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### EDUCATION

- 2018            Ph.D., School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany
- 2011            M.A., School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany
- 2009            B.A., Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California,  
 Irvine

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Indigent defense, legal reform and evaluation, local court culture and politics, juvenile justice, youth street gangs, criminal justice processes, qualitative and case study methodologies

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Worden, A. P., Shteynberg, R. V., **Morgan, K. A.**, and Davies, A. L. B. (2020). The impact of counsel at first appearance on pretrial release in felony arraignments: The case of rural jurisdictions. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 1-24. doi10.1177/0887403419873018

Worden, A. P., **Morgan, K. A.**, Shteynberg, R. V., and Davies A. L. B. (2018). “What difference does a lawyer make? The effect of counsel at first appearance on bail decisions and outcomes in misdemeanor courts.” *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 29(6-7), 710-735. DOI: 10.1177/0887403417726133

Worden, A. P., Davies A. L. B., Shteynberg, R.V., **Morgan, K. A.** (2017). Court reform: Why simple solutions might not fail: A case study of implementation of counsel at first appearance.” *14 Ohio St. J. Crim. L.* 521.

Peterson, D. and **Morgan, K. A.** (2014). Sex differences and the overlap in youths' risk factors for onset of violence and gang involvement. *Journal of Crime & Justice* (37), 1: 129-154. DOI: 10.1080/0735648X.2013.830393

Fader, J., Kurlychek, M., and **Morgan, K. A.** (2014). Dispositional decision-making for residential placement. *Social Science Research* (44), 126-140. DOI: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2013.11.006.

## OTHER SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Worden, A. P., Davies A. L. B., Shteynberg, R.V., **Morgan, K. A.** (2020). Early intervention by counsel: A multi-site evaluation of the presence of counsel at defendants' first appearances in court. *Final Summary Report for National Institute of Justice Grant 2014-IJ-CX0027*. Washington, D.C.: National Criminal Justice Reference Service.

**Morgan, K. A.** (2019). Judicial waiver and adultification of youth. In B. Crank and C. Marcum (Eds.). *Controversial issues in criminal justice: An active learning approach*. Cognella Publishing.

Davies, A. L. B., and **Morgan, K. A.** (2019). Providing counsel for defendants: Access, quality, and impact. In A. Smith and S. Maddan (Eds.). *The lower criminal courts*. Routledge.

**Morgan, K.A.**, Shteynberg, R. V., Ackerman, R., and Lee, C. G. (2018). *Incorporating client perspectives into indigent defense research: A guide for practitioners*. Washington, D.C.: National Legal Aid and Defenders Association.

Worden, A. P., Shteynberg, R. V., **Morgan, K. A.**, and Davies, A. L. B. (Fall 2017). "Beyond the city limits: Evaluating court reforms in rural and small-town courts." *Translational Criminology*, 13, 10-12.

**Morgan, K. A.** and Shelley, W. W. (2014). Juvenile street gangs. In *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, edited by Jay S. Albanese. Wiley-Blackwell.

Peterson, D. and **Morgan, K. A.** (2011). Toward an understanding of youth gang involvement: Implications for schools. Chapter in *The Handbook of School Violence and School Safety: International Research and Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*, edited by Shane R. Jimerson, Amanda B. Nickerson, Matthew J. Mayer, & Michael J. Furlong. New York: Routledge.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Worden, A. P., **Morgan, K. A.**, & Shteynberg, R.V. Court reform in action: Tracking the impacts of providing counsel at first appearance in upstate New York.

Worden, A. P., Shteynberg, R.V., & **Morgan, K. A.** Updating Feeley: Proposing a new theoretical framework for studying court reform.

**Morgan, K. A.**, Williams, M., & Perkins, E. Assessing the impact of assigned counsel fee reductions on attorneys and clients in North Carolina.

**Morgan, K. A.** “Process as punishment: Relationship of perceived processes to perceived outcomes.”

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

The Court System, Appalachian State University (undergraduate)

Juvenile Justice, Appalachian State University (undergraduate)

Writing in Criminal Justice, Appalachian State University (undergraduate)

Youth Gangs, Appalachian State University (undergraduate)

Court Administration, Appalachian State University (graduate and undergraduate)

Research Methods, Appalachian State University (undergraduate)

Policing in a Free Society, University at Albany (undergraduate)

Criminal Law (Teaching Assistant), University at Albany (undergraduate)

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Jul 2018-present	Assistant Professor, Department of Government and Justice Studies Appalachian State University
Aug 2017-Jun 2018	Instructor, Department of Government and Justice Studies Appalachian State University
Jan 2015-Aug 2017	Senior Research Assistant Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA) Project, supported by the National Institute of Justice PI Dr. Alissa Pollitz Worden & Co-PI Dr. Andrew Davies
Aug 2013 – Dec 2014	Graduate Research Assistant, Juvenile Justice Unit New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
May 2013 – Aug 2013	Research Assistant for Dr. Andrew Davies, Director of Research New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services
May 2012 – Jul 2012	Interviewer Peer Group Study (G.R.E.A.T. Evaluation), supported by the National Institute of Justice PI Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen

- May 2010 – Sep 2010      Research Assistant for juvenile risk assessment project  
New York State Office of Children and Family Services
- Sep 2009 – Jun 2010      Research Assistant for Dr. Dana Peterson  
School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany
- Jan 2008 – Jun 2008      Research Assistant for Dr. Cheryl Maxson  
Department of Criminology, Law and Society, UC Irvine

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2020    Worden, A. P., **Morgan, K. A.**, and Shteynberg, R. V. “Early intervention by counsel: A multi-site evaluation of the presence of counsel at defendants’ first appearances in court.” Accepted at the cancelled American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Washington, D.C.
- 2019    **Morgan, K. A.** and Williams, M. “North Carolina Assigned Counsel Fee Reduction: Impact on Caseloads, Attorney Pay, and Case Outcomes.” Presented at the British Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Lincoln, UK.
- 2018    **Morgan, K. A.** and Williams, M. “Patterns in Assigned Counsel Attorney Payments and Misdemeanor Case Outcomes in North Carolina.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Atlanta, GA.
- 2018    Worden, A. P., Davies, A. L. B., Shteynberg, R. V., and **Morgan, K. A.** “Providing Counsel at First Appearance: What it Takes, and What Difference it Makes.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Atlanta, GA.
- 2017    **Morgan, K. A.** “Quality Representation from the client perspective: Impact on perceptions of process and outcome fairness.” Presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017    Worden, A. P., **Morgan, K. A.**, Shteynberg, R. V., and Davies, A. L. B. “What Difference Does a Lawyer Make? The Effect of Counsel at Arraignment on Detention and Bail Decisions in Misdemeanor Courts.” Presented at the March 2017 meeting of the Misdemeanor Justice Project, sponsored by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- 2016    **Morgan, K. A.** “Gang Members as Defendants: The Importance of Procedural Justice.” Presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: New Orleans, LA.
- 2016    Worden, A. P., Davies, A. L. B., **Morgan, K. A.**, and Shteynberg, R. V. “The Impact of Counsel at First Appearance in Six Upstate New York Counties.” Presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: New Orleans, LA.

- 2016 **Morgan, K. A.** and Shteynberg, R. V. “A Graduate Student’s Guide to Getting Involved in Indigent Defense Research.” Invited webinar presentation by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association.
- 2016 Invited participant in the Defender Research Consortium. Organized by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association and funded by Open Society Foundations: Detroit, MI.
- 2015 Invited participant in the Defender Research Consortium. Organized by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association and funded by Open Society Foundations: Baltimore, MD.
- 2015 **Morgan, K. A.** “Perceptions of Justice: Comparing Gang and Non-Gang Involved Defendants.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Worden, A. P., Davies, A. L. B., **Morgan, K. A.**, and Shteynberg, R. V. “The CAFA Project: Preliminary Findings from the Evaluation of Counsel at First Appearance.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Washington, D.C.
- 2015 **Morgan, K. A.**, Davies, A. L. B., and Worden, A. P. “Providing Counsel at First Appearance in a Semi-Rural County: Updated Results.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Washington, D.C.
- 2015 “Examining Attorneys and Their Work.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Washington, D.C. (Session Chair and Discussant)
- 2014 **Morgan, K. A.**, Davies, A. L. B., and Worden, A. P. “Providing Counsel at First Appearance in a Semi-Rural County.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: San Francisco, CA. (with Andrew Davies and Alissa Pollitz Worden)
- 2014 “Legal Services for the Indigent – The Defense of Mentally Disordered Persons Accused of Crimes.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: San Francisco, CA. (Session Chair)
- 2013 Invited Participant in Eurogang XIII Workshop: Canterbury, United Kingdom
- 2013 **Morgan, K. A.** “Cumulative Exposure to Risk and Effects on Gang Involvement.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Atlanta, GA. (Poster)
- 2012 **Morgan, K. A.** “The Impact of Duration of Risk Exposure on Gang Involvement.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL. (Poster)
- 2011 **Morgan, K. A.** “Exposure to Risk: Examining the Impact of Risk Factors on Gang Involvement.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Washington, D.C.

- 2011 Peterson, D. and **Morgan, K. A.** “Sex Differences in Gang Risk Factors across Adolescence: Implications for Gang Prevention.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Washington, D.C.
- 2010 Peterson, D. and **Morgan, K. A.** “Risky Business: Risk Factor Predictions of Girls’ and Boys’ Gang Involvement.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: San Francisco, CA.

## COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| May 2020 – present   | Member of Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee, Dept. of Government and Justice Studies   |
| Spring 2020          | MPA Capstone Reader  |
| Aug 2019 – present   | Member of Watauga County Justice Coalition and Evaluator for Watauga County LEAD   |
| Dec 2019 – Feb 2020  | Member of Political Science Faculty Search Committee, Dept. of Government and Justice Studies  |
| Aug 2018 – May 2019  | Co-chair of New Faculty Handbook Committee, Dept. of Government and Justice Studies  |
| Aug 2018 – Aug. 2019 | Member of DPC, Dept. of Government and Justice Studies   |
| Aug 2018 – Dec 2018  | Member of Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee, Dept. of Government and Justice Studies   |
| Jan 2018 – Jun 2018  | Member of Strategic Planning Committee, Dept. of Government and Justice Studies  |
| Jan 2017 – current   | Reviewer for <i>Law &amp; Society</i> , <i>Criminal Justice Policy Review</i> , and <i>Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research</i> |
| Feb 2015             | Invited Student Editor, <i>Albany Law Review</i> , Miscarriages of Justice Special Issue   |
| Aug 2013 – May 2014  | Member of Undergraduate Committee, Albany School of Criminal Justice   |
| Aug 2013 – May 2014  | Graduate Student Mentor, University at Albany Pre-Law Living & Learning Community  |

Aug 2012 – May 2013	President, Graduate Student Association, Albany School of Criminal Justice
Aug 2012 – May 2013	Graduate Student Mentor, University at Albany Pre-Law Living & Learning Community
Aug 2011 – May 2012	Treasurer, Graduate Student Association, Albany School of Criminal Justice
Aug 2011 – May 2012	Member of Graduate Committee, Albany School of Criminal Justice
Aug 2010 – May 2011	Treasurer, Graduate Student Association, Albany School of Criminal Justice
Aug 2009 – May 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Ph.D. Representative, Graduate Student Association, Albany School of Criminal Justice

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

May 2016	Recipient of Frank Remington Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies, Albany School of Criminal Justice
Mar 2016	Awarded Dissertation Grant by the Associated Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Jun 2009	Dean's Scholar for Excellence in Research, School of Social Ecology, UC Irvine
2009-current	Member Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
2009-current	Member Tau Sigma Honor Society, UC Irvine
Jun 2008	Recipient of Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award in Honor of Gilbert Geis, Department of Criminology, Law, and Society, UC Irvine

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Criminology  
 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
 Indigent Defense Research Association  
 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society  
 Tau Sigma Honor Society