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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

CURRENT AND RECENT RESEARCH PROJECTS AND SUPPORT

- **Third National Juvenile Online Victimization Study (N-JOV₃).** September 2009 to present. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, OJJDP.
- **Third Youth Internet Safety Survey.** September 2009 to present. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, OJJDP
- **Collaborative Research: A Northeast Partnership for Developing the Information Assurance Workforce.** 2008 to present. National Science Foundation.
- **Verizon Foundation Internet Safety Fellowship.** 2007 to present. Supports dissemination of research pertaining to online safety of children and youth.
- **National Juvenile Prostitution Study: The Criminal Justice System Response.** 2004 to 2008. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, OJJDP.
- **Second Youth Internet Safety Survey.** 2004 to 2006. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, OJJDP.
- **Survey of Prosecutorial Outcomes in Juvenile Online Victimization Cases.** 2002 to 2005. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, OJJDP.
- **National Juvenile Online Victimization Study (N-JOV) and Law Enforcement Survey of Online Child Exploitation.** 2001 to 2004. Funded by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the U.S. Department of Justice, OJJDP.
- **Youth Internet Safety Survey.** 1998 to 2001. Funded by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the U.S. Department of Justice, OJJDP.
- **Survey of Barriers to Police Reporting & Help-Seeking among Families of Child Assault Victims.** 1998 to 2000. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

PUBLICATIONS

In progress

Wolak J., Jones, L., Mitchell, K. & Finkelhor, D., (in progress). Child pornography production cases in the criminal justice system: Trends in offender and case characteristics

Jones, L., Mitchell, K., **Wolak, J.** & Finkelhor, D. (in progress). Comparing risks for Internet crimes against children by unknown versus family and acquaintance offenders

Under review

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K. (under review). Child pornography possessors: Trends in offenders and case characteristics.

Mitchell, K., Finkelhor, D., **Wolak, J.**, & Jones, L. (under review). Use of social networking sites in sex crimes against minors: An examination of national prevalence and means of utilization.

Mitchell K, Jones L., Finkelhor D, **Wolak J.** (in progress) Internet-facilitated commercial sexual exploitation of children: Findings from a nationally representative sample of law enforcement agencies in the U.S.

In press

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K. (in press). Law enforcement responses to online child sexual exploitation crimes: The National Juvenile Online Victimization Study, 2000 & 2006. Durham NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.

Wolak, J., & Mitchell, K. (in press). Work-related exposure to child pornography in ICAC Task Forces and affiliated agencies: Reactions and responses to possible stresses. Durham NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.

Mitchell, K., Finkelhor, D. & **Wolak, J.** (in press). Conceptualizing juvenile prostitution as child maltreatment: Findings from the National Juvenile Prostitution Study. *Child Maltreatment*.

Ybarra, M.L., Mitchell, K., Finkelhor, D., & **Wolak, J.** (in press). Associations between blocking, monitoring, and filtering software on the home computer and youth-reported exposure to sexual material online. *Child Abuse & Neglect*.

Published 2009

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K. (2009) Trends in arrests of "online predators". Durham NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.

Published 2008

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K. (2008). Is talking online to unknown people always risky? Distinguishing online interaction styles in a national sample of youth Internet users. *CyberPsychology & Behavior* 11 (3): 340-343.

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D., Mitchell, K., & Ybarra, M. (2008). Online "predators" and their victims: Myths, realities and implications for prevention and treatment. *American Psychologist* 63(2): 111-128.

Mitchell, K.J., **Wolak, J.**, & Finkelhor, D. (2008). Internet sex crimes against minors. *Family & Intimate Partner Violence Quarterly*, 1(1), 25-44.

Finkelhor, D., **Wolak, J.**, & Mitchell K., (2008). Internet safety education for teens: Getting it right. Available online at http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/internet-crimes/Internet%20Factsheet_portrait%20version_2-6-08_khf.pdf.

Mitchell, K.J., **Wolak, J.**, & Finkelhor, D. (2008). Are blogs putting youth at risk for online sexual solicitation or harassment? *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 32: 277-294.

Finkelhor, D., **Wolak, J.** & Berliner, L. (2008). Getting help: What are the barriers? In Finkelhor, D. (Ed.), *Childhood Victimization: Abuse, Crime and Violence in the Lives of Young People*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Sabina, C., **Wolak, J.** & Finkelhor, D. (2008). The nature and dynamics of Internet pornography exposure for youth. *CyberPsychology & Behavior*, 11(6): 1-3.

Published 2007

Wolak, J., Mitchell, K., & Finkelhor, D. (2007). Does online harassment constitute bullying? An exploration of online harassment by known peers and online only contacts. *Supplement to Journal of Adolescent Health* 41(6).

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D., & Mitchell, K. (2007). 1 in 7 youth: The statistics about online sexual solicitations. Available online at <http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/internet-crimes/1in7Youth.pdf>.

Wolak, J., Ybarra, M., Mitchell, K., & Finkelhor, D. (2007). Current research knowledge about adolescent victimization on the Internet. *Adolescent Medicine State of the Art Reviews*, 18(2):325-341.

Wolak, J., Mitchell K.J., & Finkelhor, D. (2007). Unwanted and wanted exposure to pornography in a national sample of youth Internet users. *Pediatrics*, 119(2): 247-257.

Mitchell, K., **Wolak, J.**, & Finkelhor, D. (2007). Trends in youth reports of unwanted sexual solicitations, harassment and unwanted exposure to pornography on the Internet. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 40: 116-126.

Mitchell, K.J., Finkelhor, D., & **Wolak, J.** (2007). Youth Internet users at risk for the most serious online sexual solicitations. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 32(6): 532-537.

Mitchell, K.J., Finkelhor, D., & **Wolak, J.** (2007). Online requests for sexual pictures of youth: Risk factors and incident characteristics. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 41(2): 196-203.

Ybarra, M.L., Mitchell, K.J., Finkelhor, D., & **Wolak, J.** (2007). Internet prevention messages: Are we targeting the right behaviors?. *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*, 161: 138-145.

Published 2006

Wolak, J., Mitchell K.J., & Finkelhor, D. (2006) Online victimization of youth: Five years later. National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Report #07-06-025: Alexandria, VA.

Ybarra, M., Mitchell, K., **Wolak, J.**, & Finkelhor, D. (2006). Examining characteristics and associated distress related to Internet harassment: Findings from the Second Youth Internet Safety Survey. *Pediatrics*, 118(4): 1169-1177.

Published 2005

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

Walsh, W. & **Wolak, J.** (2005). Can nonforcible sex crimes be successfully prosecuted when victims are willing adolescents? *Child Maltreatment* 10 (2), 1-12.

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.

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K. (2005). *Child pornography possessors arrested for Internet-related crimes: A national study*. Report prepared for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Alexandria, VA. (No. 06-05-023).

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*.

Published 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 35*, 10-17.

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.

Published 2003

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.

Published 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.

Published 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.

Published 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)

Published 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.

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2009

Wolak, J. (June 2009) *American Youth and the Internet*. Plenary speaker at EU Kids Online Conference, London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom.

Wolak, J. (May 2009) *Research findings in the United States about sexual exploitation via online interactions*. International Conference on Effective Strategies for the Prevention of Child Online Pornography, Trafficking and Abuse. Manama, Bahrain.

Wolak, J. (February 2009). *Internet sex crimes: New developments*. Plenary speaker at the Conference on Children and Online Sexual Violence. Stockholm, Sweden.

Wolak, J. (January 2009). *Child sexual exploitation*. Presented at the Service & Research Foundation of Asia on Family and Culture World Congress. New Delhi, India.

2008

Wolak, J. (August 2008). *Toward a more differentiated understanding of online sexually abusive practices*. Presented at the ECPAT (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) Thematic Preparatory Meeting on Combating Sexual Exploitation of Children in Abuse Images and Online. Bangkok, Thailand.

Wolak, J. (May 2008). *Child pornography offenders: What law enforcement cases tell us*. Presented at the Banff Roundtable on Sexual Offending. Banff, Alberta, Canada.

Wolak, J. (March 2008). *What we know about child victims of online crimes*. Presented at the Research Meeting on Children's Reactions to Online Violence sponsored by the Council of the Baltic Sea States. London, England.

2007

Wolak, J. (May 2007). *What makes adolescents vulnerable to online grooming?* Presented at the University of Toronto Centre for Innovation Law and Policy Second International Symposium on Online Child Exploitation. Toronto, Canada.

2006

Wolak, J. (September 2006). *What research tells us about online grooming and other Internet problems*. XVI ISPCAN International Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, York, England.

Wolak, J. (June 2006). *Dynamics of Internet victimization*. Swedish Foundation for Child Welfare Meeting for Practitioners. Stockholm, Sweden.

Wolak, J. (May 2006). *Children and young persons seeking contacts on the Internet*. Expert Meeting on Children and Young Persons with Abusive and Violent Experiences Connected to Cyberspace. Satra Bruk, Sweden.

2005

Wolak, J. (June 2005). *Virtual Interactions*. Presented at the ECPAT (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) Roundtable Meeting on Violence against Children in Virtual Settings. Bangkok, Thailand.

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

2004

Wolak, J. (May 2004). *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.

2003

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

2002

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

2000 and before

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

Wolak, J. (August 2000). *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. (November 1999). *A taxonomy of factors in underreporting of juvenile victimization to police*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, 51st Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada.

UNITED STATES PRESENTATIONS

2009

Wolak, J. (July 2009) *Forming empirical responses to questions raised by child pornography possession*. Presented at the 1st Annual ACM Northeast Digital Forensics Exchange. New York, NY.

Wolak, J. (June 2009) *Trends in Internet-related sexual victimization: Findings from the 2nd National Juvenile Online Victimization Survey*. Presented at the 17th Annual American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Colloquium. Atlanta, GA.

Finkelhor, D. & **Wolak, J.** (January 2009) *Internet sex crimes: New developments and trends*. Presented at the 23rd Annual San Diego Conference on Child & Family Maltreatment. San Diego, CA.

2008

Wolak, J. (December 2008). Panelist. Research Update. Family Online Safety Institute Annual Conference 2008. Washington, DC.

Wolak, J. (October 2008). *Online predators and their victims: Myth and Reality*. Presented to the New Hampshire Pediatric Society. Concord, NH.

Wolak, J. (October 2008). *Characteristics of child pornography possessors: Findings from a national study of law enforcement*. Presented at the 27th Annual Research and Treatment Conference of the Association of Treatment of Sexual Abusers. Atlanta, GA.

Wolak, J. (October 2008). *Varieties and dynamics of child pornography production*. Presented at the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference. Boston, MA.

Mitchell, K. & **Wolak, J.** (July 2008). *The prevalence of juvenile prostitution in the criminal justice system*. Presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Wolak, J. (May 2008). *Research knowledge about online meeting crimes*. Presented for the Internet Safety Technical Task Force. Washington, DC.

Mitchell, K. & **Wolak, J.** (January 2008). *Types and characteristics of juvenile prostitution in the criminal justice system*. Presented at the 22nd Annual San Diego Conference on Child & Family Maltreatment. San Diego, CA.

2007

Wolak, J. (October 2007). *Internet safety messages: What NOT to say*. Presented at the Internet Crimes Against Children National Conference. San Jose, CA.

Wolak, J. (October 2007). *Internet crimes: Myths & realities*. Presented at the Hennepin County Medical Center Annual Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect Team Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (July 2007). *Youth, sex & the Internet: What practitioners need to know*. Presented at the 15th Annual American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Colloquium. Boston, MA.

Mitchell K., Finkelhor, D. & **Wolak, J.** (July 2007). *The National Survey of Law Enforcement Responses to Juvenile Prostitution: Preliminary findings*. Presented at the 2007 International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Mitchell, K., **Wolak, J.** & Finkelhor, D. (January 2007). *Online dangers: What are they; what makes youth vulnerable and how should we respond?* Presented at the 21st Annual San Diego Conference on Child & Family Maltreatment. San Diego, CA.

2006

Finkelhor, D & **Wolak, J.** (September 2006). *What research tells us about internet predators and other online problems: Findings from the Second Youth Internet Safety Survey.* Presented at the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers 25th Annual Research and Treatment Conference. Chicago, IL.

Wolak, J. (September 2006). *Internet harassment: Findings from the Second Youth Internet Safety Survey.* Presented at the Expert Panel on Electronic Media and Youth Violence. Atlanta, GA.

Wolak, J. (August 2006). *Findings from the Second Youth Internet Safety Survey.* Presented at the 2006 Crimes Against Children Conference. Dallas, TX.

Wolak, J. (July 2006). *What do we know about online predators?* Presented at the National Institute for Justice Conference. Washington DC.

Wolak, J., Mitchell, K., & Ybarra, M. (July 2006). *Trends and characteristics of youth Internet victimization.* Presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Finkelhor, D., **Wolak, J.,** Mitchell, K., & Ybarra, M. (January 2006). *Youth, sex & the Internet: What practitioners need to know.* Presented at the 2006 International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, San Diego, CA.

J. Wolak. (January 2006). *What do we know about Internet offenders?* Presented at the 2006 OJJDP National Conference. Washington, DC.

J. Wolak. (January 2006). *Internet crimes: Who are the victims?* Presented at the 2006 OJJDP National Conference. Washington, DC.

2005

Wolak, J. (October 2005) *Kids and the Internet: What you should know.* Presented at the 22nd Annual New England School Psychology Conference. Concord, NH.

Wolak, J. (July 2005). *Child molesters who use the Internet : Are they different from child molesters overall?* Presented at the 9th International Family Violence Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Wolak, J. and Mitchell, K. (June 2005). *How the Internet is used by sex offenders to target adolescents*. Presented at 2005 National Conference of the National Center for Victims of Crimes. Washington, DC.

Wolak, J. (May 2005). *Current Internet crimes research and the impact on investigation/prosecution*. Presented at SAFETY NET: Multidisciplinary Investigation and Prosecution of Computer-Assisted Child Sexual Exploitation, a training session of the American Prosecutors Research Institute, National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse. Burlington, VT.

Wolak, J. (May 2005). *Youth, sex, crimes and the Internet*. Presented at the New Hampshire Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Annual Conference. Concord, NH.

Wolak, J. & Mitchell, K. (May 2005). *Child sexual abuse and the Internet: What practitioners need to know*. Presented at the 15th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. Boston, MA.

2004

Wolak, J. & Finkelhor, D. (October 2004). *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. (August 2004). *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. (July 2004). *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. (June 2004). *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. (January 2004). *Juvenile online victimization*. Presented at the 18th Annual San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment. San Diego, CA.

2003

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

2002

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

2001

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

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

2000 and before

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

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

Wolak, J. (June 2000). *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.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of California, 1978 (inactive)

State of New York, 1979 (inactive)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

- International Advisory Panel, EU Kids Online, London School of Economics, London, UK, June 2009.
- Global Symposium for Examining the Relationship between Online and Offline Offenses and Preventing the Sexual Exploitation of Children. Chapel Hill, NC, April 2009.

- Preparatory Thematic Expert Meeting on Child Abuse Images and Sexual Exploitation of Children Online for the World Congress III on Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents. Bangkok, Thailand, August 2008.
- Banff Roundtable on Sexual Offending. Banff, Alberta, Canada, May 2008.
- Research Meeting on Children's Reactions to Online Violence sponsored by the Council of the Baltic Sea States, London, England, March 2008.
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Roundtable on Child Pornography, Alexandria, Virginia, February 2008.
- Consultant, Fox Valley Technical College, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Assessment and Training Evaluation Program, 2006 to present.
- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Working Group, Research Committee
- Expert Panel on Electronic Media and Youth Violence, US Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia, 2006.
- Expert Meeting on Children and Young Persons with Abusive and Violent Experiences Connected to Cyberspace. Satra Bruk, Sweden, May, 2006.
- ECPAT International Roundtable on Violence against Children in and via Virtual Settings, Bangkok, Thailand, June 2005.
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Online Sexual Victimization of Children Working Group, 2004.
- International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)
- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

JOURNAL REVIEWS

Child Abuse & Neglect
Child Abuse Review
Developmental Psychology
Journal of Adolescence
Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology
Journal of Early Adolescence
Journal of Adolescent Health
Pediatrics
Schizophrenia Research
Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research & Treatment
Violence against Women

ADVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Melissa Wells, Doctoral Thesis Committee, University of New Hampshire (Sociology), 2002-2003
Stephanie Halter, Doctoral Thesis Committee, University of New Hampshire (Sociology), 2007-2008

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

12/08-present **Senior Researcher**, Crimes against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire.

- 7/98-11/08 **Research Assistant 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

- Unitarian Universalist Church of Portsmouth NH, Pastoral Associate, 2007-2009
- Portsmouth NH Community Garden, 2006-present
- Rockingham County Interfaith Hospitality Network, Portsmouth NH, 2006-present
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, Volunteer Big Sister, 2005 – 2007
- Guardian ad Litem, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), 1997-2004
- Barrington NH School Board, 1995-2001

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