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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia SC <i>Dissertation: From the City to the Countryside – Gentrification Across the US: Conceptualizing Displacement Pressure, Constructing Novel Measurement Methodology, and Exploring Connections to Health</i>	2023
M.S.W.	University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia SC	2011
B.A.	Furman University, Department of Psychology, Greenville SC	2007

PUBLICATIONS

Published Peer-Reviewed Publications

Wilson, B. L., Davis, B., Anderson, B., **Luke, P.**, Gorchow, C., & Nzomene Kahouo Foda, A. (2023). "Tone it down": The whitewashing of Black women doctoral students' research and scholarship at predominately white institutions - Implications for social work doctoral education. *Journal of Social Work Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2023.2179147>

Zahnd, W. E., Murphy, C., Knoll, M., Benavidez, G. A., Day, K. R., Ranganathan, R., **Luke, P.**, Zgodic A., Shi K., Merrell, M.A., Crouch, E.L., Brandt, H.M., & Eberth, J.M. (2021). The intersection of rural residence and minority race/ethnicity in cancer disparities in the United States. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(4), 1384.

Peer-Reviewed Publications Under Review

Luke, P.L. (2025). Displacement and the erosion of democratic life: Belonging as a measure of governance. Manuscript under review for *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*.

Waddington, G., Cutter, S.L., Habets, M., Dow, K., Carbone, G., **Luke, P.L.**, & Robertson, B. (2025). Changing contexts of climate change and adaptation: Allendale County SC 1700-2025. Manuscript under review for *Journal of Historical Geography*.

Luke, P.L., Fram, M.S., Owens, O.L., Dyson, Y.D., & Bell, B. (2025). Displacement pressure and the health consequences of neighborhood change: Advancing a new conceptual framework. Manuscript under review for *Theory and Society*.

Luke, P.L., Fram, M.S., Bell, B., Owens, O.L., & Dyson, Y.D. (2025). Classifying neighborhood change: Latent profiles across urban and rural gentrification. Manuscript under review for *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.

Manuscripts in Progress

Luke, P.L., Habets, M., Cutter, S.L., & Davis, S. (in progress). Displacement pressure in rural America: A case study of Allendale County, South Carolina.

Luke, P.L., Wilson, B.L., Delamater, R., & Seawright, L. (in progress). You can't live here: State-sanctioned displacement and the dispossession of historically Black communities.

- Luke, P.L.**, Joseph, L., Sheriff, S., Wright, A.H., & Ziah, M. (in progress). Environmental Change and Human Vulnerability in West Africa: Reviewing evidence on rainfall, flooding, heat, and displacement.
- Luke, P.L.**, Owens, O.L. Wooten, N. (in progress). Chronic stress measures and displacement pressure: An integrative review of constructs, contexts, and validity.
- Luke, P.L.** (in progress). Beyond mapping risk: Critical race spatial analysis and the limits of displacement research.
- Luke, P.L.**, McRell, A. S., Negreiros, K. L., Fram, M. S., & Bell, B. A. (in progress). Learning in context: A cross-classified multilevel investigation of family, school, and neighborhood influences on adolescent academic achievement.

Technical Reports & Other Publications

- Luke, P.**, & DeHart, D. (2021). Patient Needs Screening Tool. University of South Carolina. https://web.qa.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/socialwork/documents/cosw_patient_needs_screening_tool.pdf
- DeHart, D., & **Luke, P.** with the Center for Child & Family Studies (2021). Dual Loyalty Short Simulation. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina. <https://ccfs-training-modules.s3.amazonaws.com/Dual+Loyalty/story.html>
- Luke Robinson, P.**, & DeHart, D.D. (2020). Barriers to health care for incarcerated women returning to rural communities: Needs assessment (Final technical report). University of South Carolina.
- Luke Robinson, P.**, Soto-Ramirez, N., & Flynn, C. (2016). South Carolina Department of Social Services employee satisfaction survey: Summary reports. University of South Carolina Center for Child and Family Studies.

PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

- Goel, V., Chatterjee, A., Robertson, B., Davis, S., **Luke, P.L.**, Waddington, G., Habets, M., & Cutter, S. (2026, January). *Memory, bias, and baselines: How recall shapes climate change perceptions and responses*, American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting (accepted).
- Luke, P.L.** (2025, October). *Displacement pressure: Understanding chronic stress in changing environments (from gentrification to climate vulnerability)*. Invited presentation at the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute (HVRI) Brown Bag Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Luke, P.L.** (2025, April). *Displacement pressure in gentrifying neighborhoods: Unpacking stress and health pathways*, International Conference on Urban Affairs.
- Luke, P.L.** (2024, October). *Applying the displacement pressure model: Environmental change and Indigenous knowledge*, Council on Social Work Education 70th Annual Program Meeting.
- Luke, P.L.** Fram, M.S., Bell, B., Owens, S., & Dyson, Y.D. (2024, February). *Classifying urban and rural gentrified neighborhoods in the United States: A repeated measures latent profile analysis*, 5th National Big Data Health Science Conference.
- Luke, P.L.** & DeHart, D. (2021). *Patient protection, facility security, & malpractice liability in correctional healthcare*. Informational poster. University of South Carolina. https://web.qa.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/socialwork/documents/cosw_dual_loyalty_poster.pdf

DeHart, D. & **Luke, P.L.** (2020). *Health and mental health of system-involved women*. 9th Annual Virtual Social Work Day, South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium (Virtual).

Luke Robinson, P., Gutiérrez, M., Tang Yan, C., Thurber, A., & Ohmer, M. (2020, January). *Understanding, measuring, and contesting gentrification through a critical race lens*, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference.

Luke Robinson, P., McRell, A. S., Negreiros, K. L., Fram, M. S., & Bell, B. A. (2019, January). *Learning in context: A cross-classified multilevel investigation of family, school, and neighborhood influences on adolescent academic achievement*, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference.

RESEARCH TRAINING

USC R25 Big Data Health Science Faculty Fellow in Infectious Disease Research	2024-2025
USC Propel Research Mentorship Program	2024-2025
University of Michigan Coursera Data Science Ethics Course	Summer 2024
American Journal of Hypertension Summer School, Loyola University	Summer 2024
Graduate Research Assistant, University of South Carolina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dana DeHart, Ph.D., College of Social Work Rural and Minority Health Research Center, Arnold School of Public Health Center for Child and Family Studies, College of Social Work 	2016-2022
University of Michigan Social Work Graduate Student Mentoring Workshop on African American and Latinx Research	Summer 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

Instructor-of-Record, USC	
Capstone (BSW)	Spring 2022
Advocacy: Social and Economic Justice (BSW)	Spring 2022
Crisis Intervention (MSW)	Summer 2019
Case Management (MSW)	Summer 2019
Graduate Instructional Assistant, USC	
Diversity and Social Justice (BSW)	Fall 2021
Human Sexual Behavior (Psychology)	Spring 2019
Brain and Behavior (Psychology)	Spring 2019
Introduction to Psychology	Fall 2018
Field Instructor, MSW & BSW Programs, USC	AY 2019/20
USC COSW Case Method Training Institute	Summer 2019
PhD Teaching Practicum – COSW MSW Program, USC	Summer 2017

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia SC	
Assistant Professor	2026 - Present
Research Assistant Professor	2024 – 2025

Independent Contractor, State of South Carolina

Capital Mitigation Specialist, Social Historian

2020 – 2024

Empowering Families Network

Community-Based Prevention Services Supervisor, Greenville SC

2015 – 2016

Community-Based Prevention Services Case Manager, Anderson SC

2013 – 2015

South Carolina Fair Share, Columbia SC

Community Organizer

2010 – 2011

Potential Youth Foundation & Coaches 4 Character, Greenville SC

Afterschool Program Director, Big Bus Alliance Coordinator, Grant Writer

2009 – 2011

Greenville Memorial Hospital, Greenville SC

Emergency Department Social Work Intern

2009 – 2010

Disabilities & Special Needs Board, Greenville SC & Easley SC

Case Manager, Service Coordinator

2007 – 2009

PRACTICE TRAINING

Abusive Head Trauma, Child Fatalities • Best Practices in Safe Sleep for Babies • Community Based Prevention Services • Community Long Term Care (SCDHHS) Case Management • Cultural Sensitivity and Engagement with the Hispanic Community • Family Assessment and Intervention • Family Engagement Skills • Interactional Model of Clinical Supervision • Leadership Development • Medical Child Abuse - Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy • Motivational Interviewing • Narcotics Investigations • Nonviolent Crisis Intervention • Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Supervisors • Signs of Safety • Strengthening Families Program Group Leader Training • Treatment Foster Care Model

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Board Member, Agape Liberia - USA

December 2021 - Present

Reviewer, Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research

June 2024 - Present

Rising Star Fellowship Selection Committee, USC

Spring 2023

DEI Taskforce & Advisory Team, CoSW, USC

Fall 2021 – Spring 2023

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, CoSW, USC

Fall 2019 – Spring 2023

Reviewer, Discover USC, Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research

April 2022

Richland School District 2 (SC) Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council

AY 2020/21

City of Columbia (SC) Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development

2019 – 2021

PhD Program Committee, COSW, USC

AY 2018/19

NOMINATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

R25 Big Data Health Science Faculty Fellow in Infectious Disease Research, USC

AY 2024/25

Bridge to Faculty Fellow, USC	2023 - 2025
Best Oral Presentation in the Geospatial Core Breakout Session, Big Data Health Science Conference	2024
Outstanding Community Engagement Award Nominee, USC	AY 2022/23
Southeastern Conference Emerging Scholar Fellow, USC	AY 2022/23
College of Social Work Diversity Fellow, USC	AY 2022/23
PhD Student of the Year Award, CoSW, USC	AY 2018/19

MEDIA & PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCES

Invited Panelist – SC Area Health Education Consortium 2024 Health Professional Panel

Invited Interview - “The Daily Gamecock,” 2023. Black representation in social work.

Panel Moderator - University of South Carolina College of Social Work, 2023. “On the Shoulders of Giants: Black Social Work Pioneers and Contemporary Changemakers.”

Invited Interview – DBM Podcast Episode 47: “Black Mamas Leaving America, Belonging & Liberation Beyond Borders,” 2022. Displacement pressure for American descendants of slavery.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Urban Affairs Association
Council on Social Work Education
Society for Social Work and Research
National Legal Aid & Defender Association
National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates & Mitigation Specialists