

JORDAN PEDALINO, Ph.D.

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Criminologist, sociologist, consultant, and educator with 10+ years of leadership in sexual violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, victim services, and criminal legal system response. Combines applied research with frontline and systems-level practice to advise government, legal, healthcare, higher education, and nonprofit partners. Court-qualified expert witness in sexual and domestic violence dynamics, with extensive experience translating trauma science, policy, data, and multidisciplinary practice for professional audiences.

EXPERTISE

Sexual Violence & Survivor Response • Expert Testimony • Trauma & Memory • Criminal Justice Systems • Policy & Protocol Development • Program Evaluation • Human Trafficking • Training & Technical Assistance • Qualitative & Quantitative Research

CURRENT LEADERSHIP & ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Founder & Principal Consultant | Pedalino & Co., LLC

2025-Present

New Orleans, LA

- Advises nonprofits, government agencies, legal and community partners on organizational strategy, policy, multidisciplinary response, program evaluation, grants, training, and trauma-informed systems improvement.
- Selected engagements include Greater New Orleans Human Trafficking Task Force coordination and protocol development; Orleans Parish medical advocacy protocols; statewide sexual assault program accreditation review; legislative policy consultation; grant review; and development of Louisiana's 40-hour online sexual assault advocate curriculum.

Instructor, Department of Criminology & Justice | Loyola University New Orleans

2023-Present

New Orleans, LA

- Teaches graduate and undergraduate criminology and justice courses grounded in research and applied practice, including Crisis Intervention, Drug Criminalization in the U.S., Sexual Violence, and Women & Crime; develops original curricula, assessments, and experiential learning.
- Previously served as adjunct professor

EXPERT WITNESS & SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTISE

- Qualified by the court as an expert witness in matters related to sexual & domestic violence and survivor advocacy; provides specialized analysis informed by criminology, sociology, trauma-informed practice, and more than a decade of direct and systems-level experience.
- Areas of expertise include survivor behavior and disclosure; the cycles of abuse; trauma, memory, and credibility; sexual assault response systems; victim advocacy standards; law enforcement and multidisciplinary response; institutional policy and practice; and barriers to reporting and service access.

- Develops and delivers specialized instruction for law enforcement, judges and judicial staff, 911 personnel, EMS, healthcare professionals, universities, advocates, and community providers; recent citywide training work reached approximately 1,000-1,200 professionals annually.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sexual Assault Projects Specialist | New Orleans Health Department

2023–2026

New Orleans, LA

- Led the City of New Orleans' coordinated strategy on sexual violence, aligning public health, law enforcement, prosecution, healthcare, higher education, and victim-service partners around survivor-centered policy and systems improvement.
- Facilitated the Sexual Violence Advisory Response Committee, Sexual Assault Response Team, Campus Sexual and Domestic Violence Working Group, and Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Action Coalition; guided policy review, case review, interagency protocols, collaboration, and accountability efforts.
- Created Crescent City Courage, New Orleans' first coordinated citywide Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign, engaging 15+ agencies through major public events, awareness initiatives, municipal proclamations, nightlife safety work, and survivor-centered outreach.
- Designed and delivered recurring professional education across NOPD, 911, EMS, courts, healthcare, nonprofits, and hospitality settings, including weekly law-enforcement training on trauma response, survivor interviewing, memory, credibility, and first-responder practice.

Sexual Assault Program Coordinator | New Orleans Family Justice Center

2017–2022

New Orleans, LA

- Directed day-to-day sexual assault program operations, grant compliance, accreditation, policy, data reporting, multidisciplinary coordination, and 24/7 medical advocacy services.
- Supervised 40–50 trained paid and volunteer advocates; created a 40-hour training curriculum; personally responded to 300+ medical advocacy calls and oversaw 1,500+ cases during tenure.
- Provided direct services to 1,000+ survivors and support persons and served as a lead partner in the federally funded Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, coordinating with law enforcement, prosecutors, forensic medical staff, crime labs, and national experts.
- Delivered 200+ hours of professional training annually across criminal justice, healthcare, higher education, housing, recovery, and victim-service settings.

SELECTED CONSULTING, POLICY & EVALUATION ENGAGEMENTS

- Greater New Orleans Human Trafficking Task Force (2026): Led multidisciplinary protocols, MOUs, training, stakeholder coordination, outreach, data/reporting, and strategic implementation across law enforcement, prosecutors, federal agencies, healthcare, and victim services.
- Orleans Parish Medical Advocacy Protocols (2024-2026): Lead consultant and writer for parish-wide standardized medical advocacy MOU, coordinating hospitals, forensic nursing, law enforcement, and advocacy partners.
- Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (2024): Evaluated 11 agencies statewide for accreditation; conducted site visits, interviews, hotline testing, compliance review, and authored a 30-page findings and recommendations report.
- Louisiana Legislative Session (2024): Provided subject-matter consultation and testimony related to Acts No. 548 and 570, addressing protected-person interviews and the definition of commercial sexual activity in human trafficking law.

- National Sexual Assault Conference (2025) & Orleans Parish OCJC (2024): Selected as proposal and grant reviewer based on expertise in sexual violence, victim services, trauma-informed practice, and public safety.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology — Louisiana State University, 2025 | Dissertation: Sexual Assault Survivors' Interactions with Law Enforcement

M.S., Criminology and Justice — Loyola University New Orleans, 2018, summa cum laude

B.A., Criminal Justice — Loyola University New Orleans, 2016, magna cum laude

RESEARCH & METHODOLOGICAL EXPERTISE

- Mixed-methods researcher experienced in survivor focus groups, in-depth law-enforcement interviews, qualitative coding, logistic regression, clearance-rate analysis, jurisdictional comparisons, UCR data, policy evaluation, and translation of findings into practice.
- Doctoral research examined sexual assault survivors' interactions with law enforcement and specialized-unit structures, integrating survivor perspectives, detective interviews, and quantitative agency-level analysis.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Taylor, R., & Pedalino, J. (2020). "From victimization to incarceration: IPV, cycles of abuse, addiction, and incarceration."
- Pedalino, J., & Frailing, K. (2018). "General strain theory and prescription drug misuse among honors students." Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council.
- Selected conference presentations: American Society of Criminology (2016); LSU Shreveport Student Scholars' Forum (2017, 1st place Graduate Student Competition); Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2018).

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS & DEVELOPMENT

Advanced Credentialed Advocate (Comprehensive Victim Intervention Specialist), NOVA • Advanced Expert Witness Training in Non-Fatal Strangulation (40 hours), Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, Alliance for HOPE International • Empowering Change: Innovative Response Strategies for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, End Violence Against Women International (2026) • Public Health Essentials Series, Introductory-Advanced, Region 6 South Central Public Health Training Center (2023) • Jackie Campbell Lethality Assessment Certification • 600+ hours of specialized continuing education in sexual violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, trauma, criminal justice, public health, and systems advocacy