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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice 2019
Dissertation: *Managing Barriers to Visitation Together: A Qualitative Examination of Family Members Active in Support Groups*
- M.S. Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice 2013
Thesis: *Sorry, This Bus is Not in Service: Public Transportation Accessibility as a Source of Recidivism Risk in Rural Areas*
- B.S. Criminal Justice, Texas State University at San Marcos 2006
Minor in Forensic Psychology, *Cum Laude*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Assistant Professor 2023 –
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
East Carolina University
- Assistant Professor of Criminology, 2019 – 2023
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology
University of Northern Iowa

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed (Refereed) Publications

Cox, Alison and Malkin, Michelle L. (Forthcoming). Feminist Convict Criminology for the Future.

Accepted for publication in *Critical Criminology* on April 25, 2023.

DeJong, Christina, Morgan, Skyler J., and **Cox, Alison**. (2020). Male Rape in Context: Measures of Intolerance and Support for Male Rape Myths (MRMs). *Criminal Justice Studies*, 33(3), 192-212. DOI: [10.1080/1478601X.2020.1786278](https://doi.org/10.1080/1478601X.2020.1786278).

Malkin, Michelle L. and **Cox, Alison**. (Forthcoming 2023). Self-Efficacy in a Women's Federal Prison: An Ethnographic Analysis Based on a Prisoner's Blog. **Accepted for publication** in the *Journal of Prisoners on Prison* on April 6, 2023.

Ortiz, Jennifer, **Cox, Alison**, Tietjen, Grant, & Kavish, Daniel. (2022). Let the Convicts Speak: A Critical Conversation of the Ongoing Language Debate in Convict Criminology. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 35(3), 255-273. DOI: [10.1080/1478601X.2022.2066661](https://doi.org/10.1080/1478601X.2022.2066661).

Editor-Reviewed Publications

Editor-Invited Book Chapters

Cox, Alison. (2020). A Convict Criminology Approach to Prisoners' Families. In *Convict Criminology for the Future* (Ross, J. & F. Vianello, Eds.). Routledge.

Non-Refereed Publications

Book Reviews

Cox, Alison. (2017) Book Review. "Beyond Blurred Lines: Rape Culture in Popular Media." By Phillips, Nickie D. *Division on Women and Crime Spring Newsletter*. Retrieved from: <http://ascdwc.com/book-reviews-spring-2017/>

(Cox) Colby, Alison. (2014). Book Review. "Breaking rules: the social and situational dynamics of young people's urban crime." By Per-Olof Wikström, Dietrich Oberwittler, Kyle Treiber, and Beth Hardie. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, 39(1): 89-91. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org.proxy2.cl.msu.edu/10.1080/01924036.2013.875692>

Other Publications

Cox, Alison, Carter, Lisa M., Clevenger, Shelly, and Acquaviva, Brittany L. (Forthcoming). "Sexual Respect, Sexual Harassment, and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings." *International Society for the Study of Rural Crime Newsletter*. **Accepted for publication** on April 25, 2023.

Cox, Alison. (2017). Section Editor. Graduate Corner. "Creating a Doctoral Association Within Your Graduate Program." *Division on Women and Crime Fall Newsletter*. Retrieved from: <http://ascdwc.com/graduate-student-corner-fall-2017/>

Publications under Review

Publications in Progress

Chaudhuri, Soma and Cox, Alison. Agency and Domestic Violence in the Grip of Patriarchal Arrangements. To be submitted for publication consideration in *Social Problems*.

Chaudhuri, Soma and Cox, Alison. Empowerment without Intersectionality: Women's Organizations in India and Intersectional Approach to Grassroots Organizing. To be submitted for publication consideration in *Mobilization*.

Cox, Alison. "You Learn From Each Other:" Social Support Among Family Members of Incarcerated Persons Active in Support Groups. To be submitted for publication consideration in the *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*.

Cox, Alison. *Advocating for Change: The Role of Support Groups for Family Members of Incarcerated Persons*. To be submitted for publication consideration in *Criminal Justice Behavior*.

Cox, Alison. *Gendered Barriers to Prison Visitation: Dress Code Violations and Policing Women's Bodies*. To be submitted for publication consideration in *Feminist Criminology*.

RESEARCH AREAS

Corrections: Prison visitation, Prisoner-family relationship, Impacts of incarceration
Critical Criminology: Convict, Feminist, Rural, and Queer
Women's and Gender Studies
Victimization
Qualitative Research Methods

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Co-Principal Investigator, *Finding the Forgotten: Examining the Successful Reentry of those Formerly Serving Life Sentences*. Loyola University (IRB 000224). 2021 –
- Principal Investigator, *Gendered Barriers to Prison Visitation: Dress Code Violations and Policing Women's Bodies*. University of Northern Iowa (IRB 20-0189). 2020 –
- Co-Principal Investigator, *Sexual Respect, Sexual Harassment, and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings*. Florida Southern College, Illinois State University and University of Northern Iowa (FSC IRB 202021-034). 2019 –
- Research Assistant, *Building Agency, Resisting Patriarchy: Understanding Empowerment Intervention Against Domestic Violence Among Grassroots Women in Gujarat, India*. Michigan State University. Funded by the National Science Foundation (\$128,381). 2018 – 2019
- Interviewer, *Understanding the Impact of School Safety on the High School Transition Experience: From Etiology to Prevention*. Michigan State University. Funded by the National Institute of Justice (\$851,014). 2017 – 2018
- Interviewer and Transcriber, *Women Improving Probation & Parole Study and Follow-up Study of Women on Probation and Parole*. Michigan State University Funded by the National Science Foundation (\$330,905) and the MSU Strategic Partnership Grant (\$357,988). 2012 – 2014

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Awards

- Nominated for Faculty or Staff Member Who Has Positively Impacted Their College Experience SS23
Softball Staff and Faculty Appreciation Night
Office of Student Athlete Development, University of Northern Iowa

Second Year Student Advocate, Rise Survey Student Success and Retention, University of Northern Iowa	FS22
First Year Student Advocate, Connection Survey Student Success and Retention, University of Northern Iowa	FS21
Second Year Student Advocate, Rise Survey Student Success and Retention, University of Northern Iowa	FS21
Dean's Faculty Commendation for Adaptive and Resilient Teaching Award College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Northern Iowa	FS20
Nominated for Above and Beyond Awards, Student Learning Award Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG), University of Northern Iowa	SS20
Graduate Student Leader of the Year Department of Student Life, Michigan State University	2019
Student Employee of the Year, Group Exercise Recreational Sports and Fitness Services, Michigan State University	2019
Fellowships	
Doctoral Summit Fellow Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), Baltimore, MD, March 26 – 30, 2019	2019
Dissertation Completion Fellowship College of Social Science, Michigan State University (\$7,000)	SU18
Graduate Student Course Instruction Fellowship Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University (\$5,500)	SU18
Graduate School Writing Fellowship The Graduate School, Michigan State University (\$2,000)	2017 – 2018
School of Criminal Justice Research Fellowship Michigan State University (\$2,500)	SS12
Scholarships	
Zolton Ferency Endowed Scholarship (\$4,686)	2012 – 2013

GRANTS

Submitted (External)

Christina DeJong and **Alison Cox**. National Institute of Justice. 2018
Managing Barriers to Visitation: A Multi-Method Qualitative
Examination of Family Members of Prisoners (\$32,000).
Applied, funding not received.

Christina DeJong and **Alison (Cox) Colby**. National Science Foundation. 2017
Managing Barriers to Visitation: A Multi-Method Qualitative
Examination of Family Members of Prisoners (\$20,000).
Applied, funding not received.

Christina DeJong and **Alison (Cox) Colby**. National Institute of Justice. 2016
Managing Barriers to Visitation: A Multi-Method Qualitative
Examination of Family Members of Prisoners (\$32,000).
Applied, funding not received.

Submitted (Internal)

Pre-Tenure Faculty Grant 2023
Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President
University of Northern Iowa (\$1,500)

CSBS New Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2020
President for Academic Affairs
University of Northern Iowa (\$6,111)

Council on Graduate Students Professional Development Grant, 2014
Michigan State University (\$300)

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Papers Presented

Cox, Alison and Malkin, Michelle L. "Feminist Convict Criminology for the Future." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 16-19, 2022.

Cox, Alison. "Citizens for Prison Reform: Family Members of Prisoners Active in Support Groups." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, Chicago, IL, September 22-23, 2022.

Cox, Alison. "A Convict Criminology Approach to Prisoner Families." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November 17-20, 2021.

Carter, Lisa M., Clevenger, Shelly, **Cox, Alison**, and Acquaviva, Brittany L. “Sexual Harassment and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings.” Paper presentation held virtually online at the annual meeting of the Criminology Consortium (crimcon.org), November 18-20, 2020.

Cox, Alison. “Gendered Barriers to Prison Visitation: Dress Code Violations and Policing Women’s Bodies.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C., November 17-21, 2020. †

Cox, Alison. “Day Tripper: Learning the rural roads of mid-Michigan through qualitative data collection.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 12-16, 2019.

Cox, Alison. “PhD Balance: Recognizing and defining work-life balance as a graduate student.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 12-16, 2019.

Cox, Alison. “Managing Barriers to Visitation Together: An Ethnographic Examination of Family Members Active in Support Groups.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17, 2018.

DeJong, Christina and **Alison Cox**. “Beliefs about Male Rape Victims in Different Situational Contexts.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17, 2018.

Cox, Alison. “Managing Barriers to Visitation: A Qualitative Examination of Family Members of Prisoners.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 14-17, 2017.

(Cox) Colby, Alison. “A Quest for Knowledge and Belonging: Family Members Breaking Down Barriers to Visitation.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C., November 18-21, 2015.

(Cox) Colby, Alison. “‘Can I Get a Ride?’ The Challenges of Family Members Searching, (Sometimes) Finding, and Organizing Transportation Service for Prison Visitation.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 19-22, 2014.

DeJong, Christina and **Alison (Cox) Colby**. “Misogyny and Sexual Violence against Women in ‘Game of Thrones’.” Paper presentation at the International Crime, Media & Popular Culture Studies Conference, Terra Haute, IN, September 22-24, 2014.

(Cox) Colby, Alison. “Sorry, This Bus Is Not In Service: Public Transportation Accessibility As A Source Of Recidivism Risk In Rural Areas.” Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 20-23, 2013.

DeJong, Christina and **Alison (Cox) Colby**. "Media Reports of Rape during and Immediately After the Rwandan Genocide." Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November 14-17, 2012.

Discussant

Cox, Alison. "Invisible Mothers: Unseen Yet Hypervisible After Incarceration." Discussant for Book Critic roundtable held at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, National Harbor, MD, March 14-18, 2023.

Cox, Alison. "Sexual Harassment and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings." Discussant for roundtable held at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, National Harbor, MD, March 14-18, 2023.

Cox, Alison. "Research on Families Impacted by Incarceration." Discussant for roundtable held at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 16-19, 2022.

Cox, Alison. "Sexual Harassment and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings." Discussant for roundtable held at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, Chicago, IL, September 22-23, 2022.

Cox, Alison. "The Power of Language in Convict Criminology." Discussant for roundtable held at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November 17-20, 2021.

Cox, Alison. "Good Vibes, Tats, Onesies and Crime: Promoting Friendships in Academia." Discussant for roundtable held at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November 17-20, 2021.

Cox, Alison. "Sexual Harassment and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings." Discussant for roundtable held at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November 17-20, 2021.

Cox, Alison. "Sexual Harassment and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings." Discussant for roundtable held at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Antonio, TX, March 24-28, 2020.†

Cox, Alison. "Prison and Jail Reentry in Rural Spaces." Discussant for round table held at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 12-16, 2019.

Cox, Alison. "Strategies for Success: Navigating the Criminology Classroom/Department as a Young Woman." Discussant for round table held at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17, 2018.

Session Chair/Moderator

Cox, Alison and Malkin, Michelle L. "Feminist Convict Criminology for the Future." Session Chair for thematic panel presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia, November 16-19, 2022.

Cox, Alison. "Research on Corrections & Crime." Session Chair for the thematic panel presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, Chicago, IL, September 22-23, 2022.

Cox, Alison. "Convict Criminology from a Feminist Perspective." Session Chair for thematic panel presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 12-16, 2019.

Cox, Alison. "Strategies for Success: Navigating the Criminology Classroom/Department as a Young Woman." Moderator for round table held at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 12-16, 2019.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Northern Iowa

Criminal Justice System

Criminology

Collateral Consequences of Corrections

Social Research Methods

Women, Crime and Society (In-Person and Online Asynchronous)

Michigan State University

Restorative Justice (Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, Course Assistant)

Introduction to Contemporary Feminisms and Gender Theories (Online Asynchronous), Instructor

Women in Criminal Justice, Instructor

Criminology, Instructor

TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL STYLES

Active Learning

Backward Design

Developmental Learning

Feminist Pedagogy

Inclusive Learning Community

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program Trained Instructor

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADVISED

University of Northern Iowa

Thesis Committee Member:

- Susan Grover (Ongoing). The Effect of Dog-Training Programs on Incarcerated Women and Once Released from Prison.
- Cierra Naglowsky (Ongoing). Fat-thologized: A look into the experience of an oozing body.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

"Career Panel in Criminology and Criminal Justice"

Criminology Club, University of Northern Iowa

March 28, 2022

“Special Topics: Effects of Incarceration on Motherhood”
Criminology Club and Philosophy Club, University of Northern Iowa
April 20, 2021

“Barriers to Family Prison Visitation”
Diversity Colloquium Series, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
University of Northern Iowa
February 18, 2021

“Family Members of Prisoners as ‘Forgotten Victims’”
Dr. Christian Bolden, Race and Mass Incarceration
Loyola University, New Orleans
January 13, 2021, and January 12, 2022

“Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender in Criminal Justice Responses”
Northern Iowa Feminists, University of Northern Iowa
February 25, 2020

“How to Achieve a Work-Life Balance Workshop”
Professional Development Day, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
April 14, 2017

“Applying Adichie’s *We Should All Be Feminists* to Our Research and Writing”
Feminist Research Methods Graduate Community, Michigan State University
February 24, 2017

“Feminist Perspectives and Positionality”
Feminist Research Methods Graduate Community, Michigan State University
February 26, 2016

INTERVIEWS

“In-Person Visits At Iowa Prisons Resume After 16 Months.” Kate Payne for *Iowa Public Radio*. July 14, 2021.

Research featured on a news segment for KGAN Iowa’s News Now: This Morning on February 22, 2021.

“Pandemic prompted jails, prisons to let inmates out. Should they be locked up again?” Kat Russell for *The Gazette*. October 8, 2020.

“Adapting: Lessons from a First-Year Professor.” An interview with Dr. William Henninger for CSBS Faculty-to-Faculty Transitioning to Teaching Online. University of Northern Iowa. June 25, 2020.

“Protests, prisons and COVID-19: An interview with Alison Cox” for *Inside UNI Features & News*. University of Northern Iowa. June 17, 2020

“Spotlight On: Alison Cox” for The Graduate School at Michigan State University. Summer 2019.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editing, Reviewing, and Evaluation

Co-Editor, *Journal of Prisoners on Prison* (2023 forthcoming). A special issue celebrating 25 years of Convict Criminology (CC).

Reviewer, *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* (Completed review on 12/9/2020)

Professional Leadership

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Division of Convict Criminology

- Executive Counselor (2-year appointment) 2022 – 2024
- Executive Counselor (2-year appointment) 2020 – 2022

Professional Association Memberships and Committee Assignments

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

2013 –

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Division of Convict Criminology

- Co-Chair, Mentoring Committee 2022 – 2023
- Chair, Nominations & Awards Committee 2020 – 2021

Division of Queer Criminology

- Co-Chair, Teaching Committee 2022 – 2023
- Member, Networking Committee 2022 – 2023
- Member, Awards Committee 2021 – 2022

Division on Rural Criminology

- Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee 2020 – 2021

Division on Women & Crime

- Mentor, Dr. Christine Rasche Mentoring Program 2020 – 2021
- Mentee, Dr. Christine Rasche Mentoring Program 2019 – 2020
- Member, Teaching & Pedagogy Committee 2018 – 2019
- Co-Section Editor for Graduate Student Corner, Newsletter Committee 2017 – 2018

Midwest Criminal Justice Association

2021 – 2022

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

University of Northern Iowa

- Backstage Assistant, Dragaganza, Gender & Sexuality Services SS23
- Faculty Marshal, Spring 2023 Commencement SS23
- Member, Out & Ally Network, Gender & Sexuality Services 2022 –
- Faculty Marshal, Spring 2022 Commencement SS22
- Faculty Marshal, Fall 2021 Commencement FS21

- Faculty Advisor, UNI Cooking Club 2021 – 2022
- Faculty Advisor, UNI Criminology Club 2021 –
- Judge, Homecoming Office Decorating Contest for Campus Activities SS21
- Secretary, United Faculty (2-year elected appointment) 2021 – 2023
- Safe Zone Ally 2020 –

Michigan State University

- Faculty Advisor, Kappa Alpha Pi 2018 – 2019
- Feminist Research Methods Graduate Community 2016 – 2018
- Steward for the School of Criminal Justice, Graduate Employees Union 2015 – 2017
- Team Leader for MSU Girls Get Going, Michigan State University 2015
- Group Fitness Instructor, Michigan State University 2014 – 2019
- Evaluator, University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF) 2013 – 2014

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

University of Northern Iowa

Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology

- Search Committee Member, Criminology Term Hire 2022 – 2023
- Faculty Representative, Fall 2020 Commencement† FS20
- SAC Diversity Colloquium Series Committee 2019 – 2020
- SAC Celebrates! Committee† SS20
- Faculty Representative, Spring 2020 Commencement† SS20
- Faculty Representative, SAC Listening Sessions for Students FS19

Criminology Unit

- Student Outcomes Assessment (SOA) Scoring Committee Member FS22
- Faculty Representative, Prospective Student Meetings 2020 –
- Faculty Representative, Women’s Law Enforcement Leadership Academy FS19
- Student Outcomes Assessment (SOA) Scoring Committee Member FS19

Michigan State University

School of Criminal Justice

- Vice President of Student Affairs, Graduate Student Association 2014 – 2018
- Secretary, Graduate Student Association 2013 – 2014
- Treasurer, Alpha Phi Sigma 2013 – 2014
- Student Representative, School of Criminal Justice Website Committee 2013 – 2014

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Waterloo, Iowa

- Member, Iowa Justice Action Network 2021 –

Lansing, Michigan

- Executive Board, Michigan Citizens for Rehabilitation of Errants (MI-CURE) 2017 – 2019
- Representative, Family Advisory Board, Michigan Department of Corrections 2016 – 2019
- Member, Citizens for Prison Reform 2015 – 2019

† Denotes faculty activity that was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Coach, Haslett First Lego League (FLL) Robotics Club 2013 – 2015
- Shift Leader, Allen Neighborhood Center, Hunter Park GardenHouse 2012 – 2017

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Faculty Fun Day

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), University of Northern Iowa
May 19, 2022

Course Design Academy

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), University of Northern Iowa
December 15 and 17, 2020

Faculty Reading Group: *Permission to Feel*

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), University of Northern Iowa
Fall Semester, 2020

Diversity Common Read: *How to be an Antiracist*

University of Northern Iowa
October 21, 28, and November 11, 2020

OK, Zoomer: The Engaging Zoom Host

CETL Summer Sessions: Remote Possibilities, University of Northern Iowa
June 17, 2020

“Making Lemonade”

CETL Summer Sessions: Remote Possibilities, University of Northern Iowa
June 3, 2020

Safe Zone Ally

Gender & Sexuality Services, University of Northern Iowa
February 23, 2020 and March 6, 2020

Are You Prepared? Classroom Contingency Planning Workshop

Information Technology, University of Northern Iowa
January 10, 2020

Dr. Christine Rasche Mentoring Program

Division on Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology
Mentor: Dr. Hal Pepinsky, Indiana University at Bloomington (Retired)
November 2019 – November 2020

Diversity Common Read: *So, You Want to Talk About Race?*

University of Northern Iowa
October 9 and 30, 2019

Scholar Connexus
Office of Research & Sponsored Programs, University of Northern Iowa
October 29, 2019

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program's Instructor Training Institute
Clarkston, MI, May 21 – 27, 2017
Graduate Student Leadership Institute
East Lansing, MI, November 15, 2014

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Secretary, Travis County Office of the District Attorney	2009 – 2011
Legal Assistant, Law Office of Anna Martinez Boling	2008 – 2009
Administrative Assistant, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center	2007 – 2008