

FACULTY PROFILE



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Biography

Professor Nix graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School where she earned her Doctorate of Law degree. She earned her B.A. degree in Government/Political Science at Franklin and Marshall College. Professor Nix has been an attorney for approximately 33 years, practicing primarily in the criminal law area. Specifically, she began her legal career in the Iowa State Legislature helping to draft that state's first major criminal code revision in 100 years. During the following three years she prosecuted major felony cases in the Prosecutor's Office in Des Moines, Iowa. After ten years away from home, she moved back to Indiana where she established herself in the Prosecutor's Office in South Bend. For the next 17 years she handled numerous felony jury trials, worked closely with judges, police officers, and various correctional personnel, and was the senior member of the NOVA Drug Task Force. Now, Valpo students benefit from Professor Nix's experience "on the inside" of the American Criminal Justice System.

Professor Nix was a "Visiting Expert" at the United Nation's 91st International Training Course held in Tokyo, Japan and sponsored by the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute (UNAFEI). She represented the University of Notre Dame Law School at that International Training Course. She researched, prepared, and delivered two major

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papers on subjects dealing with
alternatives to prison for convicted
criminal offenders. Both of her papers
have been published.

During Olympic Summer 2008,
Professor Nix traveled to Beijing where
she taught a graduate course (SOC690
Law & Society: American Perspective)
to Chinese students. These students
are now at Valparaiso University
continuing their graduate work. Ms. Nix
pioneered the new Beijing teaching
component of a program that partners
VU and a private Chinese educational
consulting company.

Professor Nix is an advocate for the
environment.

Education

Doctorate of Law - University of Notre
Dame Law School B.A., Government
and Political Science - Franklin and
Marshall College

Courses Taught

The Criminal Justice System Law
and Society: American Perspective
Sociology of Law Law Enforcement
Penology Criminal Law and Procedure
Society and the Environment
Contemporary Social Problems Civic
Engagement (GS 180 CN)

Publications

- *United Nations Asia and Far
East Institute Resource Material
Series No. 42, 151-169, (Fuchu,
Tokyo, Japan) - Alternatives to
Incarceration for Drug Offenders in
St. Joseph County, Indiana, United
States – A Working Model*
- *28 The Prosecutor, No 2. 15-22 -
Boot Camp/Shock Incarceration –
An Alternative to Prison for Young
Non-Violent Offenders in the United
States*

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- *Published under the authority of the sixty-seventh Iowa General Assembly, first session, chapter 40.*
- Supplement to the Code of Iowa 1977 Containing Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure

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