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EDUCATION

University of Delaware *Newark, Delaware* August 2019 – Present
Master's Degree, Sociology
PhD, Sociology

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania *Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania* August 2015 - May 2019
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
Criminal Justice Minor
Cum Laude

Jagiellonian University *Krakow, Poland* December 2017 – January 2018
Study Abroad Program
Courses: Jews of Europe; Central and Eastern European Film

RESEARCH

Research interests: Health, Healthcare, Disabilities, Inequalities

Research Assistant January 2017 – May 2019

- Gained experience using the following programs: SPSS, Qualtrics, Microsoft Excel
- Analyzed survey data on the Bloomsburg community's feelings toward the restoration of a community arts building that had burned down; developed an in-depth report for the local, non-profit organization heading the project
- "Utilizing Qualitative Methodology to Assist in Organizational Planning: A Case Study in Faculty, Student, and Community Partnership Across Disciplines and Institutions" – supervised by Dr. Heather Feldhaus
- *Civic and Environmental Worldview and Engagement (CEWE) Survey*, supervised by Dr. Christopher Podeschi and Dr. Heather Feldhaus
 - 2017: Created an Excel file for data entry; administered surveys; assisted in data entry
 - 2018: Trained coworkers in data entry; administered surveys; performed data analysis
 - 2019: Coordinated and organized all survey administration; trained students in survey administration and data entry; supervised data entry
- Conducted a literature review on family health services and STD testing in order to help a local family health organization obtain grants, supervised by Dr. Heather Feldhaus

Honors Independent Study November 2016 - Present

- "The Mental Health Issues and Needs of LGBTQ Prisoners in a Women's State Prison" (supervised and mentored by Dr. Shiloh Erdley and Scott Duncan)
- Created a survey which was administered to approximately 200 women at a local state prison
- Entered data from the surveys and conducted initial data analysis on quantitative data

Training

January 2016, September 2019

- Research training on “Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research” from the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative
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PRESENTATIONS

Eastern Sociological Society Conference

Poster Presentation

Boston, MA

March 2019

- “The Humanity of Executed Offenders” (Megan Wissert)

National Collegiate Honors Conference

Poster Presentation

Boston, MA

November 2018

- “Understanding the mental health experiences, needs and rights of women in prison who identify as LGBTQ” (Megan Wissert, Dr. Shiloh Erdley-Kass, Scott Duncan)

Eastern Sociological Society Conference

Undergraduate Poster Presentation

Baltimore, MD

February 2018

- “Environmental Attitudes of Male and Female Students” (Megan Wissert, Sarah Johnson, Wanda Tarvin)

College of Liberal Arts Symposium

Panel Presentation

Bloomsburg, PA

October 2017

- “Joint class on identity and place with the University of Pecs in Hungary” (Dr. Christopher Podeschi, Megan Wissert, Mollie Semler, Dan Earhart, Nick McCormack)
- “The Win-Win Opportunity of Applying Your Skills in the Community” (Dr. Heather Feldhaus, Wanda Tarvin, Megan Wissert, Weston Brehm, Jacqueline Liss)

Susquehanna Undergraduate Research Symposium

Poster Presentation

Bloomsburg, PA

August 2017

- “Understanding the mental health experiences, needs and rights of women in prison who identify as LGBTQ: A review of literature” (Megan Wissert, Dr. Shiloh Erdley-Kass, Scott Duncan)

PASSHE Honors Conference

Student Presenter

Harrisburg, PA

April 2017

- Co-presented on the Alumni Relations of our Honors Program at Bloomsburg University

Pennsylvania Sociological Society Conference

Poster Presentation

Bloomsburg, PA

November 2016

- “Utilizing Qualitative Methodology to Assist in Organizational Planning: A case study in faculty, student, and community partnership across disciplines and institutions” (Dr. Heather Feldhaus, Wanda Tarvin, Megan Wissert)
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SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Henry Carver Honors Scholarship	August 2015, August 2016, August 2017, August 2018
Henry Carver Academic Scholarship	August 2015, August 2016, August 2017, August 2018
Ready to Succeed Scholarship	January 2017, January 2018
Professional Experience Grant	May 2018
Honors Scholarship for Poland Study Abroad Trip	December 2017
Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Grant	June 2017
Anne K. Wilson Award	May 2019

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Faithful Friends Animal Society	<i>Newark, DE</i>	October 2019 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer at a local animal shelter weekly and at special events in order to promote the shelter and assist in facilitating the adoption of the animals		
Eos Therapeutic Riding Center	<i>Bloomsburg, PA</i>	October 2017 – November 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer at a local community organization where special needs children ride horses		
Relay for Life	<i>Bloomsburg, PA</i>	April 2016, April 2017, April 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant in the annual Bloomsburg Relay for Life, a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society		
Nursing Home Bingo	<i>Bloomsburg, PA</i>	January 2016 – December 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer at a local nursing home to help the residents play bingo		
Haunted Husky Hollow	<i>Bloomsburg, PA</i>	October 2015, October 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actor; this event is a free, guided, haunted tour of the forests on the University's Upper Campus and is open to the public		
Honors Interviews	<i>Bloomsburg, PA</i>	February 2016 – May 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student interviewer of potential honors program members		

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant	<i>Newark, DE</i>	June 1, 2020 – Present
<i>UD Center for Drug and Health Studies</i>		
Working primarily on the center's State Opioid Response Grant Evaluation and Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care Grant.		
Graduate Teaching Assistant	<i>Newark, DE</i>	August 2019 – Present
<i>University of Delaware</i>		
Assisting the professor by grading assignments, taking attendance, holding office hours, reviewing material with students, leading discussion sections, and communicating clearly with students		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classes I have served as a TA in:		

- Crime Victims and Victims' Rights
- Introduction to Sociology

Crew Leader

Bloomsburg, PA

July 2019

Bloomsburg University Anchor Program

As a Crew Leader for Bloomsburg's Anchor Program - a program that introduces 15-18 year old individuals who have been involved in the foster system to college life - I:

- facilitated activities throughout the week, engaging participants in team building
- served as a Community Assistant in the residence hall the participants resided in for the duration of the program
- mediated disagreements and resolved complaints and dilemmas
- adapted quickly in the fast-changing environment of a program that is still developing

Research Assistant

Bloomsburg, PA

January 2017 - May 2019

Center for Community Research and Consulting

Conducting literature reviews to aid in grant applications, researching a variety of topics, administering surveys, data entry, using SPSS and Qualtrics, participating in meetings with community organizations, creating survey reports for community organizations.

Specific projects include:

- Quantitative analysis for a local non-profit organization
- Qualitative analysis for an economic development and housing organization in support of a strategic planning process
- Phone survey for the local YMCA to identify the needs of former members

Victim Advocate Intern

Philadelphia, PA

May 2018 - August 2018

Families of Murder Victims (Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia)

Accompanying the family members and friends of murder victims (co-victims) to court, presenting different counseling options to co-victims, providing emotional support before, during, and after court proceedings, and signing co-victims up for notifications of possible parole or release of the convicted perpetrators.

Teaching Assistant

Bloomsburg, PA

January 2017 - December 2017

Bloomsburg University Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Christopher Podeschi's Principles of Sociology course in Spring 2017 and Dr. Heather Feldhaus' Honors Principles of Sociology course in Fall 2017

Tutor

Bloomsburg, PA

September 2016 - May 2019

Bloomsburg University Tutorial Services

Tutoring students in material for SOC211: Principles of Sociology, SOC215: Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and Criminal Justice Research Methods

Honors Program Mentor*Bloomsburg, PA*

August 2016 – December 2016

Bloomsburg University Honors Program

Mentoring honors freshmen in the College of Liberal Arts during their transition to college; serving as a resource for class scheduling and academic questions

ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**Sociology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Council**

November 2019 - Present

*Wellness Committee Chair***Alpha Kappa Delta (International Honors Society of Sociology)***Member*

April 2018 – Present

The Student Professional Development Committee*Member*

September 2018 – May 2019

Middle States Re-Accreditation Sub-Working Group*Student Representative*

October 2017 – March 2019

Sociology Club*Member*

January 2017 – May 2019

University Honors Program*Junior Class Representative*

August 2017 – May 2018

Member

August 2015 – May 2019

Bloomsburg University Equality Alliance*Member*

August 2015 – May 2019