Kylie Wright

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Education

Master of Science in Psychology

Fall 2023

Dual Specialization:

Developmental Psychology

Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience

University of Florida

Master's Thesis: Effects of Chronic Intranasal Oxytocin Administration on Stress and Loneliness in Aging

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

May 2021

Life Sciences Specialization
The Pennsylvania State University

Research Experience

The Social-Cognitive and Affective Development Lab

August 2021-Present

Graduate Research Assistant

Primary Investigator: Dr. Natalie C. Ebner

University of Florida

The Cognitive Aging and Neuroimaging Lab

January 2020-May 2021

Undergraduate Research Assistant
Primary Investigator: Dr. Nancy Dennis
The Pennsylvania State University

Leadership Experience

Graduate Student Research Conference Coordinator

October 2022-Present

Supervisor: Dr. Meredeth Rowe Institute for Learning in Retirement

University of Florida

Graduate Send Off Organizer

April-May 2021

Supervisor: Dr. Cathleen Hunt Department of Psychology

The Pennsylvania State University

Research Conference Coordinator

April 2020-May 2021

Supervisor: Dr. Alicia Drais-Parillo University Park chapter of Psi Chi The Pennsylvania State University

Assistant Research Conference Coordinator

January-April 2020

Supervisor: Dr. Cathleen Hunt University Park chapter of Psi Chi The Pennsylvania State University **Teaching Experience**

Graduate Instructor Spring 2024

University of Florida Department of Psychology

Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Laura Shambaugh Course: Introduction to Psychology

Teaching Assistant Fall 2022

University of Florida Department of Psychology Instructor: Dr. Shani Kerr

Course: Developmental Psychology

Teaching Assistant Fall 2021 & 2023, Spring 2022 & 2023

University of Florida Department of Psychology Instructor: Dr. Marina Klimenko Course: Developmental Psychology

Professional Experience

Junior Science & Humanities Symposium Reviewer January 2024

Invited Reviewer (in training) October 2022

Primary Reviewer: Dr. Natalie C. Ebner

Canadian Journal of Pain

PA-23-189 Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research

December 2023

December 2023

December 2022

(NIA 3R01AG072658-01A1S1, PI: Ebner)

Award: \$141,204

Project Title: Characterizing and modulating neurocognitive processes of learning to trust and

distrust in aging

Honors and Awards

Grants

Graduate Student Council Travel Award February 2024

University of Florida Award: \$350

Conference: Spring 2024 Social & Affective Neuroscience Society Conference

University of Florida Award: \$750

Conference: Spring 2024 Social & Affective Neuroscience Society Conference

Jacquelin Goldman Research Award University of Florida

Department of Psychology Travel Award

Award: \$5,000 Project: Mechanisms of Oxytocin's Analgesia in Older Adults

Sallie P. Ashe Travel Award

Dallas Aging and Cognition Conference

Award: \$500

Conference: Spring 2023 Dallas Aging and Cognition Conference

Department of Psychology Travel Award

University of Florida

Award: \$750

Conference: Spring 2023 Dallas Aging and Cognition Conference

Jacquelin Goldman Recruitment Scholar

University of Florida

Award: \$6,000

Funding for Summer Research

Department of Psychology Travel Award

University of Florida

Award: \$600

Conference: Spring 2022 Dallas Aging and Cognition Conference in Dallas, TX

(Canceled due to COVID-19)

Graduate Student Council Travel Award

December 2021

December 2021

December 2022

December 2022

August 2021-Present

University of Florida

Award: \$350

Conference: Spring 2022 Dallas Aging and Cognition Conference in Dallas, TX

(Canceled due to COVID-19)

University Park Provost's Scholar

August 2017-May 2021

The Pennsylvania State University

Award: \$16,000

Tuition and student fees

Invited Talks

Language Development

September 2022

University of Florida Department of Psychology Invited by: Dr. Shani Kerr

Publications and Papers in Preparation

Wright, K. A., Polk, R., Lin, T., Feifel, D., & Ebner, N.C. (2023). Four-week intranasal oxytocin administration reduces attachment avoidance in older women. *Hormones and Behavior*, *155*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.yhbeh.2023.105413

Wright, K. A., Lin, T., Feifel, D., Cruz-Almeida, Y. & Ebner, N.C. (2023). Chronic intranasal oxytocin dissociates the relationship between pain and stress in older adults. Manuscript in preparation.

Presentations

Polk, R. J., Lin, T., **Wright, K**., Krol, K., Perkeybile, A., Nazarloo, H. P., Carter, C. S., Connelly, J., & Ebner, N. C. (2023, April). *Endogenous oxytocin in aging: interaction of plasma levels and*

- receptor gene methylation on empathy. Poster presented at the annual Social and Affective Neuroscience Society conference in Santa Barbara, CA.
- **Wright, K.**, Lin, T., Feifel, D., Cruz-Almeida, Y., & Ebner, N.C. (March, 2023). *Chronic intranasal oxytocin dissociates the relationship between pain and stress in older adults*. Poster at the Institute for Learning in Retirement Robert Levitt Awards for Student Research on Aging, Gainesville, FL, USA.
- Polk, R. J., Lin, T., **Wright, K**., Krol, K., Perkeybile, A., Nazarloo, H. P., Carter, C. S., Connelly, J., & Ebner, N. C. (2023, February). *Endogenous oxytocin in aging: interaction of plasma levels and receptor gene methylation on empathy*. Poster presented at the North Central Florida Society for Neuroscience Conference, in Gainesville, FL.
- **Wright, K**., Lin, T., Feifel, D., Cruz-Almeida, Y., & Ebner, N.C. (February, 2023). *Chronic intranasal oxytocin dissociates the relationship between pain and stress in older adults*. Poster at the Dallas Aging and Cognition Conference, Dallas, TX, USA.
- Wright, K., Horta, M., Rung, J., Polk, R., Heemskerk, A., Feifel, D., & Ebner, N.C. (March 2022). *The modulatory role of chronic intranasal oxytocin administration on affiliative processes and its tolerability in aging.* Poster at the Robert Levitt Awards for Student Research on Aging Poster Session, Gainesville, FL, USA.
- Wright, K., Horta, M., Rung, J., Polk, R., Heemskerk, A., Feifel, D., & Ebner, N.C. (January 2022). Safety and tolerability of chronic oxytocin administration and the modulatory role on affiliative processes in aging. Poster at the 2022 North Central Florida Society for Neuroscience Conference, Gainesville, FL, USA.
- Wright, K., Horta, M., Rung, J., Polk, R., Heemskerk, A., Feifel, D., & Ebner, N.C. (January 2022). Safety and tolerability of chronic oxytocin administration and the modulatory role on affiliative processes in aging. Poster at the 2022 Dallas Aging and Cognition Conference, Dallas, TX, USA. (Conference canceled due to COVD-19)
- **Wright, K.** & Pearson, N. (April 2021). *The effects of cortisol on learning*. Poster at the 2021 Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Conference, University Park, PA, USA.
- Wright, K. & Pearson, N. (April 2020). *The effects of cortisol on learning*. Poster at the 2021 Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Conference, University Park, PA, USA. (Canceled due to COVID-19)

Organizations

Social & Affective Neuroscience Society Graduate Student Member	February 2024-Present
Graduate Assistants United Gainesville Chapter Graduate Student Member	January 2024-Present
Society for Neuroscience Northern Central Florida Chapter Graduate Student Member	January 2022-Present
The Women's Network National	January 2022-Present

Gainesville Chapter Graduate Student Member

Psi Chi- International Honor Society in Psychology

November 2019-Present

University Park Chapter International Member

Ohana August 2020-May 2021

Penn State THON Organization Undergraduate Student Member

Atlas August 2019-May 2020

Penn State THON Organization Undergraduate Student Member

Computer Competence

• Microsoft: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access

• Behavioral Data Analysis: R/Rstudio, Jamovi, SPSS, STATA, Mplus