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EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire, 1996 Durham, New Hampshire	M.A., Sociology
Southwestern University School of Law, 1978 Los Angeles, California	J.D., Cum Laude
New College, 1970 Sarasota, Florida	B.A., Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

In press & under review & in progress

- Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K. (In press). Child pornography possessors arrested for Internet-related crimes: A national study. Report prepared for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Alexandria, VA.
- Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K. (In press). The varieties of child pornography production. Proceedings of the 5th Combating Pedophile Information Networks in Europe (COPINE) Conference.
- Mitchell, K. J., Finkelhor, D., & Wolak, J. (In press). Protecting youth online: Family use of filtering and blocking software. Child Abuse & Neglect.
- Walsh, W. & Wolak, J. (In press). Can nonforcible sex crimes be successfully prosecuted when victims are willing adolescents? Child Maltreatment.
- Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (In press). Police posing as juveniles online to catch sex offenders: Is it working? Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment.
- Wells, M., Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K.J. (Under review). Defining child pornography: Law enforcement dilemmas in the investigation of Internet child pornography cases. Police Practice & Research.

Wolak, J., Mitchell, K.J. & Finkelhor, D. (In progress). Child sexual exploitation and child pornography on the Internet. (Working title)

Wells, M., Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K.J. (In progress). Internet sexual communications: Law enforcement challenges and innovations. To be submitted to Criminology and Public Policy.

2005

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (2005). The Internet and family and acquaintance sexual abuse. Child Maltreatment 10 (1), 49-60.

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (2005). Internet sex crimes against minors. In K. Kendall-Tackett & S. Giacomoni (Eds.) Victimization of Children and Youth: The Spectrum of Crimes Against Children.

2004

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K.J. (2004). Internet-initiated sex crimes against minors: Implications for prevention based on findings from a national study. Journal of Adolescent Health.

Kopiec, K., Finkelhor, D. & Wolak, J. (2004). Which juvenile crime victims get mental health treatment? Child Abuse & Neglect 28, 45-59.

Finkelhor, D., Mitchell, K. J., & Wolak, J. (2004). Online victimization: What youth tell us. In S. W. Cooper, A. P. Giardino, V. I. Vieth & N. D. Kellogg (Eds.), Medical and Legal Aspects of Child Sexual Exploitation: A Comprehensive Review of Child Pornography, Child Prostitution and Internet Crimes Against Children: GW Medical Publishing.

Mitchell, K. J., Finkelhor, D., & Wolak, J. (2004). Victimization of youths on the Internet. In J. L. Mullings, J. W. Marquart & D. J. Hartley (Eds.), The Victimization of Children: Emerging Issues. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.

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Wolak, J., Mitchell, K.J., & Finkelhor, D. (2003). Internet sex crimes against minors: The response of law enforcement. Report prepared for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Alexandria, VA. (No. 10-03-022)

Wolak, J., Mitchell, K. J., & Finkelhor, D. (2003). Escaping or connecting? Characteristics of youth who form close online relationships. Journal of Adolescence, 26, 105-119.

Wolak, J., Mitchell, K.J. & Finkelhor, D. (2003). National juvenile online victimization study (N-JOV): Methodology report. Available at the Crimes against Children Research Center website: www.unh.edu/ccrc.

Mitchell, K. J., Finkelhor, D., & Wolak, J. (2003). Victimization of youth on the Internet. Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma, 8(1/2), 1-39.

Finkelhor, D. & Wolak, J. (2003). Reporting assaults against juveniles to the police: Barriers and catalysts. Journal of Interpersonal Violence 18 (2), 103-128.

Mitchell, K. J., Finkelhor, D., & Wolak, J. (2003). The exposure of youth to unwanted sexual material on the Internet: A national survey of risk, impact, and prevention. Youth & Society, 34(3), 330-358.

2002

Wolak, J., Mitchell, K. J., & Finkelhor, D. (2002). Close online relationships in a national sample of adolescents. Adolescence, 37(147), 441-455.

Mitchell, K. J., Finkelhor, D., & Wolak, J. (2002). Youth online victimization. In D. Levinson (Ed.), Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment (Vol. 3, pp. 1109-1112). Newbury Park, CA: Berkshire Reference/Sage Publications.

2001

Mitchell, K. J., Finkelhor, D., & Wolak, J. (2001). Risk factors and impact of online sexual solicitation of youth. Journal of the American Medical Association, 285(23), 3011-3014.

Finkelhor, D., Wolak, J. & Berliner, L. (2001). Police reporting and professional help seeking by child victims of violent crime. Child Maltreatment, 6(1), 17-30.

Finkelhor, D., Mitchell, K. J., & Wolak, J. (2001). Highlights of the Youth Internet Safety Survey Juvenile Justice Fact Sheet, FS200104. Washington DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

2000

Finkelhor, D., Mitchell, K. J., & Wolak, J. (2000). Online victimization: A report on the nation's youth. Alexandria: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. (No. 6-00-020)

Before 2000

Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (1998). Children exposed to partner violence. In J.L. Jasinski, L.M. Williams (Eds.), Partner Violence: A Comprehensive Review of 20 Years of Research (pgs. 73-112). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Finkelhor, D. & Wolak, J. (1995). Nonsexual assaults to the genitals in the youth population. The Journal of the American Medical Association, 274(21), 1692-1697.

PRESENTATIONS

International

Wolak, J. (2005, May). Child pornography production. Presented at the University of Toronto Centre for Innovation Law and Policy Symposium on Online Child Exploitation, Toronto, Canada.

Wolak, J. (2004, May). Child pornography production: Findings and implications from a national study of U.S. criminal cases. Presented at the 5th Combating Pedophile Information Networks in Europe (COPINE) Conference, Cork, Ireland.

Wolak, J. (2003, November). The stereotype of online meeting crimes. Plenary address to the Conference of Internet Hotline Providers of Europe (INHOPE), Berlin, Germany.

Wolak, J. Online victimization and Internet-facilitated crimes involving child victims. (2002, April). Presented at the 4th Combating Pedophile Information Networks in Europe (COPINE) Conference, Cork, Ireland.

Wolak, J. (2000, August). Youth Internet Safety Survey: Initial findings. Presented at the 10th International Symposium on Victimology, Montreal, Canada.

Wolak, J. (2000, August). Police reporting of crimes against children: Results from a national sample of parents of child victims of physical assault. Presented at the 10th International Symposium on Victimology, Montreal, Canada.

Wolak, J. (1999, November). A taxonomy of factors in underreporting of juvenile victimization to police. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, 51st Annual Meeting Toronto, Canada.

Domestic

Wolak, J., (2005, May). Child Sexual Abuse and the Internet: What Practitioners Need to Know. Presented at the 15th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Boston, MA.

Wolak, J., (2004, October). Characteristics and contexts of the production of child pornography in Internet-related sex crimes: Findings from a national survey. Presented at the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers 23rd Annual Research and Treatment Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Wolak, J. & Laramie, J. (2004, August). Important research findings for Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) investigation and prevention programs. Presented at the Crimes Against Children Conference, Dallas, TX.

Wolak, J. (2004, July). The production of child pornography in the context of online crimes. Presented at Victimization of Children and Youth: An International Conference, Portsmouth, NH.

Wolak, J. (2004, June). Associations between child pornography possession and child sexual abuse. Presented at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's International Online Child Victimization Symposium, Leesburg, VA.

Wolak, J., Mitchell, K.J. & Finkelhor, D. (multiple presenters) (2004, January). Juvenile Online Victimization. Presented at the 18th Annual San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, San Diego, CA.

Wolak, J. (2003, October). Internet-related crimes against children: Types of crimes and characteristics of offenders. Presented at the 22nd Annual Research and Treatment Conference, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, St. Louis, MO.

Wolak, J. (2003, October). Adolescent Internet use. Briefing session at Supporting Youth, Investing in New Hampshire: The Adolescent Youth Summit, Manchester, NH.

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K.J. (multiple presenters) (2003, September). Internet-related sex crimes against children. Presented at the 8th Annual Northern New England Conference on Child Maltreatment, Portland, ME.

Wolak, J. & Mitchell, K.J. (multiple presenters) (2003, August). What investigators need to know: Findings from the online victimization study. Presented at the Crimes against Children Conference, Dallas, TX.

Wolak, J. & Mitchell, K.J. (multiple presenters) (2003, July). Internet sex crimes against minors: Findings from interviews with law enforcement. Presented at the American Professional Society for the Abuse of Children 11th Annual Colloquium, Orlando, FL.

Wolak, J. & Mitchell, K.J. (multiple presenters) (2003, July). Characteristics of Internet sex crimes with juvenile victims. Presented at the 8th International Family Violence Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH.

Wolak, J. & Mitchell, K.J. (multiple presenters) (2002, August) Impact of the Internet on crimes involving child sexual assault and exploitation. Presented at Victimization of Children & Youth: An International Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH.

Wolak, J. & Mitchell, K.J. (multiple presenters) (2002, May). Types of Internet-related victimizations of minors in the criminal justice system.

Presented at the American Professional Society for the Abuse of Children 10th Annual Colloquium New Orleans, LA.

Wolak, J. (2002, March). Online crime. Plenary address to the 8th Annual Women in Criminal Justice Conference, Springfield, MA.

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K.J. (multiple presenters) (April 2001). Online victimization of youth. Presented at the 13th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Albuquerque, NM.

Wolak, J. (2001, January). How do parents respond when their children are assaulted? Presented at the 15th Annual San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, San Diego, CA.

Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (multiple presenters) (2001, January). Online victimization of children and adolescents. Presented at the 15th Annual San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, San Diego, CA.

Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (multiple presenters) (2001, January). Online victimization: The Youth Internet Safety Survey. Presented at the 3rd Annual Northeast Child Maltreatment Conference, Providence, RI.

Finkelhor, D. & Wolak, J. (multiple presenters) (2000, December). Online victimization. Presented at Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) National Conference, Washington, DC.

Wolak, J., (2000, November). Child sexual exploitation on the Internet: The view from youth Internet users. Presented at the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers 19th Annual Research and Treatment Conference, San Diego, CA.

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K.J. (multiple presenters) (2000, October). Online victimization of youth. Presented at the Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect 8th Annual Conference on Child Abuse, Waterville Valley, NH.

Wolak, J. (2000, July). Sexual solicitation of youth on the Internet. Presented at the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children 8th Annual Colloquium, Chicago, IL.

Wolak, J. (2000, July). Crimes and other threats against kids. Presented at the 7th Annual Education Law Institute, Concord, NH.

Wolak, J. (2000, June). Police reporting of crimes against children: Results from a national sample of parents of child victims of physical assault. Presented at Victimization of Children and Youth: An International Research Conference, Durham, NH.

CURRENT AND RECENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **National Juvenile Prostitution Study: The Criminal Justice System Response.** Co-principal Investigator. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. October 2004 to present.
- **Second Youth Internet Safety Survey.** October 2004 to present. Principal Investigator. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice
- **Survey of Prosecutorial Outcomes in Juvenile Online Victimization Cases.** May 2002 to present. Director & Principal Investigator. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- **National Juvenile Online Victimization Study (N-JOV) and Law Enforcement Survey of Online Child Exploitation.** February 2001 to July 2004. Principal Investigator. Funded by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the U.S. Department of Justice.
- **Youth Internet Safety Survey.** 1998 to January 2001, Director. Funded by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the U.S. Department of Justice.
- **Survey of Barriers to Police Reporting & Help-Seeking among Families of Child Assault Victims.** 1998 to 2000. Director. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- **Youth Victimization Prevention Survey.** 1994 to 1996. Research Assistant. Funded by Boys Scouts of America.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of California, 1978 (inactive)
State of New York, 1979 (inactive)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation Online Sexual Victimization of Children Working Group, 2004

Associate, University of New Hampshire Center on Adolescence, 2003 to present

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

JOURNAL REVIEWS

Child Abuse & Neglect
Developmental Psychology
Journal of Adolescence
Violence against Women

ADVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Melissa Wells, Doctoral Thesis Committee, University of New Hampshire (Sociology), 2002-2003

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

7/98-present **Assistant Research Professor**, Crimes against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire.
11/96-6/98 **Research Associate & Consultant**, Family Research Laboratory, UNH
8/94-11/96 **Research Assistant**, Family Research Laboratory, UNH
8/93-5/94 **Project Assistant**, Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire
5/91-5/93 **Board of Directors**, Feminist Health Center of Portsmouth, Greenland, New Hampshire
10/87-5/93 **Counselor/staff**, Feminist Health Center of Portsmouth
8/85-10/87 **At-home mother**, Wolak-Hart Family
3/85-7/85 **Associate Commissioner of Administrative Services**, NYC Department of Finance
9/83-2/85 **Unit Head**, Tax Refund Division, NYC Department of Finance
9/81-2/83 **Unit Head**, Tax Review Division, NYC Department of Finance
3/81-8/81 **Deputy Inspector General**, NYC Department of Personnel
2/79-2/81 **Examining Attorney**, NYC Department of Investigation
5/77-5/78 **Student Director**, Southwestern Clinical Law Center, Southwestern University School of Law
9/76-5/77 **Assistant Student Director**, Southwestern Clinical Law Center
5/76-9/76 **Staff Member**, Southwestern Clinical Law Center

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Barrington School Board, 1995-2001

Volunteer Guardian ad Litem, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), 1997-2004

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Volunteer Big Sister, 2005 - present