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POSITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Director

Institute for Family Violence Studies

Florida State University College of Social Work, 2007-Present

Senior Research Associate, College of Social Work, 2013 – Present

- Courtesy Research Associate in Dept. of Family Medicine and Rural Health, FSU College of Medicine (2012-2014)
- Research Associate, College of Social Work, (2007-2013)

Program Director

Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation (within the Institute for Family Violence Studies)

Florida State University College of Social Work, 1998-2007

Adjunct Professor

Florida State University College of Law

Taught “Family Law Practicum,” 1997

Family Law Coordinator and Attorney

Guardian ad Litem Program

Florida Second Judicial Circuit, 1993-1998

Staff Attorney

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.

Tallahassee, FL, 1987-1989

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, 1987, with High Honors, Florida State University College of Law

Book Awards: Constitutional Law II, Family Law, Injunctions, and Law and Psychiatry

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, 1983, with High Honors, Florida Atlantic University

Outstanding Florida Atlantic University Senior Award

AWARDS AND HONORS

Florida State University Distinguished University Scholar (Career Award, named in 2011)

Prudential-Davis Productivity Award (Florida’s Tax Watch) 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 1997

Judith R. Wallach President’s Award (Supervised Visitation Network), 2007, 2004

Governor’s Peace at Home Award (Category: Research), Awarded to the Clearinghouse, 2000

Guardian Ad Litem Director’s Award, 1991

The Florida Bar President’s Pro Bono Award (for legal services to indigent clients), 1990

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, The Florida Bar (1987-Present)
- Member, Tallahassee Women Lawyers (1987-Present)

SERVICE

- Member, Professional Development Leave Sub-Committee (2015-present)
- Member, College of Social Work Dean Search Committee (2014-2015)
- Member, College of Social Work Faculty Affairs Committee (2014-Present)
- Member, FSU Sexual Violence Prevention Team, Policy Subgroup (2014 – present)
- Member, FSU Distinguished University Scholar Sub-Committee (2014- present)
- Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Family Violence (2012 – present)
- Leon County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (Coordinator 2011-2013; Member, 2013-present)
- Member, Florida Attorney General’s Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee (2009-Present)
- Member, Florida Supreme Court Sub-Committee on Domestic Violence (Florida’s Domestic Violence Strategic Plan, 2007)
- Member, Florida Supreme Court Committee on Diversity and Fairness (2006-2008)
- Member, U.S. Department of Justice Advisory Committee on the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation Program (2006-2007)
- Chair, Training Committee, The Supervised Visitation Network (1999-2002; 2006-2009)
- Reviewer: Office on Violence against Women, Department of Justice, Safe Haven Grant Review, 2005-2006
- Member, Board of Directors, The Supervised Visitation Network (two terms, 1998-2009)

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

- Standing member, College of Social Work Research Committee (2007-present)
- Member, Florida State University’s Sexual Violence Prevention Team (2014-Present)
- Florida State University’s Healthy Relationships Subcommittee (2014-Present)
- College of Social Work Dean Search Committee (2014-2015)
- Member, Child Welfare College Work Group (2012 – 2014)
- Co-founding member, Florida State University Family Research Consortium (interdisciplinary group) (2010-2011)

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

- Co-founding member College of Social Work Family Violence Journal Club
- Supervisor of B.A., M.S.W., and J.D. research assistants on projects of the Institute

RECENT GRANTS AND FUNDED PROJECTS

- 2015- 2017 “Co-Parenting After Divorce” Vandermark Foundation (\$250,000)
- 2014 “Hope Line” Funding from the Verizon Foundation (\$25,000)
- 2013-2015 Screening for Domestic Violence by Medical Professionals: Verizon Foundation (\$90,000)
- 2012-2015 Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation (Florida Department of Children and Families: \$400,000)

- 2013 Healthy Dating Relationships (Guy and Delores Spearman, \$10,000)
- 2012-2013 Honolulu Police Department Domestic Violence Training (\$60,000)
- 2010-2013 The Law Enforcement Families Partnership: Preventing Violence in Law Enforcement Families (Verizon Foundation: \$240,000)
- 2009-2012 Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation (Florida Department of Children and Families: \$438,000)
- 2010-2013 Using Supervised Visitation to Improve Family Economic Self-Sufficiency: (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families: \$200,000)
- 2009-2011 The Law Enforcement Families Partnership: Florida State University Social Sciences (SSPEG grant: \$100,000)
- 2006-2009 Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation (Florida Department of Children and Families: \$450,000)

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- Oehme, K., Stern, N., Donnelly, E., & Melvin, R. (in press, 2016) Improving the Emergency Medical Services System's Response to Domestic Violence. *Health Matrix: The Journal of Law and Medicine*.
- Oehme, K., & Prost S. (In press 2016). Preventing Officer-Involved Domestic Violence: Leadership Challenges and Opportunities. In R.J. Burke (Ed.), *Stress in Policing: Sources, Consequences and Interventions*. Gower Publishers: UK.
- Oehme, K., Stern, N., & Mennicke, A. (2015). A deficiency in addressing campus sexual assault: The lack of women law enforcement officers. *Harvard Journal of Law & Gender*, 38, 401.
- Oehme, K., Maselli, E., & Stern, N. (2015). Unheard voices of domestic violence victims: A call to remedy physician neglect. *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*, 15(3), 613.
- Donnelly, E., Valentine C., and Oehme, K. (2015) Law Enforcement Officers and Employee Assistance Programs. *Policing: an International Journal of Police Strategies & Management* 38(2).
- Mennicke, A., Anderson, D., Oehme, K., & Kennedy, S. (2014). Law enforcement officers' perception of rape and rape victims: A multi-method study. *Violence and Victims*, 29(5).
- Oehme, K. & Stern, N. (2014). The case for mandatory training on screening for domestic violence in the wake of the Affordable Care Act. *University of Pennsylvania Law School Journal of Law and Social Change* 17(1).
- Oehme, K. & Stern M.J., (2014). Supervised visitation and family financial well-being: Broadening access to community services for low- income parents in the court system. *Family Court Review* 52(2).
- Oehme, K., Kim, A., Summerlin, Z., & Martin, A. (2013). Training criminal justice professionals: Using online curricula to prevent domestic violence. In R. White (Ed.), *Curriculum Development, Innovation and Reform* Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers, Inc.
- Oehme, K., Donnelly, E. A., & Summerlin, Z. (2013). Agency innovation to promote change: A model policy on officer-involved domestic violence provides a starting point to foster healthy police families. In L. Territo & J. D. Sewell (Eds.), *Stress Management in Law Enforcement, 3rd Edition* (311-336). Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

- Oehme, K., Donnelly, E., & Martin, A. (2012) Alcohol Abuse, PTSD, and Officer-Committed Domestic Violence. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*. doi: 10.1093/police/pas023
- Oehme, K. & O'Rourke, K. (2012). Protecting victims and their children through supervised visitation: A study of domestic violence injunctions. *Faulkner Law Review*. 3, 261-272.
- Valentine, C., Oehme, K., Martin, A., (2012). Correctional officers and domestic violence: Experiences and attitudes. *Journal of Family Violence*. 27(5), 531–545. DOI 10.1007/s10896-012-9448-y
- Oehme, K. & Martin, A. (2011). A practical plan for prevention and intervention: Florida's new model policy on officer-involved domestic violence. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 24(4), 395-408.
- Oehme, K., Siebert, D. C., Siebert, C. F., Stern, N., Valentine, C., & Donnelly, E. (2011). Protecting lives, careers, and public confidence: Florida's efforts to prevent officer-involved domestic violence. *Family Court Review*, 84-106.
- Oehme, K. & Thyer, B. A. (2010). What church leaders need to know about domestic violence. In C. S. Franklin & R. Fong (Eds.), *Church leaders' resource book for mental health and social problems*. New York: Oxford University Press, 231-244.
- Stern, N. & Oehme, K. (2010). A comprehensive blueprint for a crucial service: Florida's new supervised visitation strategy. *Journal of Law and Family Studies*, 12, 199-223.
- Summerlin, Z., Oehme, K., Stern, N., & Valentine, C. (2010). Disparate levels of stress in police and correctional officers: Preliminary evidence from a pilot study on domestic violence. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 20, 762–777.
- Stern, N., Crook, W., & Oehme, K. (2008). Visitation decisions in domestic violence cases: Seeking lessons from one state's experience. *The Wisconsin Law Journal of Gender and Society*, 23, 113-134.
- Crook, W. & Oehme, K. (2007). Characteristics of supervised visitation programs serving child maltreatment cases. *Brief Treatment and Crisis Intervention*, 7, 291-304.
- Stern, N. & Oehme, K. (2007). Defending neutrality in supervised visitation to preserve a crucial family court service. *Southwestern University Law Review*, 35, 37-60.
- Stern, N. & Oehme, K. (2007). Increasing safety for battered women and their children: Creating a privilege for supervised visitation intake records. *University of Richmond Law Review*, 41, 499-534.
- Oehme, K. & Maxwell, S. (2004). Supervised visitation in Florida, the next phase. *Florida Bar Journal*, 72(1), 44-49.
- Stern, N. & Oehme, K. (2003). Toward a coherent approach to tort immunity in family court services. *Kentucky Law Journal*, 92(2), 373-438. Cited in *Dan B. Dobbs, Paul T. Hayden and Ellen M. Bublick, The Law of Torts § 727 (2d ed.) 2014*.
- Oehme, K. & Stern, N. (2002). The troubling admission of supervised visitation records in custody proceedings. *Temple University Law Review*, 75(2), 271-311.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, AND MONOGRAPHS

- Oehme, K. (2008). *Report to the Florida legislature: Recommendations of the supervised visitation standards committee*. Tallahassee: Florida State University, Institute for Family Violence Studies.
- Crook, W., Maxwell S., & Oehme, K. (2006). *A training manual for Florida's supervised visitation programs*. Tallahassee: Florida State University, Institute for Family Violence Studies.
- Maxwell, S. & Oehme, K. (2004). *Referrals to supervised visitation: A manual for Florida's judges*. Tallahassee: Florida State University, Institute for Family Violence Studies.

- Maxwell, S. & Oehme, K. (2004). *Six crucial issues in supervised visitation*. Violence Against Women Online Resources, (OJP) Retrieved from <http://www.vaw.umn.edu/documents/supervisedvisit/supervisedvisit.pdf>
- Maxwell, S. & Oehme, K. (2003). *Child sexual abuse issues in supervised visitation programs: A curriculum for providers*. Tallahassee: Florida State University, Institute for Family Violence Studies.
- Maxwell, S. & Oehme, K. (2001). *Strategies to improve supervised visitation services in domestic violence cases*. Minnesota Center against Violence and Abuse, University of Minnesota, Retrieved from <http://www.mincava.umn.edu/documents/commissioned/strategies/strategies.pdf>
- Oehme, K. (1997). Supervised visitation in Florida: A cause for optimism, a call for caution. *Florida Bar Journal*, 71(2), 50-57.
- Oehme, K. (1996). New resources for difficult family court cases. *The Family Law Commentator*, 10, 14-20.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- From Research to Practice: Six Protective Factors Strengthen Vulnerable Families*. 24th Annual Supervised Visitation Network Conference. Clearwater, FL (May, 2015).
- Domestic Violence Committed by Police Officers*. End Violence Against Women International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Campus Responses. New Orleans, LA (April, 2015)
- Lessons from the National Prevention Toolkit on Officer-Involved Domestic Violence*. 19th Annual Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma. San Diego, CA. (Sept. 2014).
- Domestic Violence: What Florida Mediators Need to Know*. Orlando (By invitation of the Florida Office of the State Court Administrator) (August 2014)
- New Strategies to Prevent Officer-Involved Domestic Violence*. Council of Governments Meeting, Washington, DC (April, 2014)
- Are Medical Professionals Screening for Domestic Violence?* American Medical Women's Association, 99th Annual Meeting. Authors: Logan Blakenship, Suzanne Harrison, and Karen Oehme (Poster. Abstract available at: http://www.amwa-doc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2014-National-Conference-Abstract-Booklet_final21.pdf page 39) (March, 2014)
- Preventing Officer-Involved Domestic Violence*. Major Cities Chiefs Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (October, 2013)
- Screening for Domestic Violence by Medical Professionals*. 18th Annual International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma. San Diego, CA (September, 2013).
- Domestic Violence and Supervised Visitation*. 50th Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association Annual Conference. Orlando, FL (May, 2013).
- The National Toolkit on Officer-Involved Domestic Violence*. 17th Annual International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma. San Diego, CA (September, 2012).
- Using Supervised Visitation to Improve Family Economic Wellbeing*. 21st Annual Supervised Visitation Network Conference, Orlando, FL (May, 2012).
- Florida's Officer-Involved Domestic Violence Project*. 16th Annual International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma. San Diego, CA (September, 2011).
- Child Maltreatment and Domestic Violence: Research-based Community Responses*. 11th Judicial Circuit Family Court Training, Miami, FL (May, 2010).
- Intervention and Prevention in Family Violence Cases*. Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers Annual Conference, Orlando, FL (August, 2010).

Supervised Visitation Strategies for Florida and the U.S. Florida Coalition against Domestic Violence, Legal Assistance to Victims Training, Hutchinson Island, FL (September, 2009).

Officer-Involved Domestic Violence: New Prevention Strategies. Florida Sheriff's Association Meeting, Destin, FL (February, 2009).

Florida's Supervised Visitation Strategic Plan. Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Meeting, Washington, DC (August, 2008).

Community Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. 17th Annual Supervised Visitation Network Conference, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL (May, 2008).

Reducing and Preventing Officer-Involved Domestic Violence. Florida Police Chief's Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, FL (March, 2008).

The Keeping Children Safe Act. Guardian Ad Litem Statewide Training, Tallahassee, FL (February, 2008).

Meaningful Linkages in the Supervised Visitation Community. 16th Annual Supervised Visitation Network Conference, San Francisco, CA (May, 2007).

Poverty, Literacy, and Violence Dynamics in Family Court. Florida Supreme Court Diversity Committee, Tallahassee, FL (April, 2007).

Domestic Violence and its Dynamics at Supervised Visitation. Ohio Chapter of SVN, Annual Meeting, Xenia, OH (February, 2007).

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse. Broward County Medical Alliance Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (November, 2006).

Ethics and Professionalism. 6th Annual New York State SVN Chapter Conference, Brooklyn, NY (October 2006).

Judicial Training and On-line Resources. 15th Annual Supervised Visitation Network Conference, Rapid City, ND (May, 2006).

Accounting for Domestic Violence at Supervised Visitation. Office on Violence Against Women Safe Havens/Supervised Visitation Training, Washington, DC (January, 2006).

Supervised Visitation: Resources, Risks, and Triumphs. 2005 Florida Family Court Summit, Orlando, FL (October, 2005).

Neutrality in Supervised Visitation. 14th Annual Supervised Visitation Network Conference, Cambridge, MA (May, 2005).

Supervised Visitation: Professionalism, Practice, and the Law. Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Lake Charles, LA (December, 2004).

Judges at the Wheel: How Judges are Steering Supervised Visitation in New Directions and Addressing Safety at Every Turn. 10th Anniversary Conference: Family Violence and the Courts, San Francisco, CA (September, 2004).

Difficult Issues in Disputed Custody Cases. 13th Annual Supervised Visitation Network Conference, Scottsdale, AZ (May, 2004).

Child Sexual Abuse Referrals. Center for Families, Children and the Courts: Access to Visitation Grant Program Training, Los Angeles, CA (April, 2004).

Professionalism in Supervised Visitation. Center for Families, Children and the Courts: Access to Visitation Grant Program Training, Los Angeles, CA (April, 2004).

Variety of Topics: Safety, Policies, Administrative Procedures, Staffing your Visitation Program, Critical Incidents. The Fundamentals of Supervised Visitation for Federal Safe Haven Grantees, Orlando, FL (December, 2003).

Managing High Conflict in Divorced Families: Strategies for Professionals. Niagara Falls, Canada. (November, 2002).

Judges are Immune. Are you? 11th Annual Supervised Visitation Network Conference, Destin, FL (May, 2002).

Child Sexual Abuse Referrals: A Curriculum for Supervised Visitation Providers. Training Institute, Tallahassee, FL (April, 2002).

New Resources in Domestic Violence Cases. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Southwestern Regional Conference, Savannah, GA (September, 2001).

Ten Useful Lessons from the Clearinghouse. 10th Annual Supervised Visitation Network Conference, St. Paul, MN (May, 2001).

At the Crossroads between Domestic Violence and Child Protection. Florida Department of Children and Families/Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Child Advocacy Institute, Orlando, FL (May, 2001).

Court Orders and Administrative Forms: An Introduction for New Providers. Supervised Visitation in the New Millennium, Tallahassee, FL (May, 2000).

Legal Issues Involving Child Access. Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence 2000 Annual Meeting, Clearwater Beach, FL (April, 2000).

Ethical and Administrative Dilemmas in Supervised Visitation. 9th Annual Supervised Visitation Network Conference, Vancouver, CA (April, 2000).

Ethical Concerns in Court Referrals. 8th Annual Supervised Visitation Network Annual Conference, Nashua, NH (April, 1999).