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EDUCATION

- May 2027 **Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY**
(Expected) PhD in Health Psychology and Clinical Science
Mentor: Jennifer Ford, Ph.D.
- September 2023 **Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY**
MA in Psychology
Mentor: Jennifer Ford, Ph.D.
Thesis: *The interaction of identity status, social support, and post-traumatic growth among AYA cancer survivors: A longitudinal analysis*
- May 2019 **University of Richmond, Richmond, VA**
BA in Psychology and Theatre, Minor in Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies
Cumulative GPA: 3.79, *Magna Cum Laude*
Honors Thesis: *It's written all over your face: Examining the relationship between socioeconomic status and empathic accuracy*
Dean's List: All semesters
Dean's List with Distinction: Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2018

GRANTS

- 2023-2024 **Pre-Pilot Award, Cancer Health Disparities Pilot Research Program**
TUFCCC/HC Regional Comprehensive Cancer Health Disparity Partnership
Funding Organization: National Cancer Institute
Amount Awarded: \$10,000
Award Period: 7/1/23-8/31/24
Title: *Relationships, Intimacy, and Self-Esteem Among Sexual and Gender Minority Cancer Survivors*
Role: Principal Investigator

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

- 2021- Tuition Fellowship (The Graduate Center, City University of New York): \$45,100 (current; cumulative)
2021- Psychology Tithe Fellowship (City University of New York): \$4,134.43 (current; cumulative)
2023 Doctoral Student Research Grant (The Graduate Center, City University of New York): \$1,075
2023 Psychology University Fellowship (The Graduate Center, City University of New York): \$1,000
2022 Psychology Travel Award (The Graduate Center, City University of New York): \$325

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND INTEREST

- Clinical** *Interpersonal relationships; adolescents and young adults; women's health; sexuality and sexual functioning; chronic illness*
- Research** *Psycho-oncology; adolescents and young adults; sexual wellbeing and sexual functioning; women's health*

RESEARCH

Summer 2021- **Hunter College, New York, NY**

Present *Doctoral Student Researcher, Hunter Psycho-Oncology Lab, Department of Psychology*

Supervisor: Jennifer Ford, PhD

- Provide written support for NIH grant submissions (specifically U54 mechanisms), as well as internal CUNY applications
- Supervision of undergraduate honors theses (see “Mentorship”)

07/2023-Present: Relationships, Intimacy, and Self-Esteem Among Sexual and Gender Minority Cancer Survivors (RISE-SGM)

PI: Megan Wirtz, MA

The aim of this study is to understand and examine the interrelationships between sexual functioning, sexual relationships, sexual self-concept, and self-esteem among young adult sexual and gender minority (SGM) cancer survivors.

- Conceptualized qualitative study using a semi-structured interview to assess sexual health among minoritized cancer survivors (n = 30).
- Conducted all semi-structured interviews to ensure interview validity

04/2022-Present: Self-Perception and Intimacy after the Cancer Experience (SPICE)

PI: Megan Wirtz, MA

This study explores the interaction between sexual wellbeing and functioning on self-esteem of young adult cancer survivors via mechanisms such as body image, interpersonal relationships, and sexual health knowledge.

- Conceptualized two-phased study (cognitive interview and data collection) to test a framework of sexual self-esteem via quantitative and qualitative methods
- Conducting semi-structured cognitive interviews (n = 4) to ensure testing accurate framework
- Administering quantitative surveys (n = 200) to test novel sexual self-esteem framework

02/2022-05/2022: Fertility and Maternal Values After Cancer (FAM)

PIs: Zeba Ahmad, Ed.M., MA; Jennifer Ford, PhD

This study explores experiences with oncofertility survivorship care, focused on desire for family-building, culture and acculturation, stigma, and impact of cancer among Black and Latina female young adult cancer survivors.

- Developed a qualitative codebook for future analyses
- Independently applied both inductive and deductive codes for multiple transcripts

07/2021-12/2021: Forecasting Relationships, Thoughts, and Identity for Young Adults (FORTIFY)

PIs: Zeba Ahmad, Ed.M., MA; Jennifer Ford, PhD

This mixed-methods study seeks to investigate how young adult cancer survivors may shape their identity as a “cancer survivor” following cancer, and whether emotions such as shame, pride, embarrassment, or guilt about the aftereffects of cancer affect their functioning in social relationships. Further, it aims to investigate how thoughts and emotions about one’s future (future-oriented thought and emotion) may contribute to feelings of social isolation.

- Trained in developing a qualitative codebook for future analyses
- Independently applied both inductive and deductive codes for multiple transcripts

Summer 2019- **Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA**

Summer 2021 *Clinical Research Coordinator II, Behavioral Medicine Program, Department of Psychiatry*

Supervisors: Conall O’Cleirigh, PhD; Samantha Marquez McKetchnie, MSW

- Managed, conducted, and prepared study visits and research across multiple studies (detailed below)

- Coordinated and submitted multi-site grant proposals to agencies including the NIH (specifically R01, R21, and R34 mechanisms), Harvard University Center for AIDS Research, and American Lung Association
- Created, submitted, and maintained ethics applications, amendments, continuing reviews, and materials for a variety of domestic and international studies
- Conducted and analyzed research to prepare for publication and presentation (see above)
- Navigated all primary studies (see below) through the COVID-19 pandemic

11/2020-07/2021: Development of an Integrated mHealth App-Based Intervention to Support Smoking Cessation in People Living with HIV (NIH 1R21CA261458)

PIs: Bettina Hoepfner, PhD; Conall O’Cleirigh, PhD

The purpose of this study is to develop an integrated mHealth smartphone app-based intervention to support smoking cessation in people living with HIV engaged in HIV clinical care.

Assistant Clinical Research Coordinator

- Trained in conducting screening calls and onboarding procedures for participants engaged in Study 1, aiming to refine a previous version of an mHealth cessation-supportive app
- Trained in conducting semi-structured interview to assess participant engagement with the application
- Refined onboarding procedures and semi-structured interview to better engage with potential participants
- Acted as a consultant for various components of study, including REDCap fixes, payment plan suggestions, and recruitment strategies

5/2020-07/2021: Effectiveness of an Integrated Treatment to Address Smoking Cessation and Anxiety/Depression in People Living with HIV - Supplement (NIH 5R01DA047933-S1)

PIs: Conall O’Cleirigh, PhD; Jasper Smits, PhD; Michael Zvolensky, PhD

This administrative supplement looks to investigate the effects of COVID-19 among people living with HIV who smoke.

Lead Study Clinical Research Coordinator

- Conducted visits for all site participants (N at departure = 10) across up to 5 visits over 2 years
- Coordinated all study start-up, including dried blood spot analyses for COVID testing, across three implementation sites in Massachusetts and Texas
- Created and programmed REDCap databases
- Crafted manual of procedures for remote data collection
- Aided in drafting of grant submission

06/2019-07/2021: Effectiveness of an Integrated Treatment to Address Smoking Cessation and Anxiety/Depression in People Living with HIV (NIH 5R01DA047933)

PIs: Conall O’Cleirigh, PhD; Jasper Smits, PhD; Michael Zvolensky, PhD

Lead Study Clinical Research Coordinator

This study is a randomized controlled trial aiming to test the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of an intervention (QUIT) vs. a time-matched control and a standard (non-active) control, targeting people living with HIV who smoke in Boston, MA and Houston, TX.

- Conducted study visits for all site participants (N at departure = 22) across 14 visits and three different conditions, including assessment administration, medication instruction, and cessation encouragement
- Coordinated study start-up, including implementing the Single IRB process, programming all questionnaires into REDCap, and drafting recruitment materials
- Created and implemented a tool to assess therapist fidelity and competency
- Maintained documentation across three implementation sites, allowing for a streamlined process in a dynamic intervention
- Crafted manual of procedures for both in-person and remote data collection

06/2019-07/2021: The TENDAI Study: Task Shifting to Treat Depression and HIV Medication Nonadherence in Low Resource Settings (NIH 5R01MH114708)

PIs: Conall O’Cleirigh, PhD; Melanie Abas, MD

Site Clinical Research Coordinator

This study is a randomized controlled trial aiming to test the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of an intervention (TENDAI) vs. Enhanced Standard Care, targeting poor ART adherence and depression in participants attending ART clinics in rural Zimbabwe.

- Created systems for efficiently checking, managing, and cleaning data for 262 (and counting) participants across six intervention sessions and four major assessments
- Maintained documentation to provide supplementary ethics board approval
- Equipped team members with secure technology, to allow for transmission of data across sites

06/2019-07/2021: Pre-Award Grant Administration

Multiple PIs, including: Lara Traeger, PhD; Christina Psaros, PhD; Amelia Stanton, PhD
Co-Lead Pre-Award Grant Administrator, Behavioral Medicine Program

- Prepared administrative sections and submit grants, including prime applications, subawards, and supplements to funding agencies (National Institutes of Health, American Lung Association, and Harvard Center for AIDS Research)
- Educated all investigators in the Behavioral Medicine Program in grant application requirements and timelines, creating open communication between PIs and administrators
- Trained incoming Clinical Research Coordinators in grant administration to ensure a smooth transition

CLINICAL

Summer 2024- **Mount Sinai Health System**
Psychology Extern, Dubin Breast Center
Supervisor: Mary Minges, PhD

Spring 2024- **University of Rochester Cancer Center, Rochester, NY**
CBT-I Interventionist, NCI Community Oncology Research Program
PI: Oxana Palesh, PhD, MPH

- Provide a manualized, CBT-based brief behavioral therapy for cancer patients with insomnia
- Trained in CBT-I basics and principles
- Gathered additional oncology knowledge about the impact of cancer on sleep
- Services provided: Individual therapy, intake interviews, booster phone calls

Summer 2023- **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY**
Summer 2024 *Neuropsychology Extern, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*
Supervisors: Elizabeth Ryan, PhD; James Root, PhD

- Provided in-person and telehealth neurocognitive assessments to cancer patients and survivors
- Drafted all assessment reports to facilitate treatment planning
- Assisted in feedback sessions to provide resources and recommendations for all patients
- Services provided: Neuropsychological assessments, written neuropsychological reports

Fall 2022- **Hunter College, New York, NY**
Spring 2023 *Psychology Extern, Counseling and Wellness Services*
Supervisor: Sheila Brosnahan, PhD

- Provided time-limited counseling (up to 10 sessions) to Hunter College undergraduate and graduate students
- Integrated assessments (CCAPS-62 and CCAPS-34) to inform treatment planning
- Trained in and implemented risk assessments for students with suicidal ideation, violent ideation, and NSSI
- Services provided: Individual therapy, intake interviews, risk assessments

Summer 2019- **Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA**
Summer 2021 *Clinical Research Coordinator II, Behavioral Medicine Program, Department of Psychiatry*
Supervisors: Conall O’Cleirigh, PhD; Samantha Marquez McKetchnie, MSW; Allison Labbe, PhD

- Created handouts, homework, and flipbooks based on CBT principles to better engage participants in the therapeutic process

- Trained in basic principles of motivational interviewing and risk assessment to encourage therapeutic retention and crisis management
- Supervised in interactions with participants with complex trauma histories and emotional dysregulation
- Assisted in questionnaire administration for low-literacy participants

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENTS

Cognitive:

Auditory Consonant Trigrams
 Brief Visuospatial Memory Test-Revised
 California Verbal Learning Test-II
 Category Fluency Test-Animals
 Color Trails Test; Comprehensive Trail-Making Test
 Connors Continuous Performance Test-3
 Delis-Kaplan Executive Function System
 F-A-S Test of Phonemic Fluency
 Modified Wisconsin Card Sorting Task
 Neuropsychological Assessment Battery Naming Test
 Neuropsychological Assessment Battery Judgement Test
 Rey-Osterrieth Complex Figure
 Repeatable Battery for the Assessment of Neuropsychological Status
 Test of Memory Malinger
 Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-IV
 Wechsler Memory Scale-IV
 Wechsler Test of Premorbid Functioning
 Wide Range Achievement Test-4

Clinical:

Beck Depression Inventory-Fast Screen for Medical Patients
 Generalized Anxiety Disorder-7
 Structured Clinical Interview for the DSM-5

Personality:

Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-3
 Personality Assessment Inventory
 Rohrsach Test (Exner)

TEACHING

Fall 2023- Fall 2024	Hunter College, New York, NY <i>Instructor, Psychology of Human Sexuality</i>
Spring 2023	<i>Teaching Assistant, Psychology of Human Sexuality (Instructor: Madalyn Liautaud)</i> <i>Teaching Assistant, Psychology of Human Sexuality (Instructor: Hunter Kincaid)</i>
Fall 2022	<i>Teaching Assistant, Abnormal Psychology (Instructor: Abigail Findley)</i> <i>Teaching Assistant, Psychology of Human Sexuality (Instructor: K. Marie Sizemore)</i>

RELEVANT TRAININGS

2022	SCID-5 Training Workshop; 8-hour workshop, Evelyn Behar, PhD, & SCID Training Videos
2021	Introduction to Python; 4-hour course series, Mass General Brigham
2020	Conducting Virtual Clinical Research Visits; 4-hours, Mass General Brigham
2020	Applied Biostatistics for Clinical Trials; 6-hour course series, MGH
2020	Basic Biostatistics for Clinical Research; 8-hour course series, MGH

2019 Qualitative Coding; *1-hour, MGH*
2019 Proposal Submissions in Insight 4.0 (internal grant submission system); *4-hour course, Partners HealthCare*
2019 ASSIST Proposal Submission System (NIH grant submission system); *4-hour course, Partners HealthCare*
2019 Introduction to Pre-award; *8-hour course, Partners HealthCare*

SERVICE

National

Summer 2022- Campus Representative, Society for Health Psychology (APA Division 38)
Summer 2023

Regional

Fall 2023- Chair, Big Apple Health Psychology Colloquium Leadership Committee
Spring 2024

Fall 2022- Relations Chair, Big Apple Health Psychology Colloquium Leadership Committee
Spring 2023

Spring 2022- Member, Big Apple Health Psychology Colloquium Leadership Committee
Summer 2022

Mentorship

Hunter Psycho-Oncology Lab Honors Students

Spring 2023 R. Ariel Trevett
Spring 2022 Tishmattie Gopal
Spring 2022 Zobaida Maria

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Ad hoc reviewer

Journal of Advanced Nursing
Psycho-Oncology

Ad hoc reviewer (mentored)

Annals of Behavioral Medicine
BMC Cancer
JAMA Network Open
Journal of Clinical Oncology
Pediatric Blood & Cancer

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Wirtz, M. R.**, Stanton, A. M., Manohar, R., Labbe, A. K., Zvolensky, M. J., Smits, J. A. J., Hoepfner, B., & O’Cleirigh, C. (2023). The relationship between nicotine dependence and cessation methods: Implications for smoking cessation among people with HIV. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, *84*(5), 772-780. <https://doi.org/10.15288/jsad.22-00318>
2. **Wirtz, M. R.**, Ahmad, Z., & Ford, J. S. (2023). "What if I die and no one had ever romantically loved me?": Sexual wellbeing in a sample of YA cancer survivors. *Journal of Cancer Survivorship*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11764-023-01360-x>
3. Benedict, C., Shaffer, K. M., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Ford, J. S., & Reese, J. B. (2022). Current considerations in interventions to address sexual function and improve care for women with cancer. *Current Sexual Health Reports*, *14*(4), 222-230. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11930-022-00343-w>

4. Sullivan, M. C., **Wirtz, M. R.**, McKetchnie, S. M., Hart, T., Fitch, C. J., Lazkani, S., Boroughs, M., & O’Cleirigh, C. (2022). The impact of depression and post-traumatic stress symptoms on physical health perceptions and functional impairment among sexual minority men living with HIV with histories of trauma. *AIDS Care*, 34(10), 1288-1296. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09540121.2021.1967852>
5. Stanton, A. M., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Perlson, J. E., & Batchelder, A. W. (2022). “It’s how we get to enjoy each other”: Substance use, connectedness, and sexual activity among men who have sex with men who are living with HIV. *BMC Public Health*, 22, 425. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-022-12778-w>
6. Garey, L., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Labbe, A. K., Zvolensky, M., Smits, J. A. J., Giordano, T. P., Rosenfield, D., Robbins, G. K., Levy, D., McKetchnie, S. M., Bell, T., & O’Cleirigh, C. (2021). Evaluation of an integrated treatment to address smoking cessation and anxiety/depression among people living with HIV: Study protocol for a randomized controlled trial. *Contemporary Clinical Trials*, 106, 106420. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cct.2021.106420>
7. Batchelder, A. W., Foley, J., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Mayer, K., & O’Cleirigh, C. (2021). Substance use stigma, avoidance coping, and missed HIV appointments among MSM who use substances. *AIDS and Behavior*, 25, 1454-1463. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-020-02982-3>
8. Stanton, A. M., Lee, J. S., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Andersen, L. S., Joska, J., Safren, S. A., van Zyl-Smit, R., & O’Cleirigh, C. (2021). Tobacco use and health-related quality of life among individuals receiving treatment for HIV in Cape Town, South Africa. *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 28, 417-430. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12529-020-09951-z>

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Wirtz, M. R.** (2020). Citizens or heroes: The fall – and rise – of heroic martyrdom. In S. T. Allison (Ed.), *Core concepts in heroism science* (vol. 2, pp. 134-147). Palsgrove.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. **Wirtz, M. R.**, Revenson, T. A., Ford, J. S., & Karas, A. N. (revise & resubmit). Effective interventions for idiopathic chronic pelvic pain: A systematic review.
2. Sullivan, M. C., **Wirtz, M. R.**, McKetchnie, S. M., Gulbicki, L. R., Taylor, S. W., Jampel, J. D., Banerjee, N., & O’Cleirigh, C. (under review). Neurocognitive impairment and HIV treatment engagement in men who have sex with men living with HIV who report chronic pain and substance use.
3. Barnett, M., Conway, F., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Dugad, S., & Ford, J. S. (under review). To disclose or not to disclose: Cancer-related self-disclosure among adolescent and young adult cancer survivors.
4. Hotchkiss, M., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Ciniglio, A., Miron, C. D., & Ford, J. S. (under review). Cancer-peer connection in the young adult cancer context: Relocating cancer support to community settings.
5. Fertig, M. R., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Stanton, A. M., & Ford, J. S. (under review). Patterns of diet and physical activity among adolescent survivors of childhood cancer: implications for the development of chronic health conditions.

ORAL & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Symposia and Oral Presentations:

1. **Wirtz, M. R.**, Miron, C. D., Whalen-Kipp, O., & Ford, J. S. (2024, February). *Sexual self-esteem in two samples of adolescent and young adult cancer survivors: A qualitative investigation*. [Discussed e-poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Women’s Sexual Health, Long Beach, CA.

2. **Wirtz, M. R.**, Karas, A. N., Ford, J. S., & Revenson, T. A. (2023, April). *Effective interventions for idiopathic chronic pelvic pain: A systematic review*. [Paper presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Phoenix, AZ.
3. Stanton, A. M., **Wirtz, M. R.**, O’Cleirigh, C., & Batchelder, A. W. (2021, November). *Exploring the intimacy and relationship benefits of substance use in the context of sexual activity among men who have sex with men and are living with HIV: A qualitative analysis*. In G. Berlin (Chair), *Drivers of substance use among populations of sexual minority men and women: Social determinants of substance use disparities and indications for culturally informed practice* [Symposium]. Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Virtual.

Poster Presentations:

*Denotes mentored author/presenter

1. **Wirtz, M. R.**, Miron, C. D., & Ford, J. S. (2024, March). *Psychometric analysis of common measurements used in AYA survivorship studies*. [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.
2. Miron, C. D., **Wirtz, M. R.**, & Ford, J.S. (2024, March). “A lot of friendships were tested”: *A qualitative exploration of changing dynamics between AYA cancer patients and their peers*. Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.
3. **Wirtz, M. R.**, Ahmad, Z. N., Kaziyev, D., & Ford, J. S. (2023, April). *"What if I die and no one had ever romantically loved me?": Sexuality and dating among a sample of AYA cancer survivors*. [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Phoenix, AZ.
4. *Fertig, M., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Stanton, A. M., & Ford, J. S. *Patterns of diet and physical activity in adolescent cancer survivors*. (2023, April). Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Phoenix, AZ.
5. **Wirtz, M. R.** & Ford, J. S. (2022, November). *Examining the effect of depression on the relationship between health behaviors and body image among childhood cancer survivors*. [Poster presentation]. Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.
6. Hotchkiss, M., *Ciniglio, A., Maria, Z., Ahmad, Z., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Ford, J. S. (2022, November). *Cancer-peer connection in the young adult cancer context: Relocating cancer support to community settings*. [Poster presentation]. Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.
7. **Wirtz, M. R.** & Ford, J. S. (2022, September-October). *The association between social support and posttraumatic growth with identity status among adolescent and young adult cancer survivors*. [Poster presentation]. Annual Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology, Barcelona, Spain.
8. *Maria, Z., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Hotchkiss, M. E., Ahmad, Z. N., & Ford, J. S. (2022, May). *The relationship between medical mistrust and compliancy with follow-up care in Black and Latinx breast cancer survivors*. [Poster presentation]. Annual Conference of the Synergistic Partnership for Enhancing Equity in Cancer Health, Virtual.
9. **Wirtz, M. R.**, Stanton, A. M., McKetchnie, S. M., Labbe, A. K., Zvolensky, M. J., Smits, J. A. J., & O’Cleirigh, C. (2022, April). *The impact of race, age, and sexual orientation on the relationship between nicotine dependence and selection of quit method*. [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
10. Ahmad, Z., Hotchkiss, M., Tzani, D., **Wirtz, M. R.**, & Ford, J. S. (2022, April). *Oncofertility experiences among young adult female Latina and African-American cancer survivors*. [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Baltimore, MD.

11. Hotchkiss, M., Ahmad, Z., Maria, Z., Ray, E., **Wirtz, M. R.**, & Ford, J. S. (2022, April). *Targeted social media recruitment as a method of sample diversification*. [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
12. **Wirtz, M. R.**, McKetchnie, S. M., Kirakosian, N., Labbe, A. K., Zvolensky, M. J., Smits, J. A. J., & O’Cleirigh, C. (2021, November). *The role of nicotine dependence in the selection of quit attempt method*. [Poster presentation]. Behavioral Medicine & Integrated Primary Care SIG at the Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Virtual.
13. Kirakosian, N., Stanton, A. M., **Wirtz, M. R.**, McKetchnie, S. M., Boroughs, M. S., Safren, S. A., Ironson, G., O’Cleirigh, C. (2021, November). *Factors associated with HIV risk perception among men with histories of childhood sexual abuse who have sex with men*. [Poster presentation]. Behavioral Medicine & Integrated Primary Care SIG at the Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Virtual.
14. **Wirtz, M. R.**, McKetchnie, S. M., Hart, T. A., Lazkani, S., Boroughs, M., Fitch, C., Sullivan, M., & O’Cleirigh, C. (2020, November). *The association between posttraumatic cognitions and depression on physical health among sexual minority men living with HIV and histories of trauma who are poorly engaged in HIV care* [Poster presentation]. Anxiety Disorders SIG at the Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Virtual.
15. Stanton, A. M., Lee, J. S., Andersen, L. S., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Joska, J. A., Safren, S. A., & O’Cleirigh, C. (2020, November). *Health-related quality of life, condomless sex, and sexual desire in people living with HIV in Cape Town, South Africa* [Poster presentation]. International Association of Providers of AIDS Care, Virtual.
16. Stanton, A. M., Lee, J. S., **Wirtz, M. R.**, Andersen, L. S., Joska, J. A., Safren, S. A., van Zyl-Smit, R., & O’Cleirigh, C. (2020, July). *Tobacco use and health-related quality of life among individuals with depression who are receiving treatment for HIV in Cape Town, South Africa* [Poster presentation]. International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2020: Virtual), Virtual.
17. **Wirtz, M. R.**, Leonhardt, S., & Lundberg, K. B. (2019, May). *Further examining the relationship between social class and empathic accuracy* [Poster presentation]. Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.
18. **Wirtz, M. R.** & Lundberg, K. B. (2019, April). *It’s written all over your face: Examining the relationship between socioeconomic status and empathic accuracy* [Poster presentation]. University of Richmond Student Symposium, Richmond, VA.
19. **Wirtz, M. R.**, Siddiqui, S., & Lundberg, K. B. (2018, March). *Who rides the emotional roller coaster?: Examining emotion variability as a link between socioeconomic status and well-being* [Poster presentation]. Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
20. Siddiqui, S., **Wirtz, M. R.**, & Lundberg, K. B. (2018, March). *Finding friends (and foes): Do lower-status individuals show greater sensitivity to social cues?* [Poster presentation]. Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
21. Levan, A. J., Newman, J., Hills, G., Schaberg, T., **Wirtz, M. R.**, & Gioia, G. A. (2018, February). *Working memory functioning following pediatric concussion* [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Washington, DC.

AFFILIATIONS

2021-	American Psychological Association
2022-	American Psychological Association: Division 38 (Society for Health Psychology)
2020-	Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies
2019-2022	Association for Psychological Science
2024-	International Society for Sexual Medicine
2024-	International Society for the Study of Women’s Sexual Health
2021-	Society of Behavioral Medicine

SKILLS

Technical: SPSS, REDCap, Qualtrics, MTurk/TurkPrime, Excel, Insight 4.0, Zotero, Epic EMR, ASSIST, Dedoose, Titanium EMR

Lab & Clinical: CoVita Smokerlyzer, NicAlert & NicConfirm cotinine tests, Dried blood spot COVID tests