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EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire, 2001

Post-doctoral fellowship
David Finkelhor, Ph.D.

University of Rhode Island, 1999

Ph.D. (Experimental Psychology)
Lisa Harlow, Ph.D.

Rhode Island College, 1996

M.A. (Psychology)
Dorothy Bianco, Ph.D.

Rhode Island College, 1994

B.A. (Psychology)

Specialty areas: Child maltreatment, Internet victimization, exposure to violence, juvenile prostitution

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Professor, January 2001 to Present

University of New Hampshire, Crimes Against Children Research Center, Department of Psychology

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, January 1999 to January 2001:

University of New Hampshire, Crimes Against Children Research Center

Research Assistant, January 1997 to December 1998

University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Department of Corrections

Data Analyst Consultant, December 1997 to June 1998

University of Rhode Island, Women's Health Research Project

Teaching Assistant, September 1998 to December 1998

University of Rhode Island, Department of Psychology

Data Analyst Consultant, May 1998 to August 1998

University of Rhode Island, Family Violence Research Group

Data Analyst Consultant, February 1998 to May 1998

Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center; Providence, Rhode Island

Data Analyst Consultant, April 1998 to May 1998

University of Rhode Island, Family Violence Research Group

Research Consultant, May 1998 to June 1998

University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Court System

Data Analyst, October 1996 to January 1997

University of Rhode Island, Department of Psychology

Research Consultant, May 1996 to April 1997

University of Rhode Island, Women and Infants Hospital

Teaching Assistant, September 1996 to September 1997

Buttons and Bows Early Learning Center; North Kingstown, RI

Research Assistant, September 1995 to May 1996

University of Rhode Island, Cancer Prevention Research Center

Teaching Assistant, September 1994 to May 1995

Rhode Island College, Department of Psychology

Teaching Assistant, June 1993 to December 1994

Buttons and Bows Early Learning Center; North Kingstown, RI

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

In progress

Mitchell, K.J., Ybarra, M.L., & Finkelhor, D. (in progress). Poly-victimization of youth: Role of internet victimization. Submission location: *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*.

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J., & Finkelhor, D. (in progress). Trends in youth reports of unwanted sexual solicitations, harassment, and unwanted exposure to pornography on the internet. For submission: TBD.

Mitchell, K.J. & Wells, M. (in progress). Internet child pornography possession and sexual exploitation: Referral, diagnosis, and treatment characteristics. For submission to *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*.

Mitchell, K.J. & Wells, M. (in progress). Youth sexual exploitation on the internet: DSM-IV diagnoses and gender differences in co-occurring mental health problems. Submission location: *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*.

Mitchell, K.J. & Wells, M. (in progress). Problematic internet experiences as a primary presenting problem and magnitude of co-occurring conventional symptomatology. Submission: *Journal of Consulting & Clinical Psychology*.

Wells, M., Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & **Mitchell, K.J.** (in progress). Internet sexual communications: Law enforcement challenges and innovations. Submission location TBD.

Under revision

Mitchell, K.J., Finkelhor, D., & Becker-Blease, K. (under revision). A classification of *adult* problematic internet users: Linking internet and conventional problems from a clinical perspective. To be submitted to the *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*.

Mitchell, K.J. & Ybarra, M.L. (under revision). Internet use and risk behavior: Patterns throughout adolescence. *Developmental Psychology Special Section on Children, Adolescents and the Internet*.

Wells, M., Becker-Blease, K., **Mitchell, K.J.**, & Finkelhor, D. (under revision). Online mental health treatment: Concerns and considerations. *Clinical Social Work*.

Under review

Mitchell, K.J., Finkelhor, D., & Becker-Blease, K. (submitted 5/18/05). Linking youth internet and conventional problems: Findings from a clinical perspective. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*.

In press

Wells, M., Finkelhor, D., Wolak, J., & **Mitchell, K.** (in press). Defining child pornography: Law enforcement dilemmas in the investigation of internet child pornography cases. *Police Practice & Research*.

Wells, M., **Mitchell, K.J.**, Finkelhor, D. & Becker-Blease, K. (in press). Mental health professionals' exposure to clients with problematic internet experiences. *Journal of Technology in the Human Services*.

Published

Mitchell, K.J., Becker-Blease, K. & Finkelhor, D. (2005). Inventory of Problematic Internet Experiences Encountered in Clinical Practice. *Professional Psychology: Research & Practice*, 36(5), 498-509.

Ybarra, M.L. & **Mitchell, K.J.** (2005). Exposure to internet pornography among children and adolescents: A national survey. *CyberPsychology & Behavior*, 8(5), 473-486.

Mitchell, K.J., Finkelhor, D., & Wolak, J. (2005). Protecting youth online: Family use of filtering and blocking software. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 29, 753-765.

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (2005). Police posing as juveniles online to catch sex offenders: Is it working? *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 17(3), 241-267.

Ybarra, M.L., Alexander, C., & **Mitchell, K.J.** (2005). Depressive symptomatology, youth Internet use, and online interactions: A national survey. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 36(1), 9-18.

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

Mitchell, K.J. & Finkelhor, D. (2005). Risk of crime victimization among youth exposed to domestic violence. *The Prevention Researcher*, 12(1), 18-20.

Ybarra, M.L. & **Mitchell, K.J.** (2004). Youth engaging in online harassment: Associations with caregiver-child relationships, Internet use, and personal characteristics, *Journal of Adolescence*, 27(3), 319-336.

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*, 35(5), 424-433. Online public access article:
<http://www.journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/jah/article/PIIS1054139X04001715/fulltext>

Ybarra, M.L. & **Mitchell, K.J.** (2004). Online aggressors, victims, and aggressor/victims: An comparison of associated youth characteristics. *Journal of Child Psychology & Psychiatry*, 45(7), 1308-1316.

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

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.

Wolak, J., **Mitchell, K.J.**, and Finkelhor, D. (2003). Escaping or connecting? Characteristics of youth who form close online relationships. *Journal of Adolescence*, 26(1), 105-119.

Wolak, J., **Mitchell, K.J.**, and Finkelhor, D. (2002). Close online relationships in a national sample of adolescents: A description. *Adolescence*, 37(147), 441-456.

Mitchell, K.J., Finkelhor, D., and Wolak, J. (2001). Risk factors and impact of online sexual solicitation of youth. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 285 (23), 1-4.

Mitchell, K.J. & Finkelhor, D. (2001). Risk of crime victimization among youth exposed to domestic violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 16(9), 945-966.

Harlow, L.L., **Mitchell, K.J.**, Fitts, S.N., Saxon, S.E. (1999). Psycho-existential distress and problem behaviors: Gender, sub-sample and longitudinal tests. *Journal of Applied Biobehavioral Research*, 4(2), 111-138.

Harlow, L.L., Rose, J.S., Morokoff, P.J., Quina, K., Mayer, K., **Mitchell, K.J.**, & Schnoll, R. (1998). Women HIV sexual risk takers: Related behaviors, interpersonal issues, and attitudes. *Women's Health: The Research on Gender, Behavior, and Policy*, 4(4), 407-439.

Book Chapters

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & **Mitchell, K.J.** (2005). The varieties of child pornography production. In E. Quayle & M. Taylor (Eds.), *Viewing Child Pornography on the Internet. Understanding the offence, managing the offender, helping the victims*. pp. 31-48. Dorset, UK: Russell House Publishing.

Finkelhor, D., **Mitchell, K.J.**, & Wolak, J. (2005). Online victimization: What youth tell us. In S.W. Cooper, N.D. Kellogg, A.P. Giardino & V.I. Vieth (Eds.), *Medical & Legal Aspects of Child Sexual Exploitation: A Comprehensive Review of Child Pornography, Child Prostitution, and Internet Crimes Against Children: A Clinical Guide and Color Atlas*. GW Medical Publishing; 1st edition.

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* (pgs. 1-39). Haworth Press, Binghamton, NY.

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (2005). Internet sex crimes against minors. In K. Kendall-Tackett & S. Giacomoni (Eds.) *Child victimization: Maltreatment, Bullying and dating violence, prevention and intervention* (pp. 2.1 - 2.17). Kingston, NJ: Civic Research Institute.

Other Publications

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D., & **Mitchell, K.J.** (2005). *Child Pornography Possessors Arrested in Internet-Related Crimes: Findings from the National Juvenile Online Victimization Study*. National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Alexandria: VA.

Wells, M., Finkelhor, D., Wolak, J. & **Mitchell, K.J.** (2004). Law Enforcement Challenges in Internet Child Pornography Crimes. *Sex Offender Law Report, 5 (4)*, pp. 41-42, 49.

Wolak, J., **Mitchell, K.J.**, & Finkelhor, D. (2003). *Internet sex crimes against minors: The response of law enforcement*. Alexandria, VA: National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Wolak, J., **Mitchell, K.J.**, & Finkelhor, D. (2003). *National juvenile online victimization study (N-JOV): Methodology report*. Available through the Crimes against Children Research Center website.

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

Mitchell, K.J. (2001). Youth on the Internet: Who is at Risk? *The LINK: The official newsletter of the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, 10 (2)*, 1-2.

Finkelhor, D., **Mitchell, K.J.**, and Wolak, J. (2001). Highlights of the Youth Internet Safety Survey. *Juvenile Justice Fact Sheet – FS200104* (pgs. 1-2). Washington, DC: US Government Printing Office.

Finkelhor, D., **Mitchell, K.J.**, & Wolak, J. (2000). *Online Victimization: A Report on the Nation's Youth*. Alexandria, VA: National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

PRESENTATIONS

Mitchell, K.J., & Finkelhor, D. (2005, July). *A classification of youth with problematic internet experiences*. Presented at the 9th Annual International Family Violence Conference, Portsmouth, NH.

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J., & Finkelhor, D. (2005, June). *How sex offenders use the internet to target adolescents*. Presented at the 1st Annual National Center for Victims of Crime National Conference, Washington, DC.

Mitchell, K.J., & Finkelhor, D. (2005, May). *An inventory of problematic internet experiences: Findings from a clinical perspective*. Invited presentation at the 8th Annual Conference and Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Concord, NH.

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (multiple presenters) (2005, April). *Child Sexual Abuse and the Internet: What Practitioners Need to Know*. Presented at the 15th National Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect, Boston, MA.

Mitchell, K.J., Finkelhor, D. & Becker-Blease, K. (2004, October). *Problematic Pornography Use on the Internet: Client Characteristics and Impact*. Presented at the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers 23rd Annual Research and Treatment Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Mitchell, K.J., Becker-Blease, K., & Finkelhor, D. (multiple presenters) (2004, July). *Findings from the Survey of Internet Mental Health Issues*. Presented at the 2004 Victimization of Children and Youth: An International Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Mitchell, K.J., Becker-Blease, K., & Finkelhor, D. (2004, July). *Youth Internet Experiences Perspectives from Youth, Law Enforcement and Clinicians*. Presented at the American Psychological Association. Honolulu, HI.

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

Mitchell, K.J. & Becker-Blease, K. (2003, October). *Problematic Internet Experiences from the Mental Health Perspective: Client Characteristics and Impact*. Presented at the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers 22nd Annual Research and Treatment Conference. St. Louis, MO.

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (2003, September). *Internet-related Sex Crimes Against Minors*. Presented at the 8th Annual Northern New England Child Maltreatment Conference. Portland, ME.

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J. & Wells, M. (2003, August). *What Investigators Need to Know: Findings from the Online Victimization Study*. Presented at the Crimes against Children Conference, Dallas, TX.

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (2003, July). *Internet Sex Crimes Against Minors: Findings from Interviews with Law Enforcement*. Presented at the American Society for the Abuse of Children Conference. Orlando, FL.

Mitchell, K.J., Wolak, J., Wells, M. & Finkelhor, D. (2003, July). *Characteristics and Incidence of Internet-related Sex Crimes with Juvenile Victims*. Presented at the 8th International Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Mitchell, K.J. (2002, August). *Child pornography production cases in the criminal justice system*. Paper presented at the Victimization of Children & Youth: An International Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Wolak, J., **Mitchell, K.J.**, & Finkelhor, D. (2002, May). *Types of Internet-related Victimization of Minors*. Paper presented at the American Professional Society for the Abuse of Children (multiple presenters). New Orleans, LA.

Mitchell, K.J., Finkelhor, D., & Wolak, J. (2001, November). *Protecting youth online: Family use of Filtering and Blocking Software*. Paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Mitchell, K.J., Finkelhor, D., & Wolak, J. (2001, July). *The exposure of youth to unwanted sexual material on the internet: A national survey of risk, impact, and prevention*. Presented at the 7th International Family Violence Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Mitchell, K.J. (2000, July). *Structural Equation Modeling with Amos: An Introduction*. Invited keynote speaker at the 7th International Family Violence Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

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

Mitchell, K.J. & Finkelhor, D. (2000, November). *Risk of crime victimization among youth exposed to domestic violence*. Presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Finkelhor, D., **Mitchell, K.J.**, & Wolak, J. (2000, November). *Online victimization: The youth Internet safety survey*. Presented at the Third Annual Northeast Child Maltreatment Conference (multiple presenters). Providence, RI.

Finkelhor, D., **Mitchell, K.J.**, & Wolak, J. (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 (multiple presenters). Waterville Valley, NH.

Finkelhor, D., **Mitchell, K.J.**, & Wolak, J. (2000, October). *Online victimization of youth*. Presented at the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Review Board Meeting (multiple presenters). Las Vegas, NV.

- Mitchell, K.J.** (2000, October). *Structural Equation Modeling: Amos*. Invited presentation to the University of New Hampshire's Psychology Department Faculty Meeting.
- Mitchell, K.J.,** Wolak, J., & Finkelhor, D. (2000, July). *Online victimization*. Presented at the 8th Annual National Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. Chicago, Illinois.
- Mitchell, K.J.** & Finkelhor, D. (2000, June). *Youth exposure to intimate and non-intimate violent victimization of a caretaker: relationship with personal experiences of victimization*. Presented at the Victimization of Children and Youth: International Research Conference. Durham, New Hampshire.
- Mitchell, K.J.,** Wolak, J., & Finkelhor, D. (2000, June). *Online Victimization*. Presented at the Victimization of Children and Youth: International Research Conference. Durham, New Hampshire.
- Finkelhor, D., **Mitchell, K.J.,** & Wolak, J. (2000, March). *Online victimization*. Presented to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (multiple presenters). Alexandria, Virginia.
- Mitchell, K.J.,** Finkelhor, D., & Wolak, J. (1999, November). *Youth internet safety: A conceptual framework*. Presented at the 51st Annual Meeting of The American Society of Criminology. Toronto, Ontario.
- Mitchell, K.J.,** & Harlow, L.L. (1999, August). *A multisample model of abuse, family, and life satisfaction*. Presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention. Boston, MA.
- Mitchell, K.J.** & Harlow, L.L. (1999, July). *Child sexual abuse and family functioning: A structural model perspective*. Presented at the 6th International Family Violence Research Conference. Durham, NH.
- Mitchell, K.J.;** Hevey, C.E.; & Morrow, J.A. (1999, March). *Breaking the cycle of recidivism: The impact of program participation*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Orlando, FL.
- Mitchell, K.J.** & Harlow, L.L. (1999, May). *Self-efficacy as a mediator between child sexual abuse and substance abuse*. Presented at the Association of Women in Psychology annual conference. Providence, RI.
- Mitchell, K.J.,** Quina, K., & Landry, J. (1998, November). *Intervention needs and program participation among incarcerated women*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington D.C.
- Mitchell, K.J.,** Stevenson, J., Quina, K., & Landry, J. (1998, June). *Assessing intervention needs and predicting program participation*. Part of invited Presidential Plenary Panel at the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Studies. Bristol, Rhode Island.

Mitchell, K.J., Fitts, S.N., & Harlow, L.L. (1996, September). *Psycho-existential distress and health risk problem behaviors*. Poster presentation and abstract published in The Proceedings of The 10th Conference of the European Health Psychology Society. Dublin, Ireland.

Mitchell, K.J. & Barcelos, S.O. (1995). *Computer simulation as a method to promote positive change in environmental attitudes and behavior*. Master's Thesis, RIC. Poster presentation Rhode Island College Research Conference and Sigma Xi initiation event.

AWARDS

The Early Career Award for Outstanding Contributions to Research in the Field of Child Maltreatment, American Psychological Association, 2005.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Preschool Children's Exposure to Violence in the Home: Relationships with Social Cognitions and Peer Relationships (Principal Investigator): Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institute of Mental Health, under review.

Youth Online Violence and Aggression Study (Principal Investigator): National Institute of Justice, under review.

National Juvenile Prostitution Study: The Criminal Justice System Response (Co-Principal Investigator): Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention grant, in progress.

National Juvenile Online Victimization Survey (Co-Principal Investigator): Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention grant, 2000-2003; National Center for Missing & Exploited Children grant, 2000-2003.

Clinical Experiences with Distress from Problematic Internet Experiences (Principal Investigator): Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention grant, 2002-2004.

Youth Internet Safety Survey (Co-Principal Investigator): National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, 1999-2000.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

American Psychological Association (APA)

International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect (ISPCAN)

Research Associate University of New Hampshire Center for Adolescence

University of New Hampshire Steering Committee to create an interdisciplinary center in the field of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences (BSHS)

Member of the National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals

Listed in the Marquis Who's Who of American Women

JOURNAL REVIEWS

Child Abuse & Neglect

Crime and Justice Research

Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice

Journal of Interpersonal Violence

Journal of Family Communication

ADVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Auguste Elliott, Clinical Research Practicum Supervisor, Fielding Graduate Institute (Clinical Psychology), 2004-present

Michelle Ybarra, Dissertation Consultant, Johns Hopkins University (Public Health), 2002-2003

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

Tracy Martin, Doctoral Thesis Committee, University of New Hampshire (Psychology), 2001-2003