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EDUCATION

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| 2019 – Present | Ph.D. in Social Work Minor: Statistics <i>University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN</i> |
| 2015 | Master of Science in Social Work Concentration: Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice Field: Health, Mental Health, and Disabilities <i>Columbia University, New York, NY</i> |
| 2014 | Bachelor of Social Work <i>Belmont University, Nashville, TN</i> |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Equitable access for substance abuse treatment and prevention, criminal justice reform, treatment courts, peer recovery models, implementation science

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Published

1. Walters, J., & Wallis, D. (2021). Characteristics and organizational capacity of nonprofits in rural, persistently poor Southern counties in the United States. *Manuscript accepted for publication in Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs.*
2. Jones, A., Wallis, D., & Seibers, A. (2020). Gender-responsive practice and pregnant girls: A scoping review of America's girls courts. *Children and Youth Services Review, 118*, 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105426>
3. Mason, M.J., Coatsworth, J.D., Russell, M., Khatri, P., Bailey, S., Moore, M., Brown, A., Zaharakis, N., Trussell, M., Stephens, C.J., Wallis, D., & Hale, C. (2020). Reducing risk for adolescent prescription opioid misuse with text-delivered counseling to adolescents and parents. *Substance Use & Misuse, 56*(9), 1247-1257. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2021.1910709>

Manuscripts Submitted for Publication

1. Scoresby, K., **Wallis, D.**, Huslage, M., & Chaffin, K.M. (2021). Turn on the CC: Increase inclusion for all of your students. *Manuscript under review in Journal of Social Work Education.*
2. **Wallis, D.**, Coatsworth, J.D., Mennis, J., Riggs, N., Zaharakis, N., Russell, M., Timpe, Z., Brown, A., Rayburn, S., Radford, A., Hale, C., & Mason, M.J. (2021). Hazardous cannabis use and self-medication in young adults. *Manuscript under review in Journal of Cannabis Research.*

PRESENTATIONS

2020 **Wallis, D.** (2020, November). *Best practices in U.S. drug treatment courts: A systematic review.* Poster presentation presented to the Council on Social Work Education 66th Annual Program Meeting, Online.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

1/2021 – Present Research Consultant
Agency: Catholic Charities – Healthy Housing Initiative
Responsibilities include

6/2020 – Present Co-PI
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Mary Held, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Responsibilities include contributions to literature reviews, survey development, and IRB application for a project examining the research-practice gap in social work

8/2019 – Present Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Dr. Michael Mason, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Responsibilities include working in a multi-disciplinary team to conduct multiple RCTs, developing literature reviews, involvement in text-messaging interventions for young adults, recruitment, survey design, data collection, preparation for grant applications, quantitative and qualitative data analysis, and dissemination – including two manuscripts under review.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

College of Social Work, University of Tennessee

Fall 2021 Evidenced-Based Interpersonal Practice with Groups (SW 583)
Primary Instructor (Online)

Spring 2021 Analysis of Social Work Data II (SW 606)
Teaching Assistant (Online)

Fall 2020 Analysis of Social Work Data I (SW 605)
Teaching Assistant (Online)

Summer 2020 Leadership Skills and Knowledge for Advanced Social Work Practice
(SW 539)
Guest Lecturer (Online)

Spring 2020 Social Welfare (SW 250)
Guest Lecturer (Online)

Belmont University Department of Social Work

Fall 2021 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
Primary Instructor (Online)

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Post MSW Experience

2018 – 2019 **Admissions Director, Samaritan Recovery Community**
Continued duties assigned as the Admissions and Residential Programs Coordinator, supervised court liaison staff, coordinated admissions for intensive outpatient program and medically assisted treatment program, prepared files for CARF accreditation, and facilitated regular training and supervision for staff members

2016 – 2018 **Admissions and Residential Programs Coordinator, Samaritan Recovery Community**
Completed assessments for clients entering treatment and assigned clients to the appropriate level of care, provided oversight for the daily census, maintained spending for four state funded grants, supervised four admissions and case management staff, connected and maintained relationships with community partners for discharge planning, maintained electronic health records, and developed the programming schedule for the residential treatment program

2016 **Residential Treatment Case Manager, The Next Door**
Responsibilities included discharge planning and transitional living referrals, managing clients' treatment plans, following billing protocols, crisis management and de-escalation, and facilitating group therapy

2015 **Homeless Services Case Manager, Mental Health Cooperative**

Completed treatment plans, assisted clients in maintaining appointments and adhering to prescribed treatment, helped clients establish and maintain housing, conducted regular assessments, provided assistance to clients in navigating the legal system, and completed referrals to additional mental health and substance abuse treatment programs as needed

Other Relevant Practice Experience

2014 – 2015

Outpatient Substance Abuse Counselor, SUS: Palladia – CTI Harlem

Facilitated groups on recovery skills, spirituality, mindfulness, DBT skills, and relapse prevention, provided individual therapy, assisted with discharge planning, met the needs of mandated participants and agencies, developed treatment plans, and supervised toxicology screenings

2014

Juvenile Justice Intern, Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Participated in developing a curriculum for the best treatment practices of children involved with juvenile justice in the state of Tennessee, facilitated trainings of different curriculum for adjudicated youth, created pre- and post-test program evaluations to assess the efficacy of policy trainings, and provided recommendations to the state on how to improve curriculum and trainings

2013

Substance Abuse Counselor Intern, Samaritan Recovery Community

Processed pre-screening interviews and collected admission assessments, co-facilitated process groups on co-occurring disorders, and assisted clients in developing treatment plan goals

2013

Outreach Intern, San Francisco Suicide Prevention

Maintained fliers throughout San Francisco on suicide prevention and information regarding the suicide hotline, worked the Suicide Prevention Pride Booth, and prepared group room for monthly suicide bereavement group

SERVICE

Community

3/2021 – Present

Planned Parenthood of Tennessee and North Mississippi, Patient Greeter
Knoxville, TN

2014 – 2016; 2021

Camp Kudzu, Camper Life Specialist
Atlanta, GA

Academic

10/2020 – Present

Peer Reviewer
Perspectives on Social Work – University of Houston

9/2020 – 8/2021

Ph.D. Program Committee, PhD Student Representative

University of Tennessee, College of Social Work

2017 – 2019 BSW Student Field Supervisor
Belmont University, Department of Social Work

2017 – 2018 MSW Student Field Supervisor
Tennessee State University, Department of Social Work

2014 Advisory Council to the Dean of Students
Belmont University

2013 – 2014 Phi Alpha Honor Society, Chapter President
Belmont University, Department of Social Work

LICENSURE

12/2015 – Present Licensed Master Social Worker, #10745
Tennessee Board of Social Work