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**Current Academic Employment:**

**Teaching Professor**

Department of Sociology and Criminology  
The Pennsylvania State University  
2024-present

**Director, Undergraduate Studies in Criminology**

Department of Sociology and Criminology  
The Penn State University  
2022-2024

**Associate Teaching Professor (Formerly Senior Lecturer)**

Department of Sociology and Criminology  
The Pennsylvania State University  
2014-2024

**Lecturer**

Department of Sociology and Criminology  
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***

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/Executive Committee** 2018-2024
- **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
- **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

### Student Group Advising :

- **Advisor, The Society of Law and Sociology** 2023-present  
World Campus student group created in 2023.
- **Advisor, Lotus** 2020-present  
Student group designed to support and advocate for sexual assault and abuse survivors of color on campus.
- **Penn State Students Take Action** 2013- present

Athlete Group working to end bullying at the  
Middle School level

- **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

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**Legal Practice:**

**Centre County Custody Conciliator**  
Centre County Court of Common Pleas  
2024-present

**Private Practice Attorney**  
Guardian Ad Litem Appointments  
Centre County Court of Common Pleas  
2002-2024

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. -----  
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**Alternate Title IV-D Attorney,**  
Centre County Domestic Relations Office  
Willowbank Building  
Bellefonte, PA 16827  
January, 2008 - 2024

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.

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**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.

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