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Current Academic Employment:

Associate Teaching Professor (Formerly Senior Lecturer)

Criminology/Sociology Department
The Pennsylvania State University
2014-present

Lecturer,

Criminology/Sociology Department
The Pennsylvania State University
FT1: 2002–2014
FT2: 2000-2002

Current courses:

Crim/Wmnst 453: *Women in the Criminal Justice System*,
Crim/Wmnst 423: *Sexual Violence*,
Crim/Soc 467: *Law and Society* (both residential and online versions)

Previous courses taught:

Crim 113: *Introduction to Law and Society*
Wmnst 1: *Introduction to Women's Studies*

Courses designed:

Crim 467: *Law and Society*
Crim 113: *Introduction to Law and Society* (World Campus: pre-Web-based version)

Committee Responsibilities:

- **Criminology/Sociology Department Advisory Committee** **2018-present**
- **Member, Criminology Undergraduate Committee** **2019-present;**
Criminology Department **2014-2017**
- **Teaching Promotion Review Committee** **2017-2019**
Criminology/Sociology Department
- **School of Public Affairs Non-Tenure Line Promotion Committee** **2018-2019**
Harrisburg Campus

- **Advisor, Penn State Students Take Action** **2013- present**
Athlete Group working to end bullying at the Middle School level
- **Member, Dean's Lecturer's Advisory Committee** **2014-2016**
College of the Liberal Arts
- **Member, Teaching Forum Planning Committee** **2011- 2018**
Criminology/Sociology Department
- **Member, MOST Committee** **2011-2014**
Sociology Committee for *Minority Opportunity through School Transformation*
- **Women's Studies Dept. Undergraduate Concerns** **2013- 2014**
- **Member, Sexual Violence Roundtable** **2013 - 2017**
- **Member, Liberal Arts College Policy for Lecturers Committee** **2013**
- **Advisor, Alpha Phi Sigma** **2011-2012**
Criminal Justice Honor Society

Education:

J.D., 1994

Penn State Law, formerly known as The Dickinson School of Law

Clinical Experience:

Legal Services Clinic Student

Carlisle, PA

1992-1993

B.A., 1991

The Pennsylvania State University

Major, Philosophy,

Minor, Women Studies

Current Legal Practice:

Private Practice Attorney

Guardian Ad Litem Appointments
Centre County Court of Common Pleas
2002-present

I am occasionally appointed by the Court to act as Guardian Ad Litem for minors in child custody matters. In this capacity I represent their interests to the court as well as advising the court of my opinion regarding the best interests of the minor(s) involved.

Alternate Title IV-D Attorney,

Centre County Domestic Relations Office
Willowbank Building
Bellefonte, PA 16827
January, 2008 - present

As Alternate Solicitor, my duties include prosecuting child support contempt actions and providing legal advice to the agency when the solicitor is unavailable or has a conflict or interest.

Prior Employment:

Staff Attorney,

MidPenn Legal Services
1995-2002

As a staff attorney I concentrated my practice in family law which included advice and representation in custody, child support, divorce and other family law matters. I also conducted pro se custody clinics and provided community education in a number of areas including programs in high schools, to shelter staff and residents, CLE programs for attorneys.

I also provided representation and advice in special education, housing, consumer, employment compensation and other civil legal matters.

Domestic Violence Concentration under Federal DOJ Grants: 1997-2002

Under a DOJ STOP Grant, MidPenn and I were contracted to provide representation to domestic violence victims in all civil legal matters stemming from the abuse. This included participation in various county task forces and groups aiming to reduce domestic violence and increase system response.
