Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D**. University of Wisconsin-Madison In Progress  
 Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare

Advisor: Dr. Marah Curtis

**M.S.W.** University of Wisconsin-Madison In Progress Master of Social Work

Specialization in Child, Youth, & Family Welfare

**B.S**. University of Wisconsin-Platteville May 2017

Bachelor of Science in Psychology with High Honors GPA 3.7/4.0

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

Sheldon D. Rose Memorial Scholarship March 2019

Dorothy M. Pearson Fellowship April 2018

Advanced Opportunity Fellowship September 2017

Lois P. Shimpa Memorial Scholarship June 2017

2017 UWP Commencement Speaker May 2017

University of Wisconsin-Platteville Dean’s List May 2017

Psi Chi Travel Award April 2017

University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chancellor’s List December 2016

Psychology Independent Study Award September 2015-May 2016

Rosemary McNally Award January 2015

College of Liberal Arts and Education Scholarship January 2015

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Research Assistant June 2018-Present

*Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison,* Madison, WI

Supervised by Dr. Kristen Slack and Dr. Lonnie Berger

Undergraduate Research Assistant September 2015-May 2016

*Psychology Department, University of Wisconsin-Platteville,* Platteville, WI

Supervised by Dr. Julie Hill

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Berger, L., Slack, K., Lee, H., **Wages, S.** (2020, January). *Child Maltreatment and Parental Well-Being Outcomes in an Experimental Economic Support Intervention (CPS).* Presentation to be presented at 2020 Society for Social Work and Research Conference in Washington, DC.

**Wages, S**., Washburn, C., Kopp, K., & Hill, J. (2017, April). *Religiosity, parental relationship qualities, and depressive symptoms during Emerging Adulthood.* Poster presented at the 2017 Midwestern Psychological Association Conference in Chicago, IL.

**Wages, S.**, Hamer, S. (2017, April). *You be the Judge: The effects of race, mental illness diagnosis on juror judgement.* Poster presented at the 2017 Tristate Psychology Conference in Platteville, WI.

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Boyd, R., **Wages, S.,** Slack, K. (2019). *Strategies for Assessing Family Strengths in Efforts to Predict Future CPS Involvement: A Focus on the Strengths of Black Families.* Manuscript in progress.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Peer Assisted Learning Leader Fall 2015-Spring 2017

*Psychology and Political Science Departments*

*University of Wisconsin-Platteville,* Platteville, WI

Created lesson plans to conduct weekly discussion sessions to support following courses:

* POLISCI 1130: Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)
* PSYCH 1130:Introduction to Experimental Psychology (Spring 2016)
* POLISCI 2360: International Relations (Spring 2016, Spring 2017)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Family Group Conferencing Intern Spring 2019

*Dane County Human Service,* Madison, WI

Accept referrals and coordinate staffings with social work team. Trained to facilitate family meetings that provide a forum for families to make decisions about the welfare of their children. Trained to negotiate and manage family conflict, to liaise and mediate between individuals, and to partner with families and agencies.

Independent Living Intern Fall 2018

*Dane County Human Services,* Madison, WI

Serve the needs of youth aging from foster care. Support young adults pursuing work, education, and life skills. Assess, counsel and refer residents to resources and support services as appropriate. Attend interdisciplinary team meetings and individualized education plan meetings.

Patient Access Representative Summer 2017

*Southwest Health,* Platteville, WI

Trained to assess and respond to emergency situations. Attended weekly meetings to ensure data security and HIPAA compliance. Received intensive training on Medicare/Medicaid policies and EPIC software. Gained proficiency with insurance claims management. Offered comfort and support to families during emergency situations.

Student Support Services Tutor Fall 2016

*Student Support Services, University of Wisconsin-Platteville,* Platteville, WI

Provided academic support to diverse populations including first generation college students. Provided one-on-one academic support in Statistics, Political Science and Psychology. Initiated campaign to research, measure and raise professor awareness of program services.

DRIVEN Program Assistant Fall 2016

*Office of Multicultural Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Platteville,* Platteville, WI

Supported a retention program for historically underserved populations. Planned and managed student events. Assisted with the design and facilitation of academic workshops and training programs to address concerns and foster academic success.

Treatment Coordinator Intern Summer 2016

*Grant County Courthouse,* Lancaster, WI

Provided support for case load of 25-40 participants in both DUI Court and Drug Court. Participated in weekly interdisciplinary team meetings consisting of members of the court and mental health professionals. Attended court sessions and assisted with the coordination of weekly treatment court. Compiled and analyzed data to assist with grant writing.

Academic Advising Intern Summer 2016

*Psychology Department, University of Wisconsin-Platteville,* Platteville, WI

Reviewed placement test scores, AP credits and transfer courses to assist incoming freshman and potential psychology majors in registering during new student registration. Assisted students with selecting courses that aligned with their potential career path. Ensured that students met general education course requirements.

**SERVICE**

BSW/MSW Admission Committee

*University of Wisconsin-Madison,* Madison, WI

Search and Screen Committee - Student Representative Fall 2016

*Psychology Department, University of Wisconsin-Platteville,* Platteville, WI

Screened resumes and assisted committee members with interviews. Evaluated candidates on multiple measures as outlined by university protocol. Attended applicant interviews and job talks.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for Social Work Research October 2019-Current

National Association of Black Social Workers December 2018-Current

*Madison Chapter,* Madison WI

Psi Chi: International Honor Society in Psychology September 2015-May 2017

*University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chapter,* Platteville, WI