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EDUCATION

- PhD **December, 2022 (expected), Michigan State University, School of Social Work**
Dissertation Working Title:
Staying with the Program: Participant Perceptions on Maintaining Family Drug Treatment Court Participation
Dissertation Chair: Joanne Riebschleger, PhD, Michigan State University
Committee: Gary Anderson, PhD, Michigan State University
Sacha Klein, PhD, Michigan State University
April Zeoli, PhD, Michigan State University
- MSW **June, 2011, Western Michigan University, School of Social Work**
Concentration: Interpersonal practice and child trauma
Specialization: School social work
- BA **December, 2007, Oakland University, College of Arts and Sciences**
Major: Sociology
Concentration: Social work

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Child welfare services and systems
Parental substance abuse and recovery
Family dependency treatment court
Intimate partner violence
Child trauma

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021-present **Dissertation on Family Drug Court** (Professor Joanne Riebschleger)
School of Social Work, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- Currently developing the prospectus
 - Plan to use focus groups to explore why family dependency treatment court participants remain in the program.
 - Plan to complete a thematic analysis of the data

- 2017-present **Family Drug Court Pilot Study** (Professor Anna Maria Santiago)
School of Social Work, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- Using observations and interviews to explore family drug court participant narratives
 - Completing content and thematic analysis of the data
 - Preparing a paper for publication in an academic journal
- 2016-2019 **Graduate Research Assistant** (Professor Anna Maria Santiago)
School of Social Work, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- Researching housing careers and nest leaving of children and youth in Norway
 - Assisted in systematic reviews of literature
 - Utilized Endnote, Excel, and research databases for reviewing literature

PUBLICATIONS

Wittrup, E. M., Santiago, A. M., Shattuck, S. M., & Huey, L. K. (In Preparation). Alone together: Observations of family drug treatment court participation. *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*.

Carlson, M. L., **Wittrup, E. M.**, Moylan, C., & Velez Ortiz, D. (2020). A good call? Contextual factors influencing mandated reporting in domestic violence programs. *Journal of Family Violence*, 35, 269-278. <http://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-019-00101-y>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Wittrup, E. M. (August, 2022). Co-occurring Treatment: Addressing Mental Health in Family Dependency Court. Paper to be presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Wittrup, E. M. (August, 2021). Substance Abuse and Family Reunification: Participant Perceptions of Family Dependency Court. Paper presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Wittrup, E. M., & Santiago, A. M. (August, 2020). Beyond sobriety: The role of family drug court in recovery. Paper to be presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA. (Conference canceled)

Wittrup, E. M., Carlson, M., Velez Ortiz, D., & Moylan, C. (August, 2020). "Should I report it?": Factors of domestic violence advocates reporting child maltreatment. Paper presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA. (Conference canceled)

Wittrup, E. M., & Santiago, A. M. (January, 2020). Integrated and parallel models: Exploring participant perceptions of family drug court case proceedings. Paper presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

Carlson, M., **Wittrup, E. M.**, Moylan, C., & Velez Ortiz, D. (January, 2020). To report or not to report?: Domestic violence advocates' decision making when reporting child abuse and neglect. Poster presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

Wittrup, E. M., & Santiago, A. M. (August, 2019). "People, places and things": Facilitating parental sobriety in family drug court. Paper presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY.

Wittrup, E. M., Santiago, A. M., & Huey, L. K. (November, 2018). Family Dependency Treatment Courts: Influences on Sobriety and Barriers to Family Reunification. Paper presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Orlando, FL.

Wittrup, E. M., & Santiago, A. M. (August, 2018). Recovery and reunification: The experiences of family drug treatment court participants. Paper presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA.

Shattuck, S. M., Huey, L. K., Santiago, A. M., & **Wittrup, E. M.** (August, 2018). Alone together: Observations of family drug treatment court participation. Paper presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA.

Shattuck, S., **Wittrup, E. M.**, Huey, L. & Santiago, A. M. (July, 2018). Alone together: Observations of family dependency treatment court participation. Poster presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research Experiences (Mid-SURE), East Lansing, MI.

Shattuck, S., Huey, L., Santiago, A. M., & **Wittrup, E. M.** (April, 2018). The influence of family dependency treatment court (FDTC) personnel and peers on realizing program milestones. Poster presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF), East Lansing, MI.

Wittrup, E. M., & Santiago, A. M. (August, 2017). Participant narratives about the influence of family drug treatment courts on sobriety. Paper presented at the Annual Conference Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Child welfare
Human behavior in the social environment
Research methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020 **Guest Lecturer**
Okemos Public Schools
Training topic: Mandated Reporting
- 2019-2020 **Graduate Teaching Mentorship**
Michigan State University, School of Social Work
Course: Child Welfare (SW801/LAW541J)
Instructor: Professor Joesph Kozakiewiez, PhD
- 2018-2019 **Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative (PURI) Graduate Student Mentor**
Michigan State University, School of Social Work
- Spring, 2017 **Trainer**
Kent County Department of Health and Human Services
Topic: Psychological First Aid
- Spring, 2016 **Guest Lecturer**
Genesee County Department of Health and Human Services
Topic: Psychological First Aid
- 2015-2016 **Guest Lecturer**
Kalamazoo County Department of Health and Human Services
Topic: Psychological First Aid
- 2015-2016 **Guest Lecturer**
Kalamazoo County Department of Health and Human Services
Topic: Trauma-Informed Case Management
- Spring, 2012 **Guest Lecturer**
Western Michigan University's Social Work Club
Topic: Child Welfare and Child Trauma
- 2007-2008 **Psychology and Social Work Tutor**
Oakland Community College, Royal Oak and Southfield, MI

2006-2008 **Supplemental Instructor**
Oakland Community College, Royal Oak and Southfield, MI
Course: Introduction to psychology

HONORS & AWARDS

2019	CSS Research Scholars Award College of Social Science, Michigan State University	\$1,000
2019	Lee Student Support Fund Society for the Study of Social Problems, University of Tennessee	\$650
2019	CSS Research Scholars Award School of Social Work, Michigan State University	\$1,601
2019	Doctoral Research Practicum Grant School of Social Work, Michigan State University	\$1,894
2018	Lee Student Support Fund Society for the Study of Social Problems, University of Tennessee	\$600
2018	Doctoral Travel Award School of Social Work, Michigan State University	\$2000
2018	CSS Research Scholars Award College of Social Science, Michigan State University	\$2,553
2018	CSS Research Scholars Award College of Social Science, Michigan State University	\$3,227
2018	Graduate Opportunity Fellowship School of Social Work, Michigan State University	\$500
2018	Doctoral Travel Award School of Social Work, Michigan State University	\$2,000
2018	Graduate Opportunity Fellowship School of Social Work, Michigan State University	\$500
2017	Lee Student Support Fund Society for the Study of Social Problems, University of Tennessee	\$625
2017	Graduate Opportunity Fellowship School of Social Work, Michigan State University	\$2,316

2017	Doctoral Summer Research Grant School of Social Work, Michigan State University	\$5,000
2016	Doctoral Travel Award School of Social Work, Michigan State University	\$2,000
2010	Nita Lou Walbridge Scholarship School of Social Work, Western Michigan University	\$3,000
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PRACTICE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2016 **Children’s Protective Services Specialist**
State of Michigan Department of Human Services, Kalamazoo, MI
- Investigated abuse and neglect of children in Kalamazoo County.
 - Assisted investigations in the Maltreatment in Care (MIC) Unit, investigating abuse and neglect allegations of foster homes.
 - Interpreted and utilized Child Protection Law and Child Protection Policy.
 - Utilized risk assessments, safety assessments, safety plans and services to address abuse and neglect of children.
 - Created petitions and testified in court hearings regarding harm to minor children.
 - Co-facilitated trauma informed practices for Department of Human Services in Kalamazoo and participated in Mi-TEAM development in Lansing, MI.
 - Co-facilitated and administered Psychological First Aid to social welfare staff in Kalamazoo and other Michigan counties.
- 2010-2011 **School Social Work Intern**
Galesburg/Augusta School District, Galesburg, MI
- Created and implemented behavioral and academic interventions, Individualized Education Plan (IEP), and Functional Behavioral Assessment
 - Led anger management and social skills groups for primary and middle school students.
 - Utilized evidence-based therapeutic techniques with students with Emotional Impairments (EI), Otherwise Health Impaired (OHI) and Cognitive Impairments (CI) at the primary middle and high school

2009-2010 **Critical Trauma Interventionist Intern**
Children's Trauma Assessment Center
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

- Administered neuro-developmental and Intelligence quotient examinations to children aged three to sixteen in foster care whom have dealt with trauma
- Assessed trauma through psychosocial interviews with children
- Wrote comprehensive reports that included conclusions and recommendations for the referring sources that included the Department of Health and Human Services and family court staff.

CLINICAL ASSESSMENT PROFICIENCY

- Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test 2 (KBIT-2)
- Pediatric Examination at Three (PEET)
- Pediatric Examination of Educational Readiness (PEER)
- Pediatric Early Elementary Examination 2 (PEEX2)
- Pediatric Examination Educational Readiness At Middle Childhood 2 (PEERAMID 2)
- Trauma Symptoms Checklist for Children (TSCC)
- Child Behavioral Checklist (CBCL)
- Draw a Person Assessment

SPECIALIZED CLINICAL TRAININGS

- Forensic Interviewing of Children
- Advanced Forensic Interviewing of Children
- Michigan Child Welfare Training Institute (CWTI)
- Psychological First Aid

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Proficient in SPSS, Atlas.ti, Endnote, SWSS, MiSACWIS, PowerPoint, Excel, and Microsoft Word

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
Society of Social Work Research (SSWR)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)