

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2012-2017 Ph.D., Sociology, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH.
Major area: Family; Minor area: Demography

Dissertation: Cohabitation among Older Adults: Well-Being, Relationships with Adult Children, and Perceptions of Care Availability (Susan L. Brown, Chair)

2009-2011 M.A., Sociology, Ball State University, Muncie, IN

2006-2009 B.S., Sociology, Ball State University, Muncie, IN

EMPLOYMENT

2025-present Assistant Chair and Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University

2020-2025 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University.

2017-2020 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Criminology, Sociology, & Geography, Arkansas State University.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Wright, Matthew R., Susan L. Brown, Wendy D. Manning, Madelyn Flowers, and Jenna M. Ward. Forthcoming. "A Brief Report Comparing Younger and Older Cohabitors." *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Wright, Matthew R., and Susan L. Brown. 2025. "The Declining Significance of Age in Support for Cohabitation, 1994-2022" Pp. 79-93 in *Advances in Social Demography*. Edited by Robert Schoen. Springer.

Wright, Matthew R., Tatum A. Schwartz, Susan L. Brown, and Wendy D. Manning. 2023. "Income Pooling in Midlife: A Comparison of Remarried and Cohabiting Relationships." *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 78: 1402-1411. (Editor's Choice article)

- Wright, Matthew R.**, Susan L. Brown, and Wendy D. Manning. 2023. "A Cohort Comparison of Midlife Marital Quality: A Quarter Century of Change." *Journal of Family Issues* 44: 538-559.
- Wright, Matthew R.** 2021. "Cohabitation." *Encyclopedia of Gerontology and Population Aging*. Edited by Danan Gu and Matthew R. Dupre. Springer.
- Wright, Matthew R.** 2020. "Relationship Quality among Older Cohabitors: A Comparison to Remarrieds." *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 75: 1808-1817.
- Wright, Matthew R.**, Anna M. Hammersmith, Susan L. Brown, and I-Fen Lin. 2020. "The Roles of Marital Dissolution and Subsequent Repartnering on Loneliness in Later Life." *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 75: 1796-1807.
- Brown, Susan L., I-Fen Lin, Anna M. Hammersmith, and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2019. "Repartnering Following Gray Divorce: The Roles of Resources and Constraints for Women and Men." *Demography* 56: 503-523.
- Brown, Susan L., and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2019. "Divorce Attitudes among Older Adults: Two Decades of Change." *Journal of Family Issues* 40: 1018-1037.
- Lin, I-Fen, Susan L. Brown, **Matthew R. Wright**, and Anna M. Hammersmith. 2019. "Depressive Symptoms Following Gray Divorce and Widowhood." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 60: 153-168.
- Brown, Susan L., I-Fen Lin, Anna Hammersmith, and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2018. "Later Life Dissolution and Repartnering Pathways: A National Portrait." *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 73: 1032-1042.
- Lin, I-Fen, Susan L. Brown, **Matthew R. Wright**, and Anna M. Hammersmith. 2018. "Antecedents of Gray Divorce: A Life Course Perspective." *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 73: 1022-1031.
- Brown, Susan L., and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2017. "Marriage, Cohabitation, and Divorce in Later Life." *Innovation in Aging* 1: 1-11.
- Wright, Matthew R.**, and Susan L. Brown. 2017. "Psychological Well-Being among Older Adults: The Role of Partnership Status." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 79: 833-849.

Brown, Susan L., and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2016. "Older Adult Attitudes toward Cohabitation: Two Decades of Change." *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 71: 755-764. (Editor's Choice article).

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Wright, Matthew R., Gwendolyn Zugarek, Susan L. Brown, and Wendy D. Manning. "A Cohort Comparison of Relationship Quality among Cohabitors." Revise and Resubmit at *Population Research and Policy Review*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Brown, Susan L., **Matthew R. Wright**, and Elizabeth Howe-Huist. "The Rise of Cohabitation among Older Adults: A Cross-National Perspective."

Hammersmith, Anna M., and **Matthew R. Wright**. "Anticipation of Help from Adult Children in Later Life: Partnership Status and Relatedness to Children."

Patterson, Sarah E., **Matthew R. Wright**, and Vicki A. Freedman. "Cohabitation and Care among Older Adults in the U.S."

Wright, Matthew R. "Physical Health among Older Adults: The Role of Cohabitation."

Wright, Matthew R. "Older Parents' Perceptions of Future Care from Adult Children: The Role of Cohabitation."

Zugarek, Gwendolyn, **Matthew R. Wright**, and Susan L. Brown. "Union Type, Relationship Quality, and Health in Later Life: A Comparison of Cohabitation and Remarriage."

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Kovert, Elizabeth, **Matthew R. Wright**, Anna M. Hammersmith, Susan L. Brown, and I-Fen Lin. 2017. "Divorce Before vs. After Age 50: A National Portrait." National Center for Family & Marriage Research. Retrieved from: http://www.bgsu.edu/ncfmr/resources/data/family_profiles/kovert-wright-hammersmith-brown-lin-repartner-hlth-fp-17-12.

Spangler, Ashley, Susan L. Brown, I-Fen Lin, Anna Hammersmith, and **Matthew Wright**. 2015. "Divorce Before vs. After Age 50: A National Portrait." National Center for Family & Marriage Research. Retrieved from: http://www.bgsu.edu/ncfmr/resources/data/family_profiles/spangler-brown-lin-hammersmith-wright-divorce-age-50-fp-15-09.html

Spangler, Ashley, Susan L. Brown, I-Fen Lin, Anna Hammersmith, and **Matthew Wright**. 2016. "Divorce Timing and Economic Well-being." National Center for Family & Marriage Research. Retrieved from: <http://www.bgsu.edu/ncfmr/resources/data/family-profiles/spangler-brown-lin-hammersmith-wright-divorce-economic-fp-16-01>.

GRANTS

- 2024 Ann Louise Page Award for Faculty Research Excellence, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University (\$500.00)
- 2024 Undergraduate Research Assistantship, Office of Research, Appalachian State University (\$1,200)
- 2024 Ann Louise Page Award for Faculty Research Excellence, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University (\$252.00)
- 2023 Summer Research Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University (\$5,000)
- 2023 Undergraduate Research Assistantship, Office of Research, Appalachian State University (\$1,200)
- 2023 Ann Louise Page Award for Faculty Research Excellence, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University (\$833.33)

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

Patterson, Sarah E., **Matthew R. Wright**, and Vicki A. Freedman. 2025. "Cohabitation and Care among Older Adults in the U.S." Presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Washington D.C. (April).

Wright, Matthew R., Tatum A. Schwartz, Susan L. Brown, and Wendy D. Manning. 2024. "Income Pooling in Midlife: A Comparison of Remarried and Cohabiting Relationships." Invited presentation at annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America, Seattle, Washington (November).

Wright, Matthew R., and Susan L. Brown. 2024. "The Declining Significance of Age in Support for Cohabitation, 1994-2022. Presented in a roundtable at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montreal, Canada (August).

Wright, Matthew R., Susan L. Brown, Wendy D. Manning, Madelyn Flowers, and Jenna M. Ward. 2024. "A Comparison of Younger and Older Cohabitors." Presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Columbus, Ohio (April).

Wright, Matthew R., Gwendolyn Zugarek, Susan L. Brown, and Wendy D. Manning. 2024. "A Cohort Comparison of Relationship Quality among Cohabitors." Presented as a poster at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Columbus, Ohio (April).

- Wright, Matthew R.**, Tatum A. Schwartz, Susan L. Brown, and Wendy D. Manning. 2023. "Income Pooling in Midlife: A Comparison of Remarried and Cohabiting Relationships." Presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, New Orleans, Louisiana (April).
- Hammersmith, Anna M., and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2022. "Anticipation of Help from Adult Children in Later Life: Partnership Status and Relatedness to Children." Presented as a poster at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Atlanta, Georgia (April).
- Wright, Matthew R.** 2019. "Relationship Quality among Older Cohabitors: A Comparison to Remarrieds." Presented as a poster at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Austin, Texas (April).
- Brown, Susan L., **Matthew R. Wright**, and Elizabeth Howe-Huist. 2018 "The Rise of Cohabitation among Older Adults: A Cross-National Perspective." Presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado (April).
- Lin, I-Fen, Susan L. Brown, **Matthew R. Wright**, and Anna M. Hammersmith. 2018. "Depressive Symptoms following Gray Divorce and Widowhood." Presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado (April).
- Wright, Matthew R.** 2018. "Older Parents' Perceptions of Future Care from Adult Children: The Role of Cohabitation." Presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado (April).
- Wright, Matthew R.**, Susan L. Brown, and Wendy D. Manning. 2018. "Midlife Marital Quality: Twenty-Five Years of Change." Presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado (April).
- Wright, Matthew R.**, Anna M. Hammersmith, Susan L. Brown, and I-Fen Lin. 2018. "The Role of Union Dissolution and Subsequent Repartnering on Life Satisfaction and Loneliness in Later Life." Presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado (April).
- Zugarek, Gwendolyn, **Matthew R. Wright**, and Susan L. Brown. 2018. "Union Type, Relationship Quality, and Health in Later Life: A Comparison of Cohabitation and Remarriage." Presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado (April).

- Brown, Susan L., I-Fen Lin, Anna M. Hammersmith, and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2017. "Repartnering Following Gray Divorce" Presented at the Population Association of America's Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (April).
- Brown, Susan L., and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2017. "The Gray Divorce Revolution: Older Adult Attitudes toward Divorce, 1994-2012." Presented in a roundtable at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada (August).
- Wright, Matthew R.** 2017. "Intergenerational Relationships among Older Cohabitors." Presented at the Population Association of America's Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (April).
- Brown, Susan L., I-Fen Lin, Anna Hammersmith, and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2016. "Later Life Marital Dissolution and Re-Partnering Pathways: A National Portrait." Presented as a poster at the Population Association of America's Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (March).
- Wright, Matthew R.** 2016. "Cohabitation among Older Adults: Psychological Well-Being and Physical Health." Presented as a poster at the Population Association of America's Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (March).
- Wright, Matthew R.**, and Susan L. Brown. 2016. "Psychological Well-Being among Unmarried Older Adults: Comparing Cohabitors, Daters, and Unpartnereds." Presented at the Population Association of America's Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (April).
- Brown, Susan L., I-Fen Lin, Anna Hammersmith, and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2015. "Gray Divorce and Subsequent Repartnering." Presented at Aging Families/Changing Families International Conference, Syracuse, NY (June).
- Brown, Susan L., I-Fen Lin, **Matthew R. Wright**, and Anna M. Hammersmith. 2015. "Antecedents of Divorce in Later Life." Presented as a poster at the Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL (November).
- Brown, Susan L., I-Fen Lin, and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2015. "A Cohort Comparison of Gray Divorce: Two Decades of Change." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL (November).
- Brown, Susan L., and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2015. "Older Adult Attitudes toward Cohabitation: Two Decades of Change." Presented at the Population Association of America's Annual Meeting (Session 88), San Diego, CA (May).

Wright, Matthew R., and Karen Benjamin Guzzo. 2015. "Trends in Nonmarital Birth Rates and Approval of Nonmarital Childbearing in Western Countries." Presented as a poster at the Population Association of America's Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (May).

Schondelmyer, Emily, and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2014. "Adolescent Sexual Behaviors and Serial Cohabitation in Young Adulthood." Presented as a poster at the Population Association of America's Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (May).

TEACHING

Courses Taught at Appalachian State University

Sociology 1000: The Sociological Perspective (in-person and online)

Sociology 1110: Sociology of Intimate Relationships (in-person)

Sociology 3100: Gerontology (in-person and online)

Sociology 3895: Social Statistics and Data Analysis (in-person and online)

Sociology 4800: Sociology of Families (in-person)

Sociology 5025: Advanced General Sociology (online)

Courses Taught at Arkansas State University

Criminology 470v: Internship (in-person)

Criminology 6603: Internship (in-person)

Sociology 2213: Introduction to Sociology (in-person)

Sociology 3223: Sociology of Families (in-person)

Sociology 3383: Social Statistics (in-person)

Sociology 4073: Sociology of Family Violence (online)

Sociology 4293: Methods of Social Research (in-person and online)

Sociology 4353: Sociology of Aging (in-person and online)

Sociology 4703: Internship (in-person)

Sociology 6413: Seminar in the Family (in-person)

Honors Thesis Committees

2024-2025 Louie Wood. "Classed Dating Practices: How College Students Use Social Class to Navigate Their Romantic Decisions." (Second reader)

SERVICE

Professional Service

Reviewer, *Social Forces*, *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Social Sciences*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *Research on Aging*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Social Science Research*, *Demography*, *Journal of Family Studies*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Social Currents*, *Canadian Journal of Population*

Service at Appalachian State University

2025-	Assistant Chair, Department of Sociology
2024-2025	Honors Coordinator, Department of Sociology
2024-	Member, Chair's Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology
2024-2025	Chair, Policy Committee, Department of Sociology
2023-2024	Chair, Faculty Development Committee, Department of Sociology
2023-2024	Chair, Appalachian State University Tuition Appeals Committee
2023-2024	Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology
2022-2023	Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology
2022-	Member, Appalachian State University Tuition Appeals Committee
2021-2023	Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Sub-Committee, Department of Sociology
2021-2022	Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology
2021	Member, Ann Page Faculty Award Committee, Department of Sociology
2020-2021	Member, Faculty Development Committee, Department of Sociology

Service at Arkansas State University

2019-2020	Criminology, Sociology, and Geography (CSG) Assessment Committee
2019-2020	Co-Leader, Sociology BA Assessment
2019-2020	Faculty Leader, Sociology MA Assessment
2019-2020	Co-Leader, Sociology MA program
2019-2020	CSG Department Chair Search Committee
2019-2020	CSG Student Awards and Scholarship Committee
2019-2020	College of Liberal Arts and Communication Scholarship Committee
2019-2020	Member, one MA Thesis Committee
2018-2020	Chair, two MA Comprehensive Exam Committees
2018-2019	Member, one MA Comprehensive Exam Committee
2018-2019	Member, one MA Thesis Committee
2018	Criminology Faculty Search Committee
2018	Organizer, CSG Department Symposium
2017-2018	Faculty Advisor, CSG Club
2017-2018	Faculty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Society
2017-2018	Calendar Planning Committee
2017-2020	CSG Internship Coordinator
2017-2020	CSG Graduate Studies Committee
2017-2020	CSG Curriculum Committee
2017	Sociology Faculty Search Committee

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
 Gerontological Society of America
 Population Association of America

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2022 Nominee, Richard N. Henson Outstanding Advisor Award, Appalachian State University.
- 2018 Nominee, 2018-2019 You Made a Difference Advisor Award, Arkansas State University.
- 2018 Nominee, Faculty Achievement Award, Arkansas State University.
- 2017 Donald J. and Susan E. Adamchak Graduate Student Award in Demography. Bowling Green State University.