

# Uwe Wernekinck, PhD, MSc, MSW, LSW

## Curriculum Vitae

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Nationwide Children's Hospital  
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## EDUCATION

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| 8/2018-05/2024 | <b>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Social Work</b><br>The Ohio State University, College of Social Work       |
| 8/2018-5/2020  | <b>Master of Social Work (MSW)</b><br>The Ohio State University, College of Social Work                   |
| 10/2012-9/2014 | <b>Master of Science (MSc), Psychology</b><br>Ruhr University Bochum, Germany, Department of Psychology   |
| 10/2009-7/2012 | <b>Bachelor of Science (BSc), Psychology</b><br>Ruhr University Bochum, Germany, Department of Psychology |

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

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| 06/2024-present | <b>Adult Clinician</b><br>The Center for Family Safety and Healing, Columbus, OH<br><i>Supervisor: Sheronda Palmore, DSW, LISW-S</i><br><br>Currently providing clinical services to adult survivors of domestic violence. Responsibilities include conducting diagnostic assessments, creating treatment plans, and providing individual therapy. |
| 01/2019-04/2020 | <b>Social Work Intern</b><br>Maryhaven, Columbus, OH<br><i>Supervisor: Erin Bonnell, MSW, LISW-S</i><br><br>Completed my MSW field placement on a residential SUD treatment unit. Responsibilities included conducting mental health assessments, creating treatment plans, and facilitating individual counseling services.                       |

3/2016-7/2018

### **Dual Diagnosis Clinician**

North Central Mental Health Services, Columbus, OH

*Supervisors: Dan Bridgeo, PhD & Sandra McGill, MSW, LSW*

Practiced as a chemical dependency counselor in a community mental health agency with a dual diagnosis population. Built individualized treatment plans, facilitated group and individual counseling, and provided case management in both outpatient and residential settings.

3/2011-2/2012

### **Psychology Intern**

LWL Clinic for Pediatric Psychiatry, Marl, Germany

*Supervisor: Christine Reike, MSc*

Completed my psychology internship in one of Germany's largest clinics for child and adolescent psychiatry. Assisted with providing clinical services to clients diagnosed diverse mental health issues.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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**Wernekinck, U. & Yoon, S. (2025).** "We heal together": Characteristics of the male healing journey from childhood sexual abuse among men in recovery from substance use disorder in the United States. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 1-22.

Eads, R., Benavides, J. L., **Wernekinck, U.**, & Yoon, S. (2025). "I think we feel a lot of their devastation": Social workers' perspectives on primary and secondary psychological trauma in pediatric emergency rooms. *Social Work in Health Care*, 1-15.

**Wernekinck, U. & Yoon, S. (2024).** "One can't occur without the other": How men describe the connection between healing from childhood sexual abuse and addiction recovery. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 1-24.

Broman, M. & **Wernekinck, U. (2024).** Exploring resilience among college students in recovery from substance misuse during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Adversity and Resilience Science*, 1-11.

Yoon, S., Yoon, D., **Wernekinck, U.**, Lee, S., Nho, C.R., & Chung, I. J. (2024). Father–Child Relationship Quality and Social Functioning among Children at Risk for Child Maltreatment. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*.

Broman, M., **Wernekinck, U.**, Resko, S., Patterson, D. (2024). Sense of community among college students in recovery without access to a collegiate recovery program. *Journal of Addiction and Recovery*, 7(1), 1045.

Whealdon, J., Warren, K., Campbell, B., & **Wernekinck, U. (2023).** Who is a role model? An analysis of role model nomination networks in two therapeutic communities. In C.

Harvey (Ed.), *The Therapeutic Community: Research and Practice* (1st ed., pp. 133-146). Elsevier.

Freisthler, B., **Wernekinck, U.K.** (2021). Examining How the Geographic Availability of Alcohol within Residential Neighborhoods, Activity Spaces, and Destination Nodes is related to Alcohol Use by Parents of Young Children. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 233, 109352.

Oh, S., Salas-Wright, C.P., Vaughn, M., & **Wernekinck, U.K.** (2021). Trends in substance use and prevention education involvement among US adolescents receiving public assistance: New evidence. *Annals of Epidemiology*, 64, 1-7.

Warren, K., Doogan, N., **Wernekinck, U.K.**, Doherty, F. (2021). Resident interactions when affirming and correcting peers in a therapeutic community for women. *Therapeutic Communities: The International Journal of Therapeutic Communities*, 42(4), 137-148.

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

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none

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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**Wernekinck, U.**, (2025, January 15-19). *One Can't Occur Without the Other": Characteristics of the male healing journey from childhood sexual abuse*. Oral presentation at Society for Social Work Research conference, Seattle, WA.

**Wernekinck, U.**, (2025, January 15-19). *"We heal together": How Men Heal from Childhood Sexual Abuse in Addiction Recovery*. Flash-talk presentation at Society for Social Work Research conference, Seattle, WA.

**Wernekinck, U.**, (2024, September 26-28). *"We heal together": How Men Heal from Childhood Sexual Abuse in Addiction Recovery*. Oral presentation at Men and Families 2024, Toronto, Canada.

**Wernekinck, U.**, (2024, April 14-16). *Healing from childhood sexual abuse in the context of addiction recovery: A phenomenology of male survivors*. Oral presentation at ResilienceCon. Nashville, Tennessee.

Yoon, S., Yoon, D., **Wernekinck, U.**, Lee, S., Nho, C.R., & Chung, I.J (2024, April 14-16). *Positive father involvement and social resilience in children at risk of child maltreatment*. Oral presentation at ResilienceCon. Nashville, Tennessee.

**Wernekinck, U.**, Bowen, N. (2024, January 10-14). *Does social support moderate the link between neighborhood level stressors and generalized anxiety in middle school children?* Society for Social Work Research conference, Washington, D.C.

**Wernekinck, U.**, (2023, October 12-13). *Childhood sexual abuse and substance use disorders among males: What are the pathways? A scoping review*. Men and Families Conference, Toronto, Canada.

- Wernekinck, U.**, (2023, April 16-18). *Healing from trauma among peer recovery supporters: A qualitative case-study*. ResilienceCon, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Wernekinck, U.**, Dellor, E., Freisthler, B. (2023, January 12-15). *The impact of COVID-19 on service delivery to individuals using substances in the child welfare system: A qualitative case-study of providers*. Society for Social Work Research conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Wernekinck, U.**, (2023, January 12-15). *Childhood sexual abuse and substance use disorders among males: What are the pathways? A scoping review*. Society for Social Work Research conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Hyzak, K.A., **Wernekinck, U.**, & Bunker, A.C. (2022, December 11-14). *Uncovering hypothesized mechanisms of action aimed to increase traumatic brain injury screening adoption in behavioral healthcare*. 15th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health. Washington, D.C.
- Wernekinck, U.**, (2022, March 4). *Childhood sexual abuse and substance use disorders among males: What are the pathways? A Scoping Review*. 36<sup>th</sup> Edward Hayes Graduate Research Forum, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
- Wernekinck, U.**, Dellor, E., Freisthler, B. (2022, January 13-16). *Does number of adverse childhood experiences differ based on timeliness of engagement with addiction services?* Society for Social Work Research conference, Washington, D.C.
- Wernekinck, U.**, Salas-Wright, C., Vaughn, M., Oh, S. (2021, January 19-22). *Substance use prevention education involvement and substance use among U.S. adolescents on public assistance: Evidence from a national sample 2002-2017*. Society for Social Work Research conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Whealdon, J., **Wernekinck, U.**, Warren, K. (2020, January 15-19). *Internalized stigma and role model perception in therapeutic communities*. Society for Social Work Research conference, Washington, D.C.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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- Wernekinck, U.**, Dellor, E. (2021, May 11-12). *Addressing fidelity with child welfare partners*. 2021 Regional Partnership Grant Annual Grantee Meeting. Virtual.
- Wernekinck, U.**, Yoon, S. (2025, August 13). *"It was an escape": Adult survivors' lived experiences of using substances to self-regulate the effects of childhood sexual abuse in the United States*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Violence Research-Practice Networking Event. Nationwide Children's Hospital. Columbus, OH.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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| 8/2024-present | <b>Community Lecturer</b><br>The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH<br><i>Supervisor: DiAnna Palmer, Ed.D.</i><br>Independently teaching the asynchronous online class <i>SWK3301 Lifespan</i> |
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*Development.* Introducing undergraduate students to different theories of human development and development across different life stages.

8/2023-05/2024

**Graduate Teaching Associate**

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

*Supervisor: Jennie Babcock, MSW, LISW-S*

Independently teaching the in-person class *SWK3101 Ethics and Professional Values in the Social Work Profession*. Introducing undergraduate students to the NASW Code of Ethics and helping them build skills to identify and resolve ethical dilemma.

1/2023-5/2023

**Graduate Teaching Associate**

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

*Supervisor: Jennie Babcock, MSW, LISW-S*

Independently taught the class *SWK5805 Theories and Biological Basis of Substance Misuse*. Designed for both undergraduate and graduate students, this course was instructed in an asynchronous online environment.

2/2022-5/2022

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

*Supervisor: Natasha Bowen, PhD*

Assisting teaching *SWK8409 Statistics II*, a doctoral level statistics course taught in the College of Social Work. Tutored students on topics including regression, mediation/moderation, and factor analysis.

1/2021-5/2021

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

*Supervisor: Susan Yoon, PhD*

Assisted teaching *SWK5023 Family Violence*, an online course taught in collaboration with The Center for Family Safety and Healing. Topics included prevalence, etiology, and treatment of issues such as child abuse, teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse.

8/2015-12/2015

**Adjunct Psychology Instructor**

Tiffin University, Tiffin, OH

*Supervisor: Jonathan Appel, PhD*

Taught two *PSY101 Introduction to Psychology* sections to freshmen psychology students. Introduced students to the field of psychology covering areas such clinical-, social-, and bio-psychology.

4/2014-8/2014

**Graduate Student Lecturer**

Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

*Supervisor: Onur Güntürkün, PhD, PhDs h.c.*

Instructed an undergraduate psychology class called *Evolution and Emotion*. Based on Richard Dawkin's book *The Selfish Gene*, the class discussed areas such as the role of genetics vs. environment, altruism, and the evolutionary background of social behavior.

- 2/2014-4/2014      **Graduate Student Lecturer**  
 Heidelberg University and Tiffin University, Tiffin, OH  
*Supervisors: Traci Stark, PhD; Jonathan Appel, PhD*  
 Completed my graduate internship lecturing at two American universities.  
 Independently taught *Multicultural Psychology* and *Introduction to Psychology* and assisted teaching *History of Psychology* and *Principles of Addiction*.
- 10/2013-2/2014      **Graduate Student Lecturer**  
 Ruhr University Bochum, Germany  
*Supervisor: Onur Güntürkün, PhD, PhDs h.c*  
 Taught an undergraduate psychology course called *Principles of Learning and Behavior*. Topics included the different forms of learning, extinction, and schedules of reinforcement.

## INVITED TEACHING PRESENTATIONS

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- Panelist.** “Experiences from the field of social work”. Introduction to Social Work (SWK201). Virginia Commonwealth University (Jenee Lee, MSW); October 8, 2024
- Guest Lecturer.** “Intimate partner violence”, Family Violence: Social Work and Interventions (SWK 5023). The Ohio State University (Lois Stepney, PhD, MSW); October 8, 2024.
- Guest Lecturer.** “Working in the addiction treatment field”, Introduction to Social Work (SWK1130). The Ohio State University (Erica Magier, MSW); March 29, 2021.
- Guest Lecturer.** “Social Welfare in Germany”, Introduction to Social Welfare (SWK1120). The Ohio State University (Erica Pence, MSW); November 7, 2020.
- Guest Lecturer.** “Mental Health and Addiction”. Introduction to Social Work (SWK1130). The Ohio State University (Megan Espana, MSW); November 5, 2020.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 1/2023-05/2024      **Dissertation Study**  
 The Ohio State University  
*Advisor: Susan Yoon, PhD*
- Title: *Healing from Childhood Sexual Abuse in the Context of Addiction Recovery: A Phenomenology of Male Survivors*
- Conducted a qualitative dissertation exploring the connection between healing from childhood sexual abuse and addiction recovery in men. Recruited and interviewed 25 survivors. Utilized aspects of grounded theory and phenomenology to collect and analyze the data.

- 8/2023-05/2024 **Graduate Research Associate**  
 The Ohio State University  
*Supervisor: Michael Broman, PhD*  
 Assisting with manuscript development of a study exploring experiences of students in recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic. Also providing support related to data collection for the *College Alcohol Survey*.
- 8/2022-12/2022 **Graduate Research Associate**  
 The Ohio State University  
*Supervisor: Natasha Bowen, PhD*  
 Assisted with examining mental health outcomes in middle school children from data collected using the Student Success Profile. Main responsibilities include literature review and dissemination of findings.
- 8/2020-07/2022 **Graduate Research Associate**  
 The Ohio State University  
*Supervisor: Bridget Freisthler, PhD*  
 Assisted with two statewide intervention projects targeting substance use and child welfare (OhioSTART & EPIC). Main responsibilities included data collection as well as monitoring implementation outcomes such as analyzing fidelity and timeliness of the interventions.
- 8/2019-5/2020 **Graduate Research Associate**  
 The Ohio State University  
*Supervisor: Sehun Oh, PhD*  
 Analyzed data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Examined substance use and prevention among adolescents receiving public assistance. Conducted data analysis and manuscript writing.
- 8/2018-5/2019 **Graduate Research Associate**  
 The Ohio State University  
*Supervisor: Keith Warren, PhD*  
 Assisted with multiple research projects examining therapeutic communities as an addiction treatment setting. Responsibilities included literature review, data collection, data entry, data analysis, and manuscript writing.
- 1/2020-5/2020 **MSW Evaluation Project**  
 The Ohio State University  
*Advisor: Donna Ruch, PhD*  
  
*Title: Assessing professional quality of life among helping professionals working in the addiction treatment field.*  
  
 Conducted an independent evaluation project at Maryhaven examining burnout, secondary trauma, and compassion fatigue among 44 helping professionals. Collected and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data. Shared results with stakeholders and discussed implications.

- 3/2014-9/2014      **MSc Thesis**  
 Ruhr University Bochum, Germany  
*Advisors: Birgit Leyendecker, PhD; Katharina Kohl, PhD*  
  
*Title: The relationship between maternal depression and child well-being: The mediating role of marital discord.*  
  
 Investigated the adverse effects of maternal depression and marital discord on children's well-being in a sample of 498 families. Found that marital discord mediated the relationship between maternal depression and child well-being.
- 11/2011-6/2013      **Research Assistant**  
 Ruhr University Bochum, Germany  
*Advisor: Birgit Leyendecker, PhD*  
 Assisted with the SIMCUR (Social Integration of Immigrant Children – Uncovering Family and School Factors Promoting Resilience) project, an international longitudinal study focused on resilience in migrant children in a sample of 500 families. Responsible for data collection and data entry.
- 11/2011-1/2012      **Research Assistant**  
 Ruhr University Bochum, Germany  
*Advisor: Axel Schölmerich, PhD*  
 Helped assessing the adverse effect of chemically polluted water on children's health. Conducted the Wechsler-Intelligence-Scale for Children (WISC) with 60 elementary school aged children in rural Germany.

## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

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- 7/20/2020-present      **Licensed Social Worker (LSW)**  
 Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and MFT Board  
 License Number: S.2005113
- 12/2015-7/2021      **Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA)**  
 Chemical Dependency Professionals Board  
 License Number: CDCA.162270

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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- 7/2020-present      **Member**  
 National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

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8/2022-07/2023	<b>Vice-President</b> Doctoral Student Organization (DSO) The Ohio State University, College of Social Work
8/2021-7/2022	<b>President</b> Doctoral Student Organization (DSO) The Ohio State University, College of Social Work
8/2020-5/2021	<b>Secretary</b> Doctoral Student Organization (DSO) The Ohio State University, College of Social Work

## **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

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9/2023	Anna Marie Robinson Endowed Scholarship for Mental Health Research (\$1,300)
9/2022	The Selma & Alexander Erlen Award for Doctoral Student Excellence (\$2,700)
5/2020	MSW Field Student of the Year
2019-2020	OSU College of Social Work Opioid Workforce Expansion Program (\$10,000)
12/2017	Employee of the Month, North Central Mental Health Services

## **GRANTS**

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5/2023	College of Social Work PhD Student Seed Grant (\$1,000) Principal Investigator: <b>Uwe Wernekinck</b> <i>Title: Healing from childhood sexual abuse in the context of addiction recovery: A phenomenology of male survivors</i>
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## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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9/2022-present	<b>Board-Member</b> Little Bottoms Free Store, Columbus, OH
10/2019-present	<b>Volunteer</b> Little Bottoms Free Store, Columbus, OH
8/2021-present	<b>Mentor</b> Student Alumni Mentorship Experience, College of Social Work