

## AU professor publishes Korean version of 'Not Monsters'

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Alfred University Professor of Communication Studies Pamela Schultz's book, *Not Monsters*, was recently translated and published in Korea.

*Not Monsters*, originally published in English in 2005, was also translated to Japanese in 2008. The book profiles nine convicted child molesters who were serving time in prison for their crimes at the time they were interviewed. In it, Schultz explores what motivated each of the nine, all men who volunteered to be interviewed.

The title, *Not Monsters*, comes from Schultz's belief that empathy for offenders as well as their victims is the key to combating child molestation.

As she explained when the book was first published, the "way in which society insists on painting all child molesters as 'monsters' is problematic. Because we consider them to be subhuman, we don't care to know anything about what might motivate their actions. Thus, the assumption that all child molesters are completely irredeemable undermines our ability to fight against the crime because we don't understand the dynamics."

Schultz is a professor of Communication Studies and director of the Communication Studies Program at Alfred University. She holds a BA degree in communication arts and English from Oakland University, an MA degree in mass communication from Bowling Green State University, and a PhD in communication from Wayne State University. She has authored and co-authored nearly a dozen publications on sex offenders; her current research focuses on the moral panic over child sexual abuse and sexual offenders and its impact on law and public policy.