

Assisted in designing, implementing and analyzing qualitative research emphasizing women's health and reproductive health. Developed and submitted grant applications for interdisciplinary research seed funding for qualitative research on emergency contraceptive use (\$10,000) and Middle Eastern landscape study (\$20,000).

Graduate Research Assistant

2006-2010

Dr. Joanna Bettmann, College of Social Work, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.

Researched attachment and mental health needs of adolescent refugees. Conducted Adult Attachment Interviews (AAI) with adolescents to inform and modify programming for the Utah Federation for Youth. Analyzed adolescent psychological evaluations and managed data in SPSS.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Hamilton, L., **Wright, R.L.**, & Reed-Ashcraft, K. (2020). Voices from the 'Holler': Implementation and analysis of an advanced policy advocacy course in rural Appalachia. *Contemporary Rural Social Work*, 11(1). Available at:
<https://digitalcommons.murraystate.edu/crsw/vol11/iss1/12>

Wright, R.L., & Harmon, K.W. (2019). Challenges and recommendations for rural field education: A review of the social work literature. *Field Educator*, 9(2).
<http://www2.simmons.edu/ssw/fe/i/19-219.pdf>

Wright, R.L., Fawson, P.R., Siegel, E., Jones, T., & Stone, K. (2018). Predictors of reproductive autonomy among a rural university population, *Health & Social Work*, 43(4), 235-242.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hly027>

Christensen, M.C. & **Wright, R.L.** (2018). "I didn't raise a d#@k": How parents perceive and address gendered bullying with children. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 28(4), 509-527. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2018.1430648>

Bettmann, J.E., Taylor, M.J., Gamarra, E., **Wright, R.L.**, & Mai, T. (2017). Resettlement experiences of children who entered the United States as refugees. *Social Development Issues*, 39(3), 1-18.

Fawson, P.R., **Wright, R.L.**, Jones, T., Stone, K., & Siegel, E. (2017). Addressing barriers to reproductive autonomy among sexually active female university students in the United States. *Women's Health*, SE(1), S3-S9.

- Fawson, P.R., Broce, R., Bonner, B., & **Wright, R.** (2016). Adolescents' experiences: Programming implications for in-school violence prevention programs. *School Social Work Journal, 41*(1), 1-16.
- Bettmann, J.E., **Wright, R.**, Olson-Morrison, D., & Jeremiah, R.P. (2016). A qualitative exploration of African adolescent refugees' attachment relationships. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies, 47*(4), 501-525.
- Wright, R.L.**, Frost, C.J., & Turok, D.K. (2016). Experiences of Advanced Practitioners in inserting the copper intrauterine device as a form of emergency contraception. *Women's Health Issues, 26*(5), 523-528. Online first: [doi:10.1016/j.whi.2016.04.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.whi.2016.04.007)
- John, A., Gamarra, E., Bird, M., **Wright, R. L.**, & Frost, C.J. (2016). Social Work Grand Challenges and the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals: Linking social work and women's health. *International Journal of Social Work, 3*(2), 15-29.
- Bird, M., **Wright, R.L.**, & Frost, C. (2016). Enhancing women's health: A call for social work research. *Social Work in Health Care, 55*(9), 732-751. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2016.1205706>
- Christensen, M.C., **Wright, R.**, & Dunn, J. (2016). It's awkward stuff: Conversations about sexuality with young children. *Child & Family Social Work, 22*, 711-720.
- Wright, R.**, Quintana, N., Hardin, H., & Frost, C.J. (2015). University men's perceptions of emergency contraception. *Women's Health Open Journal, 1*(2), 40-44.
- Wright, R.L.**, Bird, M., & Frost, C.J. (2015). Reproductive health in the United States: A review of the recent social work literature. *Social Work, 60*(4), 295-304.
- Wright, R.L.**, Fawson, P.R., Frost, C.J., & Turok, D.K. (2015). U.S. men's experiences and perceptions of emergency contraceptives. *American Journal of Men's Health, 11*(3), 469-478. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1557988315595857>
- Christensen, M.C., **Wright, R.L.**, & Dunn, J. (2015). Navigating the concepts of gender and violence with young children. *Journal of Family Social Work, 18* (3), 202-221.
- Jacobsen, J., & **Wright, R.** (2014). Mental health implications in Mormon women's experiences with same-sex attraction: A qualitative study. *The Counseling Psychologist, 42*(5), 664-696.

Wright, R., & Frost, C.J. (2014). Contraception: “Morning After Pills”. In L. Ganong, M. Coleman, & J. G. Golson (Eds.). *The Social History of the American Family* (pp. 280-282). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Frost, C.J., & **Wright, R.** (2014). Contraception: IUDs. In L. Ganong, M. Coleman, & J. G. Golson (Eds.). *The Social History of the American Family* (pp. 279-280). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Wright, R., Frost, C.J., & Turok, D. (2012). A qualitative exploration of emergency contraceptive users’ willingness to select the copper IUD. *Contraception*, 85(1), 32-35.

Bettmann, J.E., Lundahl, B., **Wright, R.,** Jaspersen, R., & McRoberts, C. (2011). Who are they? A descriptive study of adolescents in wilderness and residential programs. *Residential Treatment for Children & Youth*, 28, 198-210.

Bettmann, J.E., Olson-Morrison, D., & **Altamirano, R.W.** (2011). Attachment as a protective factor in adolescent refugees’ experiences of trauma. *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 59(3), 571-577.

Manuscripts Under Review & in Preparation:

Jacobsen, J., Lee, J.S., Christensen, M.C., Fawson, P.R., & **Wright, R.L.** (R&R). Intersections of Mormonism, gender, and social work scholarship: Applying an intersectional lens during qualitative data analysis. *Social Work Research*.

Wright, R.L., Fawson, P.R., & Smith, D.K. (under review). Reproductive autonomy among a rural young adult population: Implications for social work practice. *Contemporary Rural Social Work*.

Fawson, P.R., **Wright, R.L.,** Blaise, R., & Sullivan, L. (To be submitted 2020). Birth control and violence: Effects of reproductive autonomy on intimate partner violence among university students. *American Journal of Men’s Health*.

Wright, R.L., Fawson, P.R., Matias, S., & Smith, D.K. (To be submitted 2020). Perceptions of reproductive autonomy among women in rural communities: A qualitative analysis. *Social Work*.

Book Reviews:

Wright, R. (2011). *Between light and shadow: A Guatemalan girl’s journey through adoption.* By Jacob Wheeler. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 2011. *Affilia*, 26(3), 337.

Altamirano, R. (2009). Sue Gerhardt, Why love matters: How affection shapes a baby's brain. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 37(3), 260.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Presentations:

Wright, R.L., Smith, D.K., Fawson, P.R., Blais, R., & Buchanan, K. (2020, January). *Perceptions of reproductive autonomy among women in rural Appalachia*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.

Fawson, P.R., **Wright, R.L.** Christensen, M.C., Jacobsen, J., & Lee, J. (2020, January). *From Mormon to scholar: The use of collaborative autoethnography in social justice work*. Workshop presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C

Fawson, P.R., **Wright, R.L.**, Blais, R., & Smith, D.K. (2020, January). *The impact of low household income on reproductive coercion and violence among adults in rural Appalachia*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.

Wright, R.L., & Hamilton, L. (2019, July). *Appalachian advocacy: Outcomes of an advanced MSW policy advocacy course*. Paper presentation at the Annual National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas, Paducah, KY.

Fawson, P.R., & **Wright, R.L.** (2019, January). *The impact of reproductive coercion on intimate partner violence among U.S. female students*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

Wright, R.L., Harmon, K.W., Phillips, D., & Thorp, H. (2018, November). *Rural social work field education: A literature review of challenges and opportunities*. Poster presentation at the Council on Social Work Education, Orlando, FL.

Phillips, D., **Wright, R.L.**, Kaplan, J. E., & Harmon, K.W. (2018, November). *Rural social work field education and IPE to address sustainability*. Workshop at the Council on Social Work Education, Orlando, FL.

Wright, R.L., Fawson, P.R., Buchanan, K., & Garner, K.B. (2018, July). *Experiences with reproductive health among U.S. women in rural communities*. Poster presentation at the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development, Dublin, Ireland.

- Fawson, P.R. & **Wright, R.L.** (2018, July). *The impact of reproductive coercion on intimate partner violence by U.S. males*. Poster presentation at the Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development Dublin, Ireland.
- Wright, R.L.**, Fawson, P.R., Buchanan, K., Jones, T., Siegel, E., & Stone, K. (2018, January). *Reproductive autonomy among a young adult population: Implications for policy and practice*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
- Fawson, P.R., & **Wright, R.L.** (2017, July). *Enhancing reproductive autonomy: Addressing barriers to reproductive choice among sexually active university students in the United States*. Presentation at the International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture, and Society, Bangkok, Thailand.
- Wright, R. L.**, Fawson, P. R., Stone, K., Siegel, E., Culler, T., & Jones, T. (2017, January). *Predictors of reproductive autonomy among a university population*. Poster presentation at Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Bird, M., Frost, C., & **Wright, R.** (2016, August). *Women's health: Where is the social work agenda advocating for women?* Presentation at the Sexuality and Social Work Conference, Olten, Switzerland.
- Dakin, E., & **Wright, R.** (2015, October). *Social workers' roles in promoting women's reproductive autonomy and empowerment*. Discussion group at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council for Social Work & Education, Denver, CO.
- Bird, M. & **Wright, R.** (2015, May). *The State of Women's Health in the Social Work Literature*. Round table presentation at the Policy Conference 2.0: Social Work as Action, Austin, TX.
- Christensen, M.C., **Wright, R.**, & Dunn, J. (2015, March). *How Parents Process Gender and Violence with Children Through Mindfulness*. Poster presentation at the Association for Women in Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
- Wright, R.**, Frost, C., Fawson, P., & Turok, D. (2014, January). *A Phenomenological Examination of Men's definitions of and Experiences with Emergency Contraception*. Poster presentation at the 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX.

- Wright, R.,** Frost, C., & Turok, D. (2012, October). *Advanced Practice Clinician Perceptions and Experiences with the Copper IUD for Emergency Contraception: A Qualitative Study*. Poster presentation at the North American Forum on Family Planning, Denver, CO.
- Wright, R.** (2012, May). *The Resettlement Experiences of Refugee Children in the United States: Results from a Qualitative Needs Assessment*. Paper presentation at the 11th Annual Hawaii International Conference of Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI.
- Wright, R.,** Frost, C., Galindo, V., & Turok, D. (2012, January). *The Meaning of Pregnancy Among Women Seeking Emergency Contraception: A Qualitative Exploration*. Poster presentation at the 16th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
- Wright, R.** (2011, June). *The acculturation of Iraqi refugee parents: A qualitative exploration*. Paper presentation at the 10th Annual Hawaii International Conference of Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI.
- Bettmann, J.E., Olson-Morrison, D., & **Wright, R.** (2011, January). *Attachment as a protective factor in adolescent refugees' experiences of trauma*. Poster presentation at the national conference of the American Psychoanalytic Association, New York, NY.
- Frost, C., **Wright, R.,** & Turok, D. (2010, September). *A qualitative exploration of women's experiences with emergency contraception*. Poster presentation at the Reproductive Health Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Bettmann, J.E, **Altamirano, R.,** & Minami, T. (2009, January). *The attachment classification of adolescent refugees*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the American Psychoanalytic Association, New York, NY.

Selected Invited Community Presentations, Panels, & Workshops:

- Hammond, D., McKee, M., Weddell, M., & **Wright, R.L.** (2020, May). *Finding balance in online teaching*. Panelist for the CAE Online Teaching Workshops, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC.
- Harmon, K.W., & **Wright, R.L.** (2019, March). *Rural social work field education: Challenges and opportunities*. Presentation for the Social Work Talks series, Appalachian State University. Boone, NC.
- Williamson, S.L. & **Wright, R.L.** (2018, November). *Courageous Conversations*. Workshop with Small and Mighty Acts. Boone, NC.

- Wright, R.L.** & Fawson, P.R. (2017, October). *From Boone to Bangkok*. Presentation to the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Boone, NC.
- Michael, K., **Wright, R.L.**, Henries, R., Cornell, K., & Newmark, A. (2016, September) *No more bullying in politics forum*. Panelist for We the Kids, Boone, NC.
- Wright, R.L.** & Dakin, E. (2015, November). *Social Workers' Roles in Reproductive Health*. Presentation to the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Boone, NC.
- Wright, R.L.** & Jones, J. (2014, March). *Activism with Reproductive Health and Justice*. Workshop for the International Women's Day Conference, Spokane, WA.
- Martinez, A., & **Wright, R.L.** (2013, November). *Birth Control Methods: What's Available?* Training for Providers, *Parent-Child Assistance Program*, Spokane, WA.
- Wright, R.L.**, & Jones, J. (2013, October). *Breast Health*. The Women's Action Club, *Spokane Falls Community College*, Spokane WA.
- Wright, R.L.** (2012, March). *The meaning of pregnancy among women seeking emergency contraception: A qualitative exploration*. Social Work Research in the 21st Century, College of Social Work, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Frost, C.J., Scammon, D., Rothwell, E., & **Wright, R.L.** (2012, February). *The Postmodernist view of being there: Analyzing qualitative data for clinical research*. Clinical Research and Methods, *University of Utah, Center of Excellence in Women's Health*, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Wright, R.L.** (2012, January). *Findings on the experiences of APs on offering the copper IUD as EC in clinic settings*. Visiting Researcher Rounds, *University of Utah School of Medicine*, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Wright, R.L.** (2012, January). *The experiences of Advanced Practitioners with the copper IUD as a method of emergency contraception*. Clinician Meeting, *Planned Parenthood Association of Utah*, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Wright, R.L.** (2011, April). *Using SPSS*. Advanced Research in Health, *University of Utah College of Social Work*, Salt Lake City, UT.

Wright, R.L. (2010, April). *The resettlement needs of children with refugee backgrounds*. Paper presentation at the College of Social Work Brown Bag Research Series, Salt Lake City, UT.

Wright, R.L. (2010, February). *The acculturation experiences of Iraqi refugee parents*. The Landscape of Middle Eastern and North African Refugees and Immigrants, *University of Utah, Middle Eastern Studies*, Salt Lake City, UT.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Bettmann, J.E., Taylor, M.J., **Altamirano, R.**, Topuzova, L., & Mai, T. (2010). A Cultural Orientation for Children with Refugee Backgrounds. Available through BRYCS.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Areas: Research methods, social work macro practice, practice with diverse populations, policy practice and advocacy, social welfare policy.

BSW Courses

Cultural Competence in the Helping Professions
Social Welfare Policies, Programs, and Issues (online and in-person sections)

MSW Courses

Advanced Advocacy Practice (in-person and hybrid sections)
Advanced Field Seminar for Community & Organizations concentration students
Social Welfare Policy Analysis & Practice (in-person and hybrid sections)
Epidemiology (Independent Study)

Honors Theses

Reader for Tori Culler, thesis titled, “Effective sex education programming in the United States”. Successfully defended, 2015. University Honors.

Reader for Hannah Cary, thesis titled, “Transition to adulthood for young adults with Down Syndrome: Best practices”. Successfully defended, 2018. Dept of Social Work

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho

2014

Public Affairs Manager

Spokane, WA

Oversaw PPGWNI multi-state Community Organizing team, worked to promote a pro-reproductive health state agenda, engaged in voter outreach and education, educated key populations and organizations on upcoming legislation impacting the provision of reproductive health care.

2013

Community Organizer

Spokane, WA

Worked in collaboration with PPGWNI patients, community members, religious groups, social service programs, and various political organizations to enhance and promote reproductive health in eastern Washington. Conducted political and campaign outreach, education, and voter mobilization efforts.

Social Research Institute

2009-2012

Doctoral Researcher

Salt Lake City, UT

Designed, implemented and managed qualitative studies on the selection and use of emergency contraceptive methods with female patients and clinic staff, and consulted to modify family planning clinic policies and practices. Worked in collaboration with Planned Parenthood Association of Utah, and the University of Utah College of Nursing, School of Medicine, and College of Social Work.

Catholic Community Services

2009

Program Developer

Salt Lake City, UT

Explored the resettlement needs of refugee children aged 8-14 utilizing individual interviews and focus group techniques in collaboration with community partners and agencies. Developed and facilitated a cultural orientation curriculum to newly resettled and diverse refugee youth and their families in agency, community, and home settings.

International Rescue Committee

2007-2008

*AmeriCorps*VISTA*

Salt Lake City, UT

Co-developed and facilitated an acculturation group for young Burmese men, developed outcome evaluation for the Programs Optimizing Refugees' To Acculturate to Life in Salt Lake City (PORTAL) program, developed relationships with community organizations, managed

resettlement cases, and educated and trained community programs in acculturation and resettlement.

University Neighborhood Partners Hartland Center

2007

MSW Intern

Salt Lake City, UT

Provided resettlement services and support to refugee and immigrant populations utilizing a strengths-based approach. Conducted in-home assessments and made referrals for immigration, physical health, mental health, behavioral health, employment, language, and educational services.

GRANTS

Hamilton, L., & **Wright, R.L.** (Co-I) (Unfunded). *Social work voices in the rural policy arena*. Council on Social Work Education: \$9,450

Frost, C.J., & **Wright, R.** (Co-I) (Unfunded). *Men's perceptions and experiences with emergency contraception: A Mixed methods approach*. National Institute of Health (Population Research) R03 Small Research Grant, 2 years: \$75,000.

Christensen, M.C., & **Wright, R.** (2013). *Gender-based violence prevention: What do parents teach children?* \$8,000 grant from the Humanities and Social Science Research Committee, Idaho State University.

Catholic Community Services, Bettmann, J.E., Taylor, M.J., **Altamirano, R.W.**, & Mai, T. (2009). *Developing a curriculum for refugee children*. \$17,557 grant award from the Fieldstone Foundation.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Center for Academic Excellence Online Teaching Excellence Institute online course development award, 2020, *Appalachian State University*, in partnership with Dr. Leah Hamilton
- Beaver College of Health Sciences Faculty Summer Research stipend, 2017, *Appalachian State University*, \$3,000 award
- Beaver College of Health Sciences Faculty Summer Research stipend, 2016, *Appalachian State University*, \$3,000 award
- Impact Award, nominated, 2016, *Appalachian State University*
- Beaver College of Health Sciences Faculty Summer Research stipend, 2015, *Appalachian State University*, \$5,000 award

- AppOn Faculty Partner, 2015, *Appalachian State University*, \$4,000 award in partnership with Dr. Leah Hamilton
- William McPhee Doctoral Student Scholar, 2011-2012, *University of Utah, College of Social Work*
- Psychoanalytic Psychodynamic Research Society Award, 2011, *American Psychoanalytic Association*
- Florence Smith Jacobsen Scholar, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, *University of Utah, College of Social Work*

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- North Carolina State Representative, *National Association of Perinatal Social Workers*, 2018, 2019, 2020-present
- Member, *Maternal and Child Health Regional Leadership Team*, 2016-Present
- Volunteer, *Women's Reproductive Rights Access Project (WRRAP)*, 2016-2019
- Hospice volunteer, *Caldwell County Hospice & Palliative Care*, 2015-2018
- Invited Reviewer, *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 2017
- Invited Reviewer, *Social Work & Society*, 2016-Present
- Invited Reviewer, *Women's Health Issues*, 2016-Present
- Invited Reviewer, *American Journal of Men's Health*, 2015-Present
- Invited Reviewer, *Affilia*, 2013
- Volunteer, *Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho*, 2012-2013
- Volunteer, *Emerson Elementary School*, 2011-2012

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- NYT faculty member Departmental Personnel Committee, *Appalachian State University, Dept of Social Work*, 2018-2019, 2019-2020
- Member, Scholarship Committee, *Appalachian State University, Dept of Social Work*, 2018, 2019
- MSW Committee, *Appalachian State University, Dept of Social Work*, 2018-2019
- Field Committee, *Appalachian State University, Dept of Social Work*, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-Present
- Faculty Search Committee, *Appalachian State University, Dept of Social Work*, 2016-2017, 2019
- MSW sub committee member, C & O curriculum revision, *Appalachian State University, Dept of Social Work*, 2016-Present
- MSW sub committee member, Foundation year curriculum revision, *Appalachian State University, Dept of Social Work*, 2016
- BSW Committee member, *Appalachian State University, Dept of Social Work*, 2015, 2019-Present
- MSW sub committee member, MSW Hybrid program, *Appalachian State University, Dept of Social Work*, 2014-2015

- Member, MSW Advisory Committee for Macro Curriculum Design, *University of Utah, College of Social Work*, 2011
- Associated Students of Social Work (ASSW) Student Council Secretary, *University of Utah, College of Social Work* 2007-2008

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Chancellor's and Provost's Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award Committee, *Appalachian State University*, 2020
- Faculty Champion, CAE, *Appalachian State University*, 2020-present
- Student Withdrawal Committee, *Appalachian State University*, 2020-present
- Quality Online Teaching & Learning Committee, *Appalachian State University*, 2019-present
- LMS Advisory Group member, *Appalachian State University*, 2018-2019
- BCHS Faculty Advisory Representative, *Appalachian State University, Beaver College of Health Sciences*, 2018-2019, 2019-2020
- Member, Student Wellness Improvement Team, *Appalachian State University*, 2017-2018, 2018-2019
- Faculty Advisor, Reproductive Justice Club, *Appalachian State University*, 2015-2017
- Member, Family Planning Research Team, *University of Utah, School of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Social Work*, 2009-2012

SELECTED TRAININGS

- Teaching Online Certificate program, *Quality Matters*, 2020
- Reproductive Justice, *SisterSong*, 2018
- Groundwater, *Racial Equity Institute*, 2018
- Reproductive Life Planning, *Appalachian District Health Department*, 2017
- Bias training, *Appalachian State University*, 2016, 2019
- Grassroots Community Organizing, *The Midwest Academy*, 2014
- Nonprofit Management, *Center for Nonprofit Management*, 2014
- Adult Attachment Interviewing (AAI), *University of Utah*, 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association of Perinatal Social Workers (NAPSW)
- Society of Social Work and Research (SSWR)
- Rural Social Work Caucus (RSWC)