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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*  
Committee: Dr. Christina DeJong (Chair), Dr. Jennifer Cobbina, Dr. Thomas Holt, and Dr. Steven Gold
- 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*  
Committee: Dr. Christina DeJong (Chair), Dr. Jennifer Cobbina, and Dr. Jesenia Pizarro
- B.S. Criminal Justice, Texas State University at San Marcos 2006  
Minor in Forensic Psychology, *Cum Laude*

### NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 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

### PUBLICATIONS

#### 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. (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/>

### **Manuscripts Under Review**

Cox, Alison. "Can I Get a Ride?: The Challenges of Family Members Searching, (Sometimes) Finding, and Organizing Transportation for Prison Visitation." Submitted to the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*.

Cox, Alison. "(Gendered) Barriers to Visitation: A Call for a Feminist Perspective." Submitted to *Feminist Criminology*.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

Cox, Alison. "Citizens for Prison Reform: Family Members Breaking Down Barriers to Visitation Through Symbolic Interactionism." To be submitted to *Deviant Behavior*.

DeJong, Christina and Alison Cox. "Misogyny and Sexual Violence against Women in *Game of Thrones*." To be submitted to *Crime, Media, Culture: An International Journal of Sexualization, Media, & Society*.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant, *Sexual Respect, Sexual Harassment, and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings* 2019 –

P.I.s: Drs. Lisa M. Carter and Shelly Clevenger  
Florida Southern College and Illinois State University  
Funding: None

Research Assistant, *Building Agency, Resisting Patriarchy: Understanding Empowerment Intervention Against Domestic Violence Among Grassroots Women in Gujarat, India* 2018 – 2019

P.I.s: Drs. Soma Chaudhuri and Merry Morash  
Michigan State University  
Funding: National Science Foundation (\$128,381)

Interviewer, *Understanding the Impact of School Safety on the High School Transition Experience: From Etiology to Prevention* 2017 – 2018

P.I.s: Drs. Chris Melde and Jennifer Cobbina  
Michigan State University  
Funding: National Institute of Justice (\$851,014)

Interviewer and Transcriber, <i>Women Improving Probation &amp; Parole Study and Follow-up Study of Women on Probation and Parole</i>	2012 – 2014
P.I.s: Drs. Merry Morash, Debby Kashy, Jennifer Cobbina, and Sandi Smith	
Michigan State University	
Funding: National Science Foundation (\$330,905)	
MSU Strategic Partnership Grant (\$347,988)	

**RESEARCH AREAS**

- Corrections; Barriers to visitation and the prisoner-family relationship
- Women’s and Gender Studies
- Critical Criminology: Convict, Feminist, Rural and Queer

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

**Awards**

Graduate Student Leader, Nominated	2019
Department of Student Life, Michigan State University	

**Fellowships**

Doctoral Summit Fellow	2019
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), Baltimore, MD, March 26 – 30, 2019	

College of Social Science Dissertation Completion Fellowship	SU18
Michigan State University (\$7,000)	

Graduate Student Course Instruction Fellowship	SU18
Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University (\$5,500)	

Graduate School Writing Fellowship	2017 – 2018
The Graduate School, Michigan State University (\$2,000)	

School of Criminal Justice Research Fellowship	SS12
Michigan State University (\$2,500)	

**Scholarships**

Zolton Ferency Endowed Scholarship (\$4,686)	2012 – 2013
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## 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)

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

## PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

### Papers Presented

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 6<sup>th</sup> annual 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. “Strategies for Success: Navigating the Criminology Classroom/Department as a Young Woman.” Participant at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17, 2018.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Michigan State University**

Restorative Justice (Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, Course Assistant)	FS18
Introduction to Contemporary Feminisms and Gender Theories (Online), <b>Instructor</b>	SU18
Women in Criminal Justice, <b>Instructor</b>	SS18
	FS15
Criminology, <b>Instructor</b>	FS17
War and Revolution (On-campus and Online), Course Assistant	2016 – 2017
Gender and Power, Course Assistant	SS16
Violence Against Women, Course Assistant	SS16
Genocide and Mass Murder in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century, Course Assistant	SS15
Brain Development, Evolution and Behavior, Course Assistant	SU14
Canada: Social Science Perspectives, Course Assistant	SU13, SU14
Society and the Individual, Course Assistant	SU13

### **Graduate Assistantships**

Dr. Soma Chaudhuri, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University	SS19
Derrick Franke, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University	FS18
Dr. Soma Chaudhuri, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University	SS16
Dr. Christina DeJong, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University	2016 – 2018
Dr. Christina DeJong, Center for Integrative Studies, Michigan State University	2012 – 2015
Dr. Mahesh Nalla, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University	SS12

## **COURSES PREPPED TO TEACH**

Criminology  
Women and Criminal Justice  
Introduction to Contemporary Feminisms and Gender Theories

## **TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL STYLES**

Active Learning  
Backwards Design  
Experiential Learning  
Feminist Pedagogy  
Inclusive Teaching

## **CAMPUS LECTURES**

### **Michigan State University**

School of Criminal Justice Professional Development Day  
“How to Achieve a Work-Life Balance Workshop”  
April 14, 2017 SS17

Feminist Research Methods Graduate Community,  
“Applying Adichie’s *We Should All Be Feminists* to Our Research and Writing”  
February 24, 2017 SS17

Feminist Research Methods Graduate Community,  
“Feminist Perspectives and Positionality”  
February 26, 2016 SS16

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Manuscript Reviewer:

*Gender and Society* 2013 –

*Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology* 2014 –

Member, Newsletter Committee 2019 –  
Division on Corrections and Sentencing

Member, Student Paper & Poster Award Committee 2019 –  
Division on Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology

Member, Teaching & Pedagogy Committee 2018 –  
Division on Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology

Co-Section Editor for Graduate Student Corner, Newsletter Committee 2017 – 2018  
Division on Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology

## **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

Faculty Advisor, Kappa Alpha Pi 2018 – 2019  
Michigan State University  
(Voluntary position)

Feminist Research Methods Graduate Community, 2016 – 2018  
Michigan State University  
(Created this student group and hold a voluntary position)

Steward for the School of Criminal Justice, Graduate Employees Union, 2015 – 2017  
Michigan State University  
(Voluntary position)

Team Leader for MSU Girls Get Going, Michigan State University 2015  
(Student volunteer for day of physical fitness for girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Group Fitness Instructor, Michigan State University 2014 – 2019  
(Part-time paid position)

Graduate Student Evaluator, University Undergraduate Research and 2013 – 2014  
Arts Forum (UURAF), Michigan State University  
(Voluntary position)

## **SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT**

Vice President of Student Affairs, Graduate Student Association, 2014 – 2018  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University  
(Elected for one-year term and reelected for three following terms)

Secretary, Graduate Student Association, 2013 – 2014  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University  
(Elected for one-year term)

Treasurer, Alpha Phi Sigma 2013 – 2014  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University  
(Elected for one-year term)

Student Representative, Website Committee, 2013 – 2014  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University  
(Voluntary position)

## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

**Greater Lansing Area, Michigan**  
Representative, Michigan Citizens for Rehabilitation of Errants (MI-CURE) 2017 –

(Voluntary position)	
Representative, Family Advisory Board, Michigan Department of Corrections (Voluntary position)	2016 –
Coach, Haslett Middle School, Haslett First Lego League (FLL) Robotics Club (Voluntary position)	2013 – 2015
Shift Leader, Allen Neighborhood Center, Hunter Park GardenHouse (Voluntary positions)	2017 2012 – 2015

**RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

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

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILITATIONS**

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	2014 –
Corrections Section	2014 –
Minorities and Women Section	2014 –
Restorative and Community Justice	2017 –
Teaching, Learning, Scholarship	2017 –
American Society of Criminology	2013 –
Division on Corrections and Sentencing	2013 –
Division on Critical Criminology & Social Justice	2019 –
Division of Rural Criminology	2019 –
Division on Women & Crime	2013 –

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