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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community-police relations | Historical and racial trauma | Health equity | Qualitative methods |
 Community-engaged research | Intersectionality | Intervention design and implementation | Family and
 community resilience |

EDUCATION

2022	Ph.D. Social Work University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC <i>Dissertation: Black and Blue: An Exploratory Investigation of Black College Students' Experiences of Exposure to Police Killings</i>
2016	Master of Social Work University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
2014	B.A. Sociology Minors: Criminal Justice & African American Studies Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC

LICENSURE

2016-Present	Licensed Master Social Worker – South Carolina
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024-Present	Assistant Professor College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
2022-2024	Assistant Professor Department of Human Development, Washington State University

AFFILIATE POSITIONS

2025-Present	Faculty Affiliate Center for Civil Rights History & Research, University of South Carolina
2023-Present	Faculty Affiliate Racism-Based Violence Injury & Prevention Lab, Boston College
2022-2024	Faculty Affiliate Program in Women's Studies, Washington State University

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025	Faculty in Focus Ambassador , University of South Carolina, College of Social Work & Center for Teaching Excellence
2025	Propel Research Mentorship Program , University of South Carolina, Office of the Vice President for Research
2025	Outstanding Leaders Under 40 Award , Claflin University
2025	Thank-A-Teacher Award , University of South Carolina, Center for Teaching Excellence
2023	Honored Faculty and Staff Award , Washington State University,

	PERIOD Student Organization
2023	Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Honoree Award , Society for Social Work and Research
2022	Breakthrough Graduate Scholars Award , University of South Carolina, Office of the Vice President for Research
2020-2021	Dissertation Fellowship , Southern Regional Education Board, Doctoral Scholars Program (\$20,000)
2020-2022	Graduate Research Fellowship , University of South Carolina, Institute for African American Research (\$24,00)
2020	Doctoral Student of the Year Award , University of South Carolina, College of Social Work
2019	Conference Travel Award , University of South Carolina (\$500)
2018	Conference Travel Award , University of North Carolina (\$350)
2017-2019	Dean's Doctoral Fellowship , University of South Carolina, College of Social Work (\$95,000)
2015	Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work , University of South Carolina
2015	President's Honor List , University of South Carolina
2013	Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society , Claflin University

PUBLICATIONS

*indicates student author

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (n=25)

1. Jackson, A., Wiley, S., & **Wilson, B. L.** (*in press*). Understanding the impact of direct and vicarious police contact on “the talk.” *Youth & Society*.
2. **Wilson, B. L.**, Anderson, B., Tindall, J., & Wells*, A. (*in press*). In search of a soft life: Capitalism, patriarchy, and the movement for Black women’s health equity. *Feminist Media Studies*.
3. **Wilson, B. L.**, Jackson, A., Brantley, M., & Tindall, J. (2025). “The talk I received from my parents, I gave to my little brother”: Black emerging adults’ experiences of intergenerational and bidirectional racial socialization. *Journal of Black Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00957984251386525>
4. Boamah, D. A., McGraw, L., **Wilson, B. L.**, Nwachuku, B., Miller, S. M., Harmon, D. K., Young, B., Moore, S. E., & Jones-Eversley, S. D. (2025). Addressing police brutality of Black men: Using a trauma-informed approach. *Social Work in Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19371918.2025.2540264>
5. Motley, R., Irie, W., & **Wilson, B. L.** (2025). From protection to self-reliance: Media exposure to police use-of-force and its impact on Black emerging adult women. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15313204.2025.2535970>
6. Fields, L., **Wilson, B. L.**, Baxter*, J., & Motley, R. (2025). Instant trauma: The impact of viewing police excessive use of force recordings on Black emerging adult women. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/736081>
7. **Wilson, B. L.** (2025). “My life matters here”: Black undergraduate students’ experiences of attending historically Black colleges and universities during a time of racial reckoning. *Race Ethnicity and Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13613324.2025.2459941>
8. **Wilson, B. L.**, Smith*, A. M., Diversi, M., Wolfer, T.A., & Moore, S. E. (2025). Tired of being tired: Black college students’ experiences of racial battle fatigue from highly

publicized anti-Black violence. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ort0000821>

9. **Wilson, B. L.**, Nwachuku, B., Moore, S. E., Jones, C. A., Laing, B., Boamah, D., Adams, M., & Miller, S. (2024). For crying out loud: Racial battle fatigue and Black America: Implications for the counseling professions. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*, 35(3), 186–201. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10428232.2024.2398945>
10. **Wilson, B. L.**, Wolfer, T. A., Wooten, N. R., Pitner, R., Moore, S. E., & Anders, A. (2024). “Take a mental break”: Examining the coping efforts of Black college students exposed to police killings. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 50(1), 30–67.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00957984231191841>
11. **Wilson, B. L.**, Wolfer, T. A., Wooten, N. R., Pitner, R., Moore, S. E., & Anders, A. (2024). “Am I next?”: A qualitative study of Black college students’ experiences of stress, trauma, and grief from exposures to police killings. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 34(3), 390–422.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2023.2173353>
12. **Wilson, B. L.**, Tindall*, J., Walker, D., & Smith*, A. M. (2024). “Ain’t I a woman?”: A historical and contemporary analysis of state-sanctioned violence against Black women in the United States. *Journal of Gender Studies*, 33(1), 84–99.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09589236.2023.2236953>
13. **Wilson, B. L.**, Anderson, B., Davis, B., Gorchow, C., Tindall*, J., & Nzomene Kahouo Foda*, A. (2024). “Why don’t we learn about the Black social work pioneers?” The erasure of Black social workers’ histories and contributions—Implications for social work education. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 44(1), 64–79.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/08841233.2023.2284818>
14. **Wilson, B. L.**, Wolfer, T. A., Wooten, N. R., Pitner, R., Moore, S. E., & Anders, A. (2024). Black and blue: An integrated conceptual framework for understanding the trauma and mental impacts of police violence exposure in Black communities. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 34(8), 1374–1397.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2023.2281961>
15. **Wilson, B. L.**, Davis, B., Anderson*, B., Luke*, P., Gorchow*, C., & Nzomene Kahouo Foda*, A. (2023). “Tone it down”: The whitewashing of Black women doctoral students’ research and scholarship at predominately White institutions—Implications for social work doctoral education. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 59(3), 699–714.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2023.2179147>
16. **Wilson, B. L.**, Wooten, N. R., & Pitner, R.O. (2023). Examining historical and contemporary policing disparities in the Black community: Implications for social work. *Social Work*, 68(1), 8–17. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swac049>
17. Levkoff, S., McCollum, Q., Armstrong, A., **Wilson, B. L.**, McRell, AS., Cavanagh, N., Spencer, M., Webber, K., Bright, C., Chen, H., Singh, N., Miller, M., Farkas, C., Liles, K., Bagasra, O., and Ariyo, O. (2023). Lessons learned in implementing an aging research training program for underrepresented minority students. *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, 96(1), 6–18.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00914150221117515>
18. **Wilson, B. L.**, & Wolfer, T. A. (2022). Improving relations between police and African American neighborhoods: A positive deviance approach. *Psychology of Violence*, 12(4), 270–279. <https://doi.org/10.1037/vio0000426>
19. **Wilson, B. L.** (2022). Under the brutal watch: A historical examination of slave patrols in the United States and Brazil during the 18th and 19th centuries. *Journal of Black*

Studies, 53(1), 3–18. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00219347211049218>

20. Woo, B., Pitner, R., & **Wilson, B. L.** (2022). White college students' racial prejudice and perceptions of racial hate crime: Moderating effects of race of victims and state-level hate crime law. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 37(23–24), NP21626–NP21645. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605211062987>
21. Moore, S. E., Jones-Eversley, S. D., Tolliver, W. F., **Wilson, B. L.**, & Harmon, D. K. (2022). Cultural responses to loss and grief among Black Americans: Theory and practice implications for clinicians. *Death Studies*, 46(1), 189–199. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2020.1725930>
22. Moore, S. E., Jones-Eversley, S. D., Tolliver, W. F., **Wilson, B. L.**, & Jones, C. A. (2022). Six feet apart or six feet under: The impact of COVID-19 on the Black community. *Death Studies*, 46(4), 891–901. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2020.1785053>
23. Stafford-McRell, A., **Wilson, B. L.**, & Levkoff, S. E. (2021). Writing skills development for graduate studies and career readiness in science and aging fields: A case study approach. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 9, 727064. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2021.727064>
24. **Wilson, B. L.**, & Wolfer, T. A. (2020). Reducing police brutality in African American communities: Potential roles for social workers in congregations. *Social Work & Christianity*, 47(3), 66–84. <https://doi.org/10.34043/swc.v47i3.153>
25. Wolfer, T. A., & **Wilson, B. L.** (2019). Seeking champions for change: A positive deviance approach for social work. *Families in Society*, 100(2), 151–163. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1044389418811600>

Book Chapters (n=2)

26. **Wilson, B. L.**, Moore, S.E., & Clayton, D.C. (2022). Police initiated trauma in the Black community: Policy implications and recommendations for reducing the severity of force in police-citizen interactions. In N. C. Pratt-Harris & M. Roessner (Eds.), *Why the Police Should be Trained by Black People: A training guide* (pp.179-193). Routledge. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4324/9781003152842-18>
27. **Wilson, B. L.**, & Wolfer, T. A. (2021). Collateral damage (A). In T. A. Wolfer & M. C. Reitmeier (Eds.), *Dilemmas in field education: Decision cases for field instructors* (pp. 147-158). Columbia University Press. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.7312/wolf20144>

Manuscripts Under Review (n=1)

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1. **Wilson, B. L.**, Jackson, A., Lugo*, A., Baxter*, J., Randolph*, N., & Tindall, J. (revise/resubmit). Conceptualizing “the talk” across developmental stages of family life.

Manuscripts In Progress (n=2)

1. Rhodes, D., & **Wilson, B. L.** Black women's reported anxiety during an experienced police encounter.
2. Layne, A., & **Wilson, B. L.** Inside looking out: Police officers' perspectives on barriers and facilitators to improving police conduct and accountability.

Other Publications (n=1)

1. **Wilson, B. L.**(2022). *Black and blue: An exploratory investigation of Black college students' experiences of exposure to police killings*. [Doctoral dissertation, University of South Carolina]. ProQuest Publishing.

PRESENTATIONS

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Peer-Reviewed Presentations (n=19)

1. **Wilson, B. L.**, Motley, R., & Fields, L. (2026, January). *Help or harm? Qualitative perceptions of police legitimacy, vulnerability, and willingness to call 911 among black emerging adults*. Abstract accepted for the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
2. **Wilson, B. L.**, Motley, R., & Fields, L. (2025, November). *Between trust and trauma: Black emerging adults' views on police legitimacy and 911 help-seeking*. Abstract accepted for the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.
3. Jackson, A., Wiley, S., & **Wilson, B. L.** (2025, November). *Understanding the impact of direct and vicarious police contact on "the talk."* Abstract accepted for the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.
4. Walker, D., Perry, E., **Wilson, B. L.** & Tindall. (2025, August). *"I don't fit the narrative": Sports journalists framing of Angel Reese vs. everybody*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, San Francisco, CA.
5. **Wilson, B. L.**, & Jackson, A. (2025, January). *Passing down "the talk:" A qualitative examination of Black college students' experiences of intergenerational racial socialization*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, Washington.
6. Walker, D., Perry, E., **Wilson, B. L.** & Daitey, M. (2024, October). *"I just try to stand strong": Intersectionality and framing of Angel Reese's mental health in mainstream and sports media*. Oral presentation at the annual convention of the Broadcast Education Association, Atlanta, GA.
7. **Wilson, B. L.**, & Tindall*, J. (2024, September). *Resting in softness: Black women's guide to unapologetic self-care and wellness*. Oral presentation at the annual Black Mental Health Symposium, Virtual Conference.
8. **Wilson, B. L.** (2024, April). *Grieving while Black: A qualitative exploration of Black college students' experiences of racial battle fatigue*. Poster presentation at the annual James E. Clyburn Health Equity Lecture, Columbia, SC.
9. **Wilson, B. L.**, Smith*, A. M., & Wolfer, T. A. (2024, January). *No time to breathe: Black college students' experiences of racial battle fatigue from highly publicized anti-Black violence*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
10. Jackson, A., **Wilson, B. L.**, Wiley, S. (2023, January). *"The talk": A multi-racial/ethnic study of the impact of police encounters on youth engagement in discussions about preparation for police contact*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.
11. **Wilson, B. L.** (2022, September). *"The souls of Black folk": Police violence and the plight on Black mental health—Implications for practice, policy, and research*. Oral presentation at the annual Black Mental Health Symposium, Virtual Conference.
12. Woo, B., Pitner, R., & **Wilson, B. L.** (2021, August). *White college students' racial prejudice and perceptions of racial hate crime*. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), Virtual American Psychological Association (APA) conference.
13. **Wilson, B. L.** & Wolfer, T. A. (2021, January). *A positive deviance approach to improve*

relations between police and African American neighborhoods. In S. E. McMillin (Chair), Positive deviance, race, and criminal justice [Symposium] Society for Social Work and Research, Virtual Conference.

14. **Wilson, B. L.** (2020, November). *Why publishing*. Oral presentation at the annual ADAR Summit, Virtual Conference.
15. **Wilson, B. L.** (2020, September). *Hashtag after hashtag: Exploring the traumatic effects of police violence exposure in the Black community—A call to action for mental health practitioners and educators*. Oral presentation at the annual Black Mental Health Symposium, Atlanta, Georgia.
16. McMillin, S.E., Wolfer, T. A., Carbone, J., & **Wilson, B. L.** (2020, January). *Positive deviance for social work as an approach to reduce racial and economic inequality*. Roundtable presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
17. Wolfer, T. A., & **Wilson, B. L.** (2019, July). *A positive deviance approach to improve relations between police and African American communities*. Oral presentation at the 21st Conference of the International Consortium for Social Development, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
18. **Wilson, B. L.** (2019, March). *Policing inequalities and racial trauma in Black communities: Implications for social work practice*. Oral presentation at the annual South Carolina National Association of Social Workers Symposium, Columbia, SC.
19. **Wilson, B. L.** (2018, April). *Black and blue: Historical and contemporary policing disparities in the Black community*. Oral presentation at the Black Communities: A Conference for Collaboration, Durham, NC.

Invited Talks (n=9)

1. **Wilson, B. L.** (2025, September). *Power of collaboration: Bridging social work and law enforcement to strengthen public safety, community trust, and mental health*. Invited presentation for the Excellence in Policing and Public Safety (EPPS) Program. Joseph F. Rice School of Law, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
2. Stoughton, S., **Wilson, B. L.**, & Katz, W. (2025, June). *Interdisciplinary police research: Perspectives from law, criminology, & social work*. Invited roundtable for the Law of the Police Conference. Joseph F. Rice School of Law, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
3. **Wilson, B. L.** (2024, April). *Research discussion for noon time chat*. African American Student Center. Washington State University, Pullman, WA.
4. **Wilson, B. L.** (2024, March). Panelist for the 2024 *Career summit*. Cohort Sistas.
5. **Wilson, B. L.**, Malfavon, A., & Wilson, J. (2024, January). Invited panelist for the *National day of racial healing*. Office of the Provost, Washington State University, Pullman, WA.
6. **Wilson, B. L.** (2023, October). *State-sanctioned violence and the plight on Black women in the US: Implications for health equity and social justice*. Invited paper presentation for the Fall Feminist/Queer Dialogue Series. Program in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Washington State University, Pullman, WA.
7. **Wilson, B. L.** (2023, March). *Reproductive advocacy*. PERIOD Student Organization. Washington State University, Pullman, WA.
8. **Wilson, B. L.**, DeGuzman, C., & Orndorff*, L. (2022, November). Invited panelist for the *Health justice: Black women's health*. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Summit. Washington State University, Pullman, WA.

9. **Wilson, B. L.** (2022, November). *Black women and health care access*. Black Women's Caucus and PERIOD Student Organizations. Washington State University, Pullman, WA.

Workshops (n=2)

1. **Wilson, B. L.** (2024, October). *How to code qualitative research*. Conducted virtual workshop for the Racism-Based Violence Injury & Prevention Lab. Boston College, School of Social Work.
2. **Wilson, B. L.** (2022, February). *Anti-oppressive social work pedagogy*. Facilitated virtual teach-in session. University of South Carolina, College of Social Work.

RESEARCH FUNDING

2025-2026	Principal Investigator <i>The Movement Lives On: A Photovoice Exploration of Black College Student Social Action and Self-Care</i>. Civil Rights Research Support Grant. University of South Carolina, Center for Civil Rights History and Research. Total direct costs: \$4,000
2025-2026	Principal Investigator <i>Sites of Memory, Chains of Custody: Historical Reflections on American Slavery and the Penal System</i>. Civil Rights Microgrants Program. University of South Carolina, Center for Civil Rights History and Research. Total direct costs: \$500
2024-2025	Principal Investigator <i>Stories From the Frontline: Using Photovoice to Capture the Experiences of Black Community Activists</i>. [Tier 2]. INSPIRE! Community Engaged Research Seed Grant. Washington State University, Pullman Office of the Chancellor. Total direct costs: \$10,000
2020-2021	Principal Investigator <i>Black and Blue: An Exploratory Investigation of Black College Students' Experiences of Exposure to Police Killings</i>. Scholar Award from the Southern Regional Education Board-Doctoral Scholars Program. Total direct costs: \$20,000
2019-2025	Co-Investigator Principal Investigator: Sue Levkoff, ScD, MSW <i>South Carolina-Advancing Diversity in Aging Research (SC-ADAR)</i>. National Institutes of Health: National Institute on Aging. Total direct costs: \$1,574,888

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022	Research Assistant <i>Responding to Anti-Asian Racism: Bystander Anti-Racism on Behalf of Asian Americans</i>. College of Social Work, University of South Carolina PI: Bongki Woo, Ph.D. Assisted with the recruitment of study participants. Conducted semi-
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structured qualitative interviews investigating how non-Asian bystanders respond to anti-Asian racism incidents. Analyzed qualitative data.

2020-2022

Research Assistant

Institute for African American Research, University of South Carolina

Research Supervisor & Director: Kimberly Simmons, PhD

Contributed to research on Black culture in the U.S. and across the African Diaspora through weekly meetings and active involvement in programming at the Institute, including book reviews, virtual symposiums, and cultural commemorations. Supported special projects such as art installation exhibits, Lunch and Learn events with guest speakers and film discussions, and virtual events like the Hurricane Katrina conversation with J. Renee and the Carolina-Barbados Connection 350th anniversary symposium.

2020-2021

Independent Study

We Shall Overcome: An Examination of Police Violence, Historical Trauma, and Resilience in Black Communities.

College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

Research Supervisor: Patrice Penney, MSW, LISW-CP-S

Conducted literature review on historical trauma theory, neuroscience research, and strengths and resiliency perspectives. Developed a conceptual paper that explored the trauma related impacts of historical and present-day police violence in Black communities, and provided implications for social work practice to support strategies for coping and resilience in these communities.

2019-2021

Principal Investigator

Understanding Positive Community Relations in Police Departments: A Positive Deviance Approach.

College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

Co-PI: Terry Wolfer, Ph.D.

Prepared IRB application and developed interview protocol for research project. Conducted individual interviews and focus groups with local police officers and department heads (chief of police and county sheriff) on positive police-community engagement. Produced conference abstracts, presentations, and peer-reviewed manuscript.

2019-2020

Research Assistant

Racial Hate Crimes in South Carolina: Perceptions and Responses.

College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

PI: Bongki Woo, Ph.D.

Reviewed literature on racial hate crimes, modern racism scale, and college students' perceptions of racial discrimination and racial identity-related incidents. Assisted with data collection and conference abstracts. Participated in writing manuscript for peer-reviewed journal submission.

2017-2019

Research Practicum

Seeking Champions for Change: A Positive Deviance Approach for Social Work.

College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

Research Supervisor: Terry Wolfer, Ph.D.

Conducted literature review on positive deviance in communities.

Collaborated on a peer-reviewed journal article and book chapter.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Media Features

June 2025	Featured in USC Today Newsletter: Faculty Notes , “Betty Wilson, social work, presented “Passing down ‘the talk’” at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, <i>University of South Carolina</i>
May 2025	Featured in USC Today Newsletter: In the News , “How do Black college students navigate racial battle fatigue?” <i>University of South Carolina</i>
May 2025	Featured in Article Spotlight , “The cost of resilience: How do Black college students navigate racial battle fatigue?” <i>American Psychological Association</i>
Aug. 2024	Featured in University of South Carolina News , “New faculty spotlight: Betty Wilson,” <i>University of South Carolina</i>
Feb. 2024	Featured in WSU Insider , “New seed grant program announces tier two recipients,” <i>Washington State University</i>
Feb. 2023	Featured in WSU Insider , “WSU researcher studies trauma of police killings on Black students,” <i>Washington State University</i>
Jan. 2022	Featured in 2022 News , “2022 Breakthrough award honorees represent the best in UofSC research,” Office of the Vice President for Research, <i>University of South Carolina</i>
Sept. 2020	Featured in Student Spotlight , “Betty Wilson awarded fellowship to help increase faculty diversity,” College of Social Work, <i>University of South Carolina</i>
June. 2020	Featured in Student Spotlight , “McRell and Wilson named co-winners of doctoral student award,” College of Social Work, <i>University of South Carolina</i>

Podcast

Apr. 2024	Episode on Journal of Black Psychology Podcast , “Take a mental break: examining the coping efforts of Black college students exposed to police killings,” <i>Journal of Black Psychology</i>
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina

Fall 2025	755: Advanced Social Work Practice with Organizations
Spring 2025	732: Social Work Practice with Organizations & Communities (Lead Instructor)

Washington State University

Fall 2022-2023	HD: 403 Families in Poverty
Fall 2022-2023	HD: 384 Prevention & Intervention

Invited Guest Lectures (n=9)

1. **Wilson, B. L.** (2025, September). *Black and blue conceptual model*. Presented in Criminal Justice and Public Health [CRJU 791 – Wendy Regoeczi, PhD]. University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia, SC.
2. **Wilson, B. L.** (2025, September). *Theory and research*. Presented in Understanding and Using Social Science Theory [SOWK 804 – Terry Wolfer, PhD]. University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia, SC.

3. **Wilson, B. L.** (2024, October). *Police violence and collective trauma*. Presented in Collective Trauma and Recovery [SOWK 709 – Patrice Penney, LISW-CP-S]. University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia, SC.
4. **Wilson, B. L.** (2024, September). *First-year doctoral insights*. Presented in Professional Development Seminar [SOWK 850 – Kristen Seay, PhD]. University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia, SC.
5. **Wilson, B. L.** (2023, August). *Policing, mental health, and prevention science*. Presented in Introduction to Prevention Science [PrevSci 511 – Sammy Perone, PhD]. Washington State University, Department of Human Development, Pullman, WA.
6. **Wilson, B. L.** (2023, March). *What is social work?* Presented in Introduction to the Field of Human Development [HD 202 – Robby Cooper, PhD]. Washington State University, Department of Human Development, Pullman, WA.
7. **Wilson, B. L.** (2022, October). *Research, intervention, and social justice*. Presented in Research Methodologies [SOWK 791 – Shaun Owens, PhD]. University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia, SC.
8. **Wilson, B. L.** (2021, February). *Trauma disparities and policing*. Presented in Trauma-informed Social Work Practice [SOWK 764 – Patrice Penney, LISW-CP-S]. University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia, SC.
9. **Wilson, B. L.** (2020, February). *Historical trauma and policing*. Presented in Trauma-informed Social Work Practice [SOWK 764 – Patrice Penney, LISW-CP-S]. University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia, SC.

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

University of South Carolina

Dissertation Committee Member

2025- Present	Yarin Cohen, University of South Carolina College of Social Work
2025- Present	Reg Hawkins, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Department of Student Affairs Administration and Leadership

Graduate Research Supervisor

2025-Present	Alexander Bailey
2025-Present	Samantka Miller, Esq.
2025-Present	Lajadia Seawright
2024-Present	Julisa Tindall
2024-2025	Jessica Baxter

Volunteer Mentor for Graduate Research

2024-2025	Nasir Randolph
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Academic Advisor

2025-2026	5 MSW Students
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Field Liaison

2025-2026	5 MSW Students
2024-2025	5 MSW Students

Peer Mentor for Social Work Students

2018-2023	4 PhD Students
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Washington State University

Dissertation Committee Member

2023-Present Ashley Wells, Washington State University
School of Languages, Cultures, & Race

2023-2024 Erica England, Washington State University
College of Education

Undergraduate Research Supervisor

2023-2024 Alyssa Lugo

Volunteer Mentor for Undergraduate Research

2023-2024 Emma Mason

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-2019 **Field Instructor**
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Provided 1 hour bi-weekly supervision sessions for social work students in field placements. Met with students and on-site field instructors to discuss students' learning contract. Conducted semester evaluations to assess student development in field placement and provided feedback to the university's Field Education Office.

2015-2017 **Community Program Coordinator**
West Metro Social Work Initiative, West Columbia, SC
Facilitated weekly meetings with social work team. Organized a free community Health and Wellness Fair with 18 vendors and over 70 participants. Provided leadership and management to 7 volunteers. Collaborated with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to provide free educational cooking classes for 30 senior adults in local community faith-based organizations.

2014-2015 **Clinical Practicum**
Bamberg County Mental Health Clinic, Denmark, SC
Conducted client intakes and assessments using the Initial Clinical Assessment Form. Practiced screening and diagnosing mental disorders using the DSM-5. Shadowed a licensed social work therapist during individual therapy sessions 10 hours per week. Completed 90 day client progress summaries using the Electronic Medical Record.

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

University of South Carolina

2024-Present SPARC Grant Review Committee (University)
2024-Present Ad Hoc Student Basic Needs and Mental Health Committee (College)
2024-Present MSW Program Committee (College)
2024-2025 Comprehensive Assessment Subcommittee (College)
2024-Present ACCESS Committee (College)
2022 Discover USC Symposium Reviewer (University)
2022-2024 Alumni Advisory Board (College)
2018-2025 Peer Mentor (College)

Washington State University

2023-2024	Provost Office Community-Engaged Research Working Group (University)
2023-2024	Prevention Science Graduate Faculty (College)
2023-2024	WGSS Graduate Qualitative Certificate Committee (College)
2022-2024	Racial Justice Leadership Committee (College)
2022-2024	Ad Hoc UCORE Renewal Committee (College)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2025-Present	Board of Directors, United Way of South Carolina
2025-Present	Subcommittee Member, Council on Publications, CSWE
2022-Present	Work Group, Promote Smart Decarceration - Grand Challenges of Social Work

Editorial Responsibilities

2025-Present	Special Issue Guest Editor, Journal of Women and Gender in Higher Education
2025-Present	Consulting Editor, Journal of Social Work Education (3-Year)
2025-Present	Editorial Board Member, Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work (2-Year)

Ad Hoc Reviewer

2025	Discover Psychology
2025	Race and Justice
2025	Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work
2024	Journal of Black Psychology
2024	Journal of Adolescence
2024	Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment
2024	Mental Health Science
2024	Journal of Teaching in Social Work
2023	Marriage & Family Review
2022	Journal of Black Studies

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

2024	Doctoral Scholars Application Reviewer , Southern Regional Education Board, Doctoral Scholars Program
2023-2024	Professional Mentor , Sista Circle Mentorship Program, Cohort Sistas
2021	Conference Volunteer , Society for Social Work Research
2018	Conference Volunteer , Black Communities: A Conference for Collaboration
2016-Present	Founder/Director , Community Connect Initiative

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS

2025	Mindfulness 101 Training , Counseling & Psychiatric Services, University of South Carolina
2024	8-Week Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) Course , School of Professional Studies, Brown University
2023	3-Part Mindfulness-Based Anti-Racism (MBAR) Training , Trymaine Gaither, Office of the Provost, Washington State University
2022	4-Week Intensive Emotional Emancipation Circle Training , Community Healing Network
2020	NVivo Program Online Training , NVivo Qualitative Software

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2015 **Screening Brief Intervention Referral Treatment (SBIRT)**
 Certification, University of South Carolina, College of Social Work
- 2014 **Victims Advocate and Domestic Violence Certification**,
 Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, Victim Services

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Social Work and Research
Association of Black Women Historians
Council on Social Work Education
American Educational Research Association
National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice