

# Jameelah R. Wright

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## ***Academic Training***

### Degrees

**Doctor of Philosophy, Teacher Education & Teacher Development**  
Montclair State University, NJ. 2025

**Master of Education, Teacher Leadership**  
University of Delaware, DE. 2023

**Master of Arts, Reading Specialization**  
Kean University, NJ. 2010

**Bachelor of Arts, Sociology**  
Douglass College, Rutgers University, NJ. 2003

### Graduate Certificates

**Gifted and Talented Education**  
Montclair State University, NJ. 2019

**K-12 Supervision**  
College of Saint Elizabeth, NJ. 2019

**Early Childhood Education-Advanced**  
UCLA, CA. 2016

**Parent Education & Training**  
UCLA, CA. 2014

**Family Literacy**

Pennsylvania State University, PA. 2012

**Gifted and Talented Education**  
UCSD, CA. 2012

**Early Childhood Education**  
Montclair State University, NJ. 2005

### Certifications

**NJ Supervisor** (Standard)

**NJ Reading Specialist** (Standard)

**NJ Teacher of K-6** (Standard)

**NJ Teacher of Reading** (Standard)

**NJ Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3** (Standard)

### Credentials

**Certificate in Instructional Leadership**, Harvard University-2025

**Certificate in Instructional Coaching**, University of Pennsylvania-2024

**Certificate in Early Education Leadership**, Harvard University-2023

**Certificate in Online Teaching**, Delaware State University-2021

**National Administrator Credential**, NECPA—2017

## ***Areas of Research and Specialization***

Black Childhood/Girlhood Studies,  
 Professionalization of the Early Childhood Workforce  
 Sociolinguistics  
 Equity in Gifted Education

## ***Professional Experience***

### **Department of Teacher Education: PreK-12**

- Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Aug. 2025-Present
- Predoctoral Teaching Fellow Aug. 2023-Aug. 2025

## ***Administrative Experience***

### **Department of Teacher Education: PreK-12**

- P-3 Program Director June 2025-Present

## ***Past Relevant Professional Experiences***

TNTP	March 2023-May 2024
Effectiveness Coach	
Council for Professional Recognition	Oct. 2017-March 2024
Professional Development Specialist	
East Orange School District, East Orange	May 2004-June 2023
Lead Teacher/Pre-K & Kindergarten	
Montclair State University, Montclair	Sept. 2019-June 2022
Graduate Research Assistant	
E.O. Child Development Corporation, East Orange	Sept. 2015-June 2016
Head Teacher/ Education Manager- Pre-K	
Montclair State University, Montclair	Sept. 2015-Dec. 2015
Gifted & Talented Teacher	

## ***Publications***

Wright, J.R. (2025). Understanding the work lives and career intentions of Black women prekindergarten teacher assistants. [Doctoral dissertation, Montclair State University].

Taylor, M., Fernandes, J., Jadick, N., Kenny, L. V., Lormand, K., Fernandez, K.M., Pomponio, E., Summer, L., Valentine, M., Whitley, K. F., & **Wright, J.R.** (2022). Collectively caring: Co-creating a critical feminist community of teacher educators. In A.D. Martin (Ed.), *Self-studies in urban teacher education: Preparing U.S. teachers to advance equity and social justice*. Springer.

**Wright, J.R.** & Saiz de la Mora, K. (2022). The year of Isaiah: Classrooms as transformational places of learning. In H. Fives & N. Barnes (Eds), *Educational psychology*

*and transformational classrooms: Research and theory meet teaching and learning.*

Wright, J.R. (2020). Promoting parental/family involvement. In A. M. Quinzio-Zafran & E. A. Wilkins (Eds.), *The new teacher's guide to overcoming common challenges: Curated advice from award-winning teachers*. New York: Taylor & Francis.

### ***Publications In Preparation***

Wright, J.R. (in review). Sustaining teacher well-being. In A. M. Quinzio-Zafran & E. A. Wilkins (Eds.), *The new teacher's guide to overcoming common challenges: Curated advice from award-winning teachers. 2nd edition*. New York: Taylor & Francis.

Wright, J. R. (in review). Black English and the white voice: Code-switching for social and cultural capital. *NABE Journal of Research and Practice*.

Harris, D., Marshall, B.L., **Wright, J.R.** (in review). For us by us: Horizontal peer mentorship as a pathway to Blackwomen's PhD completion.

Wright, J. R. (in preparation). Drawing conclusions about writing in preschool. *Journal of Early Childhood Literacy*.

### ***Podcasts***

Wright. J. (Host). (2025, May 12). Teachers anonymous: Praxis text anxiety. [Audio podcast episode]. In *The teacher voice*. Spotify.

[https://open.spotify.com/episode/6g4zfDY1mMGS5wJa7qKVTZ?si=hV\\_f9LrhRS687ZPrmzl1Q](https://open.spotify.com/episode/6g4zfDY1mMGS5wJa7qKVTZ?si=hV_f9LrhRS687ZPrmzl1Q)

Wright. J. (Host). (2025, April 4). Teachers anonymous: Stage fright. [Audio podcast episode]. In *The teacher voice*. Spotify.

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/theteachervoice/episodes/Black-Girlhood-and-the-School-to-Prison-Pipeline-efstou/a-a2i3kld>

Wright, J.R. (Host). (2025, January 20). Self-care for teachers [Audio podcast episode]. In *New teacher talk*. Podbean.

<https://newteachersguide.podbean.com/e/ep-115-self-care-practices/>

Wright, J.R. (Host). (2023, September 27). Students as curriculum. [Audio podcast episode]. In *New teacher talk*. Podbean.

<https://newteachersguide.podbean.com/e/students-as-the-curriculum/>

Wright. J. (Host). (2020, June 24). Black girlhood and the school-to-prison pipeline. [Audio podcast episode]. In *The teacher voice*. Spotify.

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/theteachervoice/episodes/Black-Girlhood-and-the-School-to-Prison-Pipeline-efstou/a-a2i3kld>

### ***Peer-Reviewed Presentations***

Wright, J. R. (in review). Mentoring the Apprentice TA: A Clinical Supervision Self-Study, submitted to Self-Study of Teacher Education Practices SIG of the American Educational Research Association for presentation at the 2026 Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Harris, D., Marshall, B.L., **Wright, J.R.** (in review). For us by us: Horizontal peer mentorship as a pathway to Blackwomen's PhD completion, submitted to Graduate and Postdoctoral Education across the Disciplines SIG of the American Educational Research Association for presentation at the 2026 Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Brown, T.T.C., **Wright, J.R.**, Lane, D., West, D. (in review). From Margin to Multiverse: Black Speculative Feminisms and the Worldmaking of Black Girlhood in Graphic Novels, submitted to Division G, Language Literacies, and Representations, of the American Educational Research Association for presentation at the 2026 Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Wright, J. R. (2024, July). Exploring the TA-to-Teacher Pipeline, presented at NASUP Summer 2024 Virtual Conference.

Wright, J. R. (2024, June). Multicultural Education in Early Childhood Settings: A Review of Guiding Documents, presented at NAECTE Summer 2024 Virtual Conference.

Wright, J. R. (2024, April). Black English and the White Voice: Code-Switching for Social and Cultural Capital, accepted by SIG-Language and Social Processes Roundtable of the American Educational Research Association for presentation at the 2024 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Wright, J. R. (2023, July). Understanding the Work Lives and Future Career Intentions of Black Women Pre-K Teacher Assistants, presented at the Association of Teacher Educators 2023 Summer Conference, Washington, D.C.

Wright, J. R. (2022, April). Challenging the Marginalization of Preschool Teachers of Color, accepted by Division K, In-Service Teacher Knowledge and Learning Roundtable of the American Educational Research Association for presentation at the 2022 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Wright, J. R. (2022, April). Teachers of Color, Relational Teaching, and the Education of Black Boys, accepted by Division K, The Socio-Cultural and Racial Foundations of Teaching and Teacher Education Paper Session of the American Educational Research Association for presentation at the 2022 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

**Wright, J. R.**, SaizdeLaMora, K., Catalano, C., Parkinson, M., & Perry, N. (2021, August). Educational Psychology and Transformational Classrooms: Research and Theory meets Teaching and Learning, presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Virtual Meeting.

Wright, J. R. (2021, April). Drawing Conclusions about Writing in Preschool, accepted by Division C Learning and Instruction/Literacy Roundtable of the American Educational Research Association for presentation at the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting.

Wright, J. R. (2020, August). Finding Our Voices: Awakening the Inner Advocates and Activists in ECE Teachers, accepted by The Council for Professional Recognition for presentation at the Leadership and Learning Webinar Series 2020.

### ***Invited Presentations***

Presenter (2024, March). "Black English and the White Voice: Code-Switching for Social and Cultural Capital." College for Education and Engaged Learning Doctoral Student Research

Symposium, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.

Guest Panelist (2024, January). "Compassion Fatigue." Symposium Series, Fred Rogers Institute, Saint Vincent College, PA.

Guest Panelist (2023, December). "4C Hair Don't Care: A Hip Hip Literary Discussion." Success Above Hurt Basics, LLC, Bloomfield, NJ.

Guest Panelist (2022, October). "Changing Lives One Student at a Time: Working in Education." Christina Foglio DC'84 Douglass Career Conference, Douglass Residential College/Rutgers University, NJ.

Guest Panelist (2022, May). "#LearningToTakeFlight: Beginner Birders." Black AF in STEM/Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Cornell University, NY.

Guest Lecturer (2015, October). "Language and Literacy Development." *Early Childhood Curriculum & Programs* Course. New Jersey City University, NJ.

### ***Professional Development Workshops***

- 3/2024 Families on Your Side: Promoting Family Engagement in Your Classroom, Professional Development School, William Paterson University, NJ
- 2/2023 Early Numeracy, Three Stages Learning Center, East Orange, NJ
- 1/2023 Early Literacy, Three Stages Learning Center, East Orange, NJ

### ***Teaching***

CIED 2120: Child Development & Learning, William Paterson University

CIED 2050: Foundations of Bilingual and Multicultural Education, William Paterson University

CIEC 3120: Language and Literacy in Early Childhood Education, William Paterson University

CIED 2160: Child & Adolescent Development & Learning, William Paterson University

CIEC 3250: Language and Literacy in Early Childhood Education: PreK-K, William Paterson University

### ***Clinical Supervision***

CIEC 2000: Early Childhood Field Experience I, William Paterson University

CIEC 5025: Professionalism for Early Childhood Educators I, William Paterson University

CIEC 5026: Professionalism for Early Childhood Educators II, William Paterson University

EDUC 4200: Clinical Practice I: Early Childhood Education, William Paterson University

EDUC 4240: Clinical Practice II: Early Childhood Education, William Paterson University

### ***Mentoring***

LEAD 7901: Leader Learner Community: Lead, William Paterson University

LEAD 7902: Leader Learner Community: Summer Leadership, William Paterson University

### ***Doctoral Dissertation Committees***

Anderson, K. (In process). *Studying the impact of teacher relationships on the retention of Black women teachers*. Wayne, NJ: William Paterson University. *Committee Member*

## ***Professional Affiliations***

Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)  
 National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (NAECTE)  
 American Educational Research Association (AERA)  
 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)  
 Linguistic Society of America (LSA)  
 National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME)  
 National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE)

## ***Special Interest Groups***

*Member*, Black Girlhood Collaborative, University of Florida, FL, 2022-Present  
*Member*, Educators' Neighborhood, Fred Rogers Institute, Saint Vincent College, PA, 2023  
*Owner*, The Urban Flower Project (Early Childhood/Black Girlhood), East Orange, NJ, 2004-Present

## ***Service to the Profession, University, & Community***

### Professional Service

*Reviewer*, Corwin Publishing, *Developing Collaborative Expertise Teams*, 2025  
*Reviewer*, Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society, *The Educational Forum*, 2025  
*Reviewer*, Corwin Publishing, *Taming the Turbulence in Educational Leadership*, 2025  
*Reviewer*, 2024 NAECTE Fall Conference Proposals, NAECTE 2024  
*Reviewer*, 2024 NAECTE Summer Conference Proposals, NAECTE 2024  
*Reviewer*, National Research Conference on Early Childhood, The ACF, 2023  
*Volunteer*, Inaugural Virtual Symposium, Black Women Studies Association, 2023  
*Reviewer*, 2023 NAECTE Fall Conference Proposals, NAECTE 2023  
*Reviewer*, 2023 NAECTE Summer Conference Proposals, NAECTE 2023  
*Reviewer*, Corwin Publishing, *Long-term Success for Experienced Multilingual Learners*, 2022  
*Reviewer*, 2022 NAECTE Summer Conference Proposals, NAECTE 2022  
*Reviewer*, In-House EDTPA, Montclair State University, 2021  
*Co-Lead*, Math Sub-Committee of Preschool Standards, NJ DOE, 2020-2021  
*Reviewer*, NAECTE Foundation Outstanding Dissertation Award, NAECTE, 2019-2021

### University Service

*Advisor*, SisterScholars Affinity Group, Leadership Doctoral Program, WPUNJ, 2025  
*Co-Advisor*, Kappa Delta Pi-Zeta Alpha Chapter, WPUNJ, 2024-Present  
*Co-Advisor*, Education Club, WPUNJ, 2023-Present  
*Secretary*, Dept of Teacher Education: PreK-12, WPUNJ, 2023-Present

### Community Service

*Social Media Manager*, Systas 4 Systas, Inc., 2025  
*Committee Member*, Early Childhood Advisory Group, EOSD, 2024-Present  
*Hospitality Chair*, Alpha, DKG International Education Society, 2024-Present  
*Scholarship Chair*, GNS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, 2024-Present  
*Teacher/Leader*, K-Port at The Life Christian Church, 2024-2025  
*Mentor*, Mabel Alumnae Mentoring Program, AADC, 2020-2021  
*Site Mentor*, Douglass Externship Experience, Douglass Residential College, 2019-2020

*Volunteer*, Educator Advisory Board, Free Spirit Publishing, 2019-2022

*Sunday School Teacher*, Cathedral Kingdom Living Church, 2017-2019

*Den Leader*, Cub Scouts, Pack 10, BSA, 2017-2018

*Essay Contest Chair*, GNS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, 2016- 2024

*Troop Leader*, Girl Scout Troop 20374, GSHNJ, SU#25, 2014-2017

*Teacher/Leader*, K-Port at The Life Christian Church, 2013-2016

### ***Honors***

- ❖ Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, William Paterson University, 2023
- ❖ Member, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 2022
- ❖ Member, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, 2022
- ❖ Child Care Hero, National Early Childhood Program Accreditation, 2022
- ❖ Teacher of the Year, New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children, NJAEYC Champions of Early Education Awards, 2021
- ❖ Member, Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Key Women Educators, 2020
- ❖ Member, Alpha Epsilon Lambda Honor Society, 2020
- ❖ Member, Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society, 2019
- ❖ Member, Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education, 2019
- ❖ Member, Sigma Alpha Pi/National Society of Leadership and Success, 2019
- ❖ Best Director of Teaching & Learning Award, Three Stages Learning Center, 2015
- ❖ Namesake of the *Jameelah Wright Howard Achievement Award*, a post-high school Scholarship designated by Systas 4 Systas, Inc., 2013
- ❖ Outstanding Lead Teacher of the Year, Three Stages Learning Center, 2012, 2008, 2007, 2006
- ❖ Special Projects Award, Wahlstrom Academy, 2010

### ***Fellowships, Assistantships & Awards***

- ❖ 2025 NAECTE Foundation Outstanding Dissertation Award, 2025
- ❖ Love of Learning Award, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 2023
- ❖ Past President Emery Stoops Scholarship, PDK Educational Foundation, 2023
- ❖ 2023 NAECTE Foundation Early Childhood Doctoral Student Research Grant, 2023
- ❖ Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Teacher Education: PreK-12, William Paterson University of New Jersey, 2023
- ❖ College of Education & Human Services Internal Funding Award, Montclair State University, 2023
- ❖ Teaching Assistant, Racialized Masculinities, Social Class, & Educational Opportunity-TETD 817, Montclair State University, 2022
- ❖ Rose L. Dakks Early Childhood Scholarship, Montclair State University, 2022
- ❖ Ana Maria Villegas Doctoral Scholarship, Montclair State University, 2022
- ❖ AERA Early Education/Child Development Virtual Travel Grant, 2020
- ❖ Pi Lambda Theta Student Support Scholarship, PDK Educational Foundation, 2020
- ❖ Julia Baxter Bates Fellowship, Associate Alumnae of Douglass College, 2020
- ❖ Clinical Education Fellow, Association of Teacher Educators, 2020
- ❖ Graduate Research Assistant, Montclair State University, 2019-2022