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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany
- Dissertation: *Perceptions of Justice: Sentenced Defendants Views on Issues of Fairness and Legitimacy*
Committee: Alissa Pollitz Worden (Co-Chair), Dana Peterson (Co-Chair), James Acker, Andrew L.B. Davies, and Sarah J. McLean
- Comprehensive Field Exam: *Measuring Risk in Longitudinal Data: Implications of the Proximity and Duration of Risk Exposure*
Committee: Dana Peterson (Chair), Robert Apel, Alan Lizotte
 Passed January 2014
- 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

Juvenile justice, indigent defense, youth street gangs, criminal justice process, legal reform evaluation, local court culture and politics, qualitative and case study methodologies

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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

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, 2nd Ed.*, edited by Shane R. Jimerson, Amanda B. Nickerson, Matthew J. Mayer, & Michael J. Furlong. New York: Routledge.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION

Morgan, K. A. “Surviving the Ph.D.” Book under contract with Cognella Publishing. Forthcoming 2019.

Davies, A. L. B. and **Morgan, K. A.** “Providing counsel for defendants: Access, quality, and impact.” Book chapter forthcoming 2019.

Morgan, K. A., Davies, A. L. B., and Worden, A. P. “Provision of counsel at first appearance in a semi-rural county”.

Peterson, D. and **Morgan, K. A.** “Risky business: measuring and analyzing risk factors for gang involvement.”

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 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

RECENT CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 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. (with Dana Peterson)
- 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. (with Dana Peterson)

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Aug 2018 – current Member of Dept. of Government and Justice Studies DPC
- Aug 2018 – current Member of Dept. of Government and Justice Studies Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee
- Jan 2018 – Jun 2018 Member of Dept. of Government and Justice Studies Strategic Planning Committee
- Jan 2017 – current Reviewer for *Criminal Justice Policy Review and Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research*
- Feb 2015 Invited Student Editor, *Albany Law Review*, 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 1st 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 \$1,000 in Dissertation Funding 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