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Adjunct Faculty: *English Department* (Writing Seminar, Arts of Expression, Literary and Cultural Studies), *Criminal Justice Department* and *Women and Gender Studies* (Prostitution and Vice, Seminar on Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence, Prison Writings, and Women and Crime)

Jennifer Wolfley's career is the result of parallel worlds converging, worlds of teaching and a career in public service. She has extensive and broad experience (writer/editor, volunteer, outreach coordinator, grant writer and administrator). She has served as Director of Workforce Academy and Director of Client Services (Rochester Grace Urban Ministries). She developed and maintained a grant-funded program work skills based program for at-risk urban youth. She serves as Director of Outreach Services, Paper Bag Ladies of Rochester, where she works to provide outreach services to displaced, homeless and post-incarcerated women. She has also worked as a Research Specialist, Professional Ethnography and Demographer regarding Prostitution, Sexuality, Drugs and Death.

Speaking of her teaching at RIT in light of this broad experience, Jennifer says: "Teaching at RIT has truly been an experience, as one of few instructors who can weave my knowledge through three disciplines. I have been at RIT going on eleven years. I have been an adjunct, an extended part time person, and a temporary full time person that filled in for a colleague suddenly. I have written grants at RIT, been involved with Caroline Werner Gannett program, and was one of the first faculty to embrace learning communities, which I spent 4 years enjoying immensely."

Jennifer's numerous publications include: *Recidivism Study of Post-Incarcerated Students After Post-Secondary Education*, State of New York, Department of Corrections (1994); *Backsplash: A Collection of Poems and Prose* (2009); *An Anthological and Sociological Study of Homeless Female Prostitutes and Drug Addicts in Rochester, NY* (2009); *Photojournalism Project: Through the Lens of Homelessness*. (Minnick and Wolfley, 2007); *Baby's Momma* (Pallace and Wolfley, 2009); *Say Yes to Love*, Democrat and Chronicle (Witek and Wolfley, 2010); and *Candy Always Tastes Better From Strangers: A Collection of Short Stories and Memoir* (work in progress soon to be published).

Jennifer's service to Greater Rochester communities includes membership and leadership in: AIDS Rochester; CDS-Parent Advocacy Advisory Group; *Police Citizens Interaction Committee* Board Member of City of Rochester Police Department; *Do The Right Thing* City of Rochester Police Department; Heritage Christian Family Services and Jewish Family Services, Rochester; Parent Advocacy Advisory Group, Mary Cariola Children's Center; Post-Incarceration and Pre-Release Programs for Catholic Family Services; and UNYFEAT (Upstate NY Families for Effective Autism Treatment). This commitment to women and children has resulted in public recognition in local news features.

Jennifer has been on her own since 16, and because of the many challenges she faced, brings empathy and insight to the many people she meets. She says: "I think my experiences with literature and writing helped me work in prison and jail as well for almost 2 decades. I began a peer led survivor of child sexual abuse support group for the Monroe county jail, and for 10 years, we wrote as a cathartic measure." She has built a good life for herself and her family: "I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to have 5 children. Sergei, my adopted son and I have been featured in several documentaries as linked on www.paperbagladies.org. I am convinced we were meant for one another."

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