

# ASHTON POTTER WRIGHT

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## EDUCATION

**University of Kentucky, College of Public Health, Lexington, KY**  
*Doctor of Public Health, Health Behavior* December 2013

**Georgia State University, Institute of Public Health, Atlanta, GA**  
*Master of Public Health, Epidemiology* December 2010

**Rhodes College, Memphis, TN**  
*Bachelor of Science*, May 2007 (Biology major, Spanish minor)

**Estudio Sampere, Salamanca and El Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain**  
*Study Abroad Program in Spanish Language*, May 2004

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, Mayor's Office**  
Lexington, KY

*Local Food Coordinator*, June 2014-present

Coordinate Bluegrass Farm to Table program. Collaborate with Mayor's staff, Advisory Board, policy makers, food producers, aggregators, processors, distributors, consumers, and other interested stakeholders to find creative and sustainable strategies to add to farm income for local food producers and to improve access to healthy, local food in the Bluegrass Region. Connect local farmers with appropriate market channels. Assist restaurants, schools, universities, hospitals, distributors, and institutions source local food products. Support programs intended to increase access to and affordability of local food products. Collaborate on research initiatives intended to better understand the local food system.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Obesity Prevention and Control Branch**  
Atlanta, GA

*Fellow*, October 2013-May 2014

Collaborated with internal staff, federal partners, and private sector partners in operationalizing First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Child Care (LMCC) initiative to support early care and education (ECE) programs in achieving standards and adopting practices that support healthy development and obesity prevention among children zero to five. Provided training on implementation of LMCC best practices for obesity prevention. Provided technical assistance on obesity prevention in the ECE setting and assisted with building state and community capacity to design, implement, and evaluate obesity prevention interventions grounded in systems-level change strategies.

**University of Kentucky, College of Public Health**

Lexington, KY

*Research Assistant*, May 2011-October 2013

Assisted Professor with research activities for a National Institutes of Health grant examining the acceptability and feasibility of implementing farm-to-school programs in rural Kentucky communities. Assisted Professor and Chair of the Tweens Nutrition and Fitness Coalition with community-based prevention marketing research and Better Bites and Good Neighbor Store program implementation aimed at improving healthy food access in Lexington, Kentucky.

**Lexington Fayette County Health Department**

Lexington, KY

*Practicum Student*, January 2012-May 2012

Synthesized community health indicator data, community needs assessment data, and focus group data to draft a community health improvement plan (CHIP) for Fayette County. Assisted with document review and preparation for health department accreditation through the national Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

**University of Kentucky, College of Public Health**

Lexington, KY

*Teacher's Assistant*, August 2011-December 2012

Assisted Professor with course planning, instruction, and grading for undergraduate public health course titled Introduction to Public Health. Course offered during the fall and spring semesters.

**University of Kentucky, College of Nursing, Radon Policy and Research Program**

Lexington, KY

*Research Assistant*, January 2011-August 2011

Coordinated a research study supported by the Indoor Radon Project, the Kentucky Radon Program, and the Environmental Protection Agency in Boyle County, Kentucky. Assisted with other research projects involving the synergistic effects of radon and secondhand smoke.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Enteric Diseases Epidemiology Branch**

Atlanta, GA

*Lead Technical Research Assistant*, August 2008-October 2010

Coordinated and participated in an international collaboration of foodborne epidemiologists. Managed international collaboration website and listserv. Participated in the World Health Organization's Global Foodborne Infections Network. Supported Senior Branch Leadership in preparing for and organizing meetings. Conducted data analysis and executed special projects for Branch Leadership. Served as liaison between all Branch Technical Research Assistants and Branch Leadership. Managed Branch publications database. Assisted with foodborne outbreak investigations.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet) Team**

Atlanta, GA

*Technical Research Assistant*, July 2007-July 2008

Prepared and organized agendas and materials for monthly update and steering committee meetings. Planned and coordinated annual meetings (domestic and abroad). Managed international listserv of foodborne epidemiologists. Managed drafting and publication of quarterly newsletter. Reviewed and edited website content. Communicated with state and federal

partners to maintain accurate contact and working group lists. Assisted with special studies and data entry. Assisted with foodborne outbreak investigations.

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Integrated Foodborne Disease Surveillance (World Health Organization's Global Foodborne Infections Network Level V) and Burden of Illness Workshop

*Christ Church, Barbados, November 2009*

Coordinated and facilitated a workshop for 50 microbiologists and epidemiologists from 14 Caribbean countries.

6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Collaboration on Enteric Disease Burden of Illness Studies Meeting and 15<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Campylobacter, Helicobacter, and Related Organisms (CHRO)

*Tokyo and Niigata, Japan, September 2009*

Coordinated and participated in a meeting of 40 international epidemiologists and attended the CHRO Workshop.

5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Collaboration on Enteric Disease Burden of Illness Studies Meeting and Food Micro Conference

*Aberdeen, Scotland, September 2008*

Planned and facilitated a meeting for 30 international epidemiologists and attended the adjoining Food Micro Conference.

## PUBLICATIONS

Mayer AB, Lefebvre RC, McDermott RJ, Bryant CA, Courtney AH, Lindenberger JH, Swanson MA, Panzera AD, Khaliq M, Biroscak BJ, Wright AP. (2014). Case study: a social marketing approach for increasing community coalitions' adoption of evidence-based policy. In L Brennan, W Binney, L Parker, T Aleti, & D Nguyen (Eds), *Social marketing and behaviour change: Models, theory and applications* (pp. 317-337). Northampton: Edward Elgar.

Schneider T, Panzera AD, Bryant CA, McDermott RJ, Mayer AB, Khaliq M, Lindenberger J, Courtney AH, Swanson MA, Wright AP, Hovmand PS. (2014). Applying Systems Science to Evaluation a Community-Based Social Marketing Innovation: A Case Study. *Social Marketing Quarterly* 20(4): 247-267.

Kim S, Moore LV, Galuska D, Wright AP, Harris D, Grummer-Strawn LM, Merlo CL, Nihiser AJ, Rhodes DG. (2014). Vital Signs: Fruit and Vegetable Intake Among Children—United States, 2003-2010. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 63(31): 671-676.

Hahn EJ, Rayens MK, Kerckmar SE, Adkins SM, Wright AP, Robertson HE, Rinker, G. (2014). Dual home screening and tailored environmental feedback to reduce radon and secondhand smoke: An exploratory study. *J Environ Health* 76(6): 156-61.

Wright AP, Gould LH, Mahon B, Sotir MJ, Tauxe RV. Overview of the Impact of Investigations of Foodborne and Other Enteric Disease Outbreaks, 1946-2005. (2011). *American Journal of Epidemiology* 174: S23-S35.

## **GRANT AWARDS**

United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive grant recipient, 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

Public Health Epidemiology and Laboratory Research Award, *Salmonella* Saintpaul Investigation Team 2008

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Journal of School Health  
*Peer Reviewer*, February 2012-June 2014

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### **Bluegrass Harvest Advisory Committee**

Lexington, KY  
January 2016-present

### **Fayette County Extension Council**

Lexington, KY  
February 2015-present

### **Fayette County Farm to School Coalition**

Lexington, KY  
February 2013-present

### **Tweens Nutrition and Fitness Coalition**

Lexington, KY  
*Board of Directors*, August 2013-Present  
*President*, March 2014-Present

### **University of Kentucky, President's Sustainability Advisory Committee**

*Committee Member*, June 2014-present

### **University of Kentucky, Food Connection Advisory Board**

Lexington, KY  
*Board Member*, July 2014-present