

Lukas Champagne, MSW

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Education

- Ph.D. Candidate, University of Connecticut School of Social Work. 2019 - Present.
- AM (MSW), University of Chicago School of Social Work Administration. Certificate in Global Social Development Practice Programs. 2018.
- BA, University of California, Davis. Sociology, minor in human rights. 2016.

Research Interests

Forced Migration, Refugee Resettlement, Critical Theory, Social Welfare Policy, Race and Inequality, Political Sociology.

Awards and Accomplishments

Rollin Williams/Y.C. Wu Doctoral Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2019-2020 (\$10,000)

Global Social Development Program Travel Grant, University of Chicago 2016-2017 (\$3,000)

Employment, Intern & Volunteer Experience

- Child and Family Connections 10, Chicago, IL, 2016-2019
Service and Intake Coordinator
 - Coordinated a range of therapies to assist in the physical and cognitive development of 0-3 year olds on Chicago's south side
 - Case management for families enrolled in Early Intervention, including coordination with medical professionals, and other social work agencies
 - Used evaluation tools to help assess what services would be most beneficial to families choosing to participate
 - Thorough case noting and organization of case materials
- Asian American Advancing Justice - Chicago, 2017 – 2018
Social Policy Intern
 - Worked on Language Access campaign for immigrant and refugee students in Chicago Public Schools
 - Policy research
 - Program evaluation
- Jo'burg Child Welfare, Johannesburg, South Africa, Summer 2017
Programs Intern
 - Helped to design and evaluate programs meant to address breakdowns in care for foster youth
 - Helped to design programming to evaluate young children for developmental delays
- Lakeview Pantry, Chicago, IL, 2016-2017
Social Work Intern/Case Manager
 - Helped connect food insecure service users to needed resources in the community, including housing and employment

- Restructured employment program to make it more client-directed
- Liaison to Illinois Hunger Coalition

- Center for Healthcare Policy and Research, UC Davis, Summer 2015
Research Assistant
 - Participated in a “secret caller” experiment to determine accessibility of care to MediCal patients in eight counties in California
 - Assisted in the writing of the script used for calls and advised in data interpretation
 - Listed as a co-author of the study

- Pop Wuj, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, 2012
Volunteer
 - Social work and language program
 - Worked in reforestation and stove building in Mayan communities
 - Studied Spanish in the evenings

- CASA, Alameda County, CA, 2011-2013
Special Youth Advocate
 - Coordinated with attorneys, social workers, and educators to ensure the safety and educational goals of a children in foster care
 - Submitted bi-annual court reports and recommendations