

# MEGAN E. WISSERT

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## EDUCATION

<b>University of Delaware</b>	<i>Newark, Delaware</i>	
Master's Degree, Sociology		Expected: 2021
PhD, Sociology		Expected: 2024
<b>Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania</b>	<i>Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania</i>	May 2019
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology		
Criminal Justice Minor		
Cum Laude		
<b>Jagiellonian University</b>	<i>Krakow, Poland</i>	December 2017 – January 2018
Study Abroad Program		
Courses: Jews of Europe; Central and Eastern European Film		

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## SKILLS

Experienced in SPSS, Qualtrics, Stata, SAS, and Microsoft Office

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## RESEARCH

*Research interests: Health, Healthcare, Disabilities, Inequalities*

### Research Assistant

University of Delaware June 2020 – Present

- State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant
- Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care (PIP) Grant
- Supervisor: Dr. Laura Rapp

Bloomsburg University January 2017 – May 2019

- *Civic and Environmental Worldview and Engagement (CEWE) Survey*, supervised by Dr. Christopher Podeschi and Dr. Heather Feldhaus
  - 2017: Created an Excel file for data entry; administered surveys; assisted in data entry
  - 2018: Trained coworkers in data entry; administered surveys; performed data analysis
  - 2019: Coordinated and organized all survey administration; trained students in survey administration and data entry; supervised data entry

**Undergraduate Honors Independent Study** November 2016 - Present

- “The Mental Health Issues and Needs of LGBTQ Prisoners in a Women’s State Prison” (supervised and mentored by Dr. Shiloh Erdley and Scott Duncan)
- Created a survey which was administered to approximately 200 women at a local state prison

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of Delaware

- Graduate Teaching Assistant
  - Crime Victims and Victims' Rights, Fall 2019
  - Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2020
    - Instructor for Discussion Sections
  - Introduction to Sociological Research, Fall 2020
    - Statistics Lab Instructor

### Bloomsburg University

- Teaching Assistant
  - Principles of Sociology, Spring 2017
  - Honors Principles Sociology, Fall 2017
- Tutor
  - Principles of Sociology
  - Criminal Justice Research Methods
  - Racial and Ethnic Minorities

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## PRESENTATIONS

### Eastern Sociological Society Conference

*Poster Presentation*

*Boston, MA*

March 2019

- “The Humanity of Executed Offenders” (Megan Wissert)

### National Collegiate Honors Conference

*Poster Presentation*

*Boston, MA*

November 2018

- “Understanding the mental health experiences, needs and rights of women in prison who identify as LGBTQ” (Megan Wissert, Dr. Shiloh Erdley-Kass, Scott Duncan)

### Eastern Sociological Society Conference

*Undergraduate Poster Presentation*

*Baltimore, MD*

February 2018

- “Environmental Attitudes of Male and Female Students” (Megan Wissert, Sarah Johnson, Wanda Tarvin)

### College of Liberal Arts Symposium

*Panel Presentation*

*Bloomsburg, PA*

October 2017

- “Joint class on identity and place with the University of Pecs in Hungary” (Dr. Christopher Podeschi, Megan Wissert, Mollie Semler, Dan Earhart, Nick McCormack)
- “The Win-Win Opportunity of Applying Your Skills in the Community” (Dr. Heather Feldhaus, Wanda Tarvin, Megan Wissert, Weston Brehm, Jacqueline Liss)

## **Susquehanna Undergraduate Research Symposium**

*Poster Presentation*

*Bloomsburg, PA*

August 2017

- “Understanding the mental health experiences, needs and rights of women in prison who identify as LGBTQ: A review of literature” (Megan Wissert, Dr. Shiloh Erdley-Kass, Scott Duncan)

## **PASSHE Honors Conference**

*Student Presenter*

*Harrisburg, PA*

April 2017

- Co-presented on the Alumni Relations of our Honors Program at Bloomsburg University

## **Pennsylvania Sociological Society Conference**

*Poster Presentation*

*Bloomsburg, PA*

November 2016

- “Utilizing Qualitative Methodology to Assist in Organizational Planning: A case study in faculty, student, and community partnership across disciplines and institutions” (Dr. Heather Feldhaus, Wanda Tarvin, Megan Wissert)

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

**Henry Carver Honors Scholarship**

August 2015, August 2016, August 2017, August 2018

**Henry Carver Academic Scholarship**

August 2015, August 2016, August 2017, August 2018

**Ready to Succeed Scholarship**

January 2017, January 2018

**Professional Experience Grant**

May 2018

**Honors Scholarship for Poland Study Abroad Trip**

December 2017

**Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Grant**

June 2017

**Anne K. Wilson Award**

May 2019

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK**

**Faithful Friends Animal Society**

*Newark, DE*

October 2019 – Present

- Volunteer at a local animal shelter weekly and at special events in order to promote the shelter and assist in facilitating the adoption of the animals

**Eos Therapeutic Riding Center**

*Bloomsburg, PA*

October 2017 – November 2018

- Volunteer at a local community organization where special needs children ride horses

**Relay for Life**

*Bloomsburg, PA*

April 2016, April 2017, April 2018

- Participant in the annual Bloomsburg Relay for Life, a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society

**Nursing Home Bingo**

*Bloomsburg, PA*

January 2016 – December 2017

- Volunteer at a local nursing home to help the residents play bingo

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## ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Crew Leader** *Bloomsburg, PA* July 2019  
*Bloomsburg University Anchor Program*  
Served as a Crew Leader for Bloomsburg's Anchor Program - a program that introduces 15-18 year old individuals who have been involved in the foster system to college life
- Victim Advocate Intern** *Philadelphia, PA* May 2018 – August 2018  
*Families of Murder Victims (Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia)*  
Accompanying the family members and friends of murder victims (co-victims) to court, presenting different counseling options to co-victims, providing emotional support before, during, and after court proceedings, and signing co-victims up for notifications of possible parole or release of the convicted perpetrators.
- Honors Program Mentor** *Bloomsburg, PA* August 2016 – December 2016  
*Bloomsburg University Honors Program*  
Mentoring honors freshmen in the College of Liberal Arts during their transition to college; serving as a resource for class scheduling and academic questions
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## ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Sociology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Council** November 2019 - Present  
*Wellness Committee Chair*
- Alpha Kappa Delta (International Honors Society of Sociology)**  
*Member* April 2018 – Present
- The Student Professional Development Committee**  
*Member* September 2018 – May 2019
- Middle States Re-Accreditation Sub-Working Group**  
*Student Representative* October 2017 – March 2019
- Sociology Club**  
*Member* January 2017 – May 2019
- University Honors Program**  
*Junior Class Representative* August 2017 – May 2018  
*Member* August 2015 – May 2019
- Bloomsburg University Equality Alliance**  
*Member* August 2015 – May 2019
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