

# JULIA KAY WOLF

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## EDUCATION

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- 2017-present      **West Virginia University (WVU);** Morgantown, WV  
**Program:** Sociology – Ph.D.  
**Graduate Certificate:** Applied Statistics  
**GPA:** 3.96
- 2015-2017        **West Virginia University;** Morgantown, WV  
**Program:** Sociology – M.A.  
**GPA:** 4.0
- 2013-2015        **Case Western Reserve University (CWRU);** Cleveland, OH  
**Majors:** Sociology – B.A. & Psychology – B.A.  
**Concentration:** Crime and Delinquency  
**Minors:** Business Management; Marketing  
**GPA:** 4.0
- 2010-2012        **Mercyhurst University (MU);** Erie, PA  
**Major:** Applied Forensic Science – B.S.  
**Concentration:** Forensic Anthropology  
**Minor:** Psychology of Crime and Justice  
**GPA:** 3.955 (Completed 81 credits before transferring)

## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 1/2019-5/2019    **WVU Dept. Sociology & Anthropology (SOCA);** *Instructor* | Morgantown, WV  
• Instructor of Record for SOCA 101: Introduction to Sociology
- 1/2016-12/2018   ***Population Research and Policy Review; Managing Editor*** | Morgantown, WV  
• Work with co-Editor-in-Chief Dr. Jeralynn S. Cossman  
• Examine manuscripts submitted to the journal and suggest ‘desk reject’ or ‘review’  
• Find and invite reviewers for manuscripts  
• Manage online manuscript queue and system
- 6/2015-8/2017    **SOCA;** *Graduate Research Assistant* | Morgantown, WV (Summers, 2018-2019)  
• Worked with Professor and Department Chair Dr. Jeralynn S. Cossman  
• Collaboratively researched cultural nations and health disparities  
• Edited manuscripts for publication  
• Cleaned and analyzed data (SPSS/Stata/R)  
• Created and presented PowerPoint presentations/posters  
• Managed Institutional Review Board applications and renewals  
• Assisted with Dr. Cossman’s classes, social media, annual review, and CV
- 5/2014-5/2015    **Elderly Care Research Center;** *Research Assistant* | Cleveland, OH  
• Worked with Distinguished University Professor Dr. Eva Kahana  
• Provided assistance in preparing manuscripts and grant proposals for submission  
• Ensured documents were properly formatted, consistent, and had accurate references  
• Entered and performed preliminary data analysis in SPSS and Access  
• Assembled mailings for study participants

## OTHER ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 5/2013-9/2014      **CWRU School of Dental Medicine; Office Assistant** | Cleveland, OH
- Entered/reviewed confidential patient information in school database
- 12/2011-5/2012      **Archaeological Artifact Processing Lab; Work Study** | Erie, PA
- Confirmed data in Excel
- 2/2011-11/2012      **Mercyhurst Center for Student Excellence; Tutor** | Erie, PA
- Approved to tutor American Criminal Justice, Calculus I, General Chemistry, & Statistics

## PUBLICATIONS

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- James, Wesley, **Julia Kay Wolf**, and Jeralynn S. Cossman. 2019. "Characteristics of Persistently Unhealthy Counties: A Comparison of White and Black Mortality Over Time." *The Social Science Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.soscij.2019.01.005>
- James, Wesley, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2019. "The Ultimate Inequality: Vast Mortality Disparities across U.S. Regions." *N-IUSSP*. <http://www.niussp.org/article/the-ultimate-inequality-vast-mortality-disparities-across-u-s-regionsde-grandes-disparites-de-mortalite-entre-les-regions-americaines/>
- James, Wesley, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2018. "Persistence of Death in the United States: The Remarkably Different Mortality Patterns between America's Heartland and Dixieland." *Demographic Research* 39:897-910. doi: 10.4054/DemRes.2018.39.33 \*Editor's Choice
- Cossman Jeralynn S., Wesley James, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2017. "The Differential Effects of Rural Health Care Access on Race-Specific Mortality." *Social Science and Medicine – Population Health* 3:618-623. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2017.07.013>
- Scheitle, Christopher P., and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2017. "Religion and Sexual Identity Fluidity in a National Three-Wave Panel of U.S. Adults." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. doi: 10.1007/s10508-017-0979-4
- Scheitle, Christopher P., and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2017. "The Religious Origins and Destinations of Individuals Identifying as a Sexual Minority." *Sexuality & Culture*. doi: 10.1007/s12119-017-9417-y
- Platt, Lisa F., **Julia Kay Wolf**, and Christopher P. Scheitle. 2018. "Patterns of Mental Health Care Utilization Among Sexual Orientation Minority Groups." *Journal of Homosexuality* 65(2). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2017.1311552>
- Kahana, Boaz, Eva Kahana, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2018. "Grappling with Forgiveness: Perspectives of Jewish, LGBT and Roma Holocaust Survivors." Pp. 181-200 in *Perspectives on Forgiveness: Contrasting Approaches to Concepts of Forgiveness and Revenge*, edited by S. DiVietro and J. Kiper. United Kingdom: Inter-Disciplinary Press.
- Kahana, Eva, Boaz Kahana, Jeong Eun Lee, Tirth Bhatta, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2015. "Trauma and the Life Course in a Cross National Perspective: Focus on Holocaust Survivors Living in Hungary." *Traumatology* 21(4):311-321. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/trm0000051>
- Kahana, Eva, Boaz Kahana, Timothy Goler, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2015. "Forgiveness: Complexities and Paradoxes in the Context of Genocide and Slavery." Pp. 87-98 in *Forgiveness or Revenge: Restitution or Retribution?*, edited by S. C. Bibb. United Kingdom: Inter-Disciplinary Press.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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- Cossman, Jeralynn S. and **Julia Kay Wolf**. "Social Capital and the Opioid Epidemic: The Importance of Context." To submit to *Demographic Research*, January 2020.
- Wolf, Julia Kay**, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and Wesley James. "Persistently Persistent Clusters of Mortality in the United States." To submit to *Spatial Demography*, January 2020.
- Woods, Joshua, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. "Disparities in Disc Golf Course Distribution in the United States." To submit to *Sociology of Sport*, December 2019.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Wolf, Julia Kay**, Ashley Brash, and Jeralynn S. Cossman. 2019, October. "Exploring the Relationship between County-Level Social Capital and Abortion Clinics." Presented at the Southern Demographic Association (SDA) Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S., **Julia Kay Wolf**, and Sally Hodder. 2019, October. "Exploring the Relationship between County-Level Social Capital and Deaths of Despair." Presented at the SDA Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA.
- Wolf, Julia Kay** and Jeralynn S. Cossman. 2019, October. "Self-Rated Health by Sexual Orientation and Sexual Attraction of Men and Non-Pregnant Women Age 25-45, 2011-2015 NSFG." Poster presented at the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAHPS) Annual Conference; Seattle, OR.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S. and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2019, October. "Exploring the Relationship between County-Level Social Capital and Deaths of Despair." Poster presented at the IAHPS Annual Conference; Seattle, OR.
- Kowalski, Brittany M., Sara K. Guthrie, **Julia Kay Wolf**, and Katie E. Corcoran. 2019, August. "Exploring the Motivation and Means for Political and Social Activism in the United States." Roundtable accepted to present at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting; New York, NY.
- Wolf, Julia Kay**. 2019, August. "Self-Rated Health by Sexual Orientation and Sexual Attraction of Non-Pregnant Women Age 25-45, 2011-2015 NSFG." Roundtable accepted to present at the ASA Annual Meeting; New York, NY.
- Kowalski, Brittany M., Sara K. Guthrie, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2019, March. "I am more involved through social media': Exploring the Motivation and Means for Political and Social Activism in the United States." Presented at the North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) Annual Meeting; Cincinnati, OH.
- Wolf, Julia Kay**, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and Misty L. Harris. 2018, October. "Prioritizing Place Effects on Mortality." Presented at the SDA Annual Meeting; Durham, NC.
- Wolf, Julia Kay**, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and Douglas Myers. 2018, October. "Exploring Regional Classifications for Predicting Health Behaviors by Sex across the United States." Poster presented at the IAHPS Annual Conference; Washington D.C.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S., **Julia Kay Wolf**, Misty Harris, Hannah DePoy, and Wesley James. 2018, April. "Testing Place Effects for Spatial Mortality in the United States." Presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting; Denver, CO.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S., Misty Harris, **Julia Kay Wolf**, and Hannah DePoy. 2018, April. "Unraveling Time: An Examination of Race- and Sex-Specific Temporal Lags of Contextual Risk Factors for Heart Disease Mortality in the United States." Poster presented at the PAA Annual Meeting; Denver, CO.
- Wolf, Julia Kay**, Hannah DePoy, Misty Harris, and Jeralynn S. Cossman. 2018, April. "Testing a County-Level Contextual Hierarchy for Race- and Sex-Specific Spatial Mortality in the United States." Presented at NSCA Annual Meeting; Pittsburgh, PA.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S., **Julia Kay Wolf**, and Misty Harris. 2017, October. "Testing Race- and Sex-Specific Lags in Predictors of Heart Disease Mortality in the United States." Poster presented at the SDA Annual Meeting; Morgantown, WV.
- Weeks, Janet, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2017, October. "Examining Proper Model Specification for County Level Spatial Mortality Research in the US." Presented at the SDA Annual Meeting; Morgantown, WV.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S., **Julia Kay Wolf**, Misty Harris, and Hannah DePoy. 2017, October. "Testing a Social Progress Index for Spatial Mortality in the United States." Presented at the SDA Annual Meeting; Morgantown, WV.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S., **Julia Kay Wolf**, and Misty Harris. 2017, October. "Paradoxes and Lag Selection Bias: Testing Race- and Gender-Specific Lags in Predictors of Heart Disease Mortality in the United States." Poster presented at the IAHPS Annual Conference; Austin, TX.
- Platt, Lisa F., **Julia Kay Wolf**, Christopher Scheitle. 2017, August. "Utilization of Mental Health Professionals by Sexual Minorities." Poster presented at the American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Convention; Washington DC.

- Wolf, Julia Kay** and Jeralynn S. Cossman. 2017, April. "Exploring the Power of County-Level Regional Classifications on Predicting All-Cause Mortality in the United States." Presented at the PAA Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S. and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2017, April. "Spatial Patterns in American Mortality: Does Social Progress Play a Role?" Poster presented at the PAA Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL.
- Wolf, Julia Kay**, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and Douglas J. Myers. 2017, March. "Exploring the Importance of Regional Classification in U.S. Sex-Specific Mortality Rates." Presented at the NSCA Annual Meeting; Indianapolis, IN.
- James, Wesley, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2016, October. "The Influence of Public Health Infrastructure on Racial Mortality Disparities." Presented at the SDA Annual Meeting; Athens, GA.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S., **Julia Kay Wolf**, and Douglas J. Myers. 2016, October. "Understanding Spatial Variation in Mortality: Rural Regions and Cultural Variations." Presented at the SDA Annual Meeting; Athens, GA.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S., **Julia Kay Wolf**, and Douglas J. Myers. 2016, August. "Defining Regions and Understanding Rurality: Exploring Spatial Variations in American Mortality." Presented at the RSS Annual Meeting; Toronto, Canada.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S., Wesley James, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2016, April. "Race and Rural: An Investigation of the Rural Mortality Penalty and the Role of Public Health Infrastructure." Poster presented at the PAA Annual Meeting; Washington DC.
- Cossman, Jeralynn S., Douglas J. Myers, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2016, April. "An Exploration of Woodard's "American Nations" for Predicting Cause-Specific Mortality." Poster presented at the PAA Annual Meeting; Washington DC. *Poster session award winner.*
- Wolf, Julia Kay**, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and Douglas J. Myers. 2016, March. "Exploring Woodard's "American Nations" for Predicting Life Expectancy and Mortality by Sex across the Regions of the United States." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)/NCSA Joint Meeting; Chicago, IL.
- Yu, Jiao, Eva Kahana, Boaz Kahana, Minzhi Ye, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2015, November. "A Propensity Score Matching Analysis of the Health Disparities between LGBT and Non-LGBT Older Adults." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting; Orlando, FL. Abstract published in *Gerontologist* 55(suppl 2):250. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnv567.04>
- Myers, Douglas J., Courtney Pilkerton, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2015, October. "An Exploration of Woodard's "Cultural Nations" for Predicting Regional Mortality in the US." Presented at the SDA Annual Meeting; San Antonio, TX.
- Wolf, Julia Kay**. 2015, August. "The Buffering Effects of Social Support for LGBT Youth." Paper presented at Honors Program Roundtable at the ASA Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL.
- Wolf, Julia Kay**, Eva Kahana, Boaz Kahana, Jeong Eun Lee, Minzhi Ye, Jiao Yu, and Kayla Courey. 2015, April. "The Preferences and Benefits of Social Support for LGBT Older Adults." Presented at the NCSA Annual Meeting; Cleveland, OH.
- Kahana, Boaz, Eva Kahana, Minzhi Ye, **Julia Kay Wolf**, Sarah Shick, and Joy Siegel. 2014, November. "Elders at an LGBT Senior Center Reflect on Their Lives and Needs." Poster presented at the GSA Annual Meeting; Washington DC.
- Lee, Jeong Eun, Eva Kahana, Boaz Kahana, Kaitlyn Barnes, **Julia Kay Wolf**, and Michael Rovine. 2014, November. "Trajectories of Disabilities in Late Life: Linking with Mortality." Symposium on Disablement Process: Recent Findings and Future Direction. Presented at the GSA Annual Meeting; Washington DC.
- Kahana, Eva, Boaz Kahana, Timothy Goler, and **Julia Kay Wolf**. 2014, July. "Forgiveness: Complexities and Paradoxes in the Context of Genocide and Slavery." Presented at the Global Conference: Forgiveness; Oxford, United Kingdom.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2019-present      **American Sociological Association - Section on Aging and the Life Course**
- Webmaster
- 2018                Graduate student mentor for WVU Summer Undergraduate Research Experience
- 2018-2019        **Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS)**
- Assisting with organizing the mentoring roundtables
- 2017                **Southern Demographic Association (SDA)**
- Local Arrangements with Dr. Jeralynn Cossman, Morgantown WV
  - Session President
  - Newsletter co-editor (2017-present)

Reviewer for *Demographic Research*, *Journal of Rural Studies*, *Quality in Ageing and Older Adults*

## GRANTS

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- 2017                **WVU Academic Conference Grant**
- Funds approved: \$9,000 for the Southern Demographic Association (SDA)
  - Submitted to WVU Research Office to support the SDA Annual Meeting
  - Role: Author, Co-PI
- 2017                **WVU Student Government Association (SGA) Grant**
- Funds approved: \$1,500 for the Graduate Sociology Association (GSA)
  - Submitted to WVU SGA for travel to NSCA Annual Meeting
  - Role: Author, Presenter to the SGA Board of Governors, and Awardee
- 2017                **Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Student Member Research Travel Grant**
- Funds approved: \$1,200 for the GSA
  - Submitted to AKD for travel to the NCSA Annual Meeting
  - Role: Coordinator, Editor, and Awardee
- 2016                **Morgantown Area Youth Services Project (MAYSP) Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction Initiative**
- Project Director: Danny Hernandez Trejo, LSW
  - Funds requested: \$75,000; Funds approved: \$60,000
  - Submitted to the WV Division of Justice and Community Services
  - Role: Co-author
- 2016                **WVU ECAS and WVU SOCA**
- Funds approved: \$10,830 (\$5,415 from ECAS; \$5,415 from SOCA)
  - Submitted for ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
  - Role: Co-author and Awardee
- 2016                **AKD Student Member Research Travel Grant**
- Funds approved: \$1,200 for the GSA
  - Submitted for expenses for MSS/NCSA Annual Meeting
  - Role: Coordinator, Editor, and Awardee
- 2016                **WVU SGA Grant**
- Funds approved: \$1,211 for the GSA
  - Submitted for travel to the MSS/NCSA Annual Meeting
  - Role: Co-Author, Presenter to the SGA Board of Governors, and Awardee
- 2016                **Proactive Adaptations and Resources as Stress Buffers for Minority and Disadvantaged Elders, PI Eva Kahana, PhD**
- Funds requested: \$1,398,000
  - Submitted R01 proposal to National Institute on Aging; Scored, not funded
  - Role: Coordinator and Editor

## UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

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- 2015-2020      **WVU Graduate Sociology Association**
- Vice President (elected), 2018-2020
    - Leader: Undergraduate Communication Committee
    - Member: Fundraising Committee
  - Member, 2017-2018
    - Leader: Undergraduate Relations Committee
  - President (elected), 2016-2017
    - Leader: Grant Committee
    - Member: Banquet, Community Service, and Undergraduate Communication Committees
  - Interim President, Summer 2016
  - Vice President (elected), 2015-2016
    - Leader: Community Service and Program Committees
    - Member: Awards Committee

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- 2020              Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
- 2017-2019      Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS)
- 2017              Rural Sociological Society (RSS)
- 2016-2019      Southern Demographic Association (SDA)
- 2016-2020      Population Association of America (PAA)
- 2015-2018      North Central Sociological Association (NCSA)
- Teaching (2017)
- 2015, 2019      American Sociological Association (ASA)
- Aging and the Life Course (2015, 2019); Population (2015)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2019              Editor's Choice for co-authored paper (see Publications); *Demographic Research*
- 2018              Most Outstanding Graduate Student Researcher; WVU SOCA
- 2017-2020      University Provost 3-Year Graduate Fellowship; WVU Office of Graduate Education
- 2017              Graduated *summa cum laude*; WVU
- 2016              Poster session winner at annual meeting; PAA
- 2015              Honors Program participant; ASA
- 2015              Graduated *summa cum laude*; CWRU
- 2015              John Schoff Millis Award (senior with best academic record in CWRU College of Arts & Sciences); CWRU
- 2015              Stella Berkeley-Friedman Award (graduating senior with highest academic achievement in sociology); CWRU Sociology Department
- 2014              Mark Lefton Award (Excellence in sociological studies); CWRU Sociology Department
- 2013-2015      Dean's High Honors List; CWRU
- 2013-              Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) (International Honor Society in Sociology)
- 2011-2012      Eat'n Park Hospitality Group Scholarship
- 2010-2012      Bishop Watson, Egan, & Presidential Scholarships; MU
- 2011              Panos/Pulakos Scholarship; MU
- 2010-2012      Dean's List; MU
- 2011-              Phi Eta Sigma (National Freshmen Honor Society)

## CERTIFICATIONS

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2017	Esri Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating Python Scripts for Raster Analysis</li> <li>• Python Scripting for Geoprocessing Workflows</li> <li>• Python for Everyone</li> <li>• Python Scripting for Map Automation</li> </ul>
2016	NCSA Preparing Future Faculty
2016	Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) certified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research</li> <li>• CITI Conflicts of Interest</li> <li>• Human Research: Social &amp; Behavioral Research Investigators</li> </ul>
2014	CWRU's Continuing Research Education Credit: training in the protection of human participants in research
2013	Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act certified: training in the protection of patients' privacy through individually identifiable health information

## VOLUNTEER WORK

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2018-2019	Health Sciences & Technology Academy summer camp; WVU
2017-present	At least 40 volunteer hours per semester as part of fellowship stipulations
2016	Children's Holiday Party Volunteer; WVU Students Helping Other People
2016-2018	Mon River Trail Clean-Up; WVU GSA
2015	Heads Up! WVU Pedestrian Safety Campaign; WVU

## ACADEMIC TRAINING

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2019	SOCA Online Teaching Workshop
2017	SOCA Getting Funded: The Science and Art of Grant Writing
2016	ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Categorical Data Analysis</li> <li>• Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment</li> </ul>

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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Proficient	<b>ArcMap; Microsoft Office; R; SPSS, Stata</b>
Basic	<b>JMP; Python</b>

## REFERENCES

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