

# Curriculum Vitae

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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

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## **ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

- 2016 - Present**      **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\*

Graduate Courses

Law Enforcement Leadership\*  
Perspectives on Violence  
Principles of Criminology  
Women in the Criminal Justice System \*

**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.

## **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

- Ericka A. Wentz** (forthcoming). Funneled through or filtered out: An examination of police and prosecutorial decision-making in adult sexual assault cases. Accepted for publication in *Violence against Women*.
- 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 UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS**

Anthony Vito and **Ericka Wentz**. Understanding college students' attitudes of campus police. (under review at *Deviant Behavior*)

Ericka Wentz, Vanessa W. Griffin, and Emily Meinert. Speaking out on Twitter: An analysis of why college students do not report sexual assaults. (in progress)

### **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)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> place-Graduate student paper competition, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

## **WORKSHOPS, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATES**

- 2019 Small Teaching, Big Gains (UWG Faculty learning community)
- 2019 Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) training for volunteers
- 2018 Quality Matters Rubric Update (6<sup>th</sup> 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
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Designing Your Online Course
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Applying the QM Rubric
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Peer Reviewer Course

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- 2019- Faculty Council, Criminology representative, UWG
- 2018- 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 - 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*  
     *Sociology Compass*  
     *Oxford University Press*  
     *Sage*  
 2010-14 Complaint Resolution Board Member, NDSU

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Society of Criminology
  - Division on Women and Crime
- 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)