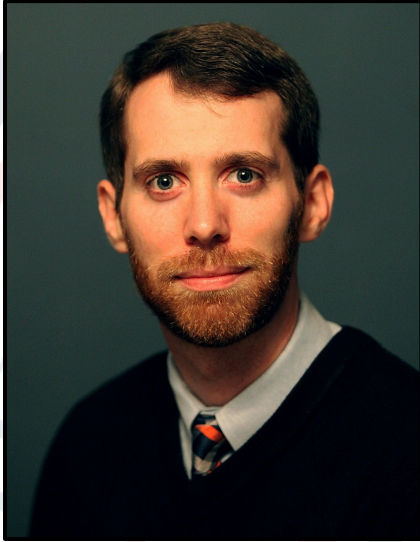


Sam Wilmoth *Biography*



Sam Wilmoth is a Title IX education specialist at [West Virginia University](#) (WVU). Focused primarily on service coordination and secondary prevention, Sam provides training on Title IX issues to faculty, staff, and students at WVU. These training duties also include education for members of the WVU Peer Advocates, a student group whose mission involves coordinating awareness events and teaching fellow students about Title IX. Sam also provides direct services to members of the WVU community who are affected by Title IX-related incidents.

Prior to joining WVU, Sam was the SART (sexual assault response team) project coordinator at the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services. In that capacity, Sam traveled throughout the state, delivering trainings designed to enhance services for survivors of sexual assault and stalking. In 2015, Sam authored a training entitled, “Trauma and the Brain: How the Effects of Trauma Turn Investigations Upside Down.” Since its launch in the summer of 2015, hundreds of West Virginian professionals have taken the course, learning about the ways in which trauma shapes survivor behavior and recall of traumatic memories.

Sam also pursues ways to aid survivors on a larger scale. Together with professionals around the state, he has been a part of policy development in West Virginia involving image-based sexual abuse, survivor access to sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE), and other issues related to survivors of violence. He also has substantial experience engaging in preventive programming, having delivered presentations to thousands of students at West Virginia University, including bystander intervention programming.

Sam's most formative experiences have been clinical ones. For several years, Sam worked on an intensive care unit in a mental health hospital. Though Sam worked primarily with young and middle-aged people who had been diagnosed with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, much of his experience revolved around older adults as well. Sam has worked with a large number of clients who have dementia, chronic mental health issues, and neurological disorders. Unfortunately, sexual violence is tragically common among almost all of these populations, so Sam has worked with many survivors of trauma throughout his career. Through their grace, wisdom, and obvious love for their families, these clients have taught Sam more than he could ever imagine.