- 1988 Colin Loftin and David McDowall. The Analysis of Case-Control Studies in Criminology. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 4:1 (March), 85-98.
- 1987 Colin Loftin, Karen Kindley, Sandra L. Norris and Brian Wiersema. An Attribute Approach to Relationships Between Offenders and Victims in Homicide. *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 78:2 (Summer), 259-271.
- 1987 Robert Young and David McDowall. Collective Security and the Ownership of Firearms for Protection. *Criminology* 25:1 (February), 47-62.
- 1986 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. Fiscal Politics and The Police: Detroit, 1928-1976. *Social Forces* 65:1 (September), 162-176.
- 1986 Colin Loftin. The Validity of Robbery-Murder Classifications in Baltimore. *Violence and Victims* 1:3 (Fall), 191-204.
- 1986 Colin Loftin. Assaultive Violence as a Contagious Social Process. *Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine* 62:5 (June), 550-555.
- 1986 Colin Loftin. Homicide Related to Crimes Other Than Drug Traffic. *Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine* 62:5 (June), 517-529.
- 1985 David Greenberg, Ronald Kessler and Colin Loftin. Social Inequality and Crime Control. *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 76:3 (Fall), 684-704.

- 1985 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. Collective Security and Fatal Firearm Accidents. *Criminology* 23:3 (August), 401-416.
- 1985 Colin Loftin and Robert Nash Parker. An Errors-In-Variable Model of the Effect of Poverty on Urban Homicide Rates. *Criminology* 23:2 (May), 269-287.
- 1984 Colin Loftin and David McDowall. The Deterrent Effects of the Florida Felony Firearm Law. *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 75:1 (Spring), 250-259.
- 1983 David F. Greenberg, Ronald C. Kessler and Colin Loftin. The Effect of Police Employment on Crime. *Criminology* 21:3 (August), 375-394.
- 1983 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. Collective Security and the Demand for Legal Handguns. *American Journal of Sociology* 88:6 (May), 1146-1161.
- 1983 Colin Loftin and Sally K. Ward. A Spatial Autocorrelation Model of the Effects of Population Density on Fertility. *American Sociological Review* 48:1 (February), 121-128.
- 1983 Milton Heumann, Colin Loftin and David McDowall. Mandatory Sentencing and Firearms Violence: Evaluating an Alternative to Gun Control. *Law and Society Review* 17:2 (February), 301-332.
- 1982 Milton Heumann, Colin Loftin and David McDowall. Federal Firearms Policy and Mandatory Sentencing. *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 73:3 (Fall), 1051-1060.
- 1982 Colin Loftin and David McDowall. The Police, Crime, and Economic Theory: An Assessment. *American Sociological Review* 47:3 (June), 393-401.
- Reprinted in David H. Bayley (Ed.). *What Works in Policing*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.
- 1981 Colin Loftin and Sally K. Ward, Spatial Autocorrelation Models for Galton's Problem. *Behavior Science Research* 16:1 and 2, pp. 105-141.
- 1981 Colin Loftin and David McDowall. "One With a Gun Gets You Two": Mandatory Sentencing and Firearms Violence in Detroit. *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 455 (May), 150-167.
- 1979 Milton Heumann and Colin Loftin, Mandatory Sentencing and the Abolition of Plea Bargaining: The Michigan Felony Firearm Statute. *Law and Society Review*, 13:2 (Winter), 393-430.

Reprinted in Robert L. Abel (1995). *The Law and Society Reader* (pp. 185-212). New York: New York University Press.

1976 Colin Loftin, Robert H. Hill, Raoul Naroll and Enid Margolis, Murdock-White Interdependence Alignment of the Ethnographic Atlas Culture Clusters. *Behavior Science Research* 11:3, pp. 213-226.

1975 Colin Loftin. Partial Correlation as an Adjustment Procedure for Galton's Problem. *Behavior Science Research* 10:2, pp. 131-141.

1974 Colin Loftin and Robert H. Hill. Regional Subculture and Homicide: An Examination of the Gastil-Hackney Thesis. *American Sociological Review*, 39:5 (October), 713-724.

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1972 Colin Loftin. Galton's Problem as Spatial Autocorrelation: Comments on Ember's Empirical Test. *Ethnology* 11:4 (October), 425-535.

Chapters

2007 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. What Is Convergence, and What Do We Know About It? In James P. Lynch and Lynn A. Addington (Eds.), *Understanding Crime Statistics* (pp. 93-121). New York: Cambridge University Press.

1995 Colin Loftin and James A. Mercy. Estimating the Incidence, Causes, and Consequences of Interpersonal Violence for Children and Families. In *Integrating Federal Statistics on Children*. Report to the Commission on National Statistics and Board on Children and Families (pp. 192-213). Washington, DC: National Academy Press. 1995.

1992 Garen Wintemute, Michael Hancock, Colin Loftin, Andrew McGuire, Michael Pertschuk, and Stephen Teret. Policy Options on Firearm Violence. In Sarah E. Samuels and Mark D. Smith (Eds.), *Improving the Health of the Poor: Strategies for Prevention* (pp. 79-96). Menlo Park, CA: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, May 1992.

1989 Colin Loftin, David McDowall and James Boudouris. Economic Change and Homicide. In Detroit: 1926-1979. in Ted Robert Gurr (Ed.), *Violence in America: Historical Perspectives on Trends in Violent Crime* (pp. 163-177). Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

- 1984 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. Conflict, Crime and Budgetary Constraint: A Study of Police Strength in Detroit, 1927-1976. In Terrence J. McDonald and Sally K. Ward (Eds.), *The Politics of Urban Fiscal Policy: Stability and Crisis in American Cities, 1890 to the Present* (pp. 101-124) Beverly Hills, CA: Sage Publications.
- Reprinted in E. H. Monkkonen (Ed.) (1992). *Theory and Methods in Criminal Justice Research, Part 1* (pp. 326-349). Munich: K. G. Sauer.
- 1982 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. ARIMA Causal Models: An Introduction and an Application. In John Hagan (Ed.), *Deterrence Reconsidered*. (pp. 135-148). Beverly Hills, CA: Sage.
- 1980 Colin Loftin. Alternative Estimates of the Impact of Certainty and Severity of Punishment on Levels of Homicide. In American States. In Stephen E. Fienberg and Albert J. Reiss, Jr. (Eds.), *Indicators of Crime and Criminal Justice: Quantitative Studies* (pp. 101-124). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.
- 1980 Colin Loftin. Population Redistribution and the Criminal Justice System. In Brian J.L. Berry and Lester P. Silverman (Eds.), *Population Redistribution and Public Policy* (pp. 287-331). Washington, DC: National Academy of Sciences.
- 1974 Colin Loftin and Robert H. Hill. A Comparison of Alignment Procedures for Tests of Galton's Problem. In James M. Schaefer (Ed.), *Studies in Cultural Diffusion: Galton's Problem* (pp. 23-61). New Haven, CT: Human Relations Area Files Press.

Published Conference Proceedings

- 2000 Brian Wiersema and Colin Loftin. Area-Identified National Crime Victimization Survey Data: A New Resource for Statistical Research. *Proceedings of the Section on Government Statistics and Section on Social Statistics, Annual Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 13-17, 2000*. Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association.
- 1999 Meredith Lee, Denise Lewis, Melinda Crowley, Elaine Hock, Christopher J. Laskey, Colin Loftin, Wayne Logan, and Lynn Addington. Developing Hate Crime Questions for the National Crime Victimization Survey. Proceedings of the Survey Research Methods Section, American Statistical Association. Invited Papers (Presented at the 54th Conference of the American Association of Public Opinion Research, May 13-16, 1999, St Pete Beach, FL).

- 1992 Colin Loftin, David McDowall and Brian Wiersema. Economic Risk Factors for Infant Homicide. in *Proceedings of the 1991 Public Health Conference on Records and Statistics* (pp. 273-275). Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics.
- 1992 David McDowall and Brian Wiersema. Preventive Effects of Mandatory Sentencing Laws for Gun Crimes in *Proceedings of the Social Statistics Section, Annual Meeting of the American Statistical Association*, Atlanta, GA, August 18-22, 1991 (pp. 87-94). Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association.

Reviews and Correspondence

- 1994 Colin Loftin. Review of L. Nisbet (ed.), *The Gun Control Debate: You Decide*. *New England Journal of Medicine* 330:5 (February 3, 1994): 375.
- 1994 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. Guns in the Home. (correspondence). *New England Journal of Medicine* 330:16 (April 21, 1994):1158-1159.
- 1992 Colin Loftin, David McDowall, Brian Wiersema and Talbert J. Cottey. Firearms and the Killing Threshold. (Authors' response to letters to the editor). *New England Journal of Medicine* 326:17 (April 23), 1160.
- 1992 Colin Loftin. Review of M.L. Rosenberg and M.A. Fenley (eds.), *Violence in America: A Public Health Approach*. *New England Journal of Medicine* 326:26 (June 25), 1789.
- 1978 Colin Loftin and Robert H. Hill. Comments on William G. Doerner's Paper, *The Index of Southernness Revisited*. *Criminology*, 16:1 (May), 56-59.
- 1976 Colin Loftin and Robert H. Hill. *The Index of Southernness Revisited: Comment*. *Criminology* 16:1 (May), 56-59.
- 1976 Colin Loftin. Review of Duncan Chappell and John Monahan, *Violence and Criminal Justice*. *Contemporary Sociology* 5:5 (September), 592-593.

Published Committee Reports

- 2009 Robert M. Groves & Daniel L. Cork (Eds.). *Ensuring the Quality, Credibility, and Relevance of U.S. Justice Statistics, Report of the Panel to Review the Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics*. Washington, DC, National Academies Press.

- 2008 Robert M. Groves & Daniel L. Cork (Eds.). *Surveying Victims: Options for Conducting the National Crime Victimization Survey*, Report of the Panel to Review the Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Washington, DC, National Academies Press.
- 1993 Albert J. Reiss, Jr. and Jeffrey A. Roth (eds.). *Understanding and Preventing Violence*, Report of Panel on the Understanding and Control of Violent Behavior. Washington, DC: National Academy Press.
- 1993 Craig Zwerling, Daniel McMillan, Philip J. Cook, Paul Gundersen, Nicholas Johnson, Arthur L. Kellermann, Roberta K. Lee, Colin Loftin, James A. Merchant and Stephen Teret. Firearm Injuries: Public Health Recommendations. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 9:3 (suppl 1, May/June), 52-55.
- 1992 Felton Earls, Ronald G. Slaby, Anthony Spirito, Linda E. Saltzman, Timothy Thornton, Alan Berman, Lucy Davidson, Jeffrey Fagan, Andy Goodman, Darnell Hawkins, Jess F. Kraus, Colin Loftin, Eve Moscicki, Peter Muehrer, Patrick O'Carroll, Howard Sudak, Christy Visser, Cathy Spatz Widom, Garen Wintemute and Katie Baer. Prevention of Violence and Injuries Due to Violence: Setting the National Agenda for Injury Control in the 1990s. *Journal of Safety Research* 23:2 (Summer), 117-119.
- 1991 Philip J. Cook, Paul Juarez, Roberta K. Lee, Colin Loftin, Omowale Amuleru Marshall, William A. Murrain, Jeffrey A. Roth, Joseph Ryan, Gerald K. Smith, Howard Spivack, Stephen P. Teret, Mark Walker, Garen J. Wintemute, Mark L. Rosenberg, Denise Johnson and Lisa A. Daily. Weapons and Minority Youth Violence. *Public Health Reports* 106:3 (May-June), 254-258.

Participation in Conferences and Professional Meetings (Since 2000)

- 2012 Colin Loftin, David McDowall, and Robert J. Kaminski, The Relationship between Murders of Police and Justifiable Homicide by Police. 1980-2010. 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November 14-17, 2012.
- 2011 Discussion of paper by Alfred Blumstein, Carnegie Mellon University, "New York City Crime Trends and Those of Other Large Cities" Conference on Understanding the Crime Decline in New York City, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, September 22 -23, 2011.
- 2011 Michael Emmons, Laura Gerson Kastner, Kay Lang, Colin Loftin, Christina Scarano, and Victoria Schall. The Effect of Economic Inequality on Homicides by the Police.

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- 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC November 16-19, 2011.
- 2011 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. The Relationship Between Police Killings of Civilians and Criminal Homicide. 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC November 16-19, 2011.
- 2011 The Role of Reproduction in Testing Theories of Criminology. 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC November 16-19, 2011.
- 2011 Discussion of paper by Alfred Blumstein (New York City Crime Trends and Those of Other Large Cities). Conference on Understanding the Crime Decline in NYC, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, September 22, 2011.
- 2010 Panelist, Author Meets Critics: *While We Were Sleeping: Success Stories in Injury and Violence Prevention*, by David Hemenway. 62nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA November 17-20, 2010.
- 2010 Nazmia Alqadi, Lena Aspengren, Samuel DeWitt, Kathleen Frey, Colin Loftin, Ráchael Powers. Distributive Justice and the Murder of Police Officers. 62nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA November 17-20, 2010
- 2010 Colin Loftin and David McDowall. Modeling Error in Homicide Statistics. 62nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA November 17-20, 2010
- 2008 Colin Loftin, David McDowall and Matthew Fetzer. The Accuracy of Supplementary Homicide Report Data for Large U.S. Cities. 60th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Saint Louis, MO, November 12 - November 15, 2008.
- 2007 Matthew Fetzer, Colin Loftin and David McDowall. A Comparison of UCR and National Vital Statistics System Homicide Estimates for U.S. Cities. 59th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17, 2007.
- 2007 Organizer and chair of Thematic Session, Perspectives on Violence in the American South. 59th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17, 2007.
- 2007 Colin Loftin. A Critical Evaluation of the Celtic Origins of Southern Violence. 59th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17, 2007.

- 2006 Maria Tcherni, Craig Rivera and Colin Loftin. The Legacy of Lynching Revisited. 58th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA, November 1-4, 2006.
- 2006 Colin Loftin, Brent Lovett, David McDowall, Carter Rees and Jeffrey Sandler, The Paradoxical Effects Personal Relationships with Neighbors on Burglary Victimization. 58th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA, November 1-4, 2006.
- 2005 Colin Loftin, David McDowall and Matthew Fetzer. Poverty and Homicide: A Critical Evaluation. 57th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 16-19, 2005.
- 2004 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. What is Divergence and What Do We Know About It? 56th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, TN, November 17-20, 2004.
- 2004 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. What is Divergence and What Do We Know About It? Workshop on the Divergence of the Uniform Crime Reports and the National Crime Victimization Survey Sponsored by the National Consortium on Violence Research and held at American University, March 12-13, 2004.
- 2003 Colin Loftin, Matthew Fetzer and David McDowall. Simultaneous Survey Estimates of Risk Factors for Homicide Victimization. 55th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO, November 19-22, 2003.
- 2003 Discussant, Session on Issues in the Measurement of Crime and Justice. 55th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO, November, 19-22, 2003.
- 2002 Chair, Presidential Session: Changes in Crime Rates. 54th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November, 13-16, 2002.
- 2002 David McDowall and Colin Loftin. Are Changes in U.S. Crime Rates Time Reversible? 54th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November, 13-16, 2002.
- 2002 Brian Wiersema, Colin Loftin, David McDowall & Adam Dobrin. Underreporting of Justifiable Homicides by Police Officers in the United States, 1976-1998. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, Georgia, October 21-24, 2001.

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- 2002 Colin Loftin and Lynn Addington. Quality of NIBRS Data for Research on Homicide, Annual Meeting of the Greater New England UCR/SAC Program Managers, Amherst, MA, June 3-4, 2002.
- 2002 Presentation on research on legal interventions, Workshop on Firearm Injury Prevention and Intervention, National Research Council, Committee on Law and Justice, Committee to Improve Research Information and Data on Firearms. Washington, DC, May 28, 2002.
- 2002 Discussion of "An Exploratory Study of the Violent Victimization of Women: Race/ethnicity, Situational Context, and Injury (by Laura Dugan) at Expanding the Federal Research Agenda on Violence Against Women: A Workshop of The Committee on Law and Justice and The National Research Council's Division on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Washington, DC, January 3, 2002.
- 2001 Organizer/Chair of Panel: Issues in the Measurement of Crime and Justice. 53rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 7-10, 2001.
- 2001 Lynn Addington, Colin Loftin and David McDowall. The Impact of NIBRS on the Quality of Homicide Data. 53rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 7-10, 2001.
- 2001 Colin Loftin, Brian Wiersema, David McDowall and Adam Dobrin. Underreporting of Justifiable Homicides by Police Officers in the United States, 1976-1998. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta Ga, October 21-24.
- 2001 Colin Loftin, Craig Rivera and Rebekah Chu. Do Strong Communities Increase Homicide?: An Evaluation of the Nisbett-Cohen Thesis. 96th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA, August 18-21, 2001.
- 2000 Brian Wiersema, David McDowall and Colin Loftin. A Comparison of SHR and Vital Statistics Homicide Estimates for U.S. Counties, 1980-1988. 52nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 15-18, 2000.
- 2000 Discussant, Author-Meets-Critics Session: Marc Riedel, *Research Strategies for Secondary Data*. 52nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 15-18, 2000.
- 2000 Chair, Session on Issues in the Measurement of Crime and Justice. 52nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 15-18, 2000.

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- 2000 Colin Loftin and David McDowall. Problems Associated with the Analysis of Homicide in Small Populations. 52nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 15-18, 2000.
- 2000 Invited Panelist, Bureau of Justice Statistics Computer Crime and E-Business Workshop, College Park, MD, October 18, 2000.
- 2000 Brian Wiersema and Colin Loftin. Co-organizers of an invited panel on Area-Identified National Crime Victimization Survey Data: A New Resource for Statistical Research, Joint Statistical meetings, American Statistical Association, Social Statistics Section, Indianapolis, IN, August 13-17, 2000.
- 2000 Brian Wiersema, Colin Loftin and David McDowall. Comparing Metropolitan Area Estimates of Crime from the NCVS and UCR. Joint Statistical Meetings, August 13-17, 2000.
- 2000 Colin Loftin, David McDowall and Craig Rivera. Homicide Classification and Causal Inference. 95th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC, August 12-16, 2000.
- 2000 Organizer and Chair, National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Law and Justice, Measurement Issues in Crime and Justice, July 24, 2000, Woods Hole, MA.
- 2000 Panelist, Department of Justice Forum on Hospital-Based Interventions for Gunshot Wound Victims, Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, Washington DC, June 6, 2000.
- 2000 Expert Meeting on Firearm Injury Reporting, Sponsored by the Joyce Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health, Georgetown University, Washington DC, May 25, 2000.
- 2001 Firearms Policy Research Conference, UCLA School of Public Health, February 16, 2001.
- 2000 Recommendations published as: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Building Data Systems from Monitoring and Responding to Violence Against Women: Recommendations from a workshop. *MMWR* 2000, 49 (No. RR-11).

Editorial Experience

1983-1986	Associate Editor, <i>American Sociological Review</i>
1983-1985	Associate Editor, <i>Law and Society Review</i>
1989-1994	Editorial Board, <i>Law and Society Review</i>
1993-1995	Editorial Board, <i>Criminology</i>
1997-1998	Editorial Board, <i>Criminology</i>
1985-present	Editorial Board, <i>Violence and Victims</i>
1985-1997	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i>
2009-present	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i>
1999-2008	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i>
2000-present	Editorial Board, <i>Criminal Justice</i>

Professional Activities (Since 2000)

2011- 2013	Panel on Measuring Rape and Sexual Assault in Bureau of Justice Statistics Household Surveys, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences
2010-2013	Executive Counselor, American Society of Criminology
2011-	Scientific Advisory Board, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.
2011-2013	Member, Committee on Law and Justice Statistics, American Statistical Association
2008-2009	Program Committee, American Society of Criminology
2006-2008	National Research Council, Panel to Review the Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics
2004-2005	Co-chair of Program Committee, 57 th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 16-19, 2005
2005	Workshop on the Use of the National Crime Victimization Survey. July 20-21, 2005
2000-2003	Representative of the American Society of Criminology to the American Association for the Advancement of Science
2003	Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award Committee, American Society

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- of Criminology, 2003
- 2003 Disease, Disability and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel to review applications for development of the National Violent Death Reporting System. June 30, 2003, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 Review of Extramural Research Grants for Violence Related Injury Prevention Research Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence. Atlanta, GA, May 18-19, 2003. Atlanta, GA
- 2000-2003 Representative of the American Society of Criminology to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2000-2003
- 2002 Review Panel, National Institute of Justice, Data Resource Program, December 2002
- 2001 Program Committee, Division Chair, Guns and Gun Control, American Society of Criminology
- 2000-2003 Representative of the American Society of Criminology to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2000-2003
- 2000 Program Committee, Crime and Violence Prevention Division Chair, American Society of Criminology, 2000