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EDUCATION

Ph.D., (Sociology). Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York – 1994

M.A., (Sociology). Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York – 1988

B.S., (Sociology). University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire – 1986

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Center for State Courts Williamsburg, Virginia 2001-Present
Senior Research Associate

Provides leadership in the area of children and families and develops innovative programs based on the needs of the courts. Secures grant funding to carry out research, training, and technical assistance projects. Collaborates with a variety of national organizations, local agencies, and judicial and court constituents to develop practitioner-friendly products.

■ Key Achievements:

- ◊ Secured approximately \$1 million in federal and state grants to carry out research addressing juvenile family violence, the needs of limited English-speaking persons, organizational capacity-building, judicial workloads, family courts, and elder abuse
- ◊ Developed a strategic action plan and chaired the interdivisional Family Violence Community of Practice
- ◊ Created and chairs the Elder Abuse and the Courts Working Group, comprised of nationally-respected leaders from multiple disciplines
- ◊ Developed policy paper on elder justice, which received a resolution of support from the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators
- ◊ Created and directing the Center for Elders and the Courts, a national resource for courts on the topics of aging, elder abuse, and guardianships.
- ◊ Led efforts and delivered online training (WebCT), in conjunction with Human Resources, to develop workplace policies on domestic violence and adoption
- ◊ Successfully trained probation officers, marshals, and law clerks on domestic violence for the Virgin Islands Supreme Court
- ◊ Presented “Protection Orders: State and National Issues,” at the National Association of Attorneys General annual meeting, Williamsburg, Virginia
- ◊ Provided public testimony on “Improving the Management and Oversight of Probate Conservatorship Cases in California Trial Courts,” California Supreme Court

Institute for Law and Justice Alexandria, Virginia 1998-2001
Senior Research Associate

Leads the Institute’s national research programs to evaluate violence against women grants. Secures funding to continue and expand work in the area of domestic violence. Manages junior research staff and works closely with the Department of Justice and national advisory

boards to ensure products are responsive to constituent needs.

- Key Achievements:
 - ◊ Secured over \$1.75 million in federal funding to carry out national evaluations of the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies program and the Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus program
 - ◊ Led national advisory boards of leading researchers and experts to develop comprehensive reports to the field
 - ◊ Earned status as a nationally-respected researcher in the area of justice responses to domestic violence

Atlanta Police Department	Atlanta, Georgia	1997-1998
<i>Crime Analyst</i>		

Analyzes crime patterns for the Family and Youth Services section, which includes the Child Abuse unit, the Domestic Violence unit, and the School Detectives. Assists grant programs designed to provide community-based services to domestic violence victims.

- Key Achievements:
 - ◊ Developed a database linking cases from each unit to identify families that accounted for overlapping cases (truancy, child abuse, domestic violence)
 - ◊ Received outstanding service recognition from the Family Violence and Youth Services section

University of Wisconsin at Green Bay and Lakeland College	Green Bay, Wisconsin	1995-1996
<i>Adjunct Faculty</i>		

Teaches undergraduate courses in Human Development, Sociology of the Family, Introduction to Sociology, and The Sixties.

University of California (Systemwide Office)	Oakland, California	1990-1994
<i>Senior Research Analyst</i>		

Carries out research for Student Academic Services, Student Financial Support. Responsible for all aspects of carrying out the Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS)—results are used to establish student budgets for financial aid packages. Represents the University of California at state-level meetings that included state agencies, the California State University system, and the California Community Colleges.

GRANT PROCUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT

- Project Director/Principal Investigator
 - ◊ Elder Abuse Toolkit for the Courts: Judicial Tools to Increase Awareness and Improve Responses to Elder Abuse (Bureau of Justice Assistance Byrne Grant, 2008)
 - ◊ Establishing the Center for Elders and the Courts: Resources, Training, and Tools for State Courts (Retirement Research Foundation, 2008)
 - ◊ Survey of State Court Criminal Appeals: Development and Design (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2008)
 - ◊ Evaluation of the Victim Services Organizational Capacity Building Initiatives (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, 2007)
 - ◊ West Virginia Judicial Workload Assessment (State Justice Institute, 2006)
 - ◊ A National Agenda for State Court Administrators' Offices on Domestic Violence

- (Office on Violence Against Women, 2006)
- ◊ National Meeting of the Elder Abuse and the Courts Working Group (The Archstone Foundation, 2005)
- ◊ Serving Limited English Proficient (LEP) Battered Women: A National Survey of the Courts' Capacity to Provide Protection Orders (National Institute of Justice, 2004).
- ◊ Juvenile Domestic and Family Violence: The Effects of Court-Based Intervention Programs on Recidivism (National Institute of Justice, 2003)
- ◊ Evaluation of the Protection from Abuse Database (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, 2002)
- ◊ National Evaluation of the Grants to Combat Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus Program (National Institute of Justice, 2000)
- Principal Investigator
 - ◊ National Evaluation of the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Program (National Institute of Justice, 2000)
 - ◊ Evaluation of STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program, Law Enforcement and Prosecution Components (National Institute of Justice, 1998)

PUBLICATIONS

- Uekert, B.K. & Dibble, T.G. (2008). Guardianship of the Elderly: Past Performance and Future Promises. *Court Manager*, Vol. 23, No. 4, Williamsburg, VA: National Association for Court Management.
- Uekert, B.K. & Schaufler, R.Y. (2008). The Need for Improved Adult Guardianship Data. *Caseload Highlights*, Vol. 15, No. 2, Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Uekert, B.K. (2007). *10 Steps to Successful International Adoption: A Guided Workbook for Prospective Parents*. Williamsburg, VA: Third Avenue Press.
- Uekert, B. (2007). Interdisciplinary Recommendations on Court Responses to Elder Abuse. In C. Flango, C. Campbell, and N. Kauder (Eds.), *Future trends in state courts 2007* (pp. 54-58). Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Uekert, B. (2006). The Impact of an Aging Society on State Courts. In C. Flango, C. Campbell, and N. Kauder (Eds.), *Future trends in state courts 2006* (pp. 70-72). Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Suveiu, V., & Uekert, B. (2005). Human trafficking: A growing crime to hit the state courts. In T. Peters, N. Kauder, C. Campbell, & C. Flango (Eds.), *Future trends in state courts 2005* (pp. 105-107). Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Uekert, B.K. (2005). Elder abuse and neglect. In T. Peters, N. Kauder, C. Campbell, & C. Flango (Eds.), *Future trends in state courts 2005* (pp. 102-104). Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Uekert, B.K. (2005). The Plight of Human Trafficking. *Family Violence Forum*, Vol. 4, No. 2, Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Uekert, B.K., Keilitz, S. & Wentland, P. (2005). A Prototype of the Protection Order Process in Pennsylvania: The Integral Role of the Protection from Abuse Database. *Family Violence Forum*, Vol. 4, No. 1, Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.

- Uekert, B.K. (2004). The Courts' Capacity to Provide Protection Orders: The Case of Limited English Proficiency (LEP). *Family Violence Forum*, Vol. 3, No. 3, Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Uekert, B.K. (2004). The Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative: Lessons for the Court. *Family Violence Forum*, Vol. 3, No. 2, Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Uekert, B.K., & Dancy, D.O. (2004). Developing a domestic violence policy for the workplace. *Court Manager*, 19(1), 15-21.
- Uekert, B.K. (2003). National Estimates of Elder Abuse. *Family Violence Forum*, Vol. 2, No. 1, Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Uekert, B.K. (2002). Creating a Family Violence Policy for the Workplace. *Family Violence Forum*, Vol. 1, No. 3, Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Davanay, C., & Uekert, B. (2002). A Look at Protection Order Registries: Louisiana and Pennsylvania. *Family Violence Forum*, Vol. 1, No. 4, Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts.
- Burt, M.R., Zweig, J.M., Scarcella, C.A., Ness, A.V., Parikh, N., Uekert, B.K., & Harrell, A.V. (2001). *2001 Report: Evaluation of the STOP formula grants to combat violence against women*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute.
- Uekert, B.K. (1995). *Rivers of blood: A comparative study of government massacres*. Westport, CT: Praeger.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Elders and the Courts: Research, Statistics, and Findings,” presented at the Pew Conference on The Role of State Court Leaders in Supporting Public Policy for Chief Justices and State Court Administrators, Philadelphia, PA, May 2008.
- “Serving Limited English Proficient (LEP) Battered Women,” presented at the National Center for Victims of Crime National Conference, Washington, DC, June 2007.
- “Limited English Proficiency & the Courts’ Ability to Serve,” presented at The Virginia Legal System’s Response to Domestic Violence: Best Practices and New Solutions, Williamsburg, Virginia, April 2007.
- “Domestic Violence,” presented to a group of visiting Jordanian Judges, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, Virginia, September 2005.
- “Expressions of Juvenile Violence: An Analysis of Differences Between Juvenile Family and Domestic Violence,” presented at the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada, November 2005.
- “Juvenile Batterers: The Nature of Domestic and Family Violence Committed by Adolescents,” Domestic Violence Conference, East Windsor, New Jersey, April 2005.
- “The STOP Program and the Courts: Results of a Survey to State Court Administrators,” Courts and Judicial Institute, Miami, Florida, October 2004.
- “Problem-Solving Courts: What Do We Know About What Works?” Discussant at the National Association for Court Management (NACM) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, July 2003.

- “Protection Orders: State and National Issues,” for the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), Williamsburg, Virginia, December 2003.
- “The Violence Against Women Act Grant Programs: A Summary of Evaluation Findings,” presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November 2001.
- “Evaluation Tools and Techniques Workshop,” Training and Technical Assistance Institute, sponsored by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, University of North Florida (Jacksonville), March 2001.
- “Policing Domestic Violence,” presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Washington, DC, April 2001.
- “Impact Evaluation of the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Project: Preliminary Findings,” presented at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November 2000.
- “National Evaluation of the Arrest Policies Program under the Violence Against Women Act,” presented at the Conference on Violence Against Women and Family Violence, Washington, DC, October 2000.
- Workshop on Evaluating the Impact of Programs under the Violence Against Women Act, sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Violence Against Women Office, Washington, DC, December 2000.
- “Domestic Violence Legislation: State Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Law as of December 31, 1998,” at the National College of District Attorneys Ninth Annual Conference on Domestic Violence, Reno, Nevada, October 1999.
- “Evaluation of Law Enforcement and Prosecution STOP Grants,” presented at the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November 1998.
- “Evaluation of Law Enforcement and Prosecution STOP Grants: Preliminary Findings,” presented at the Program Evaluation and Family Violence Research Conference, Durham, New Hampshire, July 1998.
- “Government Massacres as Indicators of Genocide, Politicide and State Terror,” presented at Midwest Sociological Association, Chicago, April 1996.
- “Defining Genocide and State Terror: A Conceptual Approach,” presented at North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, April 1996.
- “State Terrorism and Armed Conflict: Is Terrorism an Effective Strategy?” presented at American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August 1994.
- “The End of the Cold War? Politicidal Massacres in Communist and Democratic States,” presented at American Sociological Association, Miami Beach, August 1993.
- “Findings from the Student Expenses and Resources Survey,” presented at California Association of Institutional Research, Ontario, California, November 1992.
- “Torture, Terror and Tribulation,” presented at Program for Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts, Syracuse, New York, February 1989.
- “National Development, Life Chances and Terrorism,” presented at International Society of Political Psychology, Meadowlands, New Jersey, July 1988.

COMMITTEES

- Chair, Family Violence Community of Practice/Children and Families Initiative, 2001-2006
- Chair, Elder Abuse and the Courts Working Group, 2005-present.
- National Center for State Courts representative, National Guardianship Network, 2008-present.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Served on the Board of Directors of *Avalon: A Center for Women and Children*, Williamsburg, Virginia, 2004