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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

2020-present 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., 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.**, Susan L. Brown, Wendy D. Manning, Madelyn Flowers, and Jenna M. Ward. "A Brief Report Comparing Younger and Older Cohabitators." Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

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., and **Matthew R. Wright**. “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 AND AWARDS

- 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

- 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. To be 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. "A Brief Report Comparing 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 Cohabitators, 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).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014 – 2017 Research Assistant on grant to Susan L. Brown and I-Fen Lin from the National Institutes on Aging (R15AG047588), "Health and Well-Being

Effects on Late-Life Divorce and Subsequent Repartnering.” Bowling Green State University. Conducting quantitative analyses using the Health and Retirement Study.

- 2013 – 2014 Research Assistant to Susan L. Brown, Bowling Green State University. Produced quantitative analyses of survey data sets, including the General Social Survey and National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project.
- 2012 – 2013 Research Assistant to Kara Joyner, Bowling Green State University. Analyzed survey data using the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health; conducted data and literature searches; produced annotated bibliographies.
- 2011 – 2012 Research Assistant to Chris Wienke, Southern Illinois University. Conducted literature searches and composed an annotated bibliography.
- 2010 Research Assistant to Mellisa Holtzman, Ball State University. Conducted qualitative coding of court rulings using NVIVO; entered and checked data in SPSS.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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)

Courses Taught at Bowling Green State University

Sociology 3610: The Family (in-person)

Courses Taught at Southern Illinois University

Sociology 108: Principles of Sociology (in-person)

Teaching Assistant at Bowling Green State University

Sociology 1010: Principles of Sociology (in-person)

Teaching Assistant at Ball State University

Sociology 100: Principles of Sociology (in-person)

Sociology 260: Society and the Individual (in-person)

Sociology 333: Sociology of Media (in-person)

Undergraduate Research Mentor (NIA grant on gray divorce)

Ashley Spangler

Emily Little

Katie Finch

Elizabeth Kovert

RESEARCH SKILLS

Software: STATA, SAS, SPSS, LISREL, Excel

Data sets: Health and Retirement Study; National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project;

General Social Survey; Add Health

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Designing Effective Online Courses, March 2021

Teaching workshop with Diane Pike, January 2017

Teaching workshop with Jay Howard, April 2016

Service Learning workshop with Michele Lee Kozimor-King, April 2015

Health and Retirement Study workshop with I-Fen Lin, June 2014

Teaching workshop with Melinda Messineo, March 2014

Graduate seminar on teaching with Laura A. Sanchez, Bowling Green State University, Summer 2013

Graduate seminar on teaching with Derek A. Martin, Southern Illinois University Fall 2011

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Population Association of America; American Sociological Association; Gerontological Society of America

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*

Service at Appalachian State University

2024- Honors Coordinator, Department of Sociology
 2024- Chair's Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology
 2024- Member, Policy Committee, Department of Sociology
 2023-2024 Chair, Faculty Development Committee, Department of Sociology
 2023- Chair, University Tuition Appeals Committee
 2023-2024 Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology
 2022-2023 Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology
 2022- Member, 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

Service at BGSU

President January 2015 – August 2015; Member August 2012 – 2017,
Bowling Green State University Sociology Graduate Student Association

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.