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Education

- Ph.D. 2013 Pennsylvania State University, Special Education
Dissertation Title: Knowledge, Communication, and Advocacy of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Parents at Individualized Education Program Meetings
Dissertation Advisor: Professor David McNaughton
- U.S. Department of Education, Teacher PREP Grant Fellowship for Research and Scholarship, 2010-2013
- J.D. 2006 University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School
Advanced Opportunity Fellowship for Minority Law Students, American Bar Association, 2003-2006
- B.A. 2003 Centenary College, *magna cum laude*, Political Science
Outstanding Political Science Undergraduate Student Award

Professional Positions

- 2016- **Assistant Professor**, New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
- Department of Teaching and Learning, Special Education Program.
- 2013-2016 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, New York University, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
- Areas of research include parental involvement in the special education accommodations process, disproportionate representation of minority students in special education placement, and education law and policy.
- 2006-2008 **Staff Attorney**, Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee
Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

Represented low-income individuals/families residing in the Greater Cleveland and Greater Milwaukee areas.

Publications

- Bon, S., Decker, J., & **Strassfeld, N.M.** (2016). Special education voucher programs, value-neutral perspectives, and future legislative recommendations. *Peabody Journal of Education: Issues of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations*, XX(X), X-X. doi: 10.1080/0161956X.2016.1207444
- Eckes, S., Butler, A., & **Wilson, N.M.** (2015). *Brown v. Board of Education's 60th anniversary: Still no cause for a celebration.* *West's Education Law Reporter*, 311(1), 1-18.

Morgan, P., Cook, M., **Strassfeld, N.M.**, Farkas, G., Hillemeier, M.M., & Schussler, D.L. Are minority children over- or under-represented in special education? A synthesis of evidence from studies using covariate adjustment. Accepted and pending publication at *Exceptional Children*.

Wilson, N.M. (2015). Question-asking and advocacy by African-American parents at Individualized Education Program meetings: A social and cultural capital perspective. *Multiple Voices for Ethnically Diverse Exceptional Learners*, 15(2), 36-49.

Wilson, N.M., & Strassfeld, R.N. (2015). Turnaround in reverse: *Brown*, School Improvement Grants, and the legacy of educational opportunity. *Cleveland State Law Review*, 63(2), 373-396.

Submitted Manuscripts and Working Papers

Wilson, N.M., & Blustein, J. Achieving parental involvement under IDEA: Parent Training and Information Centers and support via decision aids. To be submitted to *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*.

Wilson, N.M. Choice, waivers, and consent in special education voucher programs: Policy implications for parents. To be submitted to *Educational Researcher*.

Courses Taught

Poverty, Inequality, and Policy, NYU Wagner, Fall 2015 and January-Term 2015

Education and Law for the Policymaker, NYU Wagner, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, and Spring 2014

Education of Students with Disabilities in Middle Childhood and Adolescent Settings, NYU Steinhardt, Spring 2015 (Co-Instructor with Audrey Trainor)

Working with Families and Professionals in Special Education, Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2013 and Spring 2012

Introduction to Special Education, Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2010 (selected sections)

Practicum Supervision

Experience with an Integrated Inclusion Classroom, Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2011
Supervised undergraduate pre-service teaching activities done in integrated general classrooms with activities in assessment, diagnosis, and direct intervention with students with disabilities.

Experience with Exceptional Children, Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2010
Supervised undergraduate pre-service teaching activities done with students with disabilities in a variety of settings (including pre-K placements, K-12 schools, and vocational settings).

Grants and Fellowships

- Summer Research Grant, New York University (2014) \$2,500 (total)
- New York University Postdoctoral and Transition Program for Academic Diversity Fellowship (2013-2016) \$180,000 (total)
- U.S. Department of Education, Teacher PREP Grant Fellowship for Research and Scholarship (2010-2013) \$60,000 (total)
- Advanced Opportunity Fellowship for Minority Law Students, American Bar Association (one of five U.S. recipients in 2003 cohort) (2003-2006) \$15,000 (total)

Conference Presentations, Faculty Talks, and Webinars

- Strassfeld, N.M. (2016, October). Desegregation panel in the “*In honor of Fred Gray: Making civil rights law from Rosa Parks to the twenty-first century*” symposium. Paper session to be presented at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, OH.
- Wilson, N.M., Bon, S., & Decker, J. (2016, April). *The impact of special education voucher program legislation on administrators and teachers*. Paper session presented at the Council for Exceptional Children conference, St. Louis, MO.
- Wilson, N.M. (2015, November). *Achieving parental involvement under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: Do federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers provide support to families and school districts?* Paper session presented at the Education Law Association conference, Cleveland, OH.
- Wilson, N.M. (2014, October). *Achieving parental involvement under IDEA: Parent Training and Information Centers and support via decision aids*. Faculty presentation at University of Miami, School of Education & Human Development, Department of Teaching and Learning, Miami, FL.
- Wilson, N.M., & Strassfeld, R.N. (2014, October). *Turnaround in reverse: Brown, School Improvement Grants, and the legacy of educational opportunity*. Paper session presented at “60 years after *Brown*: Examining segregation and re-segregation in America’s school systems,” co-sponsored by Cleveland-Marshall School of Law and the Education Law Association, Cleveland, OH.
- Wilson, N.M. (2014, June). *Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse parental involvement in the Common Core era*. Paper session presented at the New York University, Metro Center—Technical Assistance Center on Disproportionality conference, New York, NY.
- Wilson, N.M. (2014, March). *Teacher preparation pathways and teacher labor market outcomes*. Panel discussant at the Association for Education Finance and Policy conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Wilson, N.M., Morgan, P., & Cook, M. (2014, March). *Analysis of disproportionate representation in special education and use of covariates: A review of large-sample*

studies. Poster session presented at the Association for Education Finance and Policy conference, San Antonio, TX.

Wilson, N.M. (2013, February). *The current impact of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*. Webinar presentation offered to members and non-members of the Education Law Association.

Wilson, N.M. (2012, November). *Increasing parental involvement in the IDEA process: Mandated involvement and legal implications for school administrators*. Paper session presented at the Education Law Association conference, Hilton Head, SC.

Wilson, N.M. (2012, April). *Increasing family participation using strategy instruction for in-service teachers and families: LAFF don't CRY + Mini-Conferencing: A preliminary proposal for study*. Poster session presented at the Behavioral Analysis Research Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

Wilson, N.M. (2011, November). *The contextual factors of bullying and victimization roles of students with disabilities*. Poster session presented at the Education Law Association conference, Chicago, IL.

Farmer, T.W., Hall, C., Norwalk, K., & Wilson, N.M. (2010, April). *Social networks and peer affiliations of students with disabilities*. Poster session presented at the Social Networking Symposium, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

Faculty Service

- Faculty Sponsor, Wagner Black Students Association (2015-2016)
- Master's Thesis Advisor, NYU Wagner (2015-2016)
- Undergraduate Honors Program Faculty Advisor, NYU Steinhardt (2015-2016)
- Featured Presenter, NYU Wagner Student Retreat (2014)
- Featured Presenter, NYU Education Law and Policy Society, NYU School of Law (2014)

Editorial Work

- Submissions Reviewer, *Remedial and Special Education* (2015-)
- Submissions Reviewer, *Peabody Journal of Education: Issues of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations* (2015)
- Submissions Reviewer, *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders* (2012-13)
- Student Submissions Editor, *Wisconsin Women's Law Journal* (2004-05)

Professional Associations/Memberships

- Council for Exceptional Children (Member)
- Council for Exceptional Children, Division for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners (Member)
- Education Law Association (Member; Conference Planning Committee Member: 2014-2015; Panel Moderator: 2013; Conference Presenter: 2011, 2012)
- State of Ohio and State of Wisconsin, Bar Admissions to Practice Law