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Ph.D., 2002 Sociology, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
M.S., 1997 Family Studies, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
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CURRENT POSITION:

2011-present **Research Associate Professor, Sociology**
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2003-2011 **Research Assistant Professor, Sociology**
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Primary areas of research: studies on the investigative and criminal justice response to child abuse; service use after child maltreatment, rural child abuse, resilience after child abuse; child advocacy centers, adolescent sexual assault, program evaluation

PUBLICATIONS:

UNDER REVIEW:

Walsh, W.A., Jones, L.M., & Swiecicki, C. (2012). *Using case tracking data from a child advocacy center to examine criminal disposition times for child abuse cases*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

PEER REVIEWED:

Walsh, W. A. & Steelman, D. (in press). *Criminal disposition time for child sexual abuse cases in a large urban court*. Justice System Journal.

Cross, T. P., Fine, J., Jones, L., & **Walsh, W.A.** (2012). Mental health professionals in children's advocacy centers: Is there role conflict? *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse Special Issue*, 21(4), 91-108.

Walsh, W. A., Cross, T. P., & Jones, L. M. (2012). Do parents blame or doubt their child more when sexually abused by adolescents versus adults? *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 27(3), 453-470.

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Banyard, V., Ward, S., Cohn, E , Plante, E., Moorehead, C., & **Walsh, W.A.** (2007). Unwanted sexual contact on campus: A comparison of women's and men's experiences. *Violence and Victims, 22*(1), 52-71.

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Walsh, W.A. (2010). *Hard Times made Harder: Struggling Caregivers and Child Neglect*. Carsey Institute Issue Brief No. 19. Durham, NH: University of New Hampshire.

Steelman, D.C. & **Walsh, W.A.** (2010, April). *Felony Child Maltreatment Cases in the Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa County*. Denver, CO: National Center for State Courts.

Jones, L.M. & **Walsh, W.A.** (2010, January). *Improving Access to Mental Health Services for Abused Children in New Hampshire: System Recommendations for CACs*. Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire.

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Banyard, V., Cohn, E., Moynihan, M., **Walsh, W.A.**, & Ward, S. (2008). *Unwanted Sexual Experiences at UNH 2006: Incidence and Prevalence*. Durham, NH: University of New Hampshire.

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Walsh, W.A. (1998). *Upper Androscoggin Valley Area Profile: Berlin, Gorham, Milan, Randolph, Shelburne*. Gorham, NH: The Family Resource Center.

PRESENTATIONS

Walsh, W.A. (2012, July). *Trends in close online relationships among youth*. Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH.

Walsh, W.A. (2011, November). *Exploring case resolution time for child sexual abuse cases in three counties*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference. Washington, DC.

Walsh, W.A. (2011, November). *Sexting: When are Proecutors Deciding to Prosecute Minors?* Paper presented at the Ending Domestic & Sexual Violence: Innovations in Practice and Research Conference, University of New Hampshire.

Walsh, W.A. (2011, October). *How long does it takes to criminally resolve child sexual abuse cases in the criminal justice system?* Paper presented at the University of New Hampshire Carsey Institute Brown Bag Lunch Series. Durham, NH.

Walsh, W.A. & Jones, L.M. (2011, June). *Exploring Organizational Court Culture on Case Disposition Time for Child Sexual Abuse Cases*. Paper presented at the Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Walsh, W.A., Jones, L.M., Breton, K., & Lippert, T. (2010, July). *Statutory sex crimes: Exploring how and why adolescents become sexually involved with adults*. Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH.

Walsh, W.A., & Jones, L.M. (2009, October). *UNH research findings on investigations and mental health services for child abuse victims in NH*. Paper presented at the 16th Annual NH Attorney General's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. Manchester, NH.

Walsh, W.A., Jones, L.M., & Cross, T.P. (2009, April). *Does maternal support differ when children are sexually assaulted by adolescents versus adults?* Paper presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO.

Walsh, W., Jones, L. & Finkelhor, D. (2009, January). *Multi-disciplinary mobilization to reduce prosecution time in child sexual abuse.* Paper presented at the 23rd Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, San Diego, CA.

Walsh, W. (2008, September). *Justice delayed is justice denied: Research findings regarding the length of time to disposition.* Paper presented at the National District Attorney Association's Child Abuse Summit: Working Together to Improve Child Abuse Prosecutions, Columbia, SC.

Walsh, W. (2008, August). *Reducing the length of time to investigate and prosecute crimes against children.* Paper presented at the 116th American Psychological Association Convention, Boston, MA.

Walsh, W. & Jones, M. (2008, July). *Access to counseling services after a report of child abuse.* Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Walsh, W., & Jones, M. (2008, June). *Children sexually assaulted by juveniles: An assessment of maternal support.* Paper presented at the 16th Annual APSAC Colloquium, Phoenix, AZ.

Walsh, W., Dawson, J., & Mattingly, B. (2007, August). *Does service use enhance resilience among high risk children?: A longitudinal analysis of the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW).* Paper presented at the 115th American Psychological Association Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Walsh, W., Mattingly, B., & Dawson, J. (2007, July). *A longitudinal analysis of resources related to resilience among maltreated children.* Paper presented at the 15th Annual APSAC Colloquium, Boston, MA.

Walsh, W., Mattingly, B., & Dawson, J. (2007, July). *Resilience among high-risk adolescents: Analyses from the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being.* Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Walsh, W., & Jones, L. (2007, April). *Do children's advocacy centers really work?* Paper presented at the 16th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Portland, OR.

Walsh, W., Dawson, J., & Mattingly, Marybeth, (2007, January). *Resilient adaptation among maltreated children.* Paper presented at the NSCAW Data Users Meeting, Washington, DC.

Walsh, W., Dawson, J., & Mattingly, Marybeth, (2007, January). *Understanding the experiences of children involved with CPS: Studies from the national survey of child and adolescent well-being.* Paper presented at the San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, San Diego, CA.

Walsh, W., Dawson, J., & Cross, T. (2006, November). *Resilience among child abuse victims: Findings from the national survey of child and adolescent well-being*. Paper presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Walsh, W., Jones, L., & Cross, T. (2006, July). *How long does it take from a report of child abuse to the initial investigation?* Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Walsh, W., Jones, L., & Cross, T. (2006, June). *The response to children and families during child sexual abuse investigations: Research on speed, sensitivity, and support*. Paper presented at the 14th Annual APSAC Colloquium, Nashville, TN.

Jones, L., Cross, T., & Walsh, W. (2006, May). *Using CAC data for advocacy, evaluation, and research*. Paper presented at the National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference, Washington, DC.

Walsh, W., Trumble, M., Cross, T., Jones, L., & Simone, M. (2005, November). *Sentencing outcomes for child abuse offenders*. Paper presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada.

Walsh, W., Cross, T., Jones, L., & Simone, M. (2005, July). *What happens after a report of adolescent sexual assault?* Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

Walsh, W., Simone, M., Cross, T., & Jones, L. (2005, June). *New research from the multi-site evaluation of children's advocacy centers*. Paper presented at the 13th Annual APSAC Colloquium, New Orleans, LA.

Cross, T. & Walsh, W. (2005, June). *The multi-site evaluation of CACs*. Paper presented at the National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference, Washington, DC.

Walsh, W., Jones, L., Cross, T., & Simone, M. (2005, April). *Improving child abuse investigations: Perceptions and experiences of victims and caregivers*. Paper presented at 15th National Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect, Boston, MA.

Walsh, W., Cross, T., Jones, L., & Simone, M. (2004, November). *Comparing response systems for adolescent sexual abuse victims: Communities with and without children's advocacy centers*. Paper presented at the 56th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, TN.

Walsh, W., Jones, L., Cross, T., & Simone, M. (2004, July). *Who receives a medical exam? children's advocacy centers and comparison communities*. Paper presented at the Victimization of Children and Youth: An International Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH.

Walsh, W., & Wolak, J. (2004, July). *Prosecutorial responses to Internet sex crimes against adolescent victims*. Paper presented at the Victimization of Children and Youth: An International Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH.

Cross, T., Jones, L. & Walsh, W. (2004, May). *Multi-Site evaluation of CACS: Initial results*. Paper presented at the National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference, Washington, DC.

Walsh, W., Cross, T., Jones, L., & Simone, M. (2003, November). *Child victimization: Exploring the victims & offenders connected with Children's Advocacy Centers*. Paper presented at the 55th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO.

Walsh, W. Cross, T., Jones, L., & Simone, M (2003, February). *What happens when child abuse cases are prosecuted? A meta-analytic review*. Paper presented at the 17th Annual San Diego Conference on Family and Child Maltreatment. San Diego, CA.

Walsh, W., Cohn, E., Banyard, V., Plante, E., Morrehead, C., & Ward, S. (2001, November). *Predicting perceptions of safety on a college campus*. Paper presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the American Society on Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Walsh, W. (2001, August). *Parent educators in a bind: Presenting a no-spanking curriculum*. Paper presented at the 96th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

Cross, T. & Walsh, W. (2001, June). *Prosecution of child abuse cases: A review of criminal justice rates*. Paper presented at the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children 9th Annual National Colloquium, Washington, DC.

Walsh, W. (2000, August). *Building a community profile in five rural towns*. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociology Association, Washington, DC.

Walsh, W. (1998, March). *Social influences on spanking*. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

2005- present **Research Associate**. Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire. University of New Hampshire, Durham NH.

2009- 2012 **Independent Evaluator**. Contracted by Weeks Medical Center in Whitefield, NH to evaluate the Get In Shape program for child and adolescent obesity. Contracted by Smart from the Start in Boston, MA to evaluate an early childhood initiative.

June 2000 - Sept 2003 **Research Associate**, Crimes against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire. Provide data management, analysis, and technical support on the Multi-Site Evaluation of Children's Advocacy Centers.

Dec.1999- Aug. 2000 **Research Assistant**, Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program, University of New Hampshire. In charge of implementation of campus survey on unwanted sexual experiences and analysis of data.

- 1999 Summer **Research Fellow**, Putting Children First, Columbia University Teachers' College. Children and family social policy fellowship under the leadership of Dr. Jeanne Brooks-Gunn.
- Sept. 1998- May 1999 **Program Assistant**, Cooperative Extension, University of New Hampshire. Developed curricula for welfare to work training program and Family Focus Volunteer Parenting Program.
- Sept. 1996- August 1997 **Program Coordinator**, Family Focus Volunteer Parenting Program, Cooperative Extension, University of New Hampshire. Researched and wrote parenting factsheets, managed volunteer program, coordinated state trainings and conference, and wrote quarterly newsletter.
- 1992-1995 **Research Assistant**, Children's Division of the American Humane Association, Englewood, CO. Conducted statistical analysis, data quality control, data collection, and conducted focus groups.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2005 Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Social Work 860: Research Methods
- 2003 Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Sociology 599: Sociological Analysis.
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- 2000 Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Sociology 540: Social Problems.
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- 1999 Instructor, University of New Hampshire. Sociology 601: Research Methods.
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JOURNAL REVIEWS

Child Abuse & Neglect
 Child Maltreatment
 Children and Youth Services Review
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 Family Relations
 Journal of Interpersonal Violence
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 Journal of Community & Applied Social Psychology
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society on Criminology
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