

Curriculum Vitae

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Department of Civic Engagement and
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EDUCATION

- 2014** **Ph.D. in Criminal Justice**
North Dakota State University, Department of Criminal Justice & Political Science
Fargo, ND 58108
Dissertation Title: “Sexual Assault Cases and the Funnel of Justice: A Multi-
Methods Examination of Police and Prosecutorial Decision-Making”
Chair: Dr. Carol A. Archbold
- 2010** **M.S. in Criminal Justice Administration**
North Dakota State University, Department of Criminal Justice & Political Science
Fargo, ND 58108
Thesis title: “The Intra-Female Gender Hostility Thesis in Policing: Does it Apply?”
Chair: Dr. Carol A. Archbold
- 2008** **B.S. in Criminal Justice**
B.S. in Psychology
North Dakota State University, Department of Criminal Justice & Political Science
and Department of Psychology
Fargo, ND 58108

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Policing, Police Leadership, and Police-Citizen Interactions
Criminology and Criminological Theories
Violent Crime
Crimes against Women and Underrepresented Groups
Policy and Program Development and Assessment
Substance Use and Abuse
Race, Class, and Gender Disparities in the Criminal Justice System

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2020-present** **Associate Professor of Criminology, tenured**
Women's Studies Faculty
University of West Georgia (UWG), Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service, Carrollton, GA
- 2016 - 2020** **Assistant Professor of Criminology**
Women's Studies Faculty
University of West Georgia (UWG), Department of Criminology, Carrollton, GA
- 2015 - 2016** **Director of Assessment and Institutional Research**
North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS)
Wahpeton and Fargo, ND
Provided leadership and coordination of campus-wide and departmental assessment, institutional research, survey creation and analyses, and other elements to support student success and campus initiatives. Directed and facilitated academic program review, AQIP/accreditation, and outcomes assessment.
- 2014 - 2015** **Assistant Professor of Criminology**
University of West Georgia (UWG), Department of Criminology
Carrollton, GA
- 2012-2014** **Criminal Justice Instructor**
North Dakota State University (NDSU), Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science
Fargo, ND
- 2010-2014** **Sociology & Criminal Justice Adjunct Instructor**
Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM), Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
Moorhead, MN
- 2009-2010** **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
North Dakota State University Dept. of Criminal Justice & Political Science
Dr. Carol Archbold, Dr. Kjersten Nelson, and Dr. Sarah Browning
Taught the lab component of a research methods course for each professor during the fall and spring semesters. Guest lectured Deviant Behavior course while the professor was on maternity leave.
- 2008-2009** **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
North Dakota State University Dept. of Criminal Justice & Political Science
Dr. Thomas McDonald
Courses: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminalization, and Corrections

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (* denotes face to face and online)

University of West Georgia

Undergraduate Courses

Intro to Law Enforcement *
Police Deviance *
Police in Society *
Violent Crime *
Women and Criminal Justice *
Sports, Crime, and Society
Senior Capstone*
Drug Abuse*
Conflict mgmt. & Policing*
Contemporary Issues in Policing*
Global Crime & Justice*

Graduate Courses

Women in the Criminal Justice System *
Principles of Criminology
Violent Crime*
Contemporary Issues in Policing*
Law Enforcement Leadership*
Perspectives on Violence*

North Dakota State University

Undergraduate Courses

Applied Research Methods Lab
Criminology
Introduction to Criminal Justice
Women and Policing *
Business and Professional Writing for Criminal Justice

Minnesota State University Moorhead

Undergraduate Courses

Sociology of Law Enforcement
Gender, Race, and CJ Professions

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2015

Research Consultant

North Dakota Department of Health and North Dakota Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention (NDHECSAP)

Supervisor: Neil Charvat, Community Health Specialist, Chronic Disease Program
North Dakota Department of Health.

Quantitative data analyses of the ND Core drug and alcohol survey and Electronic Checkup-to-Go for each of the 11 NDUS institutions and at the aggregate level.

Compilation of reports and dissemination of results from the analyses to each institution and statewide.

2013-2014

Research and Data Consultant – Campus Tobacco Prevention Project

North Dakota Department of Health and North Dakota Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention (NDHECSAP)

Supervisor: Neil Charvat, Community Health Specialist, Chronic Disease Program
North Dakota Department of Health.

Analyzed tobacco-specific data from North Dakota college campuses and compiled campus-specific and aggregate-level reports. Co-authored an online educational and sanctioning tool for tobacco use at the college level, “e-smoke.”

- 2012-2013 Research Consultant**
**Parents LEAD Evaluation, North Dakota Department of Transportation,
NDSU Extension Services, North Dakota University System**
Dr. Sharon Query (PI)
Pro bono data collection and analysis of the Parents LEAD Project, a ND Department of Transportation funded program that uses media venues (primarily through a website) to provide resources to parents regarding how to talk to their children about substance use. The evaluation component included conducting focus groups and administering surveys to determine the effectiveness of the Parents LEAD program.
- 2012-2013 Research Consultant (Independent Contractor)**
North Dakota University System
Supervisor: Jane Vangsness Frisch, Director, ND Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention (NDHECSAP).
Quantitative and qualitative data analyses of various University System projects, including the ND Core drug and alcohol survey, substance-free late night events, and parent focus groups, among others. Disseminated results from the analyses statewide and at national research conferences.
- 2010-2012 Graduate Research Assistant**
North Dakota University System, Project North Dakota Partners in Prevention (NDPIP)
Supervisor: Jane Vangsness Frisch, Director, ND Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention (NDHECSAP).
Assisted the Director with all aspects of the research project, including the evaluations of the ND Core drug and alcohol survey and substance-free late-night events. This included drawing stratified random samples of college students from 12 college campuses for the ND Core survey, data collection, data analysis, and dissemination of results to individual campuses, statewide, and the broader scientific community.
- 2009-2010 Program Evaluator**
North Dakota State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)
North Dakota State University Dept. of Criminal Justice & Political Science
Dr. Kevin Thompson (PI), Ericka Wentz (Co-Investigator)
Assessed the effectiveness of the SEOW in pursuing their goal of reducing the prevalence of substance abuse in North Dakota through data-driven methods. Specific duties included the design, implementation, and data analysis of process and outcome evaluations in collaboration with North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services. Evaluations measured the progress of the workgroup as well as workgroup member perceptions of the overall efficacy of the group.
- 2006-2008 Research Assistant**
North Dakota State University Department of Psychology
Dr. Clayton Hilmert and Dr. Linda Langley
Gathered qualitative and quantitative data from study participants between the ages of 18 and 90, coded data, and data input.

RELEVANT WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE

- 2012** **Writer**
SAGE Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA
Wrote the ancillaries to the book, *Policing: A Text/Reader* (2012), authored by Carol A. Archbold. This involved the preparation of test banks, PowerPoint slides, student web quizzes, journal articles, video links, and web resources for each chapter, as well as sample syllabi.
- 2012** **Pre-Sentence Investigation Writer (Sex Offenders)**
North Dakota Department of Corrections, Parole and Probation Office, Fargo
Supervisor: Barb Breiland, Sex Offender Program Manager
Collected, compiled, and disseminated case-specific information to assist judges in making sentencing decisions for sex offenders. This involved interviewing convicted sex offenders, reviewing various reports (i.e., police reports, victim impact statements, character statements, etc.) in order to formulate specific sentencing and program recommendations. Proficient in the administration of the LSI-R, MnSOST-R, Static 99-R, and STABLE-2007 assessment instruments.
- 2008-2009** **Case Manager**
North Dakota State University, Office of Student Life
Supervisor: Nona Wood, Associate Director of Student Rights
Case manager for the “Back on TRAC” program, which teaches students who have substance abuse problems techniques to help them abstain and seek alternatives to substance use so that they may successfully achieve their educational goals.

BOOKS

Cox, S.M., Massey, D., Koski, C.M., & **Wentz, E.** (2023). *Introduction to Policing* (5th Edition). Sage Publications.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

* *Denotes student coauthor*

Meinert, E.K., & **Wentz, E.A.** (2024). Protecting but not protected: Sexual assault in the military. *Victims & Offenders*. Advance online publication.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2023.2299007>

Vanessa W. Griffin, V.W., **Wentz, E.**, & Meinert, E.* (2022). Explaining the Why in #WhyIDidntReport: An examination of common barriers to formal disclosure of sexual assault in college students. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 37(15-16),
<https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605211016343>.

Ericka A. Wentz (2019). Funneled through or filtered out: An examination of police and prosecutorial decision-making in adult sexual assault cases. *Violence against Women*, 26(15-16), 1919-1940.

Ericka Wentz & Kelsey Keimig (2019). Arrest and referral decisions in sexual assault cases: The influence of police discretion on case attrition. *Social Sciences*, 8, 180.

Michael Sanden & **Ericka Wentz** (2017). Kids and cops: Juveniles' perceptions of the police and police services. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 33(4), 411-430.

Carol A. Archbold, Thorvald Dahle, Melinda Fangman, **Ericka A. Wentz**, and McKenzie Wood. (2013). Racial profiling in the news: Accurate portrayal or perpetuation of myth? *Race and Justice*, 3(4), 300-320.

Ericka A. Wentz & Kristyn A. Schlimgen. (2012). Citizens' perceptions of police service and police response to community concerns. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 35(1), 114-133.

*This manuscript won first place for the graduate student paper competition in 2010 from the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association.

Ericka A. Wentz & Carol A. Archbold. (2012). Police perceptions of sexual assault victims: Exploring the intra-female gender hostility thesis. *Police Quarterly*. 15(1), 25-44.

MANUSCRIPTS FORTHCOMING OR UNDER REVIEW

Ayers, D., Wentz, E., Napper, S., & Marlowe, P.* (under review). Police administrators' views on the importance of higher education, training, and tactical gear.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Ericka Wentz and Anthony Vito (2017). Physical Agility Validation Study- Phase 1. Submitted to Sandy Springs Police Department, Sandy Springs, GA.

Ericka Wentz (2016). Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) Highlights and Trends from 2015. Report compiled for North Dakota State College of Science: Wahpeton, ND.

Ericka Wentz & Jane Vangsness Frisch (2015). NDCORE Drug and Alcohol Survey Report (1 aggregate report and 11 campus-specific reports). ND Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention (NDHECSAP): Bismarck, ND.

Ericka Wentz & Jane Vangsness Frisch (2015). Electronic Checkup-to-Go Report (ECHUG; 1 aggregate report and 11 campus-specific reports). ND Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention (NDHECSAP): Bismarck, ND.

Ericka Wentz (2014). Consequences of Tobacco Use on College Students: A Review of the Literature. North Dakota Department of Health, Campus Tobacco Prevention Project (CTPP).

Ericka Wentz (2013). An Assessment of Online Tobacco Prevention and Cessation programs on College and University Campuses. North Dakota Department of Health, Campus Tobacco Prevention Project (CTPP).

Ericka Wentz (2013). Tobacco Use and North Dakota College Students. (1 aggregate report and 8 campus-specific reports). North Dakota Department of Health, Campus Tobacco Prevention Project (CTPP).

Ericka Wentz & Jane Vangsness Frisch (2013). North Dakota Core Drug and Alcohol Survey Summaries. (1 aggregate report and 12 campus-specific reports). ND University System, NDPIP.

Ericka Wentz & Jane Vangsness Frisch (2012). Late-Night Event Assessment Overviews. (1 aggregate report and 12 campus-specific reports). ND University System, NDPIP.

Ericka Wentz & Jane Vangsness Frisch (2012). Medical Marijuana: An Overview of the Issue for North Dakota Colleges and Universities. ND Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Jane Vangsness Frisch & **Ericka Wentz** (2011). Online Alcohol Intervention Comparison (e-CHUG vs. AlcoholEDU). ND University System.

Ericka Wentz & Jane Vangsness Frisch (2011). Late-Night Event Assessment Overviews. (1 aggregate report and 12 campus-specific reports). ND University System, NDPIP.

Ericka Wentz & Jane Vangsness Frisch (2011). North Dakota Core Drug and Alcohol Survey Summaries. (1 aggregate report and 12 campus-specific reports). ND University System, NDPIP.

Ericka Wentz (2009-2010). Three Formative Evaluation Reports and One Summative Evaluation Report for North Dakota's State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (* denotes graduate student; ** denotes undergraduate student)

2023 **Ericka Wentz**, Dave Ayers, Sarah Napper, and Preston Marlowe.* *Police administrators' views on the importance of higher education, training, and tactical gear.* Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting, National Harbor, MD.

2019 Amy Irby-Shasanmi, Susana Velez-Castrillon, Anne Gaquere, **Ericka Wentz**, and Mitchell McIvor. *Small Teaching, Big Gains.* University of West Georgia's Innovations in Pedagogy conference.

- 2019** **Ericka Wentz**, Vanessa Griffin & Emily Meinert.** *Speaking out on Twitter: An analysis of why college students do not report sexual assaults*. National Conference of Undergraduate Research, Kennesaw, GA
*This presentation was also delivered at the 2019 UWG's Scholar's Day.
- 2019** Anthony G. Vito & **Ericka Wentz**. *Understanding college students' attitudes of campus police*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2017** **Ericka Wentz** & Anthony Vito. *Police officers' perceptions of physical fitness standards*. American Society of Criminology annual meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 15-18.
- 2017** **Ericka Wentz**, Anthony Vito, & Erica Jackson*. *Police officers' perceptions of the importance of physical fitness and physical agility*. Southern Criminal Justice Association annual meeting. New Orleans, LA. September 27-30.
- 2014** Kelsey Keimig, **Ericka Wentz**, and Carol Archbold. *Police discretion and sexual assault case attrition*. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association's annual meeting. Chicago, IL. September 25-27.
- 2013** **Ericka Wentz**. *Sexual assault cases and the funnel of justice: An examination of police and prosecutorial decision-making*. American Society of Criminology annual meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 19-22. (also served as panel Chair)
- 2013** Vangsness Frisch, J., Mauch, B., & **Wentz, E.** *Providing late-night options to support a healthy campus environment: Do they make a difference? (Program ID-3183.)* Presentation at the NASPA Alcohol, Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Conference: Fort Worth, TX. January 16-19.
- 2012** Archbold, C.A., Dahle, T., Fangman, M., **Wentz, E.A.**, & Wood, M. *Racial profiling in the news: Accurate portrayal or perpetuation of myth?* American Society of Criminology annual meeting. Chicago, IL. November 14-17.
- 2012** **Ericka Wentz** & Michael Sanden. *Juvenile perceptions of the police and police services*. Academy of Criminal Justice Science annual meeting. New York, NY. March 13-17.
- 2012** **Ericka Wentz** and Carol Archbold. *Assessing the congruence between police classification of sexual assault claims and prosecutorial charging decisions*. Academy of Criminal Justice Science annual meeting. New York, NY. March 13-17.
- 2010** **Ericka Wentz**, Carol Archbold, & Kimberly Hassell. *Police officer perceptions of rape victims: A multi-methods test of the intra-female gender hostility thesis*. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association annual meeting. Chicago, IL. September 23-25.

- 2010** **Ericka Wentz** & Kristyn Schlimgen. *Citizens' perceptions of police service and police response to community concerns*. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association annual meeting. Chicago, IL. September 23-25.
- 2009** **Ericka Wentz**, Carol A. Archbold, & Kimberly D. Hassell. *Exploring variation in the perceptions of rape among male and female police officers: Does the Intra-Female Hostility thesis apply?* Midwestern Criminal Justice Association annual meeting. Chicago, IL. September 24-26.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Vangsness Frisch, J., & **Wentz, E.** (2012, November). *Providing alcohol-free options to support a healthy campus environment: Do they make a difference?* Webinar presentation delivered as online professional development session for Washington State College Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention moderated by J.R. Kilmer, Seattle, WA.
- Jane Vangsness Frisch & **Ericka Wentz.** (2011). *Providing alcohol-free options to support a healthy campus environment*. Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools (OSDFS) national meeting. National Harbor, MD. August 8-10.

GRANTS (awarded)

- Research Support, 2018 COSS Summer Initiative, UWG. (\$5,000)
- Advanced Online Course Development, 2017 COSS Summer Initiative, UWG. (\$2,500).
- Co-Principal Investigator, "The Science of Success." National Science Foundation Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM). NDSCS 2015-2020. (\$648,463). *(Relinquished role as co-PI upon my departure from the institution)*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Criminology Department Service Award, UWG
 College of Social Sciences Outstanding Service nominee, UWG
- 2018 Criminology Department Teaching Award, UWG
 College of Social Sciences Outstanding Service nominee, UWG
 College of Social Sciences Outstanding Teaching nominee, UWG
- 2017 Best of the West for Strategic Imperative, UWG
- 2010 1st place-Graduate student paper competition, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

WORKSHOPS, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATES

- 2023 Echo Experience (Echo 360)-virtual, June 20-21
- 2023 The GPT Revolution: Exploring Prospects & Roadblocks in Teaching and Learning (USG)-Sept 27
- 2023 The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Higher Ed: Shaping the Change (USG)-Oct 16
- 2023 From A.I. to A+: Unleashing the Power of ChatGPT (USG)-Oct 26
- 2023 Navigating the Digital Future: Faculty Exploring AI's Role in Ed. (USG)-Oct 31
- 2023 AI Anywhere & Everywhere (Challey Institute-NDSU)-Nov 30
- 2019 Small Teaching, Big Gains (UWG Faculty learning community)
- 2019 Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) training for volunteers
- 2018 Quality Matters Rubric Update (6th edition)
- 2018 Quality Matters Accelerated Higher Ed. Publisher Course
- 2017 Advanced Online Course Development
- 2016 Safe Zone Training
- 2016 Quality Matters Teaching Online Certificate (involved seven workshops)
- 2015 Association for Institutional Research in the Upper Midwest Conference, Minneapolis
- 2015 Women's ACE Leadership Conference, Fargo, ND
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Designing Your Online Course
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Applying the QM Rubric
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Peer Reviewer Course

SELECTED SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- 2023- University College Senate's Academic Programs Committee, Co-chair
- 2023 University College (UWG) Promotion and Tenure Committee member
- 2023-24 ASC, Program Committee member
- 2023-24 ASC, Division of Policing, Awards Committee member
- 2022-23 ACJS, Assessment Committee member
- 2021- University College Promotion and Tenure Committee
- 2021-22 University College Executive Committee, member
- 2021-22 University College Strategic Planning Committee, member
- 2021-22 Chair's Advisory Committee Member
- 2020-21 UWG Faculty Senate's Academic Policies committee, member
- 2019-21 Faculty Council, Criminology representative, UWG
- 2018-20 Faculty Development Committee, COSS representative, UWG
- 2018 College of Social Sciences Community Service Day Site leader
- 2018 Chair, Search committee for Chair of Criminology, UWG
- 2018 Search Committee Member (3 tenure track and 1 non-tenure track position), UWG
- 2017 Search Committee Member (1 tenure track position), UWG Dept. of Criminology
- 2017 Subject Matter Expert, Quality Matters Peer Review of Death Penalty Course
- 2017 College of Social Sciences Community Service Day Volunteer
- 2017 Dept. of Criminology Representative, UWG Spring Preview Day
- 2016-17 College of Social Sciences Representative, UWG Student Affairs Committee
- 2016 - Criminology Assessment Coordinator, undergrad (online & F2F) and grad (UWG)
- 2016 -21 Graduate Committee, UWG Dept. of Criminology
- 2016 - Facebook Administrator, UWG Dept. of Criminology

- 2016 Search Committee Member (4 tenure track positions), UWG Dept. of Criminology
- 2016 College of Social Sciences Community Service Day Site Leader
- 2014 Search Committee Member (1 tenure track position), UWG Dept. of Criminology
- 2014 College of Social Sciences Community Service Day Volunteer
- 2014-15 Curriculum Development Committee, UWG Dept. of Criminology
- 2014-15 Grade Appeals Subcommittee Member, UWG
- 2013 Chair for the panel, *Investigative Practices in Policing*, ASC Annual Conference
- 2012 - Manuscript Reviewer:
- Criminal Justice and Behavior*
- The Sociological Quarterly*
- Violence Against Women*
- Journal of Crime and Justice*
- Police Quarterly*
- European Journal of Criminology*
- European Journal of Policing Studies*
- Sociology Compass*
- Oxford University Press*
- Sage*
- 2010-14 Complaint Resolution Board Member, NDSU

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Society of Criminology
 - Division on Women and Crime
 - Division of Policing
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- Southern Criminal Justice Association
- Association for Institutional Research (2015-2016)
- Association for Institutional Research in the Upper Midwest (2015-2016)
- Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (2008-2014)