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PhD Candidate

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Education

Virginia Commonwealth University

Richmond, Virginia

Dissertation Title: Grief, Loss, and Climate Change: Validation of a Solastalgia Scale

Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

Anticipated May 2021

University of Illinois

Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

Master in Social Work

Mental Health

Franklin University Switzerland

Lugano, Switzerland

Bachelor of Arts

Environmental Studies

Research Experience

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work Richmond, VA

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2017-Present

- Assists Assistant Professor Hollee McGinnis at all levels of research on the effects of traumatic events on mental health using quantitative and qualitative methods
- Leads research on psychometric measurement validation and qualitative inquiry
- Coordinates large research project with multiple phases including qualitative interviews, focus groups, survey development, and large-scale survey data collection with undergraduate students
- Assisted Assistant Professor Shelby McDonald on research related to the intersection between animal abuse and intimate partner violence for AY 2018-2019

IKIDS Lab at The Beckman Institute Urbana, IL

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2016-2017

- Assisted with the recruitment, engagement, and retention of participants for a longitudinal study on the interaction between certain chemicals and infant neurocognitive development for a large grant from the Environmental Protection Agency
- Entered and maintained participant data and communication records

School of Social Work Urbana, IL

Graduate Research Assistant

November 2015-August 2017

- Reviewed and coded student interview transcripts using Atlas software
- Committed to the long-term goal of the research project which seeks to develop a scale to measure stereotype threat among children

Grants and Fellowships

Environmental Fellows Program, University of Michigan, 2018

- \$10,000 fellowship placement at Virginia Conservation Network

Strategic Initiatives Grant, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2016-2017

- \$2,000 grant to create and implement a program for first-generation college students who were interested in attending graduate school to support them in their application process

Peer Reviewed Publications

Luce, C., Powell, T.L., & Kim, Y. (2020). Mental health, resilience, and social support in Nepali earthquake survivors. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. (In preparation)

Luce, C., Swan, L.E.T., & McDonald, S.E. (2020). The ambiguous loss scale: Development and validation with people experiencing pet loss. *Anthrozoos*. (In preparation)

McDonald, S. E., Im, H., Green, K. E., **Luce, C.**, & Burnette, D. (2019). Comparing factor models of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with Somali refugee youth in Kenya: An item response theory analysis of the PTSD Checklist–Civilian version. *Traumatology*, 25(2), 104.

McDonald, S. E., Cody, A. M., Booth, L. J., Peers, J. R., **Luce, C.**, Williams, J. H., & Ascione, F. R. (2018). Animal cruelty among children in violent households: Children's explanations of their behavior. *Journal of Family Violence*, 1-12

Professional Presentations

Luce, C., Swan, L.E.T. (2020, November). *Implementing a teaching practicum: Reflections from doctoral candidates*. Poster presentation at the 66th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Virtual Conference (Abstract accepted)

Luce, C., Swan, L.E.T., McGinnis, H.A., & Price, S.K. (2020, November). *Using decolonial methods to promote socially-just research in doctoral education*. Panel discussion at the 66th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Virtual Conference (Abstract accepted)

Luce, C., Powell, T.L., & Kim, Y. (2020, January). *The effect of social support on the relationship between mental health and resilience in Nepali earthquake survivors*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.

Teixeira, S., Rao, S., Billot, S., Mitchell, F., & **Luce, C.** (2020, January). *The Green New Deal and its social work implications: A critical examination and discussion*. Roundtable discussion at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.

Luce, C., Swan, L. E. T., McDonald, S. E., & Im, H. (2020, January). *Testing competing models of somatization in Somali refugees living in urban Kenya*. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.

Luce, C., & Espitia, J. (2019, April). Making the case for collaboration: Taking interdisciplinary work beyond the academy. Poster presentation, 2019 New Horizons in Conservation Conference: Diversity, Equity, and Justice, Chicago, IL.

McGinnis, H.A, **Luce, C.,** Broda, M., & Chan, D. (2019, April). The protective role of perceived social support on post-traumatic stress and Depressive symptoms among adolescents in South Korean orphanages. Poster presentation, 10th Anniversary Conference: NIMH Global MentalHealth Research without Borders, Washington, D.C.

Luce, C., Swan, L.E.T, Dick, D. & Chartier, K. (2019, January). Sexual assault and alcohol consumption: Comparing first- and non-first generation college students. Poster presentation at the 23rd Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work Research, San Francisco, CA.

Luce, C., McDonald, S.E., Williams, J.H., Booth, L.J., Cody, A., & Ascione, F. (2018, October). Childhood animal cruelty: Fostering collaborative, coordinated responses through interprofessional education and practice. Poster presentation at the 64th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Orlando, FL.

Luce, C. (2018, October). Climate change and loss. Presentation at the Fall 2018 Environmental Grantmakers Association Retreat, Asheville, NC.

Luce, C. (2018, August). Diversity, equity, inclusion, and environmental justice. Presentation at the 2018 Virginia Environmental Assembly, Williamsburg, VA.

Teaching Experience

Policy, Community, & Organizational Practice

Virginia Commonwealth University Online MSW Program
Instructor, Fall 2020

Social Justice

Virginia Commonwealth University Online MSW Program
Teaching Assistant, Summer 2020

Social Welfare Policies and Legislation

Virginia Commonwealth University BSW program
Instructor, Spring 2020
Teaching Assistant, Fall 2019

Awards and Honors

Leadership and Service Award, Virginia Commonwealth University 2019
Downing Field Education Award, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 2017
Academic Scholarship, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 2015-2016
Lifelong Learning Scholarship, Franklin University Switzerland 2008-2010

Service

Doctoral Student Mentorship, Peer Mentor, August 2020-Present
Graduate School Mentorship Program, Mentor, 2019-2020
School of Social Work Doctoral Student Association, President, May 2018-2019
Perspectives in Social Work, Reviewer, Fall 2017-Present

Professional Affiliations and Certifications

Society of Social Work Research
Council on Social Work Education
40-hour Illinois Rape Crisis Center Certified
Illinois DCFS Mandated Reporter Trained
Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Certified
Youth Mental Health First Aid Certified