

**SFF/RRG COVER SHEET**

Application Receipt Deadline: 4:00 p.m. Monday, October 2, 2006

Type of application:     SFF             RRG             Both

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Academic Rank:	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Professor	MU Hire Date:
Farkas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Professor	1995
Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Professor	1976

Descriptive Project Title (Limited to 120 characters, including spaces)  
  
Living With Imprisonment: A Study of the Families of Persons Convicted of Sex Offenses

Have you searched for external funding?  Yes             No  
If yes, explain how you searched for external funding (even if your efforts were not successful)

1. We consulted with Kathryn Hughes-Durben (ORSP), seeking suggestions for external funding sources.
2. We ran several searches of the ORSP data base focusing on family crises and disruption, families and crime, families and imprisonment, and sex abuse.
3. We continue to monitor the web sites of funding agencies (especially the Soros Foundation, McArthur Foundation and National Institute of Justice) that fund research in the areas of family and imprisonment.

What other support are you currently receiving?  
  
None

This project involves (check all that apply):  
 Human Subjects     Vertebrate animals     Recombinant DNA     Radioactive Materials  
Attach appropriate protocols or IRB/IACUC/IBC approval letters to your application package.

Does this SFF/RRG application request graduate student support?    ( )Yes    (X)No

**Farkas:**

Have you ever applied for a SFF and/or RRG in the past?  
( )No.    (X)Yes, I last applied for a (X)SFF    ( )RRG in October 2001 (year)

Date and type of your last COR Award:  
SFF 11/20/06.    RRG   /  /  .    ( ) Did not receive award.

Title of your last COR award:  
The Role the Sex Offender Treatment Provider: Therapeutic or Social Control Agent

Applicant signature and date  
*Mary Ann Farkas*    9/29/06

**Miller:**

Have you ever applied for a SFF and/or RRG in the past?  
( )No.    (X)Yes, I last applied for a (X)SFF    (X)RRG in October 1996(year)

Date and type of your last COR Award:  
SFF 11/18/96.    RRG 11/18/96.    ( )Did not receive award.

Title of your last COR award:  
Constructing Troubles in Two Counseling Sites: A Study of Brief and Systemic Therapy

Applicant signature and date  
*Heidi Miller*    9/29/06

Chair/Unit Administrator signature and date  
*Richard Jones*    9/29/06

**SFF/RRG PROJECT BUDGET**

Name: Mary Ann Farkas  
 Gale Miller

Department: Social and Cultural Sciences

Project Title: Living With Imprisonment:  
 A Study of the Families of Persons Convicted of Sex Offenses

**SFF/RRG BUDGET TABLE: FARKAS**

Item	Funds Requested from the Committee on Research	Funds Requested from Other Sources (Name the Source)
SFF (\$5,500)	\$5500	0
RRG	5800	
Other Personnel Salary (List)	1600 Student Transcribers	0
Equipment		0
Supplies		0
Travel	4200	0
Other (specify)		0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>A. \$ 11,300</b>	<b>B. \$ 0</b>
<b>Total Project Cost (A+B)</b>	<b>\$ 11,300</b>	

**SFF/RRG BUDGET TABLE: MILLER**

Item	Funds Requested from the Committee on Research	Funds Requested from Other Sources (Name the Source)
SFF (\$5,500)	\$5500	0
RRG	4200	
Other Personnel Salary (List)	2900 Student Transcribers	0
Equipment		
Supplies		
Travel	1300	0
Other (specify)		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>A. \$9700</b>	<b>B. \$ 0</b>
<b>Total Project Cost (A+B)</b>	<b>\$ 9700</b>	

<b>Total Project Cost (Farkas and Miller)</b>	<b>\$ 21,000</b>
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## RRG PROJECT BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

We will use the grant monies to pay for some of our travel expenses and to hire student transcribers to help transcribe our interviews. We are asking for a total of 600 hours of transcriber time. We have been advised by Dr. Richard Jones (Chair, Department of Social and Cultural Sciences) and Ms. Kathleen Hawkins (Administrative Assistant, Department of Social and Cultural Sciences, and former Budget Coordinator, College of Communication) to offer the students \$7.50 per hour. The wage reflects the skill level required for transcription.

Our projected travel expenses are based on our own experiences in traveling to conduct interviews for this project. We have paid \$80 per night for motel rooms in most sites (\$100 in larger and more expensive cities) and slightly more than \$200 per week for car rentals. The air fare rates reflect our recent experiences in flying to these destinations. We are not asking for funds for meals or other travel expenses.

**Farkas Budget:** \$1600 will pay for 214 hours of transcriber time (roughly 35 interviews) and \$4200 will fund return trips to Florida, Oregon and Washington to complete interviews started there and to conduct additional interviews. Dr. Farkas will spend 10 days in each state. The travel budget breaks out as follows: 30 days of hotel expense = \$2400, 4 weeks of car rental = \$800, air fare to Florida = \$200, air fare to Portland = \$400 and air fare to Seattle = \$400.

**Miller Budget:** \$2900 will pay for 386 hours of transcriber time (roughly 64 interviews) and \$1300 will be used to partially fund a return trip to Colorado, and an initial and follow-up trip to Washington, D.C. to conduct interviews. Each trip will take 7 days. The travel budget breaks out as follows: 7 days of hotel expense in Colorado = 560, 1 week of car rental = \$200, air fare to Denver = \$200, and the remaining money (\$340) would be used to pay some of the expenses for one of the trips to Washington, D.C.

**Prior Award**  
**Mary Ann Farkas**

In Fall of 2001, I was awarded a Summer Faculty Fellowship (SFF), "The Role of the Sex Offender Treatment Provider: Therapeutic vs. Social Control Agent?" The following is a brief description of this project and what I was able to accomplish with this award.

In contemporary corrections, the therapist is considered part of a team collaborating on sex offender cases with institutional staff and polygraphers. Yet, the treatment provider must also develop a therapeutic relationship with their client based on mutual trust, openness, and honesty. Treatment is mandated for convicted sex offenders in many states and the offenders are compelled to admit culpability for their offenses in order to obtain treatment. The therapist may induce participation or compliance with treatment goals by using the threat of a transfer to a higher security prison or loss of privileges. The polygraph is used to verify the veracity of statements made by sex offender clients in treatment and to encourage their optimal participation in the treatment process. So the treatment provider must assume the dual roles of therapeutic agent and social control agent.

I was interested in exploring the double bind inherent in these dual roles, specifically how sex offender laws and policies have created dilemmas and conflicts for the sex offender therapist in trying to treat their patient while adhering to correctional mandates. The SFF award provided opportunities to conduct research on this subject, to publish my findings in a peer-reviewed journal, and to present my conclusions at a major international conference. I was able to develop a comprehensive literature review regarding the experiences of those who provide sex offender treatment, and to conduct interviews with several treatment providers in the United States and with therapists from other countries, Canada, Spain, England and Germany. I presented a paper "The Role of the Sex Offender Treatment Provider: Therapeutic vs. Social Control Agent?" and participated in a panel on sex offender treatment at the annual meeting of the International Association for the Treatment of Sex Offenders (IATSO) in Vienna, Austria in September of 2002. I was able to share thoughts and ideas with professionals and academics from around the world. This experience allowed me to make valuable contacts in the field of sex offender treatment and to become a member of IATSO.

Findings from my research were published in two papers: "Sex offender laws and policies: Can retribution, public safety and treatment be reconciled?" (with A. Strichman) *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 27(2001): 346-352 and "Correctional Officers: What Factors Influence Work Attitudes?" *Correctional Management Quarterly*, 5(2001): 20-26. I also published a chapter called "Managing Sex Offenders in Correctional Settings." Chapter 16, pp. 2-26, in *Managing Special Populations in Jails and Prison* (S. Stojkovic, editor) Kingston, NJ.: Civic Health Project (2005).

**Prior RRG and SFF Awards**  
**Gale Miller**

I have received 3 prior RRG and SFF awards. The first was an SFF award for a project called "Work, Ideology and Social Change," granted in 1978 for \$4000. This study looked at the way in which change-oriented worker groups define work as a social problem. I used the findings of this study in writing *It's a Living: Work in Modern Society*, New York: St. Martin's Press, 1981.

The second was an RRG collaborative award for \$6300 with James A. Holstein (Social and Cultural Sciences) in 1989. This project was called "Dispute Domains and Welfare Claims: Organization and Evolution of Disputes in a Work Incentive Program." It built on an earlier study of rhetoric and everyday life in a Work Incentive Program (WIN), a welfare-to-work program. The funded project traced the evolution and transformation of otherwise unremarkable disagreements between WIN staff and clients into full-fledged disputes calling for the intervention of legal arbitrators representing the State of Wisconsin. We used the findings from this study in obtaining a grant for \$55,000 from the Ford Foundation in 1990. The findings of the study were reported and analyzed in *Dispute Domains and Welfare Claims: Law and Conflict in Public Bureaucracies*, Greenwich, CT: JAI Press, Inc., 1996. I authored or co-authored 5 articles from this study. They are marked on my vita as RRG89.

The third award was a combination of RRG and SFF for \$6800. The award was for a project called "Constructing Troubles in Two Counseling Sites: A Study of Brief and Systemic Therapies." The awards were granted in 1996. This award supported the extension of my prior research on ecosystemic and solution-focused brief therapies. Some of the contacts are noted under **Presentations** in the attached vita. I used the summer money to travel in Europe and Asia, establishing contacts with brief and systemic therapy sites there, and to work on comparative papers dealing with the relationship between brief and systemic therapies. The RRG money was also used for the latter purpose. I authored or co-authored 10 articles from this study. They are marked on the vita as SFF96. This study was also the basis for a grant proposal that Dr. Timothy Halkowski and I (University of Wisconsin Medical School, Milwaukee Campus) submitted to the Dr. Scholl Foundation in 1998. We were granted \$20,000 to study "Counseling in Physician-Patient Interactions: The Cases of Primary Care and Family Medicine." We used the findings from this study to reorganize aspects of the resident-training program at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Milwaukee Campus around brief and systemic therapy principles.

### ABSTRACT

This is an exploratory study of the perceptions, experiences, needs and coping strategies of families of persons imprisoned for sex offenses. These families face multiple challenges in confronting and responding to the crises of sex abuse and incarceration. The challenges emanate from within and outside of the families. The requested funds will help us to complete our ongoing interviews with adult members of up to 85 families, transcribe the interviews and begin our analysis of the data. The study focuses on families that maintain contact with imprisoned family members. These families are unique in providing ongoing support for imprisoned sex offenses and represent the best source of data for developing social policies that promise to enhance sex offenders' experiences in prison and transition to community life.

Criminological and sociological research conducted over the past 25 years indicate that families serve as buffers against the stresses and deprivations of prison life for offenders, and may encourage imprisoned family members to participate in needed therapy and comply with prison regulations. Intact families also serve as support systems for released offenders' transition into community life outside of prison and are positively associated with low recidivism rates. The research also indicates that maintaining contact with imprisoned family members has benefits for family members on the outside, including increasing the stability of their relationships with each other. Thus, it is surprising that the criminological and sociological literatures on families, crime and incarceration include few studies of the families of incarcerated sex offenders.

Our research addresses this gap in the literature by collecting and analyzing data on families in 11 states and the District of Columbia in the United States. The interviews will be conducted by Dr.'s Farkas and Miller. Each volunteer for the study will be interviewed for a roughly 6 hours (over the course of 3 separate interviews). The interviews focus on family members' initial perceptions and responses to the sex abuse (Interview 1), members' subsequent experiences with and responses to incarceration (Interview 2), and on the coping strategies used by family members in managing the challenges of living with sex abuse while maintaining contact with imprisoned family members (Interview 3).

The data from this study will be used to construct theoretical perspectives on family perceptions of and responses to crisis situations (particularly the crises of sex abuse and incarceration), to develop new projects suitable for submission for external grant support, to address the policy implications of the findings, and in writing papers for presentation at professional conferences and for publication. These activities and the research project itself draw upon the differing research backgrounds, skills and interests of Dr.'s Farkas and Miller, while also extending their past research emphases into a new area. Thus, the research will advance both of their research programs.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Research Objectives:** This exploratory research examines the experiences of families of persons imprisoned for sex offenses. It focuses on family members who maintain contact with the imprisoned offender. These family members represent an important minority among the families of imprisoned sex offenders because they provide the prisoners with links to the world outside of prison and are potential sources for reintegrating the prisoners into the society upon release.

This project focuses on three aspects of family members' experiences. First, we look at family members' initial perceptions of and responses to the arrest, conviction and incarceration of relatives for sex offenses. The second issue involves members' ongoing experiences (within their families, communities and with the correctional system) during the period of incarceration. Third, we explore the social and personal resources that family members draw upon in managing the many challenges in their lives, including how they keep their families intact and in contact with imprisoned sex offenders.

We address these issues in three interviews (2 hours each) conducted with adult family members. Dr.'s Farkas and Miller are conducting the interviews. The Institutional Review Board has authorized us to conduct interviews with members of 85 families. This is a national study that is endorsed (but not funded) by the Sex Abuse Treatment Alliance (SATA). SATA is a private organization dedicated to preventing sexual abuse through education, outreach and community reconciliation of offenders. Based on a mailing to SATA's membership (see attached letter from Stephen Price), we have been contacted by families located in 29 states.

The research addresses three major objectives. First, we will develop a perspective for analyzing how families perceive, experience and respond to the crises of sex abuse and imprisonment. Our data orient to themes in phenomenological and narrative theories, which emphasize how perception is an active process of fitting events within meaningful accounts or stories. Persons' responses to crises are shaped and guided by such accounts and narratives. Second, we will develop hypotheses for organizing future research, including projects for which we will seek external funding. We will use the inductive and constant comparative methods of grounded theory in developing the hypotheses (Glaser and Strauss 1967). The methods are designed to produce valid and reliable findings from qualitative research data. Third, we will address the social policy implications of the study, especially policies that affect family contact with imprisoned sex offenders. We will also identify unmet needs of families of sex offenders.

We address these objectives in the proposed project by completing the interviewing process, making transcriptions of the interviews and beginning the analysis of the data.

**Background and Significance:** In 2002, there were about 145,000 people incarcerated for sex offenses in the United States (Bureau of Justice Statistics 2002). Research indicates that supportive social ties are positively correlated with released offenders'

successful integration into community life, such as holding jobs, being involved in church and other community institutions, and not re-offending (Braman, 2002; Comfort, 2003; Hairston, 1991; Schneller, 1975). This study addresses social policy issues in identifying factors that sustain family support of imprisoned sex offenders, and by identifying family needs that are not being met. Families of prisoners have been called the "hidden victims" of crime because of the little attention they receive and the corresponding lack of available services and programs for them (Bakker, Morris, and Janus, 1978; Travis 2005).

Family members of imprisoned sex offenders face many challenges in sustaining family life. They include emotional issues associated with the offenders' sexual victimization of others (approximately 84% of the victims are family members or personal acquaintances of the offenders and families), stigmatizing responses by others in the community (such as neighbors, co-workers, school officials and classmates), and financial concerns (most families lose a major breadwinner while also being responsible for legal fees and victim compensation resulting from the offenses) (Lowenstein 1984; Travis and McBride 2005). Many families also face intra-family conflicts about their relationships with each other and the sex offenders, as well as conflicts about their possible culpability for the offenses (Breen 1995). Another set of challenges involve finding time and money to visit imprisoned sex offenders and dealing with rules and officials of the correctional system (Ferraro, et al., 1983). Sixteen states (including Wisconsin) have enacted legislation that permits continued incarceration of sex offenders (assessed as particularly dangerous) after the completion of their prison terms (perhaps for the rest of their lives). In 2002, 2229 of the people incarcerated for sex offenses in the United States were in such post-prison sites (Winnick and LaFond 2003). Thus, families in these states must also deal with the possibility of post-prison incarceration.

Research on families of imprisoned sex offenders is essential because they form a natural social support system for offenders (Fishman and Alissi, 1979). Hairston (1991) notes that the maintenance of family relationships during imprisonment maintains the stability of the family unit, enhances the well-being of family members and facilitates prisoners' post-release success. Several studies have found correlations between the maintenance of family ties and low recidivism rates for persons released from prison (Adam and Fisher 1976; Howser and MacDonald, 1978; LeClair, 1978). Research also indicates that strong family relationships are not sufficiently recognized or supported by correctional system officials and policies (Carlson and Cervera, 1991a, 1991b). The value of families as resources to motivate compliance and monitor their loved ones' behavior upon release from prison has been overlooked (Shapiro and Schwartz 2001). Providing some form of assistance to families fosters their well-being and maximizes their potential to help the offender reintegrate back into society.

**Relation to Applicant's Work in Progress and Long-Term Goals:** This collaborative research draws upon and integrates the differing backgrounds, skills and interests of Dr.'s Farkas (a criminologist) and Miller (a sociologist). It extends past themes in our research programs, which are also central to our future research goals. We will use the data and

analyses from the project to organize conference presentations, write articles for publication and in developing external grant applications on this and related topics.

Dr. Farkas has a continuing research interest in social and legal policies, corrections and victim services. Farkas's recent research focuses on the social impact of sex offender laws, policies and practices. She has studied the implications of sex offender registration and community notification policies for the personal, social and work experiences of law enforcement officers, probation and parole agents, treatment providers and sex offenders. This study extends Farkas's research into the experiences, concerns, coping, and assistance needed by families of convicted sex offenders.

This project extends Dr. Gale Miller's research interest in the sociology of troubles and social problems. It speaks to his studies of how family troubles are addressed in solution-focused brief therapy by using clients' existing knowledge, skills and relationships to build solutions to their troubles. Many of the questions in the interviews for this project are informed by solution-focused brief therapy. This project takes Miller's research interest out of the therapy room by examining trouble-definition and solution-building within the larger contexts of family members' lives.

**Research Methods and Work Plan:** We focus on families located in Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, Washington, Washington, D.C., and Wisconsin. These states represent a range of regional factors and social policy contexts affecting how families experience the imprisonment of members for sex offenses. These states vary in their policies about conjugal and other visits with prisoners, sentencing practices, and post-prison detention of some offenders.

The research is organized as three interviews that explore the evolution of family members' experiences with and responses to sex abuse and incarceration. The first interview deals with members' initial experiences with arrest, conviction and incarceration, the second with ongoing issues during incarceration, and the third focuses on how family members cope with their life circumstances. We conducted 26 interviews with members of 18 families over the summer. The interviews have gone well. Our biggest challenge is finding the time and money to complete the interviews.

Interviewing will continue through the academic year and into the early summer, focusing on families located within driving distance of Milwaukee. We will use some of the grant money (\$5500) to pay for some of the expenses incurred in completing the interview process next summer and fall. The trips include returning to Florida, Oregon, and Washington, as well as trips to Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Washington D.C.

We have already begun transcribing the completed interviews. We will use \$4500 from the grant to hire work study students to help with transcription. This amount will pay for 600 hours of transcription. Our experience is that transcription takes about 6 hours of work for each hour of interview. We would like for all of the transcription to be completed by December 1, 2007, but recognize that it will probably take longer.

Our summer work plans for the SFF involve traveling to complete our interviews and using the rest of our research time to begin analyzing our data, particularly the transcribed interviews. We expect the interviews to take up 30-45 days for each of us this summer.

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

*Mary Ann Farkas*

### **Presentations:**

- Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Correctional Association. "Approaches To Correctional Work: Does Gender Make A Difference?" September, 2004.
- Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. "Criminal Justice Education in Jesuit Institutions: Is It Any Different from the Rest?" March, 2004.
- X:** Annual Meeting of the International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders. "The Role of the Sex Offender Treatment Provider: Therapeutic or Social Control Agent?" Vienna, September, 2002
- Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. "Criminal Justice Internships: Examining the Purposes, Uses, and Organization of Components In A Nationwide Sample of Criminal Justice Programs. Reconciled?" with Stichman, Amy. Anaheim, CA: March, 2002
- National Institute of Justice and the Inter-University Consortium for Political Research. "Sex Offender Community Notification." *Data Resources Program Workshop: Prisoner Reentry and Community Justice*, University of Michigan, Summer, 2001.
- X:** Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Sex, Offender Laws: Can Retribution, Public Safety And Treatment Be Reconciled?" with Stichman, Amy. Washington, D.C., April, 2001.
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- X:** Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference. "Sex Offender Community Notification: Managing High Risk Criminals or Exacting Further Vengeance?" with Zevitz, Richard. Orlando, FLA, March, 1999.
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- International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders, 2002 -present.
- National Association for Women in Higher Education, 2002-present
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- Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society, 1998-present
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- American Correctional Association, 1994-present
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- Midwestern Criminal Justice Society, 1989-present
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 1989-present
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**Professional Activities:**

- 2006-2003 Editorial Board. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.

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- 2005 Special Reviewer- Prison research - Institutional Review Board (IRB)- University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
- 2004-2002 Instructor/trainer – Leadership Training Institute, California Department of Corrections. This is a training program for upper level administrators within the California Department of Corrections.
- 2000- 1998 Editorial Board, *Journal of Crime and Justice*
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- 2005-2004 Board member, Executive Board, Wisconsin Correctional Services
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February 26, 2006

Dear SATA Members and Friends,

I'm writing to you to encourage you to participate in the research describe in the materials accompanying this letter. Gale Miller, PhD. and Mary Ann Farkas, PhD. Of the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences at Marquette University are researching the experiences of family members of persons convicted of sexual offenses and the impact of public policies on those families.

I have had the opportunity to speak at length with Gale and am excited about this research and feel that it will be handled in a respectful as well as a professional and responsible manner.

There are three major benefits to the research for SATA members and others affected by public policies about sex offenses and offenders. First, it is an important opportunity to give voice to the experiences of family members of sex offenders. There is virtually no research in this area, especially research that would be useful to professionals helping family members to cope and policy makers who frequently fail to see the impact of their policies on families.

Second, it is an opportunity for family members to speak to other people who are or will be facing similar circumstances. It is a way of supporting others by sharing your experiences and the lessons that you have learned.

Finally, this research promises to assist us in broadening current public discussions about sex offenses and offenses, to move beyond fear, condemnation and a desire to punish.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and to review the material that is being sent with it.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stephen G. Price'.

Stephen G. Price, M.A.

President

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**MARQUETTE**  
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July 21, 2006

Dr. Mary Ann Farkas  
Social and Cultural Sciences

Dear Dr. Farkas:

The amendment you submitted, dated June 21, 2006, for your protocol #HR-1139, titled, "*Living With Imprisonment: A Study of the Families of Persons Imprisoned for Sexual Offenses*," received full approval on July 20, 2006 by the Marquette University Institutional Review Board.

This amendment expands the recruitment to other states outside Wisconsin through the Sex Offender Treatment Alliance support group. An additional 65 subjects for recruitment have been added for an approval total of 85.

Your protocol is valid until July 20, 2007. Prior to this date, you will be contacted regarding continual IRB review. Any public advertising of this project requires prior IRB approval. If there are any changes in your protocol or adverse reactions, please notify the IRB immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa J. Lauritch".

Melissa J. Lauritch  
Director of Research Compliance

cc: Dr. John Grych, IRB Chair  
Dr. Gale Miller, Social & Cultural Sciences



**MARQUETTE**  
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September 29, 2006

To Members of the Committee on Research:

This is a joint proposal from Dr. Mary Ann Farkas and Dr. Gale Miller (Department of Social and Cultural Sciences) for combined RRG and SFF awards. A joint proposal most accurately represents our research project. It is truly collaborative. We have been equal partners in organizing the project, including developing the interview schedules. We will both be interviewing volunteers for the project, supervising student transcribers, analyzing the data and writing it up for publication.

The project draws upon the different, but complementary, research interests and skills of the researchers. Dr. Farkas is a criminologist and criminal justice scholar who has extensive experience in working with criminal justice officials and doing qualitative research within criminal justice settings, including studies of sex offenders. She also has a background in victim services and social policy analysis. Our interviews draw upon her experiences as an interviewer and knowledge of law, social policy and corrections.


Dr. Miller is a sociologist interested in the operations of social service institutions and in how individuals and families experience and cope with the problems of life. His research has included studies of the interviewing practices of social service professionals, including questioning practices designed to elicit descriptions of clients' understandings of their troubles and the personal and social resources that they use to manage the troubles. This is a major theme in our interviews.

Our proposal shows how our research activities and the monies requested for the project will be divided between us. Differentiating between our activities has been difficult because we will both be involved in all aspects of the study. A significant difference involves the timing of our contributions to the project. We face different commitments and demands over the next 12 months, making it advantageous that we divide our labors and money (for the RRG) across the fiscal years of 2006 and 2007. We will both work on the SFF part of our proposal over the summer.

If our grant is approved, Dr. Farkas will use her money during the January 1, 2007-June 30 time period, and Dr. Miller will use his money during the July 1, 2007-December 31 time period. You will see that our budget and justification of it spell out the specific amounts of money that each of us will spend. Dr. Farkas will be allocated a little bit more money for the project because she will be traveling further to conduct interviews. Also, a greater percentage of the funds requested for transcription will be spent in the July-December period because we will have more interviews to transcribe at this time.

If you have questions about our proposal, please feel free to contact either one of us at 8-3438 (Farkas) or 8-5117 (Miller). We may also be contacted at [Mary.Farkas@Marquette.edu](mailto:Mary.Farkas@Marquette.edu) and [Gale.Miller@Marquette.edu](mailto:Gale.Miller@Marquette.edu).

Sincerely,

  
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