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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
John Motley Morehead Fellow
Major fields: judicial politics and American government
Minor fields: public policy and administration; comparative politics
M.A., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
B.A., English and Political Science, Florida State University (summa cum laude)

Employment

University at Albany, State University of New York, School of Criminal Justice, Albany NY.
Associate director, October 2023 – May 2026
Director of graduate studies, October 2023-May 2026
Associate professor, September 1996 - present.
Assistant professor, September 1990 to August 1996.
Associate dean, September 2001 to September 2002; and August 1995 to February 1997.

The John F. Finn Institute for Public Safety, Albany NY.
Senior research fellow, March 2019 – present.

Crime Solutions, Development Services Group and the National Institute of Justice.
Senior Researcher, Victims and Victimization. 2014-2024.

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

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

Research

Journal Articles

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Reveka V. Shteynberg, Kirstin A. Morgan, and Andrew L.B. Davies. 2019. "The Impact of Counsel at First Appearance on Pretrial Release in Felony Arraignments: The Case of Rural Jurisdictions." Criminal Justice Policy Review 31 (6): 833-856.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Kirstin A. Morgan, Reveka V. Shteynberg, and Andrew L.B. Davies. 2018. "What Difference Does a Lawyer Make? The Effect of Counsel at Arraignment on Detention and Bail Decisions in Misdemeanor Courts." Criminal Justice Policy Review 79 (6-7): 710-735.

Covered in the London School of Economics blog on American politics and policy (<http://bit.ly/2PLA62f>)

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew L.B. Davies, Reveka V. Shteynberg and Kirstin A. Morgan. 2017. "Court Reform: Why Simple Solutions *Might Not* Fail: A Case Study of Implementation of Counsel at First Appearance." Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law 14(2): 521-551.

Andrew L.B. Davies and Alissa Pollitz Worden. 2017. "Local Governance and Redistributive Policy: Explaining Local Funding for Public Defense" Law & Society Review 51(2): 313-345.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Sarah J. McLean, and Megan Kennedy. 2013. "Sidestepping Justice? Adjournments in Contemplation of Dismissal in Misdemeanor Court." Albany Law Review 76(3): 1713-1750.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew L. B. Davies, and Elizabeth K. Brown. 2011. "A Patchwork of Policies: Justice, Due Process, and Public Defense Across American States." Albany Law Review 74(3): 1423.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Andrew L. B. Davies. 2009. "Protecting Due Process Policies in a Punitive Era: An Analysis of Changes in Providing Counsel to the Poor." Studies in Law, Politics, and Society: Special Issue - New Perspectives on Crime and Criminal Justice. Volume 47: 71.

Andrew Davies and Alissa Pollitz Worden. 2009. "State Politics and the Right to Counsel: A Comparative Analysis." Law & Society Review 43(1).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alissa Pollitz Worden. 1991. "Privatizing Due Process: Issues in the Comparison of Assigned Counsel, Public Defender, and Contracted Indigent Defense Systems." Justice System Journal 14(3): 390. Reprinted in G. Larry Mays and Peter R. Gregware, editors, Courts and Justice 3rd Edition (Prospect Heights: Waveland Press, 2004).

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

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

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

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

Book Chapters

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Alyssa M. Clark. 2019. "Misdemeanor Justice in Rural Courts." Chapter 6 in Alisa Smith and Sean Maddan, editors, The Lower Criminal Courts. New York: Routledge.

Reveka V. Shteynberg and Alissa Pollitz Worden. 2019. "Bail and Pretrial Detention in the Lower Courts." 2019. Chapter 12 Alisa Smith and Sean Maddan, editors, The Lower Criminal Courts. New York: Routledge.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. 2015. "Courts and Communities: Toward a Theoretical Synthesis." In Edward Maguire and David E. Duffee, editors, Criminal Justice Theory: Explaining the Nature and Behavior of Criminal Justice 2nd edition. New York: Routledge.

David E. Duffee, Alissa Pollitz Worden, and Edward Maguire. 2015. "Directions for Theory and Theorizing in Criminal Justice." In David E. Duffee and Edward Maguire, editors, Criminal Justice Theory: Explaining the Nature and Behavior of Criminal Justice 2nd edition. New York: Routledge.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew Lucas Blaize Davies, and Elizabeth K. Brown. 2014. "Public Defense in an Age of Innocence: The Innocence Paradigm and the Challenges of Representing the Accused." In Marvin Zalman and Julia Carrano (eds.) Wrongful Conviction and Criminal Justice Reform. New York: Routledge.

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. 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.

Reports and Monographs

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Morgan Madison, James Miller, Beau Holladay, Kaitlin Moloney, Jules Caruso. Evaluating Bail Reform in New York's Justice Courts. Report to Arnold Ventures. John F. Finn Institute for Public Safety (November 2023).

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Beau Holladay, Morgan Madison, James Miller. Evaluating the Impacts of Desk Appearance Ticket Reform in Rural and Suburban New York. Report to Arnold Ventures. John F. Finn Institute for Public Safety (November 2023).

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew L.B. Davies, Reveka Shteynberg, and Kristin Morgan. Counsel at First Appearance: An Evaluation of Six Counties' Programs to Ensure 6th Amendment Rights. National Institute of Justice (June 2020).

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. (2003)

Alissa Pollitz Worden. Violence Against Women: Syntheses of Research for Practitioners – Task Force and Coalition Members. National Institute of Justice (2003)

Alissa Pollitz Worden. Violence Against Women: Syntheses of Research for Practitioners – Judges and Court Administrators. National Institute of Justice (2003)

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

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Models of Community Coordination in Domestic Violence Cases. 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. Report on Michigan Indigent Defense Systems. 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).

Other

Alissa Pollitz Worden, , Reveka V. Shteynberg, Kirstin A. Morgan and Andrew L.B Davies. 2017. " Beyond the City Limits: Evaluating Court Reforms in Rural and Small-Town Courts." Translational Criminology.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. 2015. "Foreword: Miscarriages of Justice." Albany Law Review 78 (3): 917-926.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Andrew L.B. Davies. 2013. "The Criminal Defense Professions." G.J.N. Bruinsma and D.L. Weisburd (eds.) Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice. New York: Springer.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Sarah J. McLean. 2007. "Judicial Perspectives on Domestic Violence." In Nicky Ali Jackson, ed. Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence. Routledge.

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).

Grants and Contracts: External funding

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Principal Investigator. "Evaluation of Ontario County's Adult Treatment Courts." Ontario County, New York, funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. 2023-2026. \$140,000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Principal Investigator. "Upstate Criminal Justice Reform." Subcontract with the Data Collaborative for Justice at John Jay College, 2019-2023. \$595,226 from Arnold Ventures (formerly the Laura and John Arnold Foundation).

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Principal Investigator and James R. Acker, Co-Principal Investigator. "New York Justice Reform: Research Experiences for Undergraduates." Submitted to the National Science Foundation, August 2019. \$380,000; *not funded*.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Principal Investigator. "Evaluation of Ontario County's Enhanced Drug Court." Ontario County, New York, from a programmatic grant from SAMSHA. 2019-2024. \$150,000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Principal Investigator and Andrew L. B. Davies, co-Principal Investigator. "Early Intervention by Counsel: A Multi-site Evaluation of the Presence of Counsel at a Defendant's First Appearance in Court." National Institute of Justice, 2015-2020. \$381,000.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Principal Investigator and Sarah J. McLean, co-Principal Investigator. "Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for 18B Providers in the Legal Aid Society, Westchester County, New York." Westchester County, New York, 2016-2019. \$100,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grants and Contracts: University funding

Mary Lynch, Alissa Pollitz Worden and James R. Acker. "Evaluation of the Albany City Domestic Violence Court." Office of the Provost, University at Albany & Albany Law School Collaborative Venture Fund Award, 2016. \$4,000.

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

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

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

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

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Principal Investigator. "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.

Invited Presentations

Invited presenter, Evaluating Criminal Justice Reform in New York, New York State Office for Indigent Legal Services, February 2024.

Invited presenter, Evaluating Criminal Justice Reform in New York, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and New York State Office of Court Administration, February 2024.

Invited presenter, Bail Reform and Pretrial Detention Symposium, Office of the Governor, NYC, May 2017 – December 2017.

Invited presenter, Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, May 2017.

Invited speaker, The Misdemeanor Justice Project Symposium, John Jay College, April 2017 (sponsored by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation).

Invited speaker, Rochester Institute of Technology Department of Criminal Justice, February 2017.

Invited speaker, Cayuga County Magistrates' Association, March 2016.

Keynote speech, New York State Police Celebration of Women's History Month, March 2012.

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.

Recent Conference Presentations

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Lilly Chapman, Roseanna Deiulio, Ananya Sharma, and Victoria Pincus. 2025. "Paying for Justice? Financial Punishments in New York's Justice Courts." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 14, 2025.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Beau Holladay, Morgan Madison, James Miller. 2023. "The Impact of Bail Reform in Rural Courts." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 15, 2023.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew L.B. Davies, Reveka V. Shteynberg & Kirstin A. Morgan. 2019. "CAFA, Court Reform, and the Future of Pretrial Decisions." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2019.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Reveka V. Shteynberg, Kirstin A. Morgan & Andrew L.B. Davies. 2018. "The Impact of Counsel at First Appearance on Pretrial Release in Felony Arraignments." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2018.

Reveka V. Shteynberg & Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Hidden Decision Processes: Modeling Plea Bargains in Rural New York." Presented at the annual meeting of the Law & Society Association, June 2018.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Reveka V. Shteynberg, Kirstin A. Morgan & Andrew L.B. Davies. "Counsel at First Appearance in Court: Defense Lawyers' Roles in Pretrial Justice." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2017.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew L.B. Davies, Kirstin Morgan and Reveka V. Shteynberg. "The CAFA Project: Preliminary Findings from the Evaluation of Counsel at First Appearance Programs." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2016.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew L.B. Davies, Reveka V. Shteynberg, and Kirstin A. Morgan. "The CAFA Project: Implementation of Court Reform." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2015.

Karise Curtis, Andrew L.B. Davies, and Alissa Pollitz Worden. "When is Counsel Provided at First Appearance in Magistrates' Courts? Results from a Survey of Judges." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2015.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew L.B. Davies, and Angela Burton. "The Right to Counsel for Parents in Family Court: An Exploratory Investigation of State Policies." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2014.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Andrew L. B. Davies. "Defending the Poor During the Downturn: The Effect of the Great Recession on Public Defense" Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2014.

Kirstin A. Morgan, Andrew L.B. Davies, and Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Providing Counsel at First Appearance in a Semi-Rural County." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2014.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Sarah J. McLean, and Megan Kennedy. "Case Attrition in Misdemeanor Courts: Arrest and Charging in Domestic Violence Cases." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2013.

Alissa Pollitz Worden and Andrew L.B. Davies. "Local Governance of Public Defense: Assessing the Strengths of a 'Broken System' in an Age of Austerity." Presented at the annual meeting of the Law & Society Association, June 2013.

Alissa Pollitz Worden. "Criminal Justice Research: CrimeSolutions.gov in the Classroom." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2012.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew Davies, and Elizabeth Brown. "The Politics of Public Defense: Adaptation of an Integrated Conflict Perspective." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2010.

Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew Davies, and Elizabeth Brown. "The Right to Counsel: An Historical and Comparative Analysis of State Policy." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2009.

Teaching Advising and Mentoring

Undergraduate Courses:

CRJ 201 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (required for major)
CRJ 201T - Honors College Introduction to Criminal Justice (required for Honors major)
CRJ 353 - American Criminal Courts
CRJ 496Z – Crime, Justice and Social Values (writing-intensive)
CRJ 496Z – Crime, Justice, and Policy Reform (writing-intensive)

Graduate Courses and Seminars:

CRJ 505 - Research Design and Methods (required for MA)
CRJ 540 – Criminal Justice Theory (required for MA)
CRJ 640 – Advanced Criminal Justice Theory (required for PhD)
CRJ 683 – Workshop on Criminal Justice Research (PhD)
CRJ 652 - Prosecution and Adjudication
CRJ 646 - Sentencing
CRJ 740 – Seminar on Sentencing Reform
CRJ 510 - Women and Crime
CRJ 649 - Gender, Criminal Justice Administration, and Policy
CRJ 701 – Research and Analytical Writing (required for PhD)
CRJ 682 – Research Design I (required for PhD)
CRJ 788 – Special Topics: Seminar on Court Research (also listed as CRJ 659)
CRJ 788 – Special Topics: Crime, Justice, and Social Values
CRJ 786 - Seminar on College and University Teaching (PhD)

Advisor for Undergraduate Honors Theses:

Emily O'Halloran, *Assessment of a Diversion Program in a District Attorney's Office* (2020)
Vincent Alagna, *Comparative Analysis of Cybercrime and Security* (2020)
Saretta Holler, *Police Use of Deadly Force* (2019).
Christina O'Dea, *Risk Factors Contributing to Sexual Assault on Campuses* (2018)
Ashley Cummins, *Analysis of Psychological Symptoms of Youth in Residential Treatment Centers* (2017)
Alissa Cardillo, *Women's Victimization and Offending Risk* (2014)
Nina Vershuta, *The Spread of HIV in Correctional Facilities* (2013)
Daniel Drouin, *An Evaluation of the Unintended Consequences of New York's Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act* (2012)
Meredith Dedopoulos, *Incomplete Sentences: Predictors of Failure to Complete Court-Mandated Domestic Violence Counseling* (2011)

Chair, Doctoral Student Dissertation Committees:

- Alyssa M. Clark, *Indigent Defense Providers' Adaptations to NY Court Reforms* (2026).
- Jee Won Ryu, *Framing Juvenile Offenders: A Comparative Study of National News Media and Juvenile Offenders in South Korea and the United States (2010–2020)* (in progress).
- Jingyi (Rebecca) Fei, *Town and Village Court Magistrates and Responses to Bail Reform* (2023).
- Melissa Noel, *Assessing Parental Incarceration as a "Turning Point" in the Lives of Young Adults* (2020)
- Reveka V. Shteynberg, *Rationales Underlying and Shaping Plea Decisions*. **Co-chair: Allison Redlich** (2020)
- Megan Kennedy, *Prosecutorial Discretion and Decision Making in Sexual Assault Cases* (2018)
- Kirstin A. Morgan, *Gang Members' Experiences with the Legal System* (2018)
- Sara Berg, *The Card's Not Present but the Crime Sure Is: Exploring the Prevention of Plastic Card Victimization Using the British Crime Survey* (2015) **Co-chair: Graeme Newman**
- Robert Norris, *The "New Civil Rights": The Innocence Movement and American Criminal Justice* (2015) **Co-chair: James R. Acker**
- Debernee Privott, *Inmate Perceptions of Sexual Victimization Risk* (2014) **Co-chair: Graeme Newman**
- Yumiko Suzuki, *College Students' Opinions on Rape* (2011)
- Andrea Kordzek Griffin, *Prosecutorial Decision Making in the Face of Changing Norms* (2010)
- Julie Schnobrich-Davis, *Regionalization of Police Services through LEC* (2010)
- Jeffrey Sandler, *Sex Offender Recidivism: An Evaluation of the Static-99* (2010)
- Terrylynn Pearlman, *An Exploration of Public Opinion about Bias Crime* (2007)
- Scott Phillips, *Police Behavior in Domestic Violence Cases* (2006)
- Wendy Pogorzelski, *Public Defenders as Managers* (2004)

- Sarah McLean, *Rural Magistrates: An Exploratory Study of Decision Making in Partner Violence Cases* (2003)
- Michael Weiss. *Toward an Understanding of Public Defender Motivations* (2003)
- David Lynch, *The Nature of Occupational Stress Among Public Defenders* (1996)
- Debra Cohen, *The Development and Utilization of a Work Orientation Typology for the Study of Public Defender Job Satisfaction* (1995).

Chair, Doctoral Student Comprehensive Exam Committees

Wyatt Auten	Jeff Sandler
Lilly Chapman	Julie Schnobrich-Davis
Jee Won Ryu	Craig Dunton
Alyssa Clark	Cam Steinke
Jingyi Fei	Brent Lovett
Catherine Bailey	Michelle Naples
Andrea Kordzek	Gabriela Vega
Susan Ehrhard <i>Co-chair: Jim Acker</i>	Megan Kennedy
Yumi Suzuki	

Professional Memberships

Law & Society Association	National Association for Public Defense
American Society of Criminology	Indigent Defense Research Association
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	

Honors, Awards and Recognition

School of Criminal Justice, Graduate Student Association: Faculty Mentor Award, 2012.
 Honors College: ‘Professors Who Inspire Us’
http://www.albany.edu/honorscollege/Professors_Who_Inspire_Us.php
 School of Criminal Justice, Graduate Student Association: Faculty Mentor Award, 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
 University Provost's Reward for Exceptional Service, 2007
 Phi Beta Kappa

Public Engagement

Improving Evaluation of Interventions for Reducing Gender-Based Violence Victimization.
 2022. National Institute of Justice webinar. Presenter.

American Civil Liberties Union and the Southern Poverty Law Center, 2019. Expert testimony in federal district court case addressing the value of providing counsel at first appearance or arraignment: ***Hester v. Gentry, Case No. 5:17-cv-00270-MHH (N.D. Ala.)***

Abt Associates, 2019-20. Bureau of Justice Statistics Analysis of Publicly Available Court Data. Consultant.

National Center for State Courts, 2018-2019. Working Group on Holistic Indigent Defense.

National Association for Public Defense, 2015. Invited participant for sponsored webinar, “New Federal Funding for Indigent Defense Reform.”

National Institute of Justice, 2015. Invited participant for Working Group for the Right to Counsel and Indigent Defense.

Workshop on Quality Legal Representation, 2015. National Science Foundation, the Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center. Invited participant.

Defender Research Consortium, 2015 and 2017. Open Society Foundation, National Legal Aid and Defender Association. Invited participant.

Michigan Indigent Defense Research Committee, 2015-2018. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. Member.

Albany Promise: Plenary Board and High School Action Team, 2014-2015. University at Albany and the Albany City School District. Member.

Moderator, panel in *Justice and Multiculturalism in the 21st Century*, School of Criminal Justice, 2013.

NORC, 2007-2009. Census of Public Defenders. Advisory Board member.

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

Schenectady County Domestic Violence Task Force, 2005–2009. Member.

Evaluation of a Specialized Domestic Violence Docket, 2004-2005. Unity House and the Troy Police Department, Troy NY.

Capital District Bar Association, 2002. Gender issues in court system. Consultant.

Rensselaer County Court and Unity House (2002). Evaluation of arrest enhancement initiative. Consultant.

Albany County District Attorney, 2002-2003. Development and evaluation of community prosecution initiative and development of specialized court part for domestic violence cases. Consultant.

Syracuse Police Department, 2002-2003. Evaluation of COPS grant initiative for improving responses and followup in domestic violence cases. Consultant.

Institute for Law and Justice, 1998-2001. National Institute of Justice evaluation of arrest policies. Consultant.

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

New York State Police, 1996. Conference on Domestic Violence in Law Enforcement Families. Facilitator.

State Bar of Michigan, 1989. Analysis of survey data on indigent defense programs in Michigan counties. Consultant.

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

Professional Service

Reviewer: National Science Foundation, 2018-present.
Reviewer: National Institute of Justice, 1995-present.
Guest Editor, Albany Law Review Series: Miscarriages of Justice, 2013 – 2017.
Editorial Board, Albany Law Review Series: Miscarriages of Justice, 2009-2019.
University at Albany representative at annual meeting of the American Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2006.
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Outstanding Paper Award Selection Committee, 2011.
Reviewer for Bureau of Justice Statistics review panels and reports, 2008.
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.
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 academic journals:

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

University Service

University at Albany

University Honors College Governing Board 2005-2010, 2015-2020, 2024 to present
Invited participant, Doctoral Student Discussion Forum for the Social Sciences, September 2016.
Albany Law School – School of Criminal Justice Working Group, 2014-16
University Senate, 2005-2007; 2011-2013
University Policy and Planning Council 2011-2013
Provost's Working Group on Student Recruitment, and Enrollment 2011-2013
Provost's Online Learning Vision Group, 2012-2013

Organization for Women Faculty Steering Committee, 2005-2013
Selection Committee, Excellence in Teaching Awards, 2008 and 2010
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, Graduate Committee, 2023-present
Chair, Personnel Committees, 2025
Chair, Student Performance Committee, 2021-2023
Member, Undergraduate Committee, 2019-2021
Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 2018-2019
Member, Personnel (promotion) Committee, 2016-2017
Member, Undergraduate Committee, 2015-2020
Chair, Graduate Committee, 2014-2015
Member, Personnel (promotion) Committee, 2013-2014
Member, Graduate Committee, 2012-2015
Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 2008-2009
Member, Personnel (tenure) 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, 2007-2011
Faculty Recruitment Committee, 1991, 1993
Rockefeller College Diversity Committee, 1995-96.
Graduate (PhD & MA) advisor: 1995-present.

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