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**PhD**, Social Work, The University of Georgia (2004)

**Master of Social Work**, Our Lady of the Lake University @ San Antonio (2001)

**BA**, Sociology, Louisiana State University (1997)

**Research Interests:** health & aging || health disparities || risk & resilience || measurement

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

### Licensed Master Social Worker

- State of Louisiana, 2006 – present
- State of Georgia, 2002 – 2012

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### Louisiana State University School of Social Work (LSU SSW)

- Associate Professor, 2012 – present
- Assistant Professor, 2006 – 2012

Promotion to *Professor* currently in review at the university level (unanimous College approval).

### Appalachian State University (ASU) Department of Sociology & Social Work

- Assistant Professor, 2004 – 06

## ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

**Director**, PhD Program, LSU SSW, 2018 – present

**Coordinator**, Graduate Specialization in Gerontology, LSU SSW, 2009 – 2012; 2014 – present

**Director of Academic Programs**, LSU Life Course & Aging Center, 2008 – 2010

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (\*denotes graduate student[s] authorship)

- Wilks, S.E., Boyd, P. A., Bates, S. M., Cain, D. S., & Geiger, J. R. (in press). Montessori-based activities among persons with late-stage dementia: Evaluation of mental and

behavioral health outcomes. *Dementia: The International Journal of Social Research and Practice*. DOI: 10.1177/1471301217703242 \*

- **Wilks**, S.E., Spurlock, W.J., Brown, S.C., Teegen, B., & Geiger, J. (in press). Examining spiritual support among African American and Caucasian Alzheimer's caregivers: A risk and resilience study. *Geriatric Nursing*. DOI: 10.1016/j.gerinurse.2018.05.002 \*
- Geiger, J.R., **Wilks**, S.E., Guillory, S.A., Goodson, K., Spivey, C.A., & Isaza, J.E. (2018). Psychological coping strategies among post-surgery posterior lumbar interbody fusion patients: Predictive values on pain and functioning outcomes. *Journal of Pain Management*, 11, 153-161. ISSN: 1939-5914 \*
- Boyd, P.A., **Wilks**, S.E., & Geiger, J.R. (2018). ADL assessment among nursing home residents with advanced dementia: Psychometric reevaluation of the Bristol Activities of Daily Living Scale. *Health & Social Work*, 43, 101-108. DOI: 10.1093/hsw/hly010 \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., Guillory, S.A., Geiger, J.R., Goodson, K., Begault, T.S., Chen, Z., & Isaza, J.E. (2018). Assessing psychological resilience among pre-spine surgery patients in Louisiana: Psychometric evaluation of the Brief Resilient Coping Scale. *Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society*, 170, 2-6. \*
- Simpson, G.M., Stansbury, K., **Wilks**, S.E., Pressley, T., Parker, M., & McDougall, G. J. (2018). Support groups for Alzheimer's caregivers: Creating our own space in uncertain times. *Social Work in Mental Health*, 16, 303-320. DOI: 10.1080/15332985.2017.1395780
- **Wilks**, S.E., Cain, D.S., Reed-Ashcraft, K.B., & Geiger, J.R. (2017). Gerontological competencies among MSW Students: Evaluation of a Gerontology Specialization Program. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 60, 606-618. DOI: 10.1080/01634372.2017.1325811 \*
- Rabalais, A.M., **Wilks**, S.E., Geiger, J.R., & Bates, S.M. (2017). Prominent feelings and self-regard among survivors of suicide: Does time heal all wounds? *Illness, Crisis & Loss*, 25, 262-276. DOI: 10.1177/1054137316637189 \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., Geiger, J.R., Bates, S.M., & Wright, A.L. (2017). Reference accuracy among research articles published in Research on Social Work Practice. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 27, 813-817. DOI: 10.1177/1049731515626802 \*
- Mitchell-Williams, M., Skipper, A., Alexander, M., & **Wilks**, S.E. (2017). Reference list accuracy in social work journals: A follow-up analysis. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 27, 348-352. DOI: 10.1177/1049731515578536 \*

- Lewis, L. M., **Wilks**, S.E., Geiger, J. R., Barthelemy, J. J., & Livermore, M. M. (2017). College student attitudes toward police in south Louisiana: A racial divide. *Africology: Journal of Pan African Studies*, 10, 206-223. \*
- Bates, S.M., Ball, A., & **Wilks**, S.E. (2016). Psychometric reevaluation of the Parental Press for Academic Achievement and Postsecondary Planning Scale. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 26, 583-590. DOI: 10.1177/1049731514557698 \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., Geiger, J.R., Boyd, P.A., & Chaney, C. (2015). Psychometric properties of the Coping Inventory for Task Stressors: Evaluation among African American and Caucasian, Alzheimer's disease caregivers. *Journal of Pan African Studies*, 7(9), 4-30. \*
- Geiger, J.R., **Wilks**, S.E., Lovelace, L.L., Chen, Z., & Spivey, C.A. (2015). Burden among male, Alzheimer's caregivers: Effects of distinct coping strategies. *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias*, 30, 238-246. \*
- Geiger, J.R., **Wilks**, S.E., & Livermore, M.M. (2014). Predicting SNAP participation in older adults: Do age categorizations matter? *Educational Gerontology*, 40, 932-946. DOI: DOI: 10.1080/03601277.2014.912837 \*
- Maccio, E.M., DeRosa, S.M., **Wilks**, S.E., and Wright, A.L. (2014). Age differences in LGBT attitudes toward marriage equality. *Advances in Social Work*, 15, 428-443. \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., Ketchum, M., Chen, Z., & Bowman, A. (2013). Psychometric reevaluation of the Spiritual Support Scale. *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work*, 32, 313-323. \*
- Gough, H.R., & **Wilks**, S.E. (2012). Rotational field placements: Integrative review and application to gerontological social work. *Social Work Education: The International Journal*, 31, 90-109. DOI: 10.1080/02615479.2010.549222 \*
- Little, K.G., & **Wilks**, S.E. (2011). Psychometric evaluation of a proposed Alzheimer's aggression scale. *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias*, 26, 373-380. DOI: 10.1177/1533317511414553 \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., Little, K.G., Gough, H.R., & Spurlock, W.J. (2011). Alzheimer's aggression: Influences on caregiver coping and resilience. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 54, 260-275. DOI: 10.1080/01634372.2010.544531 \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., & Spivey, C. A. (2010). Resilience in undergraduate social work students: Social support and adjustment to academic stress. *Social Work Education: The International Journal*, 29, 276-288. DOI: 10.1080/02615470902912243

- Gough, H.R., **Wilks**, S.E., & Prattini, R.J. (2010). Spirituality among Alzheimer's caregivers: Psychometric reevaluation of the Intrinsic Spirituality Scale. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 36, 278-288. DOI: 10.1080/01488376.2010.493848 \*
- Chisholm-Burns, M.A., Spivey, C.A., & **Wilks**, S.E. (2010). Social support and immunosuppressant therapy adherence among adult renal transplant recipients. *Clinical Transplantation*, 24, 312-320. DOI: 10.1111/j.1399-0012.2009.01060.x
- **Wilks**, S.E., Spivey, C. A., & Chisholm-Burns, M. A. (2010). Psychometric reevaluation of the Immunosuppressant Therapy Adherence Scale among solid-organ transplant recipients. *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*, 16, 64-68. DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2753.2008.01115.x
- **Wilks**, S.E., Kadivar, Z., Guillory, S., & Isaza, J. (2009). Age, exercise exertion, and low back pain: A follow-up study with psychological adaptation factors. *Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society*, 161, 340-342. \*
- **Wilks**, S.E. (2009). Support for Alzheimer's caregivers: Psychometric evaluation of familial and friend support measures. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 19, 722-729. DOI: 10.1177/1049731508329404
- **Wilks**, S.E. (2008). Psychometric evaluation of the shortened Resilience Scale among Alzheimer's caregivers. *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias*, 23, 143-149. DOI: 10.1177/1533317507313012
- Guillory, S.A., **Wilks**, S.E., & Isaza, J. (2008). Perceived low back pain among consistent exercise participants: Examining the effects of age and exertion. *Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society*, 160, 27-34.
- **Wilks**, S.E., & Croom, B. (2008). Perceived stress and resilience in Alzheimer's disease caregivers: Testing moderation and mediation models of social support. *Aging & Mental Health: An International Journal*, 12, 357-365. DOI: 10.1080/13607860801933323
- **Wilks**, S.E. (2008). Resilience amid academic stress: The moderating impact of social support among social work students. *Advances in Social Work*, 9, 106-125.
- **Wilks**, S.E., & Vonk, M. E. (2008). Coping through private prayer: Mediating burden and resiliency among Alzheimer's caregivers. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 50, 113-131. DOI: 10.1300/J083v50n3\_09
- **Wilks**, S.E. (2006). Intrinsic spirituality among Alzheimer's caregivers: A pathway to resiliency. *Advances in Social Work*, 7(1), 76-100.

- Kolomer, S.R., Lewinson, T., Kropf, N.P., & **Wilks**, S.E. (2006). Increasing aging content in social work curricula: Perceptions of key constituents. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 48, 97-110. DOI: 10.1300/J083v48n01\_07 \*
- Robinson, M. M., & **Wilks**, S.E. (2006). "Older but not wiser": What custodial grandparents want to tell social workers about raising grandchildren. *Social Work and Christianity*, 33(2), 164-177.
- **Wilks**, S.E., & Spivey, C.A. (2004). Views of reference list accuracy from social work journal editors and published authors. *Advances in Social Work*, 5(2), 172-182.
- Spivey, C.A., & **Wilks**, S.E. (2004). Reference list accuracy in social work journals. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 14, 281-286. DOI: 10.1177/1049731503262131

### **Manuscripts in Review or Revision**

- Wilks, S. E., Heintz, M. E., Lemieux, C. M., & Du, X. (in review). Assessing social connectedness among persons with schizophrenia: Psychometric evaluation of the Perceived Social Connectedness scale. *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*. \*

### **Book Chapters and Reviews**

#### **Book Chapters**

- **Wilks**, S.E. (in progress, chapter due spring 2019). The role of resilience in natural disasters: Response and recovery. In K. Cherry, K. E. & A. Gibson (Eds.), *The intersection of trauma and disaster behavioral health*. New York: Springer.
- **Wilks**, S.E., Purser, G.L., & Choate, S.E. (in progress, due Jan 2019). Social work. In D. Gu & M. Dupre (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of gerontology and population aging*. New York: Springer.
- **Wilks**, S.E., Bates, S.M., & Wright, A.L. (2015). Spirituality, coping, and psychological resilience among Alzheimer's caregivers. In *Spirituality: Global practices, societal attitudes, and effects on health*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers, Inc. \*
- Kropf, N.P., & **Wilks**, S.E. (2003). Grandparents raising grandchildren. In B. Berkman & L. Harootyan (Eds.), *Social work and health care in an aging society: Education, policy, practice, and research* (pp. 177-200). New York: Springer.

#### **Book Review**

- **Reviewer**: Chonody, J., & Teater, B. (2017). *Social work practice with older adults*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

## Funding Activity

### *Funded*

- Wilks, S. E., principal investigator/program director. (2017 – 2021). *Louisiana State University School of Social Work BHWET Program: Targeted enhancement in integrated behavioral health care across the lifespan*. Funded by U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration. **Total grant amount: \$1.94 million.**
- Wilks, S. E., principal investigator. (2018-19). *Health and well-being among hospice services patients: Empirical evaluation of a palliative care program*. Independent consultancy contract funded by Hospice of Baton Rouge, LA. **Contract amount: \$15,000.**
- Wilks, S. E., principal investigator/program director. (2014 – 2017). *Behavioral health education and training for master's level social work interns: Meeting the preventive and interventional needs of at-risk youth in Louisiana*. Funded by U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. **Total grant amount: \$1.45 million**
- Wilks, S.E., co-investigator. (2015). *Assessment of caregiver health needs across Louisiana*. Funded by AARP – Louisiana chapter. **Contract amount: \$10,000.**
- Wilks, S.E., principal investigator. (2013 – 15). *Health and well-being among persons with dementia and their caregivers: Program services evaluation at Charlie's Place Respite Center, Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area*. Funded by Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, LA. **Contract amount: \$25,000.**
- Wilks, S. E., principal investigator. (2013 – 2014). *Montessori activities to enhance health and well-being among individuals with Alzheimer's disease: A program evaluation*. Contract funded by Poydras Home Retirement Community of New Orleans, LA. **Contract amount: \$18,000.**
- Wilks, S. E., principal investigator. (2008 – 10). *Examining an appraisal model of burden, coping, and resilience: Disparities among African American and Caucasian Alzheimer's caregivers*. Funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation, administered by the Gerontological Society of America. **Grant amount: \$100,000.**
- Wilks, S. E., principal investigator. (2007). *Health disparities among Alzheimer's Caregivers: Impact of Social Support on Stress and Resilience*. Funded by the Louisiana State University Council on Research Summer Stipend Program. **Amount: \$5000.**
- *Family Support/Family Resource Center Database Management Project*. (FY 2004-2005). Contract with the North Carolina's Division of Social Services. Principal

investigators: Kellie Reed Ashcraft & John Turner, Appalachian State University.  
**Amount: \$93,980.**

- Wilks, S. E., Research Associate
- Nash, B., Greene, D., Peacock, J., Seitz, T., & Wilks, S.E. (2005). *Creating research papers that will make everyone proud: A manual for sociology and social work majors*. Faculty Academic Development Textbook Grant. Funded by the Appalachian State University Hubbard Center. **Amount: \$150.**

#### ***In Review***

- Wilks, S. E., principal investigator. (in review). *Progressing Culture of Health with Alzheimer's caregivers: Alleviating health and wellness disparities using an advanced technology monitoring system*. Submitted to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Proposed amount: \$400,000.

#### ***In Progress***

- Wilks, S. E., & Newton, R. L. (in progress). *Health-enhancing physical activity as respite for African American Alzheimer's caregivers: A home-based, technology intervention study*. A research collaborative between LSU and Pennington Biomedical Research Center, to be submitted to the National Institutes of Health in early spring 2019.

#### ***Unfunded***

- Wilks, S. E., principal investigator. (2018). *Evaluating a home-based electronic monitoring system for Alzheimer's disease informal caregivers: A health and well-being intervention study*. Clinical trial proposal submitted to the National Institutes of Health. Proposal amount requested: \$3.62 million.
- Wilks, S. E., principal investigator. (2012, unfunded). *Integrated behavioral health training for graduate social work interns: Meeting the needs and demands of vulnerable and underserved populations in Louisiana*. Proposal submitted to the United States Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA-12-181). Total amount requested: \$485,000.
- Wilks, S. E., principal investigator. (2012, unfunded). *Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians Leadership Development Program*. Submitted to Physicians Foundation. Total amount requested: \$99,170.
- Wilks, S. E. (2010, unfunded). *Leadership in Alzheimer's care and geriatric social work: Education, training, and scholarship*. Grant proposal submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services, Geriatric Academic Career Award Program. **Recommended by reviewers for approval, though unfunded, by the DHHS Objective Review Committee.** Amount requested: \$374,955.

- Cherry, K.E., Garrison, M.E., Sasser, D.D., Wilks, S.E., & Marks, L.D. (2010). *Post-disaster recovery in rural communities: Disparities in resilience among individuals and families*. Grant proposal submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture: Cooperative State Research, Education, Extension Service (USDA/CREES) and the National Science Foundation. Amount requested: \$399,999.

**National, International Refereed Conference Presentations** (\*denotes graduate student[s] authorship)

- Geiger, J.R., & **Wilks**, S.E. (2018, November). *Predicting health services utilization disparities among noninstitutionalized older adults*. To be presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA. \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., Boyd, P.A., & Geiger, J.R. (2016, November). *Reevaluation of the Bristol Activities of Daily Living Scale among persons with late-stage dementia*. Presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA. \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., Geiger, J.R., & Chen, Z. (2016, November). *Respite care with Alzheimer's caregivers: A two-year evaluation on health and well-being*. Presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA. \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., Cain, D.S., Reed Ashcraft, K., & Geiger, J.R. (2016, November). *Gerontological competencies among MSW Students: Evaluation of a gerontology specialization program*. Presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA. \*
- Bates, S.M., **Wilks**, S.E., Chaney, C., Geiger, J.R., & Ball, A. (2016, January). *Coping disparities between African American and Caucasian Alzheimer's Caregivers: Reevaluation of the Coping Inventory for Task Stressors*. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, DC. \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., Geiger, J.R., Boyd, P.A., & Bates, S.M. (2015, November). *Montessori activities and late-stage dementia: Evaluation with behavioral health and social outcomes*. Presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL. \*
- **Wilks**, S.E., & Boyd, P.A. (2015, January). *Psychometric reevaluation of the Coping Inventory for Task Stressors*. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. \*
- Ball, A., **Wilks**, S.E., & Bates, S.M. (2015, January). *Psychometric reevaluation of the Parental Press for Academic Achievement and Postsecondary Planning Scale*. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. \*



- **Wilks, S.E., Geiger, J.R., & Livermore, M.** (2014, November). *Predicting SNAP participation among older adults: Does age disparity matter?* Presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, Washington, DC. \*
- **Wilks, S.E., Geiger, J.R., & Lovelace, L.** (2014, November). *Burden among male Alzheimer's caregivers: Distinctions among distinct coping strategies.* Presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, Washington, DC. \*
- **Wilks, S. E., Ketchum, M. M., & Gough, H. R.** (2013, November). *Rotational field placements: Overview and application to gerontological social work.* Presented at the Gerontological Society of America 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- **Wilks, S. E., Chen, Z., & Bowman, A.** (2013, January). *Psychometric reevaluation of the Spiritual Support Scale.* Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Diego, CA. \*
- **DeRosa, S.M., Wilks, S.E., & Maccio, E.M.** (2011, January). *Perspective differences on policy and social politics between older and younger LGBT adults.* Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tampa, FL. \*
- **Cherry, K., Garrison, M.E.B., Wilks, S.E., Jackson, E., Brigman, S., Sullivan, M., & Broome, K.** (2010, November). *Post-disaster resilience in younger and older adults.* Presented at Gerontological Society of America's 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA. \*
- **Simpson, G. M., Stansbury, K., & Wilks, S.E.** (2010, March). *An Alzheimer's male caregivers' support group: Creating our own space.* Presented at the 2010 Aging in America Conference, Chicago, IL.
- **Guillory, S.A., Wilks, S.E., & Isaza, J.E.** (2009, July). *Factors of psychological adaptation among patients with posterior lumbar fusion.* Presented at the 2009 Joint Meeting of the North American Spine Society and Japanese Society for Spine Surgery and Related Research, Maui, HI.
- **Chisholm-Burns, M.A., Wilks, S.E., & Spivey, C.A.** (2009, April). *Psychometric reevaluation of the Immunosuppressant Therapy Adherence Scale among solid organ transplant recipients.* Presented at the 2009 American College of Clinical Pharmacy International Congress in Clinical Pharmacy, Orlando, FL.
- **Chisholm-Burns, M.A., Spivey, C.A., & Wilks, S.E.** (2009, April). *Social support and immunosuppressant therapy adherence among adult renal transplant recipients.* Presented at the 2009 American College of Clinical Pharmacy International Congress in Clinical Pharmacy, Orlando, FL.

- **Wilks, S. E.** (2009, January). *Family and peer support for Alzheimer's caregivers: Psychometric reevaluation of the Perceived Social Support subscales*. Presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Social Work & Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- **Wilks, S. E.** (2008, November). *Successful adaptation among Alzheimer's caregivers: Psychometric analysis of the modified Resilience Scale*. Presented at The Gerontological Society of America's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, National Harbor, MD.
- Guillory, S.A., **Wilks, S.E.**, & Isaza, J. (2008, July). *Analysis of low back pain functionality and psychological adaptation before and three-months post-op from posterior lumbar fusions*. Presented electronically at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of Advanced Spine Techniques, Hong Kong.
- Isaza, J.E., Guillory, S.A., Ferachi, L., & **Wilks, S.E.** (2008, July). *Descriptive analysis of reactions with use of bone morphogenetic protein in posterior interbody fusions*. Presented at International Meeting of Advanced Spine Techniques, Hong Kong.
- **Wilks, S. E.** (2007, November). *Stress and resilience in Alzheimer's caregivers: Moderation and mediation of social support*. Presented at The Gerontological Society of America's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Guillory, S.A., **Wilks, S.E.**, & Isaza, J. (2007, October). *Impact of age, physical exertion, and psychological adaptation on perceptions of low back pain*. Presented at EuroSpine 2007: Annual Meeting of the Spine Society of Europe, Brussels, Belgium.
- **Wilks, S. E.** (2007, August). *Perceived stress and resilience in Alzheimer's disease caregivers: The moderating role of social support*. Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Conference, Chicago, IL.
- **Wilks, S. E.**, & Vonk, M. E. (2006, January). *Coping through private prayer: Mediating burden and resiliency among Alzheimer's caregivers*. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- **Wilks, S. E.** (2004, October). *The relationship between prayer and resiliency among Alzheimer's caregivers*. Presented at the National Association of Christian Social Workers' 54<sup>th</sup> Convention and Training Conference, Washington, DC
- Robinson, M. M., & **Wilks, S. E.** (2004, February). *Older but not wiser: The Church's response to grandparent caregivers*. Presented at CSWE's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA

- **Wilks, S. E., & Spivey, C. A.** (2004, February). *Views of reference list accuracy from social work journal editors and published authors*. Presented at the Georgia Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference, Athens, GA
- Spivey, C. A., & **Wilks, S. E.** (2003, January). *Reference list accuracy in social work journals*. Presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D. C.
- Soto, J. A., **Wilks, S. E., & Duran, M.** (2000, November). *Elements of successful writing*. Presented at the Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference, Destin, FL.

**Other Publications and Research Activities** (\*denotes graduate student authorship)

- Little, K.G., & **Wilks, S.E.** (2011, February). *Alzheimer's aggression: Influences on caregiver coping and resilience*. Presented at the 2011 LSU Life Course & Aging Center Annual Luncheon, Baton Rouge, LA. \*
- Cherry, K., Garrison, M.E.B., **Wilks, S.E.**, Jackson, E., Brigman, S., Sullivan, M., & Broome, K. (2011, February). *Post-disaster resilience in younger and older adults*. Presented at the 2011 LSU Life Course & Aging Center Annual Luncheon, Baton Rouge, LA. \*
- Cherry, K. E., Garrison, M.E.B., **Wilks, S.**, Jackson, E.M., Brigman, S., Sullivan, M., & Broome, K. (2010, November). Post-Disaster Resilience in Younger and Older Adults. *The Gerontologist*, 50, p. 282. \*
- Simpson, G. M., Stansbury, K., & **Wilks, S.E.** (2010). An Alzheimer's male caregivers' support group: Creating our own space. *MySocialWorkLab*. Old Tappan, NJ: Pearson Education.
- Prattini, R.J., & **Wilks, S.E.** (2010, February). *Spirituality among Alzheimer's caregivers: Psychometric reevaluation of the Intrinsic Spirituality Scale*. Presented at the LSU Life Course & Aging Center Annual Luncheon, Baton Rouge, LA. \*
- Invited, published research text review: Wodarski, J. S., & Hopson, L. M. (2010). *Research methods for evidence-based practice*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- **Wilks, S. E.** (2005, December). For caregivers: Is prayer the answer? *Alzheimer's Association: The Compassion to Care*, 3.
- Nash, B., Greene, D., Peacock, J., Seitz, T., & **Wilks, S.E.** (2005, summer). *Creating research papers that will make everyone proud: A manual for sociology and social work majors*. Boone, NC: Appalachian State University Hubbard Center.

## PEDAGOGY & MENTORSHIP

### Teaching Positions

- **Louisiana State University (LSU) SSW**  
Associate Professor, 2012 – present; Assistant Professor, 2006 – 2012
- **Appalachian State University (ASU) Department of Social Work**  
Assistant Professor, 2004 – 06
- **The University of Georgia (UGA) SSW**  
Instructor, 2002 – 04

### Courses Instructed

#### PhD level

- Research Colloquium I (LSU)
- Research Colloquium II (LSU)
- Intervention Research (LSU)

#### Master's level

- Aging & Social Work (LSU)
- Grief & Bereavement (LSU)
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment I & II (LSU, UGA)
- Human Diversity & Oppression (LSU)
- Foundation Research Methods (LSU, ASU, UGA)
- Program & Practice Evaluation (LSU)
- Social Welfare Policy/Services (ASU, UGA)
- Spirituality in Social Work (LSU, UGA)

#### Baccalaureate level

- Foundation Research Methods (ASU)
- Basic Skills for Social Work Professionals (ASU)
- Communication in Social Work (UGA)

### Funded Doctoral Research Assistantships (LSU)

- X. Du. (2018 – present). Interdisciplinary, integrated behavioral health training among Louisiana social work and nursing graduate students. Assistantship funded by US Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS).
- J. Geiger. (2014 – 2018). *LSU Behavioral Health Workforce & Education Training* project funded by US DHHS.

- R. Prattini. (2009 – 2010). *Louisiana Alzheimer’s Caregivers* project funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation.
- H. Gough. (2008 – 2009). *Louisiana Alzheimer’s Caregivers* project funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation.

## Dissertation & Thesis Committees (LSU)

### Dissertations

- *Northern Ghana Pilot Digital Literacy Project: An Exploratory Factor Analysis of Self-Report Measures and Digital Literacy Improvement Among High School Ghanaian Students* by E. Buckner, Social Work (in progress)
  - role: committee member
- *Sport Parents: An Examination of the Influence of Educational Interventions Upon the Family System* by J. Reynolds, Social Work (in progress)
  - role: committee member
- *Using Event History Analysis to Identify At-Risk Students in a Nursing Program* by M. Lemoine, School of Education (in progress)
  - role: Dean’s representative
- *Healthcare Utilization and Health Behaviors among Older Adults: The Role of Insurance* by J. Geiger, Social Work (06.25.18)
  - role: chair
- *Exploratory Study of the Effectiveness of Course Software on STEM Course Outcomes* by S. DeRouen, School of Education (06.21.18)
  - role: Dean’s representative
- *Participation in Active and Passive Music Interventions by Individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias: Effects On Agitation* by R. Prattini, Social Work (2016)
  - role: committee member
- *The Role of Religious Coping in the Marital Stability of Strong, African American Couples: A Strengths-Focused Approach* by A. Skipper, Social Work (2016)
  - role: committee member
- *Mishpacha in the American diaspora: An exploratory study of highly-involved Jewish families* by T. Hatch, Social Work (2015)
  - role: committee member
- *Clinical Practitioner to Academic Citizenship in Nursing Faculty* by V. Schluter, Educational Theory, Policy, and Practice (2014)
  - role: Dean’s representative

- *Examining the Boundary Conditions between Cognitive Control and Interference Derived from Stimulus-based and Response-based Conflict* by J. Tall, Psychology (2013)
  - role: Dean's representative
- *Distribution of Attention and the Object Benefit in Visual Work Memory* by A. van Lamsweerde, Psychology (2013)
  - role: Dean's representative
- *Apolipoprotein Status and Cognitive Functioning in Late Adulthood: Examining the Role of Health and Social Network Characteristics* by J. Silva, Psychology (2009)
  - role: interdisciplinary committee member
- *Etiology of Traumatic Brain Injury: Impact on Psychological Functioning* by J. Schneider, Psychology (2007)
  - role: Dean's representative

#### **Theses**

- *Behavioral Health Competencies among Graduate Social Work Students: A Program Evaluation* by J. Cameron (in progress)
  - role: chair
- *Healthcare Utilization and Life Satisfaction Among Immigrants to the United States* by M. Harrelson, Social Work (in progress)
  - role: chair
- *Servicing Deaf & Hard of Hearing Clients: Professional & Ethical Considerations for Accessibility in Social Work* by E. Garibay, Social Work (in progress)
  - role: committee member
- *Characteristics Associated with Improvements in Health Among Community Mental Health Clients with Thought Disorders Receiving Co-Located Primary Care Services* by M. Heintz, Social Work (2018)
  - role: committee member
- *Reevaluation of Psychometric Properties of the Memory for Names Test* by H. Foil, Social Work (2016)
  - role: chair
- *Attitudes toward Police among College Students: Differences among Race, Social Work Status, and University History* by L. Lewis, Social Work (2016)
  - role: chair

- *Individuals with Dementia in Respite Care: Longitudinal Changes in Anxiety, Social Engagement, and Problem Behaviors* by R. Mills, Social Work (2016)
  - role: chair
- *Interrelationships among Physical Health, Health-Risk Factors, Psychosocial Characteristics and Social Support in Individuals with Major Depressive Disorder Receiving Integrated Care in Community Mental Health Settings* by B. Masinter, Social Work (2016)
  - Role: committee member
- *Montessori-Based Activities among Individuals Diagnosed with Dementia: A Program Evaluation* by P. A. Boyd, Social Work (2015)
  - role: chair
- *Self-Identity and Timing for Help-Seeking Behavior among Suicide Survivors* by A. Rabalais, Social Work (2015)
  - role: chair
- *The Effects of Multiple Traumatic Experiences on Young Children* by J. Brothers, Social Work (2015)
  - role: committee member
- *Infusion of Gerontological Competencies in Social Work: Analysis of its Effects on Graduate Social Work Students* by J. Rawls, Social Work (2014)
  - role: chair
- *Discrimination of Sexual Minorities and Plans to Relocate* by M. Smith, Social Work (2013)
  - role: committee member
- *Effects of Coping Strategies on Burden among Alzheimer's Caregivers* by R. Jordan, Social Work (2012)
  - role: chair
- *The Effect of Coping Strategies among Male Alzheimer's Caregivers* by L. McKinsey, Social Work (2012)
  - role: chair
- *Spiritual Support as Coping among Alzheimer's Caregivers* by M.K. Schillings, Social Work (2012)
  - role: chair
- *Psychometric Evaluation of the Spiritual Support Scale* by A. Bowman, Social Work (2012)

- role: chair
- *Psychometric reevaluation of the Revised Memory and Behavior Problems Checklist* by K. Little, Social Work (2011)
  - role: chair
- *Leaving Special Educators Behind: Analysis of No Child Left Behind and its Impact on Special Education Teacher* by J. Abel, Social Work (2009)
  - role: committee member
- *Alzheimer's Caregiving Appraisal* by A. Fortier, Social Work (2008)
  - role: chair

### Teaching Colloquia/Institute Training

- Stanford University School of Medicine: *Stanford Faculty Development Institute* (2009)
  - Pedagogical training for Hartford Faculty Scholars in Geriatric Research
- Gerontological Society of America Policy Leadership Institute (2009)
  - Collaboration among Hartford Faculty Scholars and Hartford Nursing Scholars: workshops with public policy experts in Washington, DC
- LSU Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching: *Infusing Creativity in Classroom* (2008)
  - Pedagogical workshop for LSU faculty

### Invited Lectures/Other Teaching Activities

- Wilks, S. E. (2016, February). *The importance of gerontology in social work curricula*. Invited lecture given to University of Mississippi School of Applied Sciences, Oxford, MS.
- Research Practicum for doctoral students (2011)
- Independent Studies for doctoral and MSW students (2009 – present)
- Faculty Liaison: MSW field internships (2006 – present)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Invited Lectures & Media Appearances

- Wilks, S. E. (2018, August). *The benefits of caregiving*. Discussion presented to The Pearl at Jamestown Senior Living Community, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Wilks, S. E. (2018, February). *Diversity: Is anyone an expert?* Lecture presented to Public Relations Student Society of America, LSU chapter, Baton Rouge, LA.



- Wilks, S. E. (2018, January). *Younger onset Alzheimer's disease*. Lecture presented to Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area Lunch & Learn Program, Baton Rouge, LA
- Wilks, S. E. (2017, February). *Caregiving: We know the negatives. Do we know the positive benefits?* Lecture presented to Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge, LA.
- Wilks, S. E., & Geiger, J. R. (2016, June). *Sexual intimacy among persons with dementia*. Lecture presented to Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area Lunch & Learn Program, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Wilks, S. E., & Geiger, J. R. (2016, April). *Evaluation of Charlie's Place Respite Center*. Lecture presented to Annual Alzheimer's Education Conference sponsored by Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Wilks, S. E., & Jones, C. (2016, March). *Nurturing yourself as a caregiver: Social life as an essential*. Lecture presented to caregiver appreciation annual dinner, Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge, LA.
- Wilks, S. E. (2014, October). *Montessori-based activities among Poydras Home residents: A program evaluation*. Lecture presented to Board of Directors and staff of Poydras Home of New Orleans, LA.
- Wilks, S. E. (2012, August). *Current issues and challenges working with older adults*. Lecture presented to gerontological social workers and field supervisors for the LSU School of Social Work Gerontology Specialization Program, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Wilks, S. E. (2012, April). *The critical need for gerontological social work*. Lecture presented at the Oncology Social Work monthly meeting, Amedisys Hospice and Home Health Services, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Wilks, S. E. (2012, March). *Recognizing resilience: Hartford study examining coping strategies among Alzheimer's caregivers*. Presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference on Alzheimer's Disease, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge: Caregiver Appreciation Luncheon. (2012, March 4). *The Advocate*, p. 4D.
- Wilks, S. E. (2012, February). *Sexual health and older adults*. Discussion given to caregiver appreciation luncheon at Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge, LA.
- Wilks, S. E. (2011, July). *Male caregiver education awareness and outreach services*. Discussion given to Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area Lunch & Learn Program Baton Rouge, LA.

- *Conversations in Medicine*. (airdate: 2011, June 23). Baton Rouge, LA: Public Radio, Inc.
  - Interview on WRKF/Public Radio/89.3 FM, discussing results of Alzheimer's caregiver research project funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation. Available: <http://www.wrkf.org/multimedia/index.php?id=1>
- Panelist: *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference on Alzheimer's Disease*. (2011, March). Supported by Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area and Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, LA
- *Alzheimer's caregiver research benefits from the interdisciplinary collaboration of Drs. Scott Wilks and Wanda Spurlock*. (2010). Article published on the John A. Hartford Foundation's Geriatric Social Work Initiative website.
- Wilks, S.E. (2010, June). *Cancer caregiver: The second survivor*. Lecture given at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Life forum, Cancer Services of Great Baton Rouge, LA.
- Wilks, S.E. (2010, June). *The critical need for gerontological social work*. Lecture given at National Association of Social Workers-LA Chapter monthly meeting, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Resilience: Caring and coping in Alzheimer's caregivers. (2009). *LSU Alumni Magazine*, 85, 53.
- Recognizing resilience. (2009). *LSU Research: Research & Economic Development at Louisiana State University, spring issue*, 6-9. Baton Rouge, LA: LSU Office of Research & Economic Development.
  - Highlights the professional career of Dr. Scott Wilks and his current research agenda on Alzheimer's care (writer: R. Bacher).
- *Conversations in Medicine*. (airdate: 2009, June 4). Baton Rouge, LA: Public Radio, Inc.: Interview on WRKF/Public Radio/89.3 FM, discussing the genesis of my research with the John A. Hartford Foundation.
- Wilks, S. E. (2008, Nov). *Coping among Alzheimer's caregivers*. Keynote address at the Memory Day Forum, Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Caregivers need support to handle constant stress. (2008, Nov 30). *The Advocate*, p. 2D. Staff writer: D. Lemoine.
  - Discusses stressors and coping skills of Alzheimer's caregivers, supported by the research of Dr. Wilks. Available: <http://www.2theadvocate.com/features/35268804.html>

- Wilks, S. E. (2008, May). *Enhancing resilience among Alzheimer's caregivers: The role of family and friend support*. Forum of the Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Conference, Lafayette, LA.
- Wilks, S. E. (2007, Sept). *Stress, coping, and resilience*. Presentation to Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Wilks, S. E. (2007, May). *Coping and resilience*. Presentation to the Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge, survivors support group, Litcher, LA

### **Other Community Service**

- Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area: Charlie's Place Respite Advisory Committee, member (2013 – present)
- Louisiana Lifespan Respite Coalition, member (2012 – present)
- Selection Committee member, *Andrus Award* (highest volunteer honor), AARP – Louisiana (2012, 2015)
- Instructor: *Sharing the Journey* Caregiver Education Course, Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area, Baton Rouge, LA (2010)
- Facilitator: Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Network Group, Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area (2008 – present)
- Executive Advisory Committee, National Center on Bereavement, Hospice of Acadiana, Lafayette, LA (2010)

### **Academic Service** (date shown represents current service)

#### **LSU**

- Faculty Search Committee member, School of Social Work (2018 – 19)
- Discovery & Research Committee, College of Human Sciences and Education (2017 – present)
- Faculty Search Committee (chair), School of Social Work
- Communications & Public Relations Committee, College of Human Sciences and Education
- Identifying & Tracking Graduates Committee, College of Human Sciences and Education
- Vice-Chancellor for Research & Economic Development, Search Committee
- Life Course and Aging Center member (2006 – present)
- Graduate Faculty, full faculty status (2006 – present)
- Promotions & Tenure Committee, Social Work (2012 – present)
- Executive Advisory Committee, Social Work (2018 – present)

- PhD Committee, Social Work (2008 – present)
- MSW Committee (research curriculum representative), Social Work
- Policy Committee, Social Work (2014 – present)
- Scholarship Committee, Social Work
- Continuing Education Committee, Social Work
- Program Evaluation Committee, Social Work

#### **ASU**

- Graduate Faculty
- Disruptive Students Task Force
- General Education Task Force
- Academic Integrity Board
- Student Activities Committee, Social Work
- Student Association of Social Workers, faculty advisor

#### **UGA**

- Doctoral Program Committee (student rep), Social Work
- Social Work Student Organization (chief officer), Social Work
- Social Work Doctoral Association
- Graduate Student Association

#### **National Academic Service**

- Journal Editorial Board Member
  - Aging and Mental Health: An International Journal (2018 – present)
  - Geriatric Nursing (2018 – present)
  - Journal of Gerontological Social Work (2011 – present)
- **Peer Reviewer: Scholarly Journals and Conferences**
  - Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting: invited abstract reviewer (2014 – present)
  - HRSA Behavioral Health Conference, U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services: invited abstract reviewer
  - American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias
  - Journal of the American Medical Association
  - International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry
  - Geriatric Nursing
  - Journal of Family Issues
  - Comprehensive Psychiatry
  - The Journal of Pain
  - Journal of Happiness Studies
  - Journal of Physical Activity and Health
  - Advances in Social Work

#### ○ **Professional Affiliations**

- Gerontological Society of America (active)
- Council on Social Work Education (active)
- Society for Social Work and Research (active)
- Association of Gerontology Education in Social Work
- National Association of Social Workers
- **External Reviewer for Tenure Applicants**
  - Binghamton University, State of New York, Department of Social Work (2016)
  - University of Cincinnati School of Social Work (2016)

### **Other Social Work Related Experience**

- Medical Examiner, Disabilities Determinations Services, Louisiana Dept. of Social Services (1997 – 99)
  - Collaborative review of medical records with physicians/psychologists of SSI disability claims to determine eligibility
- Scholarly Writing Assistantship, UGA (2003)
  - Assisted students with research/scholar writing style, and adherence to the APA publication style
- Research Practicum, UGA (2002 – 03)
  - Analyzed and published data on the perceived significance of reference accuracy in published articles from journal editors and authors
- Research Practicum, UGA (2002)
  - Analyzed and published data on the accuracy of published references in the five, highest circulated social work journals.
- Research Assistantship, UGA (2001 – 02)
  - Data collection on *A Program for Grandparents Who are Raising Grandchildren*, supported by The John A. Hartford Foundation; questionnaire regarding gerontology in social work curricula
- Social Work Internship, La Familia Counseling Centers, San Antonio (2000 – 01)
  - Individual/family therapy for indigent, Hispanic clients, including referrals for additional resources; designed new *clinical progress notes* form to follow revised state regulations
- Scholarly Writing Assistantship, Our Lady of the Lake University (2000 – 01)
  - Assisted students with research/scholar writing style and adherence to the APA publication style

- Social Work Internship, St. Vincent de Paul Behavioral Health Care, San Antonio (1999 – 00)
  - In partial hospitalization setting, co-facilitated group sessions and conducted individual counseling sessions with clients diagnosed with chronic mental illness; executed psychosocial assessments and weekly clinical progress notes
- Volunteer, TAU Center, Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center, Baton Rouge, LA (1998)
  - Assisted social workers and counselors in orientation of clients and families, initial client biopsychosocial assessments, group therapy sessions with clients in their 12-step program, intervention training with families of clients, and therapy sessions with clients and their families.

#### **CERTIFICATION, OTHER TRAINING**

- Louisiana Board of Ethics, Ethics Training Program for Public Servants (active)
- Title IX & Sexual Misconduct Training Program (active)
- Active Shooter Response Training Program (2016)
- National Institutes of Health, Human Subjects Research Training Program (2002)

#### **RECOGNITION**

- *Fellow*, The Gerontological Society of America (2015 – present)
- *Faculty Scholar in Geriatric Social Work*, John A. Hartford Foundation (2008 – present)
- *Outstanding Research Award* recipient, LSU CHSE (2018)
- *Faculty Member of the Year Award* recipient, LSU Social Work (2015 – 16)
- Named *LSU Featured Flagship Faculty* (April 15, 2011)
- Most Accommodating Faculty Award, LSU Office of Disability Services (2008)
- Outstanding Student Teaching Award, UGA School of Social Work (2003 – 04)
- National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society (2000 – 2004)
- Phi Alpha Honor Society (2000 – 2001)
- Creative Work Award, Annual Conference on Student Scholarship, Our Lady of the Lake University (two-time recipient; 1999 & 2000)