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Education

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program	2018 - Present
Graduate Research Fellowship in Developmental Psychology	2018 - Present
Colorado State University (CSU)	2014 - Present
Ph.D. in Applied Developmental Science	Expected 2022
M.S. in Prevention Science	2020
Graduate Certificate in Data Analysis	2020
B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies (<i>summa cum laude</i>)	2018
Concentration in Prevention and Intervention Science	2018
Minor in International Development Studies	2018

Research Experience

[Mindfulness and Family Resilience Laboratory](#) (MFR), Lab Manager 2016 - 2020

Director & Principal Investigator: J. Douglas Coatsworth, Ph.D.

Purpose: Investigate use and benefits of mindfulness in family contexts

Project Mind-Heart (PMH): Investigate effects of brief mindfulness induction on individual and dyadic patterns of physiological, affective, and behavioral indicators during challenging parent-child interactions

Mindful Parent Observational Study (MPOS): Analyze behavioral and affective indicators of mindfulness and interaction quality in structured parent-youth interactions as part of randomized controlled trial of the Mindfulness-enhanced Strengthening Families Program (MSFP)

Tasks: Project administration, planning, and management; data collection with physiological and observational systems; R programming; data analysis; technical, scientific, and grant writing; recruitment, training, mentorship, and management of 10+ undergraduate research assistants

Funding: CSU Prevention Research Center

[Parent-Child Dynamics Laboratory](#), Project Manager 2015 - 2018

Director & Principal Investigator: Erika S. Lunkenheimer, Ph.D.

Purpose: Study how parenting and parent-child interactions influence child development in high-stress families

Parenting Young Children Project (PYCP): Test parents' and young children's dyadic coordination of emotions, behaviors, and physiology and associated risk of child maltreatment and psychopathology

Tasks: Project management, grant administration, participant recruitment and retention, technical and scientific writing, and data collection, management, and processing with physiological and observational systems

Grant Funding: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Development Career Development Award (K01) to PI Lunkenheimer

Child Trauma and Resilience Assessment Center, Intern

Fall 2017

Principal Investigator: Lise Youngblade, Ph.D.

Director: Stephanie Seng, M.S.

Tasks: Administrative and research support for SAMHSA- and DHS-funded projects focused on state-wide trauma-informed training, development of adult trauma assessment, and trauma assessment provision for high-risk adolescents

Grant Funding: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Colorado Children's Congregate Care Resiliency Opportunity Project (CROP) to PI Youngblade

Cognitive Neuroimaging Laboratory, Honors Undergraduate Research Scholar

2014 - 2015

Principal Investigator: Carol A. Seger, Ph.D.

Data collection, processing, and management for dissertation research on learning and memory

Translational Research Experience

Douglas County CSU Extension Office, Program Evaluator

2019 - 2020

Principal Investigator: David MacPhee, Ph.D.

Program Director: Kyle Christensen

Evaluate program implementation of Youth Leadership Summit (October 18-20, 2019) for diverse Colorado youth

SOS Outreach, Research Consultant (*pro bono*)

2019

Principal Investigator: J. Douglas Coatsworth, Ph.D.

Executive Director: Seth Erlich

Tasks: Qualitative and quantitative data management and analysis, study design and planning, R programming consultation for Shiny dashboard development, and grant-writing to help bolster research-base for outdoor-based mentorship and leadership program for at-risk and marginalized youth

Teaching Experience

CSU Department of Mechanical Engineering, Teaching Assistant

2020

Instructor: John Volckens, Ph.D.

Develop curricula for and assist with implementation of open-source, upper-division undergraduate engineering data analysis course in R

CSU Department of Statistics, Course Developer

2020

Co-Principal Investigators: Matthew V. Ross, Ph.D. & Ben Prytherch, M.S.

Instructor: Alex Fout, M.S.

Develop curricula for online, open-source introductory programming and statistical computing course in R

Grant Funding: CSU Provost Office Digital Learning Initiative

useR! 2020 Conference, Teaching Assistant (*pro bono*)

July 2020

Instructor: Samantha Tyner, Ph.D.

Help develop and execute online tutorial for data visualization

Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2016

Instructor: Erika S. Lunkenheimer, Ph.D.

Grading and exam review sessions for upper-division undergraduate course on infant and child development

African Impact & Colorado State University, Teaching Volunteer

Summer 2015

Developed curricula and co-instructed Grade 5 in English, math, art, and science for service abroad program in community health and education in Livingstone, Zambia

Wrote personal memoir about experience published by Colorado State University English Department in *A Friend is Someone You Share the Path With* (2015)

Software Development

Wendt, K.E., Zhang, S., Feldman, M.F., & Anderson, G.B. (2019). **psyphr**: R package suite to wrangle, filter, visualize, analyze, and share physiological data. In active development.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Grant, S., **Wendt, K.E.**, Leadbeater, B.J., Supplee, L. H., Mayo-Wilson, E., Gardner, F., & Bradshaw, C. (2020, November 19). Transparent, open, and reproducible prevention science. Anchoring statement for 2020 Special Issue of *Prevention Science*. Preprint under review. <https://doi.org/10.3122/osf.io/d2y43>

Lunkenheimer, E., Skoranski, A. M., Lobo, F. M., & **Wendt, K. E.** (2020). Parental depressive symptoms, parent-child dyadic behavioral variability, and child dysregulation. *Journal of Family Psychology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/fam0000807>

Prendergast, S., Klinedinst, T., Miller, R.L., Gerst, K., & **Wendt, K.E.** Multiple chronic conditions and functional decline among Medicare beneficiaries. Manuscript under review.

In Preparation

Wendt, K.E., Lucas-Thompson, R.G., Lunkenheimer, E.S., & Coatsworth, J.D. The effects of a brief mindfulness induction on parents' autonomic activity during challenging parent-child interactions. Master's thesis and manuscript in preparation.

Presentations

Wendt, K.E., Zhang, S., Feldman, M.J., Anderson, G.B., & Coatsworth, J.D. (2019, November). *psypmr.read*: R package to wrangle and tidy psychophysiological data from proprietary systems. Poster presentation at the Graduate Student Showcase, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

Prendergast, S., Miller, R., **Wendt, K.E.**, Klinedinst, T., & Gerst, K. (2019, May). Informing precision prevention using latent class analysis. Presentation in the Sloboda & Bukoski Cup at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Wendt, K.E., Coatsworth, J.D., Lunkenheimer, E.S., & Cleavinger, E.J. (2019, May). Effects of mindfulness induction on parents' parasympathetic activity in parent-child interactions. Poster presented at Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Toll, R., George, M.R., Duey, S., Nichols, K., Riggs, N.R., & **Wendt, K.E.** (2018, May). Promoting innovation in prevention science. Special Interest Group at Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Honors & Awards

Graduate

useR! Diversity Scholarship for useR! Conference	2020
RStudio Diversity Scholarship for RStudio Conference	2020
Departmental Travel Grant for RStudio Conference	2020
RStudio Travel Award for R/Pharma	2019
R/Pharma Travel Award (B2S Life Sciences)	2019
Pearl E. Betts Graduate Scholarship	2019
Departmental Travel Grant for Society for Prevention Research	2019
SPR Early Career Preventionist Network (ECPN) Travel Award	2019
Uncoast Unconf Travel Grant	2019
CSU Graduate School Travel Grant for Uncoast Unconf	2019
Departmental Travel Grant for Uncoast Unconf	2019
Colorado State University Graduate Fellowship	2018
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2018 - 2023

Undergraduate

University Honors Scholar	2018
College of Health & Human Sciences Outstanding Graduate	2018
Albert C. and Ann E. Yates Pacesetter Scholarship	2017
Anne Blair Scholarship	2017

College of Health & Human Sciences Students First Scholarship	2016
Spots Scholarship	2015
Honors Scholarship	2014 - 2018
Green & Gold Scholarship	2014 - 2018

Computer Skills

R and its extensions (e.g., RStudio, R Markdown, Shiny)
Version control and collaboration with Git/GitHub
Python (beginner)
SPSS
Microsoft Office Suite
Collaborative clouds including Google Drive and OneDrive

Professional Development Activities

useR! Conference (online due to COVID-19)	July 2020
RStudio tidyverse developer day - Dr. Hadley Wickham	January 31, 2020
RStudio Conference	January 29-30, 2020
RStudio tidy tools workshop - Drs. Hadley & Charlotte Wickham	January 27-28, 2020
R/Pharma conference	August 22-23, 2019
R/Pharma plotly workshop - Dr. Carson Sievert	August 21, 2019
Uncoast Unconf with R	April 14-16, 2019
Grant-Writing Workshop for NIH - Dr. Maria Esformes	August 3, 2018
Heart Rate Variability Workshop - Dr. Gary Berntson	June 9-10, 2018
Mental Health and Education Integration Consortium (MHEDIC)	May 3-4, 2018

Professional Membership

Society for Prevention Research (SPR)
SPR Early Career Preventionist Network (ECPN)
European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR)
EUSPR Early Career Forum (ECF)

Service

Professional

rOpenSci	2019 - Present
R Package Reviewer	
Society for Prevention Research (SPR)	2018 - 2020
Abstract Student-Reviewer	
Symposium Moderator	
SPR Early Career Preventionist Network (ECPN)	2018 - Present
Steering Committee Member (2018 - Present)	

Program Subcommittee Member (2019 - 2020)	
Awards Subcommittee Member (2018 - 2019)	
European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR)	2018 - 2019
Abstract Reviewer	
<i>University & Department</i>	
<i>Journal of Undergraduate Research</i>, Colorado State University	2018 - 2020
Graduate Referee	
Graduate Student Council (GSC), Colorado State University	2018 - 2020
Department Representative	
Travel Award Reviewer	
The Graduate School, Colorado State University	
Reviewer - NSF GRFP Writing Workshop	2018, 2019
Panelist - NSF GRFP Informational Session	2018, 2019
Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS)	2019
Speaker Series Coordinator	
Panelist - HDFS Graduate Programs Informational Sessions	
Office of International Programs	
Exchange Student Mentor	Spring 2016
<i>Community</i>	
Center for Public Deliberation (CPD), Colorado State University	
Director: Martín Carcasson, Ph.D.	
Community Associate	2018 - 2019
Impartial engagement with diverse stakeholders in local communities about difficult issues (e.g., affordable housing); mitigation of polarization and focus on collaborative problem-solving	
Senior Associate	2017
Student Associate	2016
Kids at Heart, Fort Collins & Loveland, CO	
Group Leader	2014-2017
Pathways Hospice and Palliative Care, Fort Collins, CO	
Hospice Visitor	2016
Child Bereavement Group Volunteer	2016

Early Childhood Center, Colorado State University

Volunteer Caregiver for Infants

Fall 2014