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RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; Fertility and Family Demography; Maternal Inequities across Race and Socioeconomic Status; Life Course Methods; Quantitative and Demographic Methods; Qualitative and Mixed Methods; Data Science; Medical Sociology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (POST-DOCTORAL)

- 1.2025 - 8.2027 Research Scientist, Fertility & Wellbeing Lab, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany
- Affiliate, MaxHel Center for Social Inequalities in Population Health, Helsinki, Finland
- 9.2023 - 12.2024 Post-doctoral Researcher, Family Formations in Flux – Causes, Consequences, and Possible Futures (FLUX) Consortium, University of Helsinki, Finland
Post-doctoral Supervisor: Mikko Myrskylä

EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- *Dissertation:* “Intersectional Inequality in Reproductive Health in the United States”
 - *Committee:* Jenna E. Nobles (Chair), Christine Schwartz, Monica Grant, Emily S. Mann (University of South Carolina), Anthony Ryan Hatch (Wesleyan)
 - *Qualifying Exams:* Demography; Science, Technology, and Society (With Distinction)
- 2019 M.S. Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- *Thesis:* “Contraceptive Selection and Practice: Associations with Self-Identified Race and Socioeconomic Disadvantage”
- 2012 M.S.P.H. International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 2010 B.A. Social Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, *magna cum laude*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Boydell V, **Wright KQ**, Einakib S, & Galavotti C. (2024). Toward person-centred measures of contraceptive demand: A systematic review of the relationship between intentions to use and actual use of contraception. *Gates Open Research*, 8:1.
- 2022 **Wright KQ**. (2022). “It changed the atmosphere surrounding the baby I did have”: Making sense of reproduction during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Marriage & Family*, 84(4), 1105-1128.
- Higgins JA, Kramer RD, **Wright KQ**, Turok DK, & Sanders, JS. (2022). Sexual functioning, satisfaction, and well-being among contraceptive users: A three-month assessment from the HER Salt Lake Contraceptive Initiative. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 59(4), 435-444.
- 2021 Higgins JA, Kramer RD, Everett B, **Wright KQ**, Turok DK, & Sanders JN. (2021). Association between patients’ perceptions of the sexual acceptability of contraceptive methods and continued use over time. *JAMA Internal Medicine*, 181(6), 874-876.
- Boydell V, **Wright KQ**, & Smith RD. (2021). A rapid review on pleasure at first sexual experience(s). *The Journal of Sex Research*, 58(7), 850-862.
- 2020 **Wright KQ**. Contraceptive selection and practice: Associations with self-identified race and socioeconomic disadvantage. *Social Science and Medicine*. 226: 113366.
- Higgins JA, **Wright KQ**, Sanders JN, Adkins DE, & Turok DK. Beyond safety and efficacy: Sexuality-related contraceptive preferences and their associations with contraceptive method selection. *Contraception X*. 102(2).
- 2019 Hardee K, Jurczynska K, Sinai I, Boydell V, Muhwezi DK, Gray K, & **Wright KQ**. Improving voluntary, rights-based family planning: Experience from Nigeria and Uganda. *Open Access Journal of Contraception*. 10:55-67.
- 2018 Behrman J, **Wright KQ**, Grant MJ, & Soler-Hampesjek E. Trends in modern contraceptive use among young adult women in Sub-Saharan Africa between 1990 and 2015. *Studies in Family Planning*. 49(4):319-344.
- Boydell V, Neema S, **Wright KQ**, & Hardee K. ‘Closing the Gap’ Between people and programs: Lessons from implementation of Social Accountability for Family Planning and Reproductive Health in Uganda. *African J. of Reproductive Health*. 22(1):73-84.
- 2016 **Wright KQ**, Hardee K, & Townsend J. The pitfalls of using selective data to represent the effectiveness, relevance and utility of the Standard Days Method (SDM) of contraception—Letter to the Editor. *Contraception*. 94(4):374-5.

2015 Scott VK, Gottschalk LB, **Wright KQ**, Twose C, Bohren M, Schmitt ME, Lantos H, Li M, Hinson L, Ray A, & Ortayli N. Community health workers' provision of family planning services: A systematic review on effectiveness. *Studies in Family Planning*. 46(3):241-61.

MANUSCRIPTS in preparation (analysis or manuscript available by request)

*Indicates co-authorship with a supervised Master's or Ph.D. student; ‡ indicates equal first authorship

Wright KQ, Trigos-Raczkowski C*, Loi S, Pitkänen J, Martikainen P, & Myrskylä M. International migration and the low fertility regime in Finland.

Trigos-Raczkowski C^{‡*}, **Wright KQ**[‡], Loi S, Pitkänen J, Martikainen P, & Myrskylä M. Timing of First Formal Romantic Unions Among 1st, 2nd, and 2.5 Generations of Immigrant Women in Finland.

Trigos-Raczkowski C^{‡*}, **Wright KQ**[‡], Loi S. Postpartum Depression Risk among Immigrant Women and their Descendant.

Wright KQ, Trigos-Raczkowski C*, Loi S, Pitkänen J & Myrskylä M. Immigration status and first union dissolution dynamics in Finland.

Hellstrand J, **Wright KQ**, Nisén J, Rao Z, & Schwanitz K. Special Issue on Results of PreFer Data Challenge in Journal of Computational Social Science.

Lee S, **Wright KQ**, Batyra E, & Bueyyekkececi Z. Reconciling Social and Biological Puberty: Age at menarche and subsequent events for women from select Demographic Health Surveys.

Wright KQ & Myrskylä M. Conceptualizing ubiquitous uncertainty in U.S. employment and fertility.

Wright KQ & Boydell V. Understanding the measurement of human rights and person-centered principles in abortion and contraceptive care using systematic review methodology.

Green T, **Wright KQ**, & Nobles J. Clinical infertility as a site of racial reproductive inequity.

Wright KQ & Conte-Keivabu R. Exposure to climate change-related extreme heat and intersectional inequalities in birth outcomes in the United States: Inequity due to residential assortment.

Fabrizi E, Rao Z, Alfo M, & **Wright KQ**. Public vs. Private Italian labor market employment, precarious labor market attachment, and fertility trajectories among Italian couples.

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2025
- “Diversification of Immigration Sending Countries over Recent Cohorts and the Impact on TFR in Finland”
- Invited Speaker. Webinar: Recent Fertility Declines-What Can we Learn from Register-based Research? European Association of Population Studies Working Group on Register-Based Fertility Research. Online.
- “Geographical proximity to family members and family formation dynamics among people with immigrant backgrounds in Finland”
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2025. Poster. Washington, D.C.
- 2024
- “The Contributions of the Fertility of Women with Immigrant Backgrounds to the Low Fertility Regime in Finland”
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2024. Poster. Columbus, OH.
 - European Population Conference 2024. Poster. Edinburgh, Scotland.
 - Fertility and Family Dynamics in Migrant and Minority Groups Conference 2023. European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) Working Group on Migrant and Minority Fertility in Europe. Wiesbaden, Germany.
- “Contribution of a Couple’s Immigration Status to Union Formation and Dissolution in Finland”
- Annual Conference of the Germany Society for Demography 2024. Session 1B: Union Formation and Dissolution in Central and Northern Europe. Hamburg, Germany.
 - Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2024. Poster. Columbus, OH.
 - European Population Conference 2024. Poster. Edinburgh, Scotland.
 - Fertility and Family Dynamics in Migrant and Minority Groups Conference 2023. European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) Working Group on Migrant and Minority Fertility in Europe. Wiesbaden, Germany.
- 2023
- “(In)stability and fertility: Re-theorizing (un)certainly variability and its relation to fertility using data on births from the United States, 2003-2020.”
- The Inequality of Uncertainty Conference, 2023. Poster. Università di Bologna.
 - Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies (SLLS) Annual Conference 2023. Session 5E: Young lives, family and parenting. Munich, Germany.
 - Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2023. Poster. New Orleans, LA.
- “Exposure to extreme heat and intersectional inequalities in low birth weight and pre-term births.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2023. Poster. New Orleans, LA.

- “Review of data and research capabilities from mobile tracking apps for BIOSFER Pregnancy Planning Cohort.” BIOSFER Launch Workshop, Oslo, Norway.
- 2022 “Changes in Black-White time-to-conception under varying scenarios over the next 50 years: The role of compositional change due to climate.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2022. Session 823: Stratified Reproduction and Reproductive Justice. Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 “‘Safer-at-home’: Schemas for making sense of family formation during the Covid-19 pandemic.”
- Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research. Regular Presenter. 2021 Conference on: Pandemic Babies? The COVID-19 Pandemic and its Impact on Fertility and Family Dynamics. Berlin, Germany.
 - American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting 2021, Section on Medical Sociology, Session: Reproductive Experiences and Decision-making. Virtual.
 - Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting 2021, Session: COVID-19 and Families. Virtual.
 - Population Association of America 2021 Meeting, Session 825: Infectious Disease and Reproductive Health. Virtual.
- “Racism and Black reproduction in the U.S.” Population Association of America 2021 Meeting, Session 1017: Structural Racism and Health. Virtual.
- 2020 “Socioeconomic status and psychological well-being as predictors of sexual satisfaction.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting 2020. Invited submission for Panel on Sexual Pleasure and Intimacy Work. Berkeley/Virtual.
- “Unintended pregnancy and contraceptive programs and policies as poverty regulation devices in the U.S.: A Genealogy.” European Association for the Study of Science and Technology / Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Joint Conference 2020. Prague/Virtual.
- “The effects of method-related sexual effects on contraceptive method satisfaction and continuation.” Population Association of America 2020 Meeting, Flash Session 125: Innovative Approaches to Studying Fertility, Sexuality, Reproductive Health. Washington, D.C.
- 2019 “Socioeconomic disadvantage and contraceptive stratification: Evidence from the HER Salt Lake Study on contraceptive choice and practice.” Population Association of America 2019 Meeting, Session 149: Contraceptive Use in the United States. Austin.

- 2018 “Implementing and measuring voluntary, rights-based family planning: Evidence from Uganda and Nigeria.” International Conference on Family Planning. November 12-15, 2018. Session: Reproductive Rights and Gender Empowerment. Kigali, Rwanda.
- “I pray to God that family planning is good-two children you can manage: Men’s views of family planning and their access to services in Uganda.” International Conference on Family Planning. November 12-15, 2018. Session: Men and Family Planning. Kigali, Rwanda.
- “Beyond safety and efficacy: How sexuality-related priorities impact contraceptive method selection.” North American Forum on Family Planning, October 20-22, 2018. Poster. New Orleans, LA.
- “Psychometric development and validation of an instrument to prospectively measure contraceptive sexual acceptability.” International Academy of Sex Research Annual Meeting. July 17-20, 2018. Madrid, Spain.
- 2017 “Validating a measure of rights-based family planning service delivery.” Population Association of America 2017 Meeting, Session: Fertility, Family Planning and Sexual Health: Programs and Policies. Chicago.
- “A study on how social accountability mechanisms influence FP/RH programs in Uganda.” Population Association of America 2017 Meeting, Poster. Chicago.
- “Informed choice among global family planning users: Trends from 2000-2014.” Population Association of America 2016 Meeting, Poster. Washington D.C.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

- 2023-2024 Primary Advisor, Master’s Thesis in Data Science: Citlali Trigos-Raczkowski, University of Helsinki, Thesis Title: “*First Union Dynamics of Immigrant Women and their Descendants in Finland: a Multi-Method Computational Analysis,*” (Awarded 5 out of 5)
- 2020-2022 Instructor: Sociology 320, Undergraduate Research Opportunity, University of Wisconsin, Madison (5 students)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022-2024 Instructor, Applied Quantitative Research Project, COS-D426, Master’s Programme in Contemporary Societies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki (20 students)
- Fall 2023 Guest Lecturer, Gender, Family and Inequality, COS-D431, Master’s Programme in Contemporary Societies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki

- Fall 2021 Guest Lecturer, Social and Economic Aspects of Human Fertility, Department of Population, Family and & Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant, Sociology 170: Contemporary Population Problems (Ethnic Studies Requirement) Overall quality score on evaluations (1-5 range): 4.75/5.0 (above department average), University of Wisconsin, Madison (100 students)
- Fall 2019 Guest Instructor, Legal Studies 400: Law, Sexuality, and Society, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Summer 2021 Grader, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Fall 2018 Grader, Elementary Demographic Techniques, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Fall 2017 Tutor, Statistics for Sociologists III, University of Wisconsin, Madison

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

- 2025 Pending Results February 2025. Marie Sklodowska-Curie Action Postdoctoral Fellowship. European Research Executive Agency of the European Commission.
- 2021-2022 NICHD Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Predoctoral Traineeship. Full tuition remission and annual stipend.
- 2016, 2020 University Fellowship. Graduate School. University of Wisconsin, Madison. Full tuition remission and annual stipend.
- 2020 Global Health Institute Graduate Student Research Award. Global Health Institute. University of Wisconsin, Madison. \$3,000
- 2019 Deborah A. Hobbins Award in Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice. Department of Gender and Women's Studies. University of Wisconsin, Madison. \$5,000
- Holtz Center Travel Award. Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies. University of Wisconsin, Madison. \$1,000
- Graduate Summer Fieldwork Award. Institute for Regional and International Studies. University of Wisconsin, Madison. \$3,000
- 2016 International Research and Training Grant. Institute for Regional and International Studies. University of Wisconsin, Madison. \$5,000
- 2012 Public Health Informatics Scholarship. Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. \$10,000

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (DURING PHD AND PRE-DOCTORAL)

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

- 2021 Research Assistant, Center for Demography and Ecology, PI: Jenna Nobles, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education UW2020 Award, “A New Window into Human Reproduction”
- 2020 Research Assistant, Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies, PI: Noah Weeth-Feinstein “COVID-19 Career Impact Survey” funded by Office of the Vice Chancellor, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2017-2020 Research Assistant, Collaborative for Reproductive Equity, PI: Jenny Higgins, NICHD R01 HD095661-02 “Sexual Acceptability’s Role in Women’s Contraceptive Preference and Behavior”
- 2016 Research Assistant, Center for Demography and Ecology, PI: Mike Massoglia, Co-PIs: Jenna Nobles, Malia Jones NSF Grant 1658353 “Linking Violence and Immigration”

Consulting

- 2021 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, “Meta-analysis of Intent-to-use contraception on subsequent contraceptive use.”
- 2020-2021 What Works Association and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, “Building Voluntary Rights-Based Family Planning.”
- 2020 Durex Condom Company, Global Advisory Board. “A Rapid Review of Evidence of Sexual Pleasure in First Sexual Experiences.”
- 2019-2020 International Planned Parenthood Federation, Safe Abortion Action Fund, “Mainstreaming rights in abortion and contraception standards and indicators.”

Full-time Employment (Pre-doctoral)

- 2014-2018 Population Council, Staff Associate, Washington, D.C.
- 2013-2014 Knowledge Management Services Project, Public Health Analyst, Washington, D.C.
- 2012-2013 Jhpiego, Health Informatics Advisor, Baltimore, MD
- 2011-2012 Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), Social Mobilization and Partnerships Intern, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Reviewer	<i>AAAS, BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Health, Demographic Research, European Journal of Population, Global Health Science and Practice, Studies in Family Planning, Social Science and Medicine, Journal of Sex Research, Women's Health Issues</i>
Professional Workgroups	<i>EAPS Working Group on Register-Based Fertility Research, EAPS Working Group on Migrant and Minority Fertility in Europe, BIOSFER Working Group Co-Leader</i>
Professional Memberships	<i>American Sociological Society, European Association for Population Studies, Eastern Sociological Society, Population Association of America, SLLS</i>
2025	Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Discussant, Session on Innovations in Fertility Studies (tentative Session title) Steering Committee Member, EAPS Working Group on Register-Based Fertility Research
2024	Participant, Predicting Fertility data challenge (PreFer), Team NextFinBaby, Track 3 European Population Conference Annual Meeting, Chair, Session on Fertility and Migration Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Chair, Session on Sterilization and Abortion
2021	Session Presider, American Sociological Association, Families, Children, and Well-being & Reproductive Experiences and Decision-making Annual Meeting Volunteer, Eastern Sociological Society
2020-2022	Student Representative, American Sociological Association, Section on Population
2020-2021	"FemSem" (Gender Seminar), Coordinator, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Sociology
2019-2020	Associate Chair & Chair, Culture and Climate Committee, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Sociology
2018-2021	Peer Mentor, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Sociology
2017-2019	Member, Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Sociology