

Sophia I. Gatowski, Ph.D.
Curriculum Vitae

Education

- Ph.D. Social Psychology
University of Nevada, Reno (1999)
Dissertation: Constructing Science in the Court: Judicial Decision-Making about the Admissibility of Expert Psychological Evidence
- M.A. Community/Clinical Psychology
California State University, Northridge (1992)
- B.A. Psychology (double major with Criminology)
Simon Fraser University (1989)
Burnaby, B.C., Canada

Primary Research Interests

- The interface between science and the law (e.g., judicial and jury decision-making, especially about expert testimony and the admissibility of social science evidence)
- Procedural justice, social psychological dynamics of justice behavior, therapeutic jurisprudence and problem-solving courts
- Racial and ethnic disproportionality and disparities in justice systems
- Evaluation research

Teaching Interests

- Research Methods (Quantitative and Qualitative Methods and Analysis, Evaluation Research, Survey Research)
- Psychology and the Law (Intro and Advanced)
- Social Psychology (Intro and Advanced)
- Organizational Behavior, Leadership and Systems Change Management
- Children and the Courts

Professional and Research Experience

Mar 2009 – Present **Director**, Systems Change Solutions, Inc.: Research, Evaluation and Training Consultants

As a founding Director of Systems Change Solutions, Inc., I provide applied research, evaluation, training, and system change consulting services to courts, government, public and private agencies, and educational institutions. Particular areas of expertise include: program, practice and policy evaluation; instructional design, curricula development and training evaluation; research and technical assistance publication development; leadership training; performance measurement; and judicial workload analyses. Please see: www.systemschangesolutions.com

Mar 2009 - Present **Faculty**, Institute for Court Management, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, Virginia

The Institute for Court Management provides training for judges, court administrators, attorneys and other court-related professionals (both online and in-house for series of week-long courses). I currently teach a course on court performance measurement and effective systems change that I co-developed for the Institute.

Sep 2002 – Present **Adjunct Faculty**, Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Social Psychology; Judicial Studies Program, University of Nevada Reno

I currently serve in an Adjunct Faculty capacity for the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Social Psychology and the Judicial Studies Program at the University of Nevada, Reno. In addition to serving on dissertation and master theses' committees in both programs, I am involved in course design and serve as a guest lecturer on evaluation research methods and social psychology and the law.

Oct 2004 – Jan 2009 **Senior Program Manager/Assistant Director**, Permanency Planning for Children Department, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), founded in 1937, is the oldest judicial membership organization in the United States. The NCJFCJ is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the effectiveness of juvenile and family courts, and the welfare of the children and families who come before them, through leadership, education, policy development, and applied research. The National Council is a recognized leader on matters of state, national, and international juvenile and family law. The Permanency Planning for Children Department (PPCD) is one of several departments of the NCJFCJ. The PPCD is dedicated to improving practice and policy in child abuse and neglect civil cases. Through a combination of public and private funding, the PPCD works with professionals throughout the child welfare system and research community to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions across the country, conduct applied research, provide training to juvenile and family court judges and child welfare professionals, and to develop policies and curricula to support long-term sustainable reforms throughout the child welfare system. For more information about the NCJFCJ and the PPCD, please visit www.ncjfcj.org.

As Senior Program Manager/Assistant Director of the PPCD, I:

- Developed and managed revenue-generating research and services that establish a leadership role for the NCJFCJ in the identification of juvenile and family justice issues, synthesis of knowledge about these issues, and development of empirically-based research and policy responses;
- Had direct oversight of all PPCD grant funded initiatives, including national demonstration projects (e.g., project design and grant proposal development, operational and financial management of projects, supervision and oversight of project personnel, quality control of work products and project deliverables);
- Sought and established external funding for research, judicial trainings and curricula development (all PPCD staff and projects are "soft-money" funded);

- Trained judges and allied professionals on issues of relevance to the juvenile and family courts (including design and implementation of symposia, workshops, and conferences);
- Managed, coordinated, and provided direct oversight of 25 Department staff, including a range of credentialed professionals (e.g., graduate research assistants from the University of Nevada, staff attorneys, and social workers);
- Oversaw Department budget (approx. \$4.5 million), working closely with the PPCD Director and NCJFCJ Director of Finance;
- Authored research reports, judicial curricula, and technical assistance bulletins for national and international dissemination;
- Liaison with NCJFCJ membership, state trial courts, juvenile and family courts, child welfare professionals, allied organizations and federal funders, as well as academic researchers; and
- Represented the PPCD and NCJFCJ at a variety of state and national conferences and through membership on various national advisory boards and policy committees.

Oct 2002 – Sep 2004 **Assistant Director**, Research & Development Division
 Permanency Planning for Children Dept., NCJFCJ

As Assistant Director for Research and Development Division, I:

- Wrote and submitted grants to obtain funding for research projects;
- Provided oversight of all aspects of research projects, including methodological design and implementation, instrument development, data collection and analysis, and report writing;
- Supervised research staff including doctoral level research assistants from the University of Nevada Reno and Las Vegas, as well as project administrative staff;
- Conducted needs assessments and made recommendations for organizational and systems' improvements in juvenile and family courts;
- Presented research results to judicial and academic audiences;
- Designed and implemented judicial training curricula and training programs (at the local, state and national levels); and
- Conducted legal and policy analysis (e.g., systematic review of child abuse and neglect statutes in each state to identify trends and compilation of national level information about the nature of the law with respect to child protection practice).

Oct 2001 – Oct 2002 **Senior Research Specialist**, Research and Development Division,
 Permanency Planning for Children Dept., NCJFCJ

Responsible for:

- Grant writing and research development, including project design, grant proposal development, instrument design, data collection and analysis, and report writing;
- Data collection including: telephone and in-person interviews; focus groups; secondary data analysis; systematic court observation and coding of court hearings; and content analysis of court files, case law, program documentation, policy statements, and judicial opinions;
- Presentation of research results to judicial and academic audiences; and
- Authoring reports and technical assistance bulletins for dissemination to the NCJFCJ membership, system professionals, public officials, media, and academic researchers.

Oct 1999 – Oct 2001 **Senior Research Specialist/Model Court Liaison**
Permanency Planning for Children Dept., NCJFCJ

Responsible for:

- Developing training seminars and providing technical assistance to juvenile and family court jurisdictions participating as demonstration projects in the federally funded Victims Act Model Courts Project (Model Court jurisdictions include the largest juvenile courts in the U.S. (e.g., Los Angeles, New York City, Chicago) as well as rural and tribal court jurisdictions);
- Close consultation with model court project sites to assess their court improvement needs and to engage in strategic planning to facilitate improvement efforts; and
- Designing and implementing evaluation studies for Model Court jurisdictions to determine effectiveness of court improvement reform efforts.

Mar 1997 – Feb 1999 **Co-Project Director**
"Science in the Courtroom: Improved Understanding through Better
Judicial Education"

I received funding from the State Justice Institute, the National Judicial College, and the Federal Judicial Center, to examine the social psychological processes involved in judicial decision-making about the admissibility of scientific evidence, as well as the impact of changing evidentiary law on the use of science in the court. A secondary goal of this research was the design of a model curriculum or national "Benchbook" to assist judges in understanding and applying criteria for determining the admissibility of scientific evidence. This research used the following methodologies: a national sample survey of state trial judges (N=500) using a two-part telephone and mail survey mode; a telephone survey of attorneys; focus groups with judges; case law and statutory analyses. This study funded my dissertation work.

Responsible for:

- Development of the original grant proposal;
- All aspects of the research including the design of survey instruments and sampling frame, pilot of survey instruments, the development of a survey training manual, case law analyses and all data analysis;
- Training and supervision of a staff of interviewers, as well as one full-time and one part-time graduate research assistant;
- Final report-writing and manuscript preparation for submission to an academic journal for publication (see publications section of CV); and
- Curriculum development (Judicial Benchbook: *A Judge's Deskbook on the Basic Philosophies and Methods of Science*) as well as training of judges on the Benchbook material.

Sep 1993 – Jul 1997 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies
University of Nevada, Reno

Responsible for:

- Assisting faculty and students in the development and preparation of grants that were submitted to the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Justice, State Justice Institute, and various private foundations and state governmental agencies. Assistance provided included: conducting LEXIS and Westlaw case law searches; consulting on research design and

implementation; statistical analysis; document preparation for proposal submission; and proposal review; and

- Assisting in the organization of Center-sponsored campus colloquia, public lectures with visiting scholars, and conferences such as the "Vth International Social Justice Research Conference" hosted by the Center in June, 1995.

Sep 1992 – May 1994 **Graduate Research Assistant**

"Evaluating the Impact of Court-Annexed Arbitration on the Pace, Cost, and Quality of Civil Justice in Clark County Nevada" (jointly funded by the State Justice Institute [#92-03W-1-051] and the Nevada Supreme Court)

Responsible for:

- Developing and implementing surveys of litigants, attorneys and arbitrators, conducting face-to-face interviews with district court judges, and co-facilitating discussion groups of attorneys and arbitrators;
- Coding and analysis of over 1000 case records of arbitration and trial track cases for later data analysis; and
- Final evaluation report and manuscript for submission to academic journal for publication (see publication section of CV).

Aug 1992 – Aug 1994 **Graduate Research Assistant**

University Assessment Center, University of Nevada, Reno

Responsible for:

- Design, administration, data analysis, and report-writing of surveys used in the assessment of university programs and services (see publications, technical report section for examples of studies).

Teaching Positions

Sep 2002 – Present **Adjunct Faculty**, University of Nevada, Reno

Graduate Level

Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Social Psychology

- Lecturer for Graduate Level Seminar in Social Psychology and Law
- Lecturer in applied research methods; social psychology and the law; and theories of social justice for the Ph.D. Program in Social Psychology
- Member, Dissertation Committees
- Supervised graduate students on directed research projects
- Supervised graduate research assistants from the Departments of Psychology and Sociology placed with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Judicial Studies – Ph.D. and Masters Program for Judiciary

- Member, Dissertation Committees
- Member, Thesis Committees
- Lecturer, Scientific Evidence; Juvenile and Family Law
- Course Design (Children and the Courts)

Undergraduate Level

Sep 1998 – Dec 1998

Lecturer, Dept. of Psychology, University of Nevada, Reno
Introduction to Psychology; Introduction to Social Psychology

Jan 1994 – May 1994

Lecturer, Dept. of Sociology, University of Nevada, Reno
Introduction to Sociology; Sociology of Organizations

Mar 2009 – Present

Faculty, Institute for Court Management, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, Virginia

Sep 1991 – June 1992

Instructor, Dept. of Psychology, Cal. State Northridge
Principles of Human Behavior: Introductory Psychology

Other Teaching Positions

Dec 1996 – Present

Judicial Trainings and Seminars

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
National Center for State Courts
National Judicial College
Federal Judicial Center
Various States Administrative Offices of the Courts

I routinely serve as a faculty member for a wide range of training programs related to the substantive work of juvenile and family courts. Although seminars and trainings are primarily aimed at a judicial audience, most seminars and trainings also include a variety of system professionals in the class (e.g., attorneys, social workers, probation officers, mental health professionals).

Substantive areas for which I have served as faculty include:

- Evaluation Research Design and Methods
- Court Performance Measurement
- Judicial Decision-Making in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases
- Effective Strategies for Organizational and Systems Change
- Evidence Issues in the Juvenile and Family Court (e.g., use of psychological testing and reports; admissibility of evidence; expert testimony)
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Racial and Ethnic Disproportionality and Disparities in the Justice System
- Judicial Workload Assessment

I have also served as invited faculty at a number of judicial trainings related to applied research for juvenile and family courts, judicial decision-making, and social scientific evidence. These seminars and trainings have been sponsored by The National Judicial College, The Federal Judicial Center, The National Conference on Science and the Law, The National Institute of Justice, The National Academies of Science, the U.S. Department of Justice, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and The American Judicature Society.

Course/Curricula Development

- Present **Curriculum: Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Futures: What Judges Need to Know about the Needs of Infants and Toddlers in the Dependency Court System** (Under Development)
Funder: American Bar Association; Co-author: Shirley Dobbin, Ph.D.
- Present **Curriculum: Judicial Leadership and Effective Systems Change** (Under Development)
Funder: National Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Co-author: Shirley Dobbin, Ph.D.
- Present **Seminar: Children and the Courts** (Under Development)
Dept. of Judicial Studies, University of Nevada, Reno
- Present **Seminar: Juvenile and Family Law** (Under Development)
Dept. of Judicial Studies, University of Nevada, Reno
- Dec 2008 **Curriculum: Case Management and Best Practice: A Course for Court Clerks and Other Court Personnel**
Funder: Institute for Court Management, National Center for State Courts; Co-authors: Dawn Rubio, J.D., and Dr. Victor Flango, National Center for State Courts
- July 2007 **Child Abuse and Neglect Institute: The Role of the Judge A Curriculum Guide and Instructor's Manual**
Funder: State Justice Institute; A copy is available by contacting NCJFCJ at www.caninfo.org
- Mar 1999 **A Judge's Deskbook on the Basic Philosophies and Methods of Science**
Funder: State Justice Institute; Co-author: Shirley Dobbin, Ph.D.; A full text on-line copy of the Deskbook is available at www.unr.edu/bench
- May 1997 **Program Evaluation for Community Projects**
Course Development and Training Program, Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies, University of Nevada, Reno; Funder: Nevada Public Health Foundation and the Office of the Nevada Attorney General.
- March 1996 **Juvenile Violence: A Guide to Research.**
Funder: State Justice Institute; A full text on-line copy of this guide is available on-line at <http://ncjfcj.unr.edu>

Teaching Symposia, Conferences and Workshops Organized

Sep 2007 – Dec 2008

Courts Catalyzing Change: Achieving Equity and Fairness in the Foster Care System

Designed a series of workshops to bring together judges, child welfare professionals, and researchers to develop a national agenda to reduce racial disproportionality and disparities in the child welfare system.

Oct 2000 – Jan 2009

Model Court All-Sites Conference

Annual three day conference for jurisdictions participating in the national model courts project (funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)

- Work as part of a collaborative team to conceive of conference
- Identify presentation topics and faculty
- Invite faculty to present at conference
- Serve as facilitator for workshop discussions
- Serve as faculty on a variety of topics

Jan 2000 – Present

Child Abuse and Neglect Institute

- Provide consultation and oversight in the development of course materials, seminars, and courses for judges and other system professionals in the areas of child abuse and neglect civil litigation and child welfare reform.
- Provide support and guidance to faculty – including psychologists and mental health professionals, medical doctors, social workers, and applied researchers – with respect to how to adapt their substantive content for a judicial audience.

Sep 2005

National Leadership Summit on the Protection of Children

Three day conference for State Supreme Court Justices, Appellate Judges, State Trial Court Administrators and Child Welfare Agency Directors (Milwaukee, WI)

- Worked as part of collaborative team to conceive of conference
- Solicited funding from the State Justice Institute, Dave Thomas Foundation and Pew Charitable Trust
- Identified presentation topics and faculty
- Invited faculty to present at conference
- Promoted conference
- Served as facilitator for group discussions
- Served as faculty on court performance measurement

Nov 1999

Millennium Conference: Launching Improved Court Practice in Child Abuse & Neglect Cases into the Next Century

Three day conference for government and philanthropic leaders to share information and ideas on how to best serve abused and neglected children (Washington, DC)

- Worked as part of collaborative team to conceive of conference

- Identified presentation topics and faculty
- Served as facilitator for group discussions

External Grants Written and Awarded

Research Grants

- *Judicial Workload Assessment in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases*. Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (15 months, 2007-2008, \$200,000). An evaluation of judicial workload in child abuse and neglect cases using a quasi-experimental design. I co-authored the proposal.
- *Review of Best Practice Research in Dependency Courts*. Judicial Council of California (10 months, 2007-2008, \$50,000). A comprehensive review of research studies examining best practice in dependency courts. I co-authored the proposal.
- *Needs Assessment and Performance Evaluation of Respondent Parents' Counsel in Child Welfare Cases*. Administrative Office of the Courts, State of Colorado (15 months, 2006-2007, \$175,000). An assessment of the performance of respondent parents' counsel (defense attorneys) in child abuse and neglect cases, including recommendations for training and practice standards. I authored the methodological section of the grant proposal.
- *An Assessment of Child Abuse and Neglect Hearing Practice in Three Northern California Counties*. David and Lucile Packard Foundation (15 months, 2006-2007, \$110,000). A process and outcome evaluation of child abuse and neglect hearing practice in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Monterey Counties in California. This evaluation is focused on the impact of hearing practice on child permanency and well-being outcomes. I co-authored the grant proposal, including research design, instrumentation and associated budget.
- *Evaluating Front-Loading Strategies in Utah's Child Abuse and Neglect Cases: Are Outcomes Improved for Children and Families?* Utah Administrative Office of the Courts and Utah Court Improvement Program (18 months, 2004-2006, \$160,000). An examination of therapeutic justice and "problem-solving" court models in child abuse and neglect cases in Utah. I co-authored the grant proposal, including research design and instrumentation. This research project was a partnership with the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies, University of Nevada, Reno.
- *Court Improvement Program Re-Assessment: State of New York*. The New York State Unified Court System, Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children (12 months, 2004-2005, \$149,954). In order to continue to receive federal court improvement program (CIP) funding, each state must undergo a re-assessment to document progress on court improvement reform efforts. I co-authored the grant proposal, including research design and instrumentation.
- *Court Improvement Program Re-Assessment: State of Washington*. Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts. (12 months, 2004-2005, \$100,445). [See Re-Assessment description above].
- *Court Improvement Program Re-Assessment: State of Nevada*. State of Nevada Office of State Court Administration (12 months, 2004-2005, \$57,477). [See Re-Assessment description above].

- *Asking the Right Questions: A Judicial Educational Checklist Review and Implementation Project.* Casey Family Programs (18 months, 2003-2005, \$75,000). I wrote and obtained a grant to evaluate the use of an educational checklist or "Benchmark" for judges.
- *Improving Court Performance in Child Abuse and Neglect Proceedings: A National Evaluation and Technical Assistance Project.* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau (3 years, 2003-2006, \$470,613). This grant is a collaboration of the NCJFCJ, American Bar Association, and the National Center for State Courts, to conduct court performance measurement and judicial workload assessment in 6 project sites. I was responsible for writing the NCJFCJ's request for funding, including project design and budget.
- *Strengthening Abuse and Neglect Courts Act Implementation Project: National Technical Assistance Provider.* U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (3 years, 2003-2005, \$222,373). This grant is a collaboration of the NCJFCJ, American Bar Association, and the National Center for State Courts, to provide technical assistance to 6 demonstration sites that are developing enhanced automated management information systems to support outcome and performance measurement in child abuse and neglect cases (each site receives supplemental funds from OJJDP for project implementation). I was responsible for writing the NCJFCJ's request for funding, including project design and budget.
- *Evaluation of the Washington, D.C. Family Court Act Implementation.* Council for Court Excellence (12 months, 2003-2004, \$165,000). I wrote a grant to evaluate the implementation of the Family Court Act in Washington, D.C. Results of this study were submitted to the U.S. Congress who oversaw the Family Court Act implementation in the District.
- *Facilitating Systems Change: Assessment of Collaborative Structures and Processes in Model Court Jurisdictions.* David and Lucile Packard Foundation (15 months, 2001-2003, \$320,655). I co-authored the grant proposal, including research design and instrumentation. This grant funded a study of collaborative systems in 6 project sites in order to identify the components critical to effective leadership, organizational management, and systems change in child abuse and neglect practice and policy reform efforts.
- *Evaluation of Utah Court Improvement Project Reforms and Best Practices.* Utah Administrative Office of the Courts (15 months, 2001-2003, \$127,903). I co-authored the grant proposal, including research design and instrumentation. This grant funded an evaluation of the Utah court improvement project, including qualitative and quantitative outcome measures.
- *Evaluation of Hawaii's Family Group Conferencing Program.* Edna McConnell Clark Foundation (15 months, 2001-2003, \$100,000) I co-authored the grant proposal, including research design and instrumentation. This grant funded an evaluation of the O'hana family group conferencing program in Hawaii, a culturally-based alternative dispute resolution program offered to families at risk for involvement in the child protection court system.
- *Improving Educational Outcomes for Youth in Foster Care: Perspectives from Judges and Program Specialists.* Marguerite Casey Foundation and Casey Family Programs (12 months, 2001-2002, \$75,000). This grant, funded a national survey of judges, child welfare program specialists, and foster care youth, on the educational needs of youth in the foster care system.

- *Science in the Courtroom: Improved Understanding Through Better Judicial Education*. State Justice Institute, Federal Judicial Center, and the National Judicial College (24 months, 1997-1999, \$150,000). This grant, which I co-authored, funded a national survey of state trial court judges (N=500) about the use of scientific evidence in their courts and their understanding of changing admissibility standards. (This grant funded my doctoral dissertation research.)

Technical Assistance and Training/Conference Development Grants

- *National Working Group on the Disproportionate Representation of Children of Color in the Dependency Court System*. Casey Family Programs (12 months, 2007, \$90,000). I authored this grant to Casey Family Programs to convene a national working group and series of workshops to examine the issue of disproportionate minority representation in the child welfare system and to design a national research, policy and training agenda.
- *Judicial Tools to Address the Educational Needs of Children and Youth in Foster Care*. Casey Family Programs (9 months, 2007, \$50,000). I authored this grant to Casey Family Programs to convene a working group of judges to make modifications to a judicial checklist designed to address the educational needs of children and youth in foster care.
- *Improving the Understanding of Maternal and Child Health*. U.S. Department of Health Education Resources Administration; subcontract with the ABA Center on Children and the Law (9 months, 2007, \$25,000). I authored a grant to provide resources to the NCJFCJ to produce a judicial benchbook on maternal and child health concerns in the dependency court context.
- *Improving the Juvenile and Family Courts' Handling of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases: A Model Training and Technical Assistance Continuation Project*. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (12 months, 2004-2005, \$2,217, 576). I share responsibility for submitting this grant to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on behalf of the NCJFCJ each year. This grant extends funding for the NCJFCJ to provide training, technical assistance, research and evaluation to jurisdictions participating in a model courts project aimed at improving child abuse and neglect case processing. A number of research studies have been funded through this grant award (e.g., most recently, an evaluation of child protection mediation in the Family Court of Washington, D.C.).
- *Permanent Families for Abused and Neglected Children: A National Training and Technical Assistance Continuation Project*. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (12 months, 2004-2005, \$223,538). I share responsibility for submitting this grant to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on behalf of the NCJFCJ each year. This grant continued funding to the NCJFCJ to deliver judicial and interdisciplinary training, as well as curriculum development, to national, regional, state, and local participants.
- *Achieving Timely Permanency for Children: A National Conference on Best Practices to Expedite Appeals*. State Justice Institute (15 months, 2004-2005, \$25,000). I co-authored a grant to design a conference for Chief Justices, appellate courts, and juvenile and family court judges to improve the appellate review process for child abuse and neglect cases.

- *Safe Start National Demonstration Project: Training and Technical Assistance Continuation Grant*. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (12 months, 2004-2005, \$415,000). I wrote a grant to continue funding to the NCJFCJ to provide training, technical assistance, research and evaluation to 11 "Safe Start" demonstration sites across the United States. These project sites are focused on improving access to, delivery of, and quality of services for young children at high risk of exposure to violence, or who have been exposed to violence.

Manuscripts Under Review

Summers, A., Gatowski, S.I., & Dobbin, S.A. (2010). Judicial decision-making in child protection cases: The influence of case factors, cognitive processing styles and judicial expertise on the perception of risk in termination of parental rights' decisions. *Under Review, Psychology, Crime and Law*.

Publications

Gatowski, S.I. & Dobbin, S.A. (in press). National judicial initiatives to reduce racial disproportionalities and disparities in the dependency court system. Chapter in: *Racial Disproportionality in Child Welfare*. Washington, D.C: Child Welfare League of America.

Gatowski, S.I., Dobbin, S.A., Summers, A. (in press). Exploring the value-added of specialized problem-solving courts for dependency cases: Lessons learned from a study of dependency problem-solving court models. Chapter in *Special Problem-Solving Courts: Social Science and Legal Perspectives*, Springer Press.

Gatowski, S.I., & Portune, L. (2009). *Implementation Guide to Court Performance Measurement in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases*. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Government Printing Office.

Gatowski, S.I., & Dobbin, S.A. (2009). *Users' Guide to Non-Automated Performance Measurement in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases*. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Government Printing Office.

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- Wiener, R., Dobbin, S.A., & Gatowski, S. I. (2002). Judicial notebook: Temporary custody and caseworkers' constitutional obligations. *A.P.A. Monitor on Psychology*, 33(6), 20.
- Dobbin, S.A., Gatowski, S.I., Ginsburg, G.P., Merlino, M.L., Dahir, V., & Richardson, J.T. (2001). Surveying difficult populations: Lessons learned from a national survey of state trial court judges. *Justice System Journal*, 22(3), 287-314.
- Dobbin, S.A., Gatowski, S.I., Richardson, J.T., Ginsburg, G.P., Merlino, M.P, & Dahir, V. (2001). Views from the bench: A snapshot of selected results from a national survey of judges on *Daubert*. *Judicature*, 85(5), 244-247.
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- *Juvenile and Family Court Journal* – Reviewer (Sep 2000 – Present)
- *National Science Foundation*- Invited Reviewer (2002; 2003; 2004; 2005; 2006; 2007; 2009)
- *American Psychology-Law Society, Div. 41, American Psychological Association* – Reviewer, conference paper submissions (Sep. 1994- present)
- *Law and Society Association* – Reviewer, conference paper submissions (Oct. 1999 to present)
- *Permanency Partnership Forum*, annual conference of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children’s Bureau - Reviewer, conference paper submissions (Oct. 1998-present)
- *National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Annual Conference* - Reviewer, conference paper submissions (Oct 1999 - present)
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Other Professional Activities

- *Member, Board of Directors, Research and Reform for Courts and Children* (January 2010 - present) - a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization focusing on bridging the research-practice divide in juvenile and family courts.
- *Member, National Education Working Group* – Participate in a collaborative of allied organizations to design a national strategy to increase awareness of the educational needs of youth in foster care (2005 – present; funded by the Casey Family Programs; partners include: Child Welfare League of America, Children’s Defense Fund, National CASA, American Public Human Services Association, American Bar Association, National Foster Parents’ Association, National Association of Public School Administrators)
- *Member, Courts Catalyzing Change Steering Committee* – Serve on the Steering Committee that oversees the development and implementation of a national strategy to reduce racial disproportionality and disparities in the dependency court system (2007 – present; funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and Casey Family Programs).
- *Member, National Advisory Committee, Juvenile Delinquency Resource Guidelines* – Development and review of a guide to research and best hearing practice in juvenile delinquency cases; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (June 2003 –June 2004)
- *Member, National Advisory Committee, Assessment of State Court Improvement Programs* – Consultation on the design and feasibility of evaluating federally funded state court

improvement programs; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau (March 2003 – August 2003)

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- *Trial Consultant*, Litigation Technologies, Inc. (Feb 1993 - May 1998)
- *Job Development Coordinator*, SWASHLOCK/OPCC Employment Program, Santa Monica, CA, (Jan 1991 – June 1992). Developed and implemented an employment program for the homeless.
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American Psychological Association, Member

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