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Education

Doctor of Philosophy – Counselor Education and Supervision, Auburn University.
CACREP Accredited. August 2017.

Master of Education – Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Auburn University.
CACREP Accredited. August 2014.

Bachelor of Science – Human Development and Family Studies, Auburn University.
August 2012. Graduated Cum Laude.

International Minor – Auburn University, Ariccia, Italy (Auburn Abroad in Italy). August 2012.

Licensure and Certification

Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC)

Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling (ABEC). License Number: ALC04065.
Effective March 16, 2022.

Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC)

National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC). Certification: 342586. Effective 2014

Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)

Connecticut Department of Public Health. License Number: 46.003994-ASOC. Expired September 30, 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program Coordinator, Columbus State University.
August 2021 – present.

CACREP Liaison, Columbus State University. August 2021 – present

CACREP Liaison, University of Bridgeport. August 2019 – May 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Counseling, Columbus State University, Department of Teacher Education, Leadership, and Counseling, College of Education and Health Professions.
August 2023 – present

Assistant Professor of Counseling, Columbus State University, Department of Teacher Education, Leadership, and Counseling, College of Education and Health Professions.
August 2020 – present

Assistant Professor of Counseling, University of Bridgeport, Department of Counseling, College of Arts and Sciences. August 2017 – May 2020

Teaching Assistant, Auburn University, Counselor Education and Supervision Program, College of Education. August 2014 – August 2017

Courses Taught

<i>CACREP Area</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Semesters Taught</i>
Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice	<i>COUN 6115: Ethics and Professional Issues in Counseling</i>	FA21; FA22 (2); FA23 (2)
	<i>*COUN 7400: Orientation to Professional Counseling</i>	FA16 (2)
Social and Cultural Diversity	<i>COUN 6175: Cultural Perspectives in Counseling</i>	SP21; SP22
	<i>COUN 545: Social and Cultural Foundations</i>	SP18 (2); SP19 (2); SP20 (2)
Human Growth and Development	<i>COUN 552: Human Development: A Lifespan Approach to Counseling</i>	SP18
Career Development	<i>COUN 6118: Career Development</i>	SU22; SU23
	<i>COUN 610: Career and Lifestyle Development</i>	FA18; FA19
Counseling and Helping Relationships	<i>COUN 6225: Counseling Skills I</i>	FA21

	<i>COUN 505: Helping Relationships</i>	FA17; FA18; SP19; FA19
	<i>COUN 6155: Counseling Theory</i>	FA20
	<i>COUN 512: Theories of Counseling</i>	FA17; FA18 (2); FA19 (2)
	<i>*COUN 7350: Introduction To Counseling Practice</i>	SP17
	<i>*COUN 7510: Advanced Clinical Mental Health Interventions</i>	FA14
Group Counseling	<i>COUN 6265: Group Techniques and Procedures</i>	SP21; SP22; SP23 (3) SP24 (2)
	<i>COUN 540: Group Process: Application and Theory</i>	SP20 (2)
Assessment and Testing	<i>COUN 6245: Individual Analysis</i>	FA20; FA21; FA22; FA23
	<i>*COUN 7250: Advanced Assessment and Diagnosis</i>	SP15
Research and Program Evaluation	<i>COUN 6110: Research Methods in Counseling</i>	SU22
Supervision	<i>COUN 6405: Applied Practice in Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>	SU21; SU23
	<i>COUN 575: Clinical Mental Health Counseling Practicum</i>	SU18; SU19
	<i>*COUN 7910: Practicum</i>	FA15; FA16

**Denotes courses co-taught*

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Group Supervisor, Department of Teacher Education, Leadership, and Counseling, College of Education and Health Professions, Columbus State University. May 2021 – present.

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Group Supervisor, Department of Counseling, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Bridgeport. May 2018 – May 2020.

Doctoral Internship Individual Supervisor, Counselor Education and Supervision Program, College of Education, Auburn University. August 2016 – December 2016.

Doctoral Practicum Individual Supervisor, Counselor Education and Supervision Program, College of Education, Auburn University. August 2015 – December 2015.

CLINICAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Private Practitioner, Auburn, AL. May 2022 – present

Clinical Mental Health Counselor (pro bono), University of Bridgeport Counseling Center. February 2019 – May 2020

Assistant Director, Auburn Leadership Institute (A.L.I.). Auburn University Athletic Department. August 2015 – August 2017.

Clinical Mental Health Counselor, East Alabama Mental Health Center: Lee County Clinic, Opelika, AL | Russell County Clinic, Phenix City, AL | Chambers County Clinic, Valley, AL. August 2014 – January 2017

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy, Ariccia, Italy. May 2016 – August 2016.

Graduate Student Intern, East Alabama Mental Health Center, Adult Day Services, Opelika, Alabama. May 2014 - August 2014

Graduate Practicum/Intern Student, TEARS Inc., Phenix City, Alabama. August 2013 - March 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Agenda: *My research interests include counselor trainee development and serving individuals from marginalized populations.*

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Evans, A.M., East, C., Appling, B., **Wright, S.D.**, Branch, J. (2018). Responding to instances of perceived racism and discrimination: An ethnographic content analysis. In *The Alabama Counseling Association Journal*, 42 (1), 61-78
- Evans, A.M., **Wright, S.D.**, Murphy, P.M., & Maki, J. (2016). Incorporating leadership models into counseling supervision: Recommendations to strengthen services. In *Ideas and Research You Can Use: VISTAS 2016*, 51, 1-13
- East, C.R., Powers, D.F., Hyatt, T., **Wright, S.**, & May, V.S. (2016). Counselor training and poverty-related competencies: Implications and recommendations for counselor training programs. In *Ideas and Research You Can Use: VISTAS 2016*, 10, 1-9.

Book Chapters

- Michael-Makri, S. & **Wright, S.D.** (2022). It's Okay to Lighten Up! Utilizing Humor When Addressing Sensitive Topics. In Vaidya, K. *Teaching Counseling with a Sense of Humor*.
- Murphy, P., **Wright, S.**, & Evans, A.M. (2016). Maximizing unemployment: Empowering female group members for workforce reentry. In Killam, W., Degges-White, S., & Michel, R. Editor. *Career Counseling Interventions: Practice with Diverse Clients* (pp. 205-206).

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- Wright, S.D.** (2017). Cross-cultural experiences in Ariccia, Italy: A reflection. *Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development Spring Newsletter*

Grant Work

- Wright, S.D.**, Sandifer, M.C., Lainas, A.L., & Hearn L. *Graduate school recruitment grant: CSU counselor education program*. (\$500, co-PI). November 201. Columbus State University Graduate School Recruitment Grant. (*Funded*).
- Wright, S.D.**, *Esperance, T. *Upsilon beta wellness workshop*. (\$175, PI). October 2019. Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) Chapter Development Grant. (*Funded*).
- Wright, S.D.**, Connolly, S., Oberleitner, D. *The international student experience abroad: Examining the relationship between acculturative stress and college adjustment*. (\$5,000, PI). July 2019. Paul P. Fidler Research Grant. (*Not funded*).
- Murphy, P., **Wright, S.**, Barner, D., & Evans, A.M. *Implementing a puppetry program in a foster care program*. (\$500, co-PI). November 2016. Alabama Counseling Association Research Grant. Research. (*Funded*).

Vest, R., **Wright, S.**, Sandusky, B., & Hyatt, T. *Improved Reentry Education (IRE): Providing for support in prisoner reentry education's effectiveness*. (\$300,000 over three years, key personnel). 2015. Department of Education. (*Not Funded*).

**Denotes student involvement*

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

National/International

Wright, S.D., Cook Sandifer, M.L., Lainas, H.L., & Michael-Makri, S. (2021, October). Examining Campus-Based Counseling Clinics as Instructional Environments for Counselors-in-Training. A poster presentation at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Biennial Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Moukaddem, M., Michael-Makri, S., & **Wright, S.D.** (2021, September). Cultural Approaches to Counseling Syrian Refugees in Lebanon: Islamic Values and Beliefs. A 30-minute educational session at The European Branch of the American Counseling Association (EB-ACA; virtual).

Wright, S.D., Michael-Makri, S., & Lainas, A. (2021, April). Overcoming Barriers to Comprehensive Self-Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic. A sixty-minute educational session at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology's 4th Annual Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Beyond Conference (virtual).

Moukaddem, M., Michael-Makri, S., & **Wright, S.D.** (2021, April). Counseling of Syrian Refugees with Islamic Principles of Psychology: Integrating Culturally Relevant Practices. A sixty-minute educational session at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology's 4th Annual Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Beyond Conference (virtual).

Wright, S.D. (2021, April – accepted). The Impact of Acculturative Stress in International Student's First Year Experience. A poster presentation at the American Counseling Association (ACA) Annual Conference (virtual).

Wright, S.D. & Bynum, B. (2018, April). Transformative Learning through International Experiences: A Content Analysis. A sixty-minute roundtable session at the American Counseling Association (ACA) Annual Conference & Exposition, Atlanta, GA.

May, V.S., Fucillo, S., & **Wright, S.D.** (2018, April). Navigating the Dating Scene in Grad School: A Phenomenological Study on the Lived Experiences of Dating as a

- Graduate Student. A poster presentation at the American Counseling Association (ACA) Annual Conference & Exposition, Atlanta, GA.
- Evans, A.M., Bynum, B., Jenkins, M., Murphy, P., & **Wright, S.D.** (2017, October). Incorporating Outreach into an Active Research Agenda. A poster presentation at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Biennial Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Wright, S.D.** & Bynum, B. (2017, March). Increasing Multicultural Counseling Competence through International Experiences. A poster presentation at the American Counseling Association (ACA) Annual Conference & Exposition, San Francisco, CA.
- Evans, A.M., Tuttle, M., Appling, B., & **Wright, S.** (2017, March). Implementing Play into Supervised Visits: A Collaborative Study. A poster presentation at the American Counseling Association (ACA) Annual Conference & Exposition, San Francisco, CA.
- Carney, J., Shannon, D., Lanier, B., & **Wright, S.** (2015, October). Comparison of Sampling Methodologies in Survey Research. A poster presentation at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Evans, A.M., **Wright, S.**, & Prater, T. (2015, October). Integrating Supervision and Leadership Training Models: Recommendations for Clinical and Administrative Supervisors. A poster presentation at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Evans, A.M., Isom, E., Hemmings, C., & **Wright, S.** (2015, March). Examining the Multicultural Counseling Competency and Self-Awareness of Counselor Trainees and Professionals. A poster presentation at the American Counseling Association (ACA) Annual Conference & Exposition, Orlando, FL.
- Lanier, B., & **Wright, S.** (2015, March). Implementing Transitional Mentorship Programs within Correctional Facilities to Reduce Recidivism Rates. A poster presentation at the American Counseling Association (ACA) Annual Conference & Exposition, Orlando, FL.

Regional, State, and University

- Wright, S.D.**, Lainas, A., Cook Sandifer, M.L., & Hearn, L. (2022, November – accepted). Utilizing Campus-Based Counseling Clinics to Enhance Counselor Trainee Development. A 50-minute content session at the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES) Biennial Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Wright, S.D., Michael-Makri, S., & Lainas, A. (2021, January). Comprehensive Self-Care for Educators and Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic. A 50-minute virtual session at the Columbus State University Creativity and Innovation Forum.

Connolly, S., **Wright, S.D.,** & Nelson, J. (2018, October). Faculty Student Mentoring. A 60-minute session at the University of Bridgeport Faculty Development Day.

Wright, S.D. & Nelson, J. (2018, September). From Gloria to Kim Kardashian: Integrating Pop-Culture into Counselor Training. A 60-minute educational session at the North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NARACES) Biennial Conference, Burlington, VT.

Nelson, J., Connolly, S., & **Wright, S.D.** (2018, September). Effective Utilization of Audience Response Systems to Enhance Counseling Pedagogy. A poster presentation at the North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NARACES) Biennial Conference, Burlington, VT.

Wright, S.D. (2016, October). International Experiences: How They Impact Multicultural Competence for Counselors-in-Training. A poster presentation at the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES) Biennial Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Groves, J.R., Pyle, R., & **Wright, S.D.** (2016, October). A Bigger Picture: Maternal Depression and Child Outcomes. A poster presentation at the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES) Biennial Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Evans, A.M., Isom, E., **Wright, S.D.,** & Hemmings, C. (2014, November). Assessing Diversity, Advocacy and Self-Awareness in Counselors-in-Training and Professional Counselors. A content presentation at the Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA) Annual Conference, Huntsville, AL.

Evans, A.M., Isom, E., Bright, S., Hemmings, C., & **Wright, S.D.** (2014, October). Assessing and Addressing Multicultural Competency and Self-Awareness in Counselor Training and Counseling Practice. A roundtable presentation at the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES) Biennial Conference, Birmingham, AL.

Non-Peer Reviewed Activities

Long R.P., **Wright, S.D.,** (2023, April). TeleMental Health Webinar. Facilitator hosted by Columbus State University's Counseling Association for Development and Advocacy.

- Wright, S.D.** (2023, March). Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), Lambda Chi Beta chapter, Induction Keynote Speaker. Invited speaker for international honor society induction ceremony, hosted by LaGrange College's Counselor Education program.
- Wright, S.D.,** Jenkins, M., Mecadon-Mann, M., Powers, D., Robinson, S., & White, D. (2023, March). Career Planning for Future Counselor Education Professionals. Invited panelist hosted by Auburn University's Counselor Education and Supervision doctoral program.
- Wright, S.D.,** Mecadon-Mann, M., & Stallings, E. (2022, October). Contemporary Issues in Counselor Education. Invited panelist hosted by Auburn University's Counselor Education and Supervision doctoral program.
- Rose, D. & **Wright, S.D.** (2022, April). The Importance of Mental Health in Times of Transition. Invited moderator for online professional development workshop hosted by the Columbus State University Faculty Development Center.
- Wright, S.D.,** Ambler, P., Conley, C., & Vaughn, C. (2022, April). SACAC Wide Drive-In Workshop: Counselor Panel. Invited panelist for online professional development workshop hosted by the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC).
- Lainas, A. & **Wright, S.D.** (2022, March). I am Worthy and I Belong: Overcoming Imposter Syndrome. Invited speaker for Columbus State University annual Diversity Conference.
- Wright, S.D.** & Lainas, A. (2022, March). Stressors Associated with Writing Strategies for Motivation. Invited speaker for online writing retreat hosted by the Columbus State University Graduate School.
- Wright, S.D.,** Branch, J., Fucillo, S., & White, D. (2021, November). Overview of the Faculty Role: Teaching and Mentoring. Invited panelist hosted by Auburn University's Counselor Education and Supervision doctoral program.
- Wright, S.D.** (2021, October). Strategies for Motivation. Invited speaker for online writing retreat hosted by the Columbus State University Graduate School.
- Michael-Makri, S. & **Wright, S.D.** (2021, March). Strategies for Motivation. Invited speaker for online writing retreat hosted by the Columbus State University Graduate School.
- Wright, S.D.,** Martinez, M., & Dunn, R. (2020, December). Racism and Mental Health: Getting Comfortable with the Uncomfortable. Invited panelist for online webinar event hosted by the Upsilon Beta chapter of Chi Sigma Iota.

- Wright, S.D.** (2020, November). Comprehensive Self-Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Invited guest speaker for LPCAGA Mental Health Fair at Columbus State University (online).
- Wright, S.D., & May, V.S.** (2016, October). Practitioners – Assessing and Intervening: TIC. Invited guest speaker for Trauma Informed Care: Building Capacity in Chambers County workshop hosted by Chambers County DHR.
- Wright, S.D., May, V.S., & Iarussi, M.S.** (2016, April). Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling and Supervision Workshop. A workshop hosted by Iota Delta Sigma for counselors, counseling supervisors and other mental health professionals in the surrounding community of Auburn, AL.
- Wright, S.D.** (2016, April). Solution-Focused Brief Therapy with Rural Adolescents of Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations. Invited distance-learning presentation for the grant funded Building Rural Alliances Through Collaboration and Education (BRACE) Program at Auburn University.
- Wright, S.D.** (2015, February). Preparing Your Students for College. Invited guest speaker for Alabama school counselors attending the Auburn University High School Leadership Conference.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Columbus State University

University Strategic Planning Taskforce, Taskforce Member. October 2023 – present
Teacher Education, Leadership, and Counseling Personnel Committee, Committee Member. August 2023 – present.
Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Member-at-Large. May 2023 – present.
University Faculty Development Committee, Committee Chair. August 2023 – present.
Student Evaluation Committee, Committee Member. January 2023 – present.
University Faculty Development Committee, Committee Member September 2021 – present.
Faculty Senate, College of Education and Health Professions Senator. May 2021 – present
Counseling Association for Development and Advocacy (CADA), Faculty Advisor. August 2020 – present
College of Education and Health Professions Dean Search Committee, Committee Chair. September 2023 – December 2023
Columbus State University Student Learning Outcome Assessment Review Committee, Reviewer. June 2023.
College of Education and Health Professions Ethical and Legal Issues Taskforce, Taskforce Member. January 2023 – May 2023
Promotion, Tenure, and Evaluation Language Review Committee, Committee Member. January 2023 – May 2023

Faculty Senate Election Committee, Committee Chair. May 2022 – May 2023.
Counseling Faculty Search Committee, Committee Member. March 2023.
University Presidential Search Committee, Committee Member. August 2022 – February 2023.
University Benevolence Committee, Committee Member. December 2021 – August 2023.
Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities PATH Conference, CSU Liaison, Volunteer Coordinator, and Volunteer. October 25, 2022.
University Awards Committee, Committee Member. August 2021 – May 2022
Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Faculty Senate Secretary. May 2021 – May 2022
College of Education and Health Professions Awards Committee, Committee Member. August 2020 – May 2022
Counseling Faculty Search Committee, Committee Member. September 2021 – February 2022.
Teacher Education, Leadership, and Counseling Department Dispositions Assessment Revision Ad Hoc Committee, Committee Member. November 2020 – May 2021

University of Bridgeport

Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), Upsilon Beta (UB) Chapter, University of Bridgeport, Primary Chapter Faculty Advisor. August 2019 – May 2020
Academic Intervention Team (AIT), Faculty/Counseling Representative. August 2019 – May 2020
Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT), Faculty/Counseling Representative. August 2018 – May 2020
Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Senate Secretary. April 2018 – May 2020
Counseling Faculty Search Committee, Co-Chair. Summer 2019
Psychology Faculty Search Committee, Co-Chair. Spring 2019
Summer Scholars Program, Committee Member. November 2017 – May 2019
Summer Scholars Program, Mentor. Summer 2018
Psychology Faculty Search Committee. Co-Chair. Spring 2018

Association for Humanistic Counseling

Graduate Student Committee, Committee Member. November 2021 – August 2023
Humanistic Certificate Task Force, Committee Member. February 2021

North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education & Supervision

2020 NARACES Regional Conference Proposal Reviewer. March 2020

Connecticut Counseling Association (CCA)

Connecticut Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (CACES), Division Secretary. August 2019 – May 2020
CCA Public Policy and Legislation Committee, Committee Member October 2017 – May 2020

Auburn University

Counselor Education and Supervision Advisory Board Committee, Member. August 2022 – present

Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), Iota Delta Sigma (IDS) Chapter, Mentor. August 2016 – August 2017

Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), Iota Delta Sigma (IDS) Chapter, Co-President. April 2015 – April 2016

Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), Iota Delta Sigma (IDS) Chapter, Counselor Education and Supervision Student Representative. April 2014 – April 2015

Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), Iota Delta Sigma (IDS) Chapter, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Student Representative. April 2014 – April 2015

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Columbus State University, *University Exemplary Service of the Year Award*, Nominee (2023, March).

Columbus State University, *College of Education and Health Professions Exemplary Service of the Year Award*, Recipient (2022, April).

Columbus State University, *Scholastic Educator of the Year Award*, Nominee (2022, April).

Columbus State University, *University Exemplary Service of the Year Award*, Nominee (2022, March).

Columbus State University, *College of Education and Health Professions Excellence in Teaching Award*, Nominee (2021, December).

SACES Emerging Leaders Fellowship Program (2016)

American Counseling Association (ACA) – member since 2014. Member ID: 6420591

Association for Humanistic Counseling (AHC)

Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD)

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)

Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES)

North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education & Supervision (NARACES)

Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA)

Connecticut Counseling Association (CCA)

Connecticut Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (CACES)

Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society
International Member since 2013. Membership Number: 19163250