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Academic Positions

Affiliate Faculty, Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies	May 2020 - present
Associate Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work	August 2019 – present
Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work	August 2013 – May 2019

Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, 2013

Master of Social Work, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 1999
Policy, Administration, and Community Practice Concentration

Bachelor of Social Work, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC, 1995

Research Interests

Participatory research and social service approaches for youth and young adults who are members of populations that face oppression and marginalization, including LGBTQ youth and youth experiencing homelessness; Empathy and social empathy; Critical participatory action research

Refereed Publications

1. **Wagaman, M. A.**, Howell, K., Teresa, B., Hefner, R., Woehrle, H., Haynes, T. S., & Lawrence, J. (2023). Youth participatory action research as an empowerment-based

- method for community change. *Journal of Community Practice*. DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2023.2283446
2. Littman, D. M., Ortega-Williams, A., Beltrán, R., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Bender, K., & Wernick, L. (2023). Navigating, subverting, and replacing conventional academic structures and expectations to co-create with participatory action research (PAR) teams: Where to for PAR scholarship?. *Journal of Community Practice*. DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2023.2271923
 3. Watts, K., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Eaton, A., Leung, V., & Craig, S. (2023). Examining the role of peer and family belongingness in the mental health of Black LGBTQ youth. *Child & Youth Services*. DOI: 10.1080/0145935X.2023.2261364
 4. Bickford, E., Matijczak, A., Kemmerer, A., Martinez, F., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2023). Applications of transformative justice principles for centering transgender and gender expansive experiences in social work education and practice. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 50(1), 181-207.
 5. Gattis, M. N., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Kemmerer, A. (2023). Developing Marsha and Marian's Neighbors: A shared housing intervention to address homelessness among LGBTQ+ and pregnant/parenting youth. *Youth*, 3, 335–350. DOI: 10.3390/youth3010022 A
 6. Watts, K. J., Tomlinson, C. A., Matijczak, A., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Murphy, J. L., O'Connor, K., & McDonald, S. E. (2022). Transgender and gender expansive emerging adults: The moderating role of thwarted belongingness on mental health. *Psychology & Sexuality*. DOI: 10.1080/19419899.2022.2143276.
 7. **Wagaman, M. A.**, Gattis, M. N., Watts, K. J., Yabar, M. P., Blair, D., Haynes, T. S., & Williams, E. G. (2022). The role of schools in supporting students experiencing homelessness: Perceptions of school staff. *Children & Schools*. DOI: 10.1093/cs/cdac002.
 8. Wike, T., Tomlinson, C., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Matijczak, A., Murphy, J., Watts, K. J., O'Connor, K., & McDonald, S. E. (2021). The role of thwarted belongingness on the relationship between microaggressions and mental health for LGBTQ+ emerging adults. *Journal of Youth Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/13676261.2021.2010687
 9. Odera, S. G., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Staton, A., & Kemmerer, A. (2021). De-centering whiteness in social work curriculum: An autoethnographic reflection on a racial justice practice course. *Advances in Social Work*. DOI: 10.18060/24151

10. **Wagaman, M. A.**, Watts, K., Lamneck, V., D'Souza, S., McInroy, L., Eaton, A., & Craig, S. (2020). Managing stressors online and offline: LGBTQ+ youth in the southern United States. *Children and Youth Services Review*. DOI: 10.1016/j.chilyouth.2020.104799
11. **Wagaman, M. A.**, Alessi, E. J., Goffnett, J., Watts, K. J., Iacono, G., Thomas, D., Pacey, M., & Craig, S. L. (2019). Interrupting hetero- and cisnormativity in social work programs: LGBTQ+ student strategies for increasing inclusion. *Journal of Social Work Education*. DOI: 10.1080/10437797.2019.1671261
12. **Wagaman, M. A.**, Odera, S. G., & Fraser, D. V. (2019). A pedagogical model for teaching racial justice in social work education. *Journal of Social Work Education*. DOI 10.1080/10437797.2018.1513878
13. **Wagaman, M. A.**, Shelton, J., Carter, R., Stewart, K., & Cavaliere, S.J. (2019). "I'm totally transariffic": Exploring how transgender and gender-expansive youth and young adults make sense of their challenges and successes. *Child & Youth Services*, 40(1), 43-64. DOI 10.1080/0145935X.2018.1551058
14. **Wagaman, M. A.**, Obejero, R. C., & Gregory, J. S. (2018). Countering the norm, (re)authoring our lives: The promise counterstorytelling holds as a research method with LGBTQ youth and beyond. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*. DOI 10.1177/1609406918800646.
15. **Wagaman, M. A.**, Compton, K. S., & Segal, E.A. (2018). Social empathy and attitudes about dependence of people living in poverty on government assistance programs. *Journal of Poverty*. DOI 10.1080/10875549.2018.1460740.
16. **Wagaman, M.A.**, Shelton, J., & Carter, R. (2018). Queering the social work classroom: Strategies for increasing inclusion of LGBTQ people and experiences. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 38(2), 166-182. DOI 10.1080/08841233.2018.1430093.
17. Ayon, C., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Rubio-Hernandez, S. (2018). *No te dejes pisotear por nadie*: Examining Latino immigrants' efforts to resist discrimination. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 44(1), 78-95. DOI 10.1080/01488376.2017.1395381
18. Craig, S. L., McInroy, L. B., D'Souza, S., Austin, A., McCreedy, L. T., Eaton, A., Shade, L. R., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2017). Project #Queery: The influence of information and communication technologies on the resilience and coping of sexual and gender minority youth in the United States and Canada. *JMIR Research Protocols*, 6(9):e189. DOI 10.2196/resprot.8397.

19. Shelton, J., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Small, L., & Abramovich, A. (2017). *I'm more driven now: Resilience and resistance among transgender and gender expansive youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. International Journal of Transgenderism.* DOI:10.1080/15532739.2017.1374226
20. Segal, E. A. & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2017). Social empathy as a framework for teaching social justice. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 53(2), 201-211. DOI 10.1080/10437797.2016.1266980
21. Becerra, D., **Wagaman, M.A.**, Androff, D., Messing, J.T., & Castillo, J. (2016). Policing immigrants: Fear of deportation and perceptions of law enforcement and criminal justice. *Journal of Social Work.* DOI 10.1177/1468017316651995
22. **Wagaman, M. A.** (2016). Self-definition as resistance: Understanding identities among LGBTQ emerging adults. *Journal of LGBT Youth*, 13(3), 207-230. DOI 10.1080/19361653.2016.1185760
23. **Wagaman, M. A.**, Keller, M. F., Cavaliere, S. J. (2016). What does it mean to be a successful adult?: Exploring perceptions of the transition into adulthood among LGBTQ emerging adults in a community-based service context. *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services*, 28(2), 140-158.
24. **Wagaman, M. A.** (2016). Promoting empowerment among LGBTQ youth: A social justice youth development approach. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal.* DOI 10.1007/s10560-016-0435-7.
25. **Wagaman, M. A.** & Bohm-Sanchez, I. (2015) Looking through the magnifying glass: A duoethnographic approach to understanding the value and process of participatory action research with LGBTQ youth. *Qualitative Social Work*, doi: 1473325015595855.
26. **Wagaman, M. A.** (2015). Changing ourselves, changing the world: Assessing the value of participatory action research as an empowerment-based research and service approach with LGBTQ young people. *Child & Youth Services*, 36(2), 124-149.
27. Becerra, D., Gurrola, M., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2015). The impact of low socioeconomic status and perceived discrimination on parental perceptions of the wellbeing of Latino children. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 25(8), 790-800. doi: 10.1080/10911359.2015.1013660.
28. **Wagaman, M. A.**, Geiger, J. M., Shockley, C., & Segal, E. A. (2015). The role of empathy in burnout, compassion satisfaction, and secondary traumatic stress in social workers. *Social Work*, doi:10.1093/sw/swv014.

29. Becerra, D. Quijano, L.M., **Wagaman, M.A.**, Cimino, A.M., & Blanchard, K.N. (2015). How immigration enforcement affects the lives of older Latinos in the United States. *Journal of Poverty*, 19(4), 357-376. doi:10.1080/10875549.2014.999969.
30. **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Segal, E. A. (2014). The relationship between empathy and attitudes toward government intervention. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 41(4), 91-112.
31. Steiner, S. J., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Lal, P. (2014). Thinking spatially: An undervalued practice skill. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 34(4), 427-442.
32. **Wagaman, M. A.** (2014). Understanding service experiences of LGBTQ young people through an intersectional lens. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*, 26, 111-145. doi:10.1080/10538720.2013.866867
33. Gerdes, K. E., Cimino, A., Segal, E. A., Harmon, J., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2013). A confirmatory factor analysis of the Interpersonal and Social Empathy Index. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 4(3), 131-153.
34. Kulis, S., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Tso, C., & Brown, E. F. (2013). Exploring indigenous identities of urban American Indian youth of the southwest. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 28(3), 271–298. doi: 10.1177/0743558413477195
35. Becerra, D., Androff, D., Cimino, A. N., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Blanchard, K. N. (2013). The impact of perceived discrimination and immigration policies upon perceptions of quality of life among Latinos in the U.S. *Race and Social Problems*, 5(1), 65-78. doi: 10.1007/s12552-012-9084-4
36. Segal, E. A., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Gerdes, K. E. (2012). Developing the Social Empathy Index: An exploratory factor analysis. *Advances in Social Work*, 13(3), 541-560.
37. Ayers, S., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Mullins, J. L., Bermudez-Parsai, M., & Hedberg, E. C. (2012). Examining school-based bullying interventions using multilevel discrete time hazard modeling. *Prevention Science*, 13(5), 539-550.
38. Gerdes, K. E., Geiger, J. M., Lietz, C. A., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Segal, E. A. (2012). Examination of known-groups validity for the Empathy Assessment Index (EAI): Differences in EAI scores between social service providers and recipients at community treatment agencies. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 3(2), 94-112.

39. **Wagaman, M. A.** (2011). Social empathy as a framework for adolescent empowerment. *Journal of Social Service Research, 37*(3), 278-293. doi: 10.1080/01488376.2011.564045
40. Segal, E. A., Gerdes, K. E., Mullins, J. L., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Androff, D. (2011). Social empathy attitudes: Do Latino students have more?. *Journal of Human Behavior and the Social Environment, 21*(4), 438-454.
41. Lietz, C. A., Gerdes, K. E., Sun, F., Geiger, J. M., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Segal, E. A. (2011). The Empathy Assessment Index (EAI): A confirmatory factor analysis of a multidimensional model of empathy. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research, 2*(2), 104-124. Doi: 10.5243/jsswr.2011.6

Other Publications

Books

Segal, E. A., Gerdes, K. E., Lietz, C., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Geiger, J. M. (2017). *Assessing Empathy*. Columbia University Press.

Book Chapters

Wagaman, M.A., Lee, J., Kemmerer, A.K., & Embe, K. (in press). Participatory research. In Alston, M., Buykx, P., Foote, W., & and Betts, D. (Eds.). (2024). *International handbook of research methods in social work*.

Wagaman, M. A., Compton, K. S., Haynes, T. S., Lange, J., Williams, E. G., & Obejero, R. C. (2022). Youth participatory action research as an approach to developing community-level responses to youth homelessness in the United States: Learning from Advocates for Richmond Youth. In Stoecker, R., & Falcon, A. (Eds.). (2022). *Handbook on participatory action research and community development*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Horton, A., Kemmerer, A., Valentine, J., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2021). Trans youth are our future: Reflections from Advocates for Richmond Youth on transgender and gender-expansive youth-led projects. In Mallon, G.P. & Shelton, J. (Eds.). (2021). *Social work practice with transgender youth* (3rd ed.). New York: Routledge.

Wagaman, M. A., & Kemmerer, A. (2020). Transgender and nonbinary youth empowerment. In S. K. Kattari, M. K. Kinney, L. Kattari, & N. E. Walls. *Social work and health care practice with transgender and nonbinary individuals and communities: Voices for equity, inclusion, and resilience*. Routledge.

Wagaman, M. A. (2017). Practice with the queer community. In M. P. Dentato (Ed.). *Social work practice with the LGBTQ community: The intersection of history, health, mental health and policy factors* (pp. 351-365). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Educational Materials/Supplements/Position Papers

Adrian, S., Barnette, D., Bishop, J., Dodd, S., Erangey, J., Guerilla, M., Jackson, K., Jacob, M., Lange, J., Shelton, J., Sumter, G., Tandy, J., Thomas, A., Valentine, J. & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2020). *The National LGBTQ+ Youth Homelessness Research Agenda*. New York: The Silberman Center for Sexuality & Gender with True Colors United and Advocates for Richmond Youth.

Paceley, M.S., Goffnett, J., & **Wagaman, M.A.** (2018). *Promoting the well-being of LGBTQIA+ students*. London, KY: School Social Work Association of America.

Austin, A., Craig, S. L., Alessi, E. J., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Paceley, M. S., Dziengel, L., & Balestrery, J. E. (2016). *Guidelines for transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) affirmative education: Enhancing the climate for TGNC students, staff and faculty in social work education*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.

Craig, S. L., Alessi, E. J., Fisher-Borne, M., Dentato, M. P., Austin, A., Paceley, M., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Arguello, T., Lewis, T., Balestrery, J. E., & Van Der Horn, R. (2016). *Guidelines for affirmative social work education: Enhancing the climate for LGBQQ students, staff, and faculty in social work education*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.

Wagaman, M. A., & Segal, E. (2012). *Practice Behaviors Workbook for Social Welfare Policy and Social Programs: A Values Perspective (Third Edition)*. Florence, KY: Cengage.

Refereed Conference Presentations

Toraif, N., Littman, D., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Sharkey, C. (2024, January). *Affirming people and welcoming places: Examining supportive relationships and contexts for youth impacted by structural oppression*. Roundtable presented at the 28th annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Wagaman, M. A., Gattis, M. N., Kemmerer, A., Roldan, P., & Straka-Mai, K. (2024, January). *Developing and evaluating Marsha & Marian's Neighbors: A shared housing program model for LGBTQ+ youth, pregnant/parenting youth, and youth at the intersection*. Paper presented at the 28th annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Lee, J., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2023, October). *Bridging micro-macro practice skills in community-based research: Application of healing-centered engagement*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 69th Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Odera, S. G., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2023, October). *Decentering whiteness in social work curricula*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 69th Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Wagaman, M.A., & Vox, V. (2023, June). *Queering supervision in the delivery of programs and services for LGBTQ+ youth: A duoethnography*. LGBT Research Symposium, University of Kansas.

Wagaman, Howell, Teresa, Hefner, Woehrl, Haynes & Lawrence (2023, January). *Youth participatory action research as an empowerment-based method for community change*. Presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

Bender, Littman, Ortega-Williams, Beltran, **Wagaman** & Wernick (2023, January). *Navigating, subverting, and replacing conventional academic productivity expectations to co-create with PAR teams*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

Odera, S.G., **Wagaman, M.A.** (2022, November). *Taking control of the narrative: Weaving a story of connection and resistance*. Presented (virtually) at the Critical Race Scholars in Social Work Convening.

Muhammad, N., Haynes, T., Embe, K., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Popp, P. (2021, November). *Permanent connections: Research-informed practices for students to build a network of support*. Paper presented (virtually) at the National Alliance for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Wagaman. M. A., Watts, K., & McInroy, L. (2019, October). *Managing stressors online and offline: LGBTQ+ youth in the southern United States*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 65th Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Wagaman, M. A. (2019, May). *Empowerment practice with transgender and nonbinary youth: A conceptual framework*. Paper presented at the 7th Annual LGBT Research Symposium, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

Harner, V., Dziengel, L., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Shelton, J., McInroy, L., & Dodd, S. J. (2018, October). *Cisgender, transgender, bigender, nonbinary, genderfluid in social work...What's it about? Let's talk!*. Connect session presented at Council on Social Work Education's 64th Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Wagaman, M. A., & Maccio, E. M. (2018, October). *Educating future service providers and researchers with LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness*. Panel presented at Council on Social Work Education's 64th Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Wagaman, M. A., Shelton, J., & Carter, R. (2018, January). *Building connections, resisting constrictions: Transgender youth and mechanisms for resilience*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 22nd Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Shelton, J., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Small, L. (2018, January). *I'm more driven now: Resilience and resistance among transgender and gender expansive youth experiencing homelessness*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 22nd Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Wagaman, M. A., & Compton, K. C. (2018, January). *YPAR as an approach to developing community-level responses to youth homelessness*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 22nd Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Wagaman, M. A., Narendorf, S. C., Bender, K., & Shelton, J. (2017, October). *Including marginalized youth with lived experiences in research, policy, and program development*. Workshop presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 63rd Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Klein, G., Seelman, K. L., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2017, October). *Transgender individuals' access to bathrooms: Social justice implications of recent legal decisions*. Hot topic session presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 63rd Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Odera, S. G., Bogenschutz, M., Fraser, D. V., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2017, October). *Promoting civic engagement and policy advocacy at local, state, and federal levels*. Panel presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 63rd Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Odera, S. G., Fraser, D. V., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Calixte, C., Rai, H., & Carter, R. (2017, March). *Building a Black Lives Matter Collective in a university context: Blurring the lines of power and professionalization*. Presented at the Equity and Social Justice Conference, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A., Segal, E. A., & Compton, K.S. (2017, January). *The relationship between social empathy and attitudes about the poor's dependence on government assistance programs*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 21st Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Shelton, J., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Carter, R. C. (2016, November). *Queering the social work classroom: Strategies for increasing inclusion of LGBTQ people*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 62nd Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Wagaman, M. A., Odera, S. G., & Fraser, D. V. (2016, November). *Employing a collaborative teaching model to enhance competence in promoting racial justice*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 62nd Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2016, May). *Counterstorytelling as a method for weaving new narrative(s) for LGBTQ youth*. Paper presented at the Twelfth International Congress for Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Prorock-Ernest, A., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Thaller, J., & Brown, M. L. (2016, May). *Revisiting relationships: An exploration of dynamics between researchers and participants*. Panel presented at the Twelfth International Congress for Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Wagaman, M. A., Cavaliere, S. J., & Stewart, K. (2016, January). *"I'm totally transariffic": The role of community-based services in promoting resilience among trans* and gender non-conforming youth*. Paper presented as part of a symposium entitled *Improving Programs for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth: Toward a Resilience Focused Research Agenda* at the Society for Social Work Research 20th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Galarza, J, Dentato, M. P., Craig, S., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Mendoza, N. S., & Harner, V. J. (2015, October). *Beyond the shelter: Exploring the needs of LGBTQ homeless youth*. Connect session presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 61st Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Schelbe, L., Hayes Piel, M., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Lietz, C. (2015, October). *Comparing and contrasting methodological approaches to qualitative research*. Panel presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 61st Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Obejero, R. C., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2015, May). *Countering the norm, re-authoring our lives: The promise counter-storytelling has for LGBTQ youth*. Paper presented at the Third Annual LGBT Symposium, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Booth, J. M., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2015, January). *Exploring intersectional relationships between experiences of racial and GBT (gay, bisexual, transgender) external and internalized discrimination*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research 18th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Wagaman, M. A., & Segal, E. A. (2015, January). *Promoting empowerment among LGBTQ youth: A social justice youth development approach*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research 18th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Segal, E. A., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2015, January). *Social empathy as a framework to infuse competency in advancement of social and economic justice in social work education*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research 18th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Wagaman, M. A., & Keller, M. F. (2014, October). *What is success? : LGBTQ emerging adults transitioning out of youth services*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 60th Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Booth, J M., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2014, October). *"If she had been more willing to just listen": Developing successful, equitable community-based research partnerships*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 60th Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Paceley, M. S., Craig, S. L., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Gandy, M. E. (2014, October). *Integrating a community-based LGBTQ youth research agenda in social work*. Think tank presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 60th Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Kulick, A., Bohm-Sanchez, I., **Wagaman, M.A.**, Wernick, L., & Graham, L.S. (2014, May). *Youth voices and social change in LGBTQ research: Reflecting on and learning from participatory research approaches*. Panel presented at the Second Annual LGBT Symposium, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Wagaman, M.A., & Bohm-Sanchez, I. (2014, May). *Looking through the magnifying glass: A duoethnographic approach to understanding the value and process of participatory action research*. Paper presented at the Tenth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Wagaman, M. A., & Craig, S. (2014, January). *Bridging the gap for social justice: Strategies for effective research partnerships between community-based youth organizations and academic institutions*. Workshop presented at the 26th National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change, Houston, TX.

Wagaman, M. A. (2014, January). *Participatory action research as a tool for social change: LGBTQ young people impacting their communities*. Paper presented as part of a symposium entitled *Researching Ways to Promote Community Action and Social Change* at the Society for Social Work Research 17th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Becerra, D., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Quijano, L. M., Castillo, J. T., & Valle, L. (2014, January). *The impact of anti-immigration policies on migrant dairy workers*. Paper presented as part of a symposium entitled *Using Research to Promote Social Change Among Latino Communities* at the Society for Social Work Research 17th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Wagaman, M. A. (2013, November). *Enhancing empathy in social work practice: Tools for helping professionals*. Panel presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 59th Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Wagaman, M. A. (2013, November). *An intersectional approach to understanding needs of LGBT young adults*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 59th Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Wagaman, M.A. (2013, May). *Exploring intersections of identity among LGBTQ young adults*. Paper presented at the Ninth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Lindsay, M., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2013, May). *Say it to my face not my Facebook: Online harassment experiences of LGBTQ emerging adults*. Paper presented at the Ninth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Becerra, D., Androff, D. K., Messing, J. T., Castillo, J., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2013, January). *Fear of deportation and perceptions of law enforcement among Latinos in the U.S.* Paper presented as part of a symposium at the Society for Social Work Research's 17th Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Wagaman, M. A., & Geiger, J. M. (2012, November). *The role of empathy in burnout, compassion satisfaction, and secondary traumatic stress among social workers*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 58th Annual Program Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Wagaman, M. A. (2012, May). *Exploring the complexity of social movements and counter-movements: Insights from analysis of the "It Gets Better" campaign*. Paper presented at the Eighth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Wagaman, M. A., Geiger J. M., Segal, E.A., Gerdes, K.E., & Lietz, C.A. (2012, January). *Testing a model for social empathy and social justice: Implications for immigration policy*. Paper presented as part of a symposium at the Society for Social Work Research 16th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Wagaman, M. A. (2011, October). *Social empathy as a framework for adolescent empowerment* as part of a panel presentation "21st Century Conceptualizations of Empathy:

Implications for Social Work Practice and Education". Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education 57th Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2011, May). *Disrupting current social work approaches to LGBTQ youth*. Paper presented at the (Un)Settling Feminisms (Un)conference, Chicago, IL.

Gerdes, K. E., Segal, E. A., Mullins, J. L., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Androff, D. (2011, January). *Social empathy attitudes and Latino culture*. Paper presented as part of a symposium at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

Becerra, D., Androff, D., Cimino, A., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2011, January). *Perceived discrimination and the impact of immigration policies on Latinos in the United States*. Paper presented as part of a symposium at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

Segal, E. A., Mullins, J. L., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Gerdes, K. E. (2010, October). *Infusing social empathy into the social work classroom: Pedagogy to promote social justice*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education 56th Annual Program Meeting, Portland, OR.

Ayers, S., Parsai, M., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Mullins, J. L. (2010, June). *Bullying interventions that work*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research 18th Annual Meeting, as part of the Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup Competition, Denver, CO.

Kulis, S., Brown, E. F., Dustman, P., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2010, April). *Cultural identity of urban American Indian youth: Strengths and resilience*. Poster presented at the Arizona State University, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center 8th Annual Research Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

Wagaman, M. A., & Mullins, J. L. (2010, January). *Using applied hermeneutics within a social work practice framework to achieve successful outcomes in interdisciplinary collaboration*. Paper presented at the Northern Arizona University Intellectual Intersections Conference, Flagstaff, AZ.

Morrow, D., & **Wagaman, A.** (2008, October). *Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender imminent retirees: Prepared for retirement?*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Lyman, S., **Wagaman, A.**, & Green, R. (2008, October). *Paid family caregiving: Benefits and challenges from the care recipient's perspective*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Lyman, S., **Wagaman, A.**, & Busbee, V. (2008, November). *Consumer direction and home care: Paid family caregiving from a consumer perspective*. Poster presented at the 24th National Home and Community Based Services Conference, Boston, MA.

Bremseth, M., **Wagaman, A.**, & Busbee, V. (2008, November). *Reducing loneliness in community long term care*. Poster presented at the 24th National Home and Community Based Services Conference, Boston, MA.

Lyman, S., & **Wagaman, A.** (2007, October). *Strengthening family caregiver support: Recommendations for practice*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Lyman, S., **Wagaman, A.**, & Busbee, V. (2007, November). *Caring for the caregivers: Recommendations for supporting paid family caregivers in HCBS programs*. Paper presented at the 23rd National Home and Community Based Services Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Wagaman, A., Bremseth, M., Shannon-Ramsey, V., & Goulet, D. (2007, November). *Collecting quality assurance data from the HIV/AIDS population in the South: Lessons from South Carolina*. Paper presented at the 23rd National Home and Community Based Services Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Selected Research & Evaluation Experience

Evaluation Consultant for Trans Mentor Project of Sam and Devorah Foundation for Trans Youth, Chatham, NJ, 2021-2024

Evaluation Consultant for St. Joseph's Villa, Homeless Youth Rapid Rehousing Program, Richmond, VA, 2016 - 2017

Evaluation Consultant for Side by Side (formerly ROSMY - Richmond Organization for Sexual Minority Youth), Richmond, VA, 2013 – 2015.

Evaluation Consultant for one n ten, Phoenix, AZ, 2012-2013.

Research Consultant, Teen Health Center of York County, Rock Hill, SC, 2008-2009
Developed strategic plan for county-wide youth needs assessment based on participatory action research principles.

Director of Operations, Winthrop University, Department of Social Work, Center for Social Welfare Research and Assessment, 2007-2009
Dr. Ron Green, Executive Director, CSWRA, and Chair, Department of Social Work

Oversaw the operations of a newly-formed, multi-contract research center that includes such clients as South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Developed and oversaw the implementation of methodology and instrument development for statewide and local research and assessment projects. Organized multi-state conference for dissemination of research findings.

Medicaid Project Coordinator, Winthrop University, Department of Social Work, 2006-2007
Dr. Ron Green, Professor and Chair, Department of Social Work

Developed and maintained relationships with contractor – South Carolina DHHS – in order to achieve goals for research and assessment projects. Coordinated Department of Social Work faculty, staff and students to conduct research and assessment functions.

Funding

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Trust Fund – Homeless Reduction Grant Youth Innovation Project (Co-PI with Dr. Maurice Gattis), Richmond, VA

(\$499,642) – 2024-2025

Project Title: Youth shared housing program implementation and evaluation

VCU School of Social Work, Office of Research Pilot Funds, Richmond, VA

(\$5,000) – 2023-24

Ending Youth & Young Adult Homelessness Research Hack-a-thon – Addressing key challenges in the movement today

In partnership with SSWR Youth & Young Adult Homelessness Special Interest Group (SIG) and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Trust Fund – Homeless Reduction Grant Youth Innovation Project (Co-PI with Dr. Maurice Gattis), Richmond, VA

(\$805,875) – 2023-2024

Project Title: Youth shared housing program implementation and evaluation

VCU School of Social Work, Office of Research Pilot Funds (co-PI with Dr. Jama Shelton at Hunter College), Richmond, VA

(\$10,000) – 2023

Project Title: Transgender and non-binary youth and young adults: A pilot PAR project exploring research and evaluation tools to measure wellbeing

Bob and Anna Lou Schaberg Foundation (Co-PI with Dr. Maurice Gattis), Richmond, VA
(\$56,000) – 2022-2023

Project Title: Providing mental health, doula and parent coaching to participants of the youth shared housing program

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Trust Fund –
Homeless Reduction Grant Youth Innovation Project (Co-PI with Dr. Maurice Gattis),
Richmond, VA

(\$838,014) – 2022-2023

Project Title: Implementing and evaluating a shared housing program model LGBTQ+ youth, pregnant and parenting youth, and youth at the intersection

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Trust Fund –
Homeless Reduction Grant Youth Innovation Project (Co-PI with Dr. Maurice Gattis),
Richmond, VA

(\$69,000) – 2021-2022

Project Title: Designing a shared housing program model for LGBTQ+ youth, pregnant and parenting youth, and youth at the intersection

Community Engaged Research, Health Equity Grant, Virginia Commonwealth University,
Division of Community Engagement (PI), Richmond, VA

(\$12,000) – 2021-2022

Project Title: “*They were supposed to prepare me for that.*”: Exploring factors that impact the housing stability of system-involved youth and young adults in Richmond

Project HOPE, College of William and Mary, (Co-PI, with Dr. Maurice Gattis), Richmond, VA
(\$4,950) – 2020-2021

Project Title: Development of a meaningful youth engagement toolkit

Presidential Research Quest Fund (PERQ), Virginia Commonwealth University, (Co-PI), Joint
project with Dr. Kathryn Howell and Dr. Benjamin Teresa, VCU School of Government &
Public Affairs, Richmond, VA (\$49,000) – 2019-2020

Project Title: Housing Stability from the Ground Up: Youth Empowerment through Eviction
Research

Robins Foundation Community Innovation Grant (Co-PI), Richmond, VA (\$500,000) – 2019-
2021 – Partnership with United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg, Commonwealth
Catholic Charities and Advocates for Richmond Youth

Project Title: Youth Housing Stability Project

Presidential Research Quest Fund (PERQ), Virginia Commonwealth University, (Co-I),
Richmond, VA (\$50,000) – 2018/2019

Project Title: Companion Animals in the Context of LGBTQ+ Youth Wellbeing

Richmond Memorial Health Foundation Grant (Co-PI), Richmond, VA (\$150,000) – 2018 – Partnership with Advocates for Richmond Youth, United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg, Side by Side, Nationz Foundation, and Virginia Anti-Violence Project
Project Title: Addressing Youth Housing Instability and Homelessness in the Richmond Region: Youth Housing Stability Coalition & LGBTQ+ Collaborative

The Community Foundation, Ujima Legacy Fund (PI), Richmond, VA (unfunded) – 2017 – A partnership with Change the World RVA and Advocates for Richmond Youth
Project Title: Peer Navigation & Legal Support for Young People Experiencing Barriers to Housing Stability

United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg Grant (PI), Richmond, VA (\$2,000) – 2016/17
Project Title: Supporting the Financial Stability of Youth Experiencing Housing Instability & Homeless – A Leadership Development Project of Advocates for Richmond Youth

United States Administration for Children and Families (PI), Washington, DC (unfunded) – 2016
Project Title: Building a Service System to Address Youth Homelessness in the Greater Richmond Region

St. Joseph's Villa Grant (PI), Richmond, VA (\$14,500) – 2016
Project Title: Developing a Training for Service Providers on Providing Youth-Affirming Care for Youth Experiencing Homelessness or Unstable Housing

Council on Social Work Education - Council on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (Co-PI) Washington, DC (\$1,600) – 2015/2016
Project Title: LGBTQ+ Student Narrative Study

United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg and The Community Foundation (PI), Richmond, VA (\$5,000) – 2015 – unsolicited grant to fund research-oriented action of the Advocates for Richmond Youth, a participatory action research team
Project Title: Developing a Youth-Driven Youth Count and Needs Assessment to Understand Youth Homelessness in Richmond

St. Joseph's Villa Grant (Funded by the Virginia Nonprofit Housing Coalition) (PI), Richmond, VA (\$10,000) – 2014
Project Title: An Action Research Assessment of Unstably Housed Young People in Richmond

VCU School of Social Work Internal Grant (PI), Virginia Commonwealth University (\$7,500) – 2014-2015

Project Title: Building a Research Agenda Driven by the Needs and Experiences of LGBTQ Youth-Service Organizations

Completion Fellowship, Graduate College, Arizona State University (\$9,500) – Spring 2013
Graduate Research Support Program Grant (PI), Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University (\$2,000) – 2012-2013

JumpStart Research Grant (co-PI), Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University (\$500) – Spring 2012

Teaching Experience

Assistant & Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, 2013-present

BSW Program

SLWK 422 – Social Welfare Legislation and Services

SLWK 431 – Person in Society III: Communities and Organizations

SLWK 332 – Social Work Practice Fundamentals

MSW Program

SLWK 712 – Social Work Planning & Administrative Practice I

SLWK 713 – Social Work Planning & Administrative Practice II

SLWK 755 – Community Organizing in Social Work Practice

SLWK 791 – Racially Just Social Work Practice

Field Education

MSW Field Instructor, SONG (Southerners on New Ground), Summer 2015

MSW Field Instructor, Advocates for Richmond Youth, Summer 2017, 2020-2021, 2021-2022

Faculty Associate, School of Social Work, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, 2011-2012

BSW Program

SWU 320 – Research Methods in Social Work – **on-line**

SWU 411 – Social Work Practice III: Practice with Communities and Organizations

MSW Program

SWG 531 – Social Policy and Services I

SWG 623 – Agency and Community-Based Research

Field Education

Field Liaison, 2010-2012

MSW Field Instructor, one n ten (LGBTQ youth organization), 2010-2013

Teaching Assistant, School of Social Work, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, 2010-2011

BSW Program

SWU 432 – Social Policy and Services - **on-line**

MSW Program

SWG 632 – Social Policy and Services II

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Social Work, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC, 2008

BSW Program

SCWK 433 – Generalist Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities –

Practice Experience

Post MSW

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), Charlotte, NC

Program Director, March-September 2006

Youth Program Director, November 2001-March 2006

United Family Services, Southside Community Building Project, Charlotte, NC

Project Coordinator, July 2000-November 2001

Community Worker, July 1999-June 2000

Post BSW

Community Link, Family Jump Start Program, Charlotte, NC

Case Manager, November 1995-July 1997

Research Reports & Community-Based Dissemination

Wagaman, M.A., Matijczak, A., Hall, C., Shelton, J., & Goldin, K. (2024). Trans Mentor Project: An Evaluation Report. Report for the Sam and Devorah Foundation.

Lee, J., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2023). *“Nowhere to go”: Housing instability among system-involved youth and young adults in Virginia*. Richmond, VA: Report of a study conducted in partnership with Advocates for Richmond Youth.

Wagaman, M.A., Hall, C., Matijczak, A., Shelton, J. (2023). Trans Mentor Project: An Evaluation Report. Report for the Sam and Devorah Foundation.

Burton, J., Gattis, M. N., Kemmerer, A., Martinez, D., Valentine, J., **Wagaman, M. A.**, & Yabar, M. P. (2021). Meaningful youth engagement toolkit. Richmond, VA: Advocates for Richmond Youth.

Youth Empowerment through Eviction Research (2021). Partnership between VCU School of Social Work, VCU Wilder School’s RVA Eviction Lab, Advocates for Richmond Youth, Virginia Community Voice and Six Points Innovation Center. Disseminated via virtual community forum. <https://ar-ar.facebook.com/VCUSSW/videos/youth-empowerment-through-eviction-research-community-forum/871806823605150/>.

Advocates for Richmond Youth (2021). *Permanent connections: Their role in preventing and ending youth homelessness*. Disseminated via virtual community forum. https://vcu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/ARY+Research+Study+on+Permanent+Connections/1_4b83e7wn.

Advocates for Richmond Youth (2019). *In Our Voices!: Exploring the complexity and diversity of youth housing instability in Richmond, Virginia*. Published online in partnership with Dr. Vaughn Garland and the University of Richmond’s WILL* Program. <http://righthereonce.org/audio-map/#in-our-voices-advocates-for-richmond-youth>

Advocates for Richmond Youth (2018). *Youth experiencing homelessness in Richmond area schools: A call to action*. Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2017). *St. Joseph’s Villa Youth Rapid Rehousing Evaluation Report*. Richmond, VA.

Compton, K. S., **Wagaman, M. A.**, Lange, J., & Haynes, T. (2016). *Growing Together to Serve Youth Successfully: An Interactive Training to Address Youth Homelessness & Housing Instability – Service Provider Training & Evaluation Report*. Advocates for Richmond Youth, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A., Obejero, R. C., Keel, R., & Compton, K. S. (2016). *A Report of the Findings from Youth Count 2016*. Advocates for Richmond Youth. Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2015). *A Report of Research Findings on the Experiences of Youth Who Are Homeless or Unstably Housed in Richmond, VA*. Advocates for Richmond Youth. Richmond, VA.

Marsiglia, F., Wolfensteig, W., Ayers, S., **Wagaman, A.**, Booth, J., & Lewis, H. (2010). *St. Luke's Health Initiatives Arizona Health Survey: Adults – Substance Use and Abuse Issues and Disparities in Arizona*. Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center. Arizona State University. Phoenix, AZ.

Marsiglia, F., Wolfensteig, W., Ayers, S., Booth, J., & **Wagaman, A.** (2010). *St. Luke's Health Initiatives Arizona Health Survey: Adults – Mental Health Issues and Disparities in Arizona*. Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center. Arizona State University. Phoenix, AZ.

Wagaman, A., Cagle, B., & Lynn, J. (2009). *Council of Youth Leaders: Youth Needs Assessment Survey Report*. The Center for Social Welfare Research and Assessment. Winthrop University. Rock Hill, SC.

Bremseth, M., & **Wagaman, A.** (2009). *Report of the 2008 Annual Survey of Community Long Term Care Consumer Experience and Satisfaction for the South Carolina DHHS Bureau of Long Term Care and Behavioral Health Services*. The Center for Social Welfare Research and Assessment. Winthrop University. Rock Hill, SC.

Wagaman, A. Shellenberger, K., & Bremseth, M. (2009). *Culture Change in South Carolina Nursing Homes: A Statewide Assessment*. The Center for Social Welfare Research and Assessment. Winthrop University. Rock Hill, SC.

Wagaman, A., Bremseth, M., & Shellenberger, K. (2008). *Report of the Exploratory Study of the Relationships Between Nursing Homes and Hospices in South Carolina for the South Carolina DHHS Bureau of Long Term Care Services*. The Center for Social Welfare Research and Assessment, Winthrop University. Rock Hill, SC.

Morrow, D.F., **Wagaman, A.**, & Bremseth, M. (2008). *Report of the Imminent Retirees Study Project for the South Carolina DHHS Bureau of Long Term Care Services*. The Center for Social Welfare Research and Assessment, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC.

Lyman, S., **Wagaman, A.**, Bremseth, M., & Sexton, H. (2007). *Report of the 2007 Paid Family Caregivers Project for the South Carolina DHHS Bureau of Long Term Care Services*. The Center for Social Welfare Research and Assessment, Winthrop University. Rock Hill, SC.

Bremseth, M., & **Wagaman, A.** (2007). *Report of the Annual Survey of Community Long Term Care Consumer Experience and Satisfaction for the South Carolina DHHS Bureau of Long Term Care Services*. The Center for Social Welfare Research and Assessment, Winthrop University. Rock Hill, SC.

Invited & Non-Refereed Presentations

Wagaman, M.A. (2024, February). *The transformative potential of YPAR: Lessons learned from working with LGBTQ+ youth and youth experiencing homelessness*. Invited lecture presented at the Penn State Child Study Center's Innovation Hub.

Wagaman, M. A., & Williams, N. (2023, November). *Housing instability and mental health: Looking back to look forward*. Invited workshop presented at Rally in the Valley, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M.A. (2023, November). *Community-based research with gender and sexual minority youth*. Invited presentation for the International Network on Queer Youth Resilience's, International Student Training Network, University of Toronto.

Wagaman, M.A. (2023, October). *Challenging the power dynamic: Strategies for youth-led work*. Invited panelist for the Beyond Trauma: Youth Mental Health Summit, Voices for Virginia's Children, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M.A. (2023, October). Invited panelist, VCU Common Book panel discussion.

Wagaman, M.A. (2023, July). Invited speaker. Youth Compensation Town Hall. A Way Home America.

Wagaman, M.A. (2023, March). Invited panelist. Youth Unstoppable documentary screening and discussion. RVA Environmental Film Festival, VCU Sustainability Screening.

Wagaman, M. A. & Blair, D. (2021, November). Panelists at *Research to practice: Housing access for young adults experiencing homelessness*. Presented by the Society for Social Work Research Special Interest Group on Youth and Young Adult Homelessness.

Embe, K., Blair, D., **Wagaman, M A.,** & Vox, V. (2021, November). *Permanent connections: Their role in preventing and ending youth homelessness*. Presented at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference. Norfolk, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2021, October). Keynote. Presented at A Way Home America's State of the Movement to End Youth Homelessness.

Muhammad, N., Haynes, T., Embe, K., Blair, D., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2021, September). *Permanent connections: Their role in preventing and ending youth homelessness*. Presented to Project HOPE Virginia statewide gathering of school liaisons.

Wagaman, M. A. (2021, August). Invited guest speaker, Project HOPE Virginia, College and University Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Network training.

Wagaman, M. A. (2021, April). Panelist for *Fostering truth: A conversation about best practices in working with and engaging youth in foster care who identify as LGBTQ+*. Presented by the VCU School of Social Work Child Welfare Stipend Program.

Wagaman, M. A. (2021, April). Community-based research with sexual and gender minority youth. Webinar presented to the International Student Training Network of the International Network on Queer Youth Resilience (INQYR).

Wagaman, M. A. (2020, February). *Community-based research with LGBTQ+ communities*. Colloquium presented at West Virginia University, Department of Social Work. Morgantown, WV.

Wagaman, M. A. (2020, February). *LGBTQ youth and their vulnerability to sex trafficking*. Presented at the 2nd Annual Medical Symposium on Human Trafficking, VCU Medical Center and ImPACT VA. Richmond, VA.

Williams, E., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2019, November). *Shifting power: Moving from youth engagement to youth ownership in the effort to end youth homelessness*. Presented at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference. Hampton, VA.

Fraser, D., Odera, S., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2019, November). *Centering racial equity in homeless service systems: A toolkit to get started*. Workshop presented at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference. Hampton, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2019, August). *Community-based research with gender and sexual minority youth*. Webinar presented to the International Network on Queer Youth Resilience (INQYR), International Student Training Network.

Fraser, D., Odera, S., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2019, July). *Dialogue as a tool for dismantling organizational racism*. Workshop presented at the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference. Washington, DC.

Fraser, D., Odera, S., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2019, May). *Embracing difficult dialogues as a tool for promoting social justice*. Workshop presented at the VCU School of Social Work, Office of Field Education Field Instructor Appreciation Event. Richmond, VA.

Haynes, T., Thomas, A., **Wagaman, M. A.** (2019, March). *Building a coordinated community response to ending youth homelessness*. Presented at the South Hampton Roads Regional Conference on Ending Homelessness. Norfolk, VA.

Odera, S. G., **Wagaman, M. A.** (2019, February). *Embracing difficult dialogues as a tool for promoting inclusion and social justice*. Workshop presented to James Madison University Social Work Department field instructors, Harrisonburg, VA.

Williams, E. G., Thomas, A., Williams, K., Jones, L., **Wagaman, M. A.** (2019, February). *Working at the intersections of youth homelessness and human trafficking*. Presented at the Human Trafficking Symposium – Impact VA, Richmond, VA.

Haynes, T., Jones, L., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2018, November). Supportive housing for the most vulnerable: Building programs for youth. Presented at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference, Arlington, VA.

Williams, E. G., Thomas, A., Williams, K., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2018, October). *Engaging older youth: A call to action for schools*. Presented at the Virginia Association for Federal Education Program Administrators State Conference, Williamsburg, VA.

Williams, E. G., Thomas, A., Williams, K., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2018, August). *Working with students experiencing homelessness*. A workshop presented to the Richmond Public Schools Social Workers, Richmond, VA.

Williams, K., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2018, July). *Youth Housing Stability Coalition*. Presented to the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care for Homeless Services, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (invited panelist), (2018, July). *Lieutenant Governor's Roundtable on Reducing Evictions*. Peter Paul Development Center, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (invited moderator), Lange, J., & Jacobs, M. (2018, June). *Culturally sensitive, client-centered approaches to housing LGBTQ+ people, including persons living with HIV/AIDS & youth*. Panel presented at Virginia Housing Alliance - Housing Virginia's Most Vulnerable Conference, Richmond, VA.

Barnette, D., Muhammad, N., Lem, D., & **Wagaman, M.A.** (2018, June). *Youth homelessness 101*. Workshop presented at United Methodist Family Services' Project LIFE, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2018, May). *Understanding Youth Homelessness*. Workshop presented to the George Washington Regional Commission Continuum of Care, Fredericksburg, VA.

Lange, J., Horton, A., Thomas, A., Greene, S., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2017, October). *Making lemonade out of lemons: Strategies to address LGBTQ+ youth homelessness in low-resourced communities*. Workshop presented at the True Colors Fund's Forty to None Summit, Philadelphia, PA.

Haynes, T., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2017, June). *Strategies for engaging youth experiencing homelessness*. Workshop presented at Homeward's 11th Annual Regional Conference on Best Practices to Prevent and End Homelessness

Lange, J., Greene, S., Horton, A., Reyes, L., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2016, October). *Lessons from Richmond: How youth are bridging communities*. Workshop presented at the True Colors Fund's Forty to None Summit, Los Angeles, CA.

Wagaman, M. A., Kemmerer, A., & Horton, A. (2015, September). *Transformative program evaluation*. Deeper Dive Roundtable conducted at the True Colors Fund's Forty to None Summit, Houston, TX.

Wagaman, M. A., Terry, D. (Diversity Richmond/TISP), Obejero, R. C. (TISP), Carver, N. (DHCD), & Barker, M. (HOME) (2015, June). *Creating space for us all: How to practice inclusion in a shelter environment*. Workshop presented at the Homeward Best Practices Conference, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2015, May). *Participatory action research*. Methodological workshop presented at the Third Annual LGBT Research Symposium, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Wagaman, M. A., Mitchell, D., & Nzoronka, P. (2014, November). *Housing & homelessness among Virginia foster care youth*. Project LIFE Statewide Youth Conference, United Methodist Family Services, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2014, June). *Qualitative research methods*. Guest lecture, Research Methods (Advanced standing MSW class), Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2014, January). *Online tools for understanding and engaging with the Virginia General Assembly*. Guest lecture, Policy, Community and Organizational Practice II, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2013, October). *Macro social work practice in/with LGBTQ communities*. Guest panelist, Social Work with LGBT Populations, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2013, October). *Qualitative & mixed research methods*. Guest lecture, Research for Administration, Planning and Policy Practice, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

Wagaman, M. A. (2012, December). *Supporting young people as agents of change in the school setting*, GLSEN Phoenix, Facilitator Cadre, Phoenix, AZ.

Wagaman, M. A. (2012, October). *Recognizing and managing personal triggers*, GLSEN Phoenix, Facilitator Cadre, Phoenix, AZ.

Wagaman, M. A. (2012, April). *Serving LGBTQ youth: Key considerations and approaches*. Guest lecture, Advanced Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents course, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ.

Segal, E. A., & **Wagaman, M. A.** (2012, March). *The relationship between empathy and socioeconomic status in family of origin*. School of Public Affairs Colloquium, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ.

Wagaman, A., & Mahon, J. (2011, September). *LGBTQ youth homelessness*. Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center LGBT Webinar Series, Arizona State University. Phoenix, AZ.

Wagaman, A. (2011, August). *Ethical issues and competencies in working with LGBT populations*. Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center LGBT Webinar Series, Arizona State University. Phoenix, AZ.

Wagaman, A., Shellenberger, K., Hyleman, B., Charles, V., & Ceremuga, J. (2008). *Culture change today: A study of South Carolina nursing homes*. South Carolina Alliance for Culture Change Conference. Myrtle Beach, SC.

Wagaman, A., & Shannon-Ramsey, V. (2008). *HIV stigma and barriers to care: Facing the challenge*. South Carolina HIV/STD Conference. Columbia, SC.

Wagaman, A., Shannon-Ramsey, V., Goulet, D., & Phipps, A. (2007). *Annual Survey of Community Long Term Care Consumer Experience and Satisfaction: HIV waiver findings*. South Carolina AIDS Service Organizations, Executive Directors and Case Management Work Group. Columbia, SC.

Service

School

Faculty Council

Leadership team – 2022-2023

RAACE (Radical Alliance for Anti-Racism, Change & Equity), School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2020-present

Co-chair – 2020/2021 academic year

Co-chair – 2021/2022 academic year

Co-chair – 2022/2023 academic year

Queer and Trans Social Workers Student Organization, Advisor, 2022-present

Promotion and Tenure Committee, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2020-2023

Governance and Operations Committee, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2018-2023

Co-chair – 2019/2020 academic year

VCU Social Work Day at the Legislature Planning Team, School of Social Work, 2018, 2020

Black Lives Matter Student-Faculty-Alumni Collective, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2014-2020

Federal Policy Fellows Faculty Advisor, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2015-2018

Curriculum Transformation Steering Committee, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2014-2019

Programs Committee, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2013-2018, 2023-Present

MSW Program Committee, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2013-2020, 2023-Present

Student Representative, MSW PAC (Planning, Administration and Community) Concentration Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work, Arizona State University, 2012-2013

Student Representative, PhD Committee, School of Social Work, Arizona State University, 2010-2011

University

PACME award reviewer, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2022, 2024

Transgender Sensitive Policing Training, coordinator & trainer, VCU Police, 2019-2022

University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2018-2020

LGBTQ Safety Advisory Group, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2015-2019

Campus Climate Index Work Group, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2013-2015

Student Representative (nominated position), University Graduate Council, Arizona State University, 2012-2013 academic year

Peer Grant Reviewer, Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University, 2010-2012

Community

Virginia Housing, Supportive Housing Advisory Board – Appointed Member, Richmond, VA – 2024-present

Advocates for Richmond Youth, Advisory Board – Consultant/Support, Richmond, VA, 2022-present

Virginia Department of Social Services, HB 717 Work Group – Appointed member, Richmond, VA, 2022

Virginia Commission on Youth, Foster Care Workforce Advisory Group – Appointee, Richmond, VA, 2021

Mayor's Homelessness Advisory Council – Appointee, Richmond, VA, 2021

A Way Home America's Grand Challenge Initiative – Lead for Richmond team, Richmond, VA, 2019-2021

Youth Housing Stability Coalition, Coalition co-chair, 2018-2021

Children's Home Society Panel of Experts on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care, Richmond, VA, 2018-2019

Virginia Department of Social Services LGBTQ Advisory Group, Richmond, VA, 2018-2019

Trans Inclusion Shelter Project, Diversity Richmond, VA, 2013-2018

Governor's Coordinating Council on Homelessness, Interagency Partnership to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness, Richmond, VA, 2013-2019

Programs Committee, Side by Side (formerly ROSMY), Richmond, VA, 2013-2015
Volunteer, **one n ten**, 2010-2013

Member, LGBT Consortium (Maricopa County, AZ) – System of Care Workgroup for LGBT Youth & Youth In Transition, 2011-2012

Profession

SSWR Innovation Incubator, Invited mentor, 2024

SSWR Youth & Young Adult Homelessness Special Interest Group, 2023-present

Track co-chair, Research on Social Work Education Track, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), 2018-2020

Member, Council on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression, CSWE, 2014-2020

Planning Committee Member, NASW Virginia Day at the Legislature, 2014-2017

Honors and Awards

Awardee, Best Qualitative Article of 2021, Journal of Social Work Education, 2022

Faculty Awardee, Presidential Award for Community Multicultural Enrichment (PACME) and the Riese-Melton Award, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2021

Awardee (RAACE – Radical Alliance for Anti-Racism, Change and Equity) – Social Justice Award, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2021

Awardee - Peacemaker of the Year, Richmond Peace Education Center, Richmond, VA, 2019

Awardee - 7th Annual Florence W. Vigilante Award for Scholarly Excellence in recognition of the best article published in the *Journal of Teaching in Social Work* – Wagaman, Shelton, & Carter - *Queering the Social Work Classroom*, 2018

Choice Outstanding Academic Title Award for book *Assessing Empathy*, Association of College and Research Libraries, American College Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2018

Honorable Mention - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity & Expression Scholarship Award, Council on Social Work Education, 2016

Awardee (SSW Black Lives Matter Student-Faculty Collective) – Social Justice Award, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2016

Awardee – Social Justice Award, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2014

Honorable Mention – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity & Expression Scholarship Award, Council on Social Work Education, 2013

Awardee – Arizona State University Faculty Emeriti Fellowship, 2012-2013

Awardee - Distinguished Graduate Student, Arizona State University Faculty Women's Association, 2011-2012

Nominee - Arizona State University Graduate and Professional Student Association, Teaching Excellence Award, 2011-2012

Nominee - Arizona State University MLK Servant-Leadership Award, 2011-2012

Awardee - Kettner / Moroney Scholarship (\$500), 2011

Sloboda & Bokoski SPR Cup 2010 – Society for Prevention Research 18th Annual Meeting. "Bullying Interventions that Work"

Alumni Association's Outstanding Graduate for the School of Social Work, Arizona State University, 1999

Professional Memberships

International Network on Queer Youth Resilience, University of Toronto, Canada

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