

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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NAME	POSITION TITLE	INSTITUTION
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### EDUCATION/TRAINING

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<b><u>INSTITUTION AND LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>DEGREE</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>FIELD OF STUDY</u></b>
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA	Ph.D.	In-Progress	Social Work
University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana	MSW	2019	Social Work
University of Wyoming, Laramie WY	Exchange	2017/2018	Social Work
University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana	B.A.	2015	Social Work and Sociology

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**Professional and Research Interests:** child and family welfare; childhood adversity; maltreatment; mental health; substance abuse and behavioral health; parenting; at-risk and vulnerable families; family-based interventions; reproductive health; racial and ethnic minority groups.

### Professional Experience:

08/20 – present	Research Assistant, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
08/20 – present	Research Assistant, Project Fatherhood
08/18 – 05/19	Graduate Assistant, Department of Social Work, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana
05/18 – 08/18	Research Assistant on a United Nations Population Fund commissioned project, Accra, Ghana
01/18 – 05/18	Student Worker, Global Engagement Office, University of Wyoming, Laramie WY
05/17 – 08/17	Intern/ Case Worker, International Justice Mission, Accra, Ghana
05/16 – 06/17	Youth Trainer, Youth Empowerment Synergy (YES), Accra, Ghana
01/16 – 03/16	Research Assistant, Center for Gender Studies and Advocacy, Accra, Ghana
08/15 – 05/16	Teaching Assistant, Department of Social Work, University of Ghana
08/14 – 05/16	Peer Educator/ Public Relations Officer, Marie stopes International, Accra, Ghana
06/14 – 09/14	Intern/ Case Worker, Cheerful Hearts Foundation, Accra, Ghana
06/13 – 10/13	Paralegal, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Accra, Ghana
06/12 – 05/13	Intern, Right Interventions and Sustainable Community Empowerment, Accra, Ghana

### Honors and Other Activities:

08/21 - Present	Doctoral Student Association, co-Chair, University of Southern California
08/20 - Present	Provost Fellow (Diversity, Inclusion and Access), University of Southern California
08/17 - 05/18	International Students Exchange Program Scholar, University of Wyoming
09/17 - 05/18	Wellness Ambassador, University of Wyoming
03/19	Jacobs Foundation International Travel Awards

### Academic Teaching Experience:

08/18 – 05/19	Teaching Assistant, University of Ghana
05/16 – 06/17	Youth Trainer/ Teacher, Youth Empowerment Synergy (YES), Accra, Ghana
08/15 – 05/16	Teaching Assistant, University of Ghana

**Publications:**

**Okine, L.,** & Dako-Gyeke, M. (2020). Drivers of Repeat Pregnancy among Teenage Mothers in Accra, Ghana. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 105002. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105002>

**Okine, L.,** Dako-Gyeke, M., Baiden, P., & Saa-Touh Mort, K. (2020). Exploring the influence of repeat pregnancy on the lives of teenage mothers. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 1-18. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2020.1763226>

Baiden, P., LaBrenz, C. A., **Okine, L.,** Thrasher, S., & Asiedua-Baiden, G. (2020). The Toxic Duo: Bullying Involvement and Adverse Childhood Experiences as Factors Associated with School Disengagement among Children. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 105383

Cederbaum, J. A., Lee, W. J., **Okine, L.,** Duan, L., & Lee, J. O. (2021). Using the Theory of Reasoned Action to examine grandparent and maternal substance use on the cannabis use of children of teen mothers. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 228, 109019.

Baiden, P., Graaf, G., **Okine, L.,** & LaBrenz, C. A. (In Review). Association between adverse childhood experiences and unmet health care needs among children. *Social Work in Public Health*.

Mahapatra, N., Murugan V., **Okine, L.,** (In Review). South Asian Women Expatriates in the UAE: Experiences of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Help-seeking. *Violence Against Women*.

**Conference Presentations:**

**Okine, L.,** Dako-Gyeke, M., Mort, K. S., & Baiden, P. Exploring the Lived Experiences of Teenage Mothers with Repeat Pregnancies in Ablekuma sub-Metropolis in Ghana. SRCD Biennial Meeting, 2019. Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Adeku, Y., Baiden, P., **Okine, L.,** Dako-Gyeke, M., Acolatse, C. K., & Peters, K. E. Household food insecurity and absenteeism among Junior High School students in Ghana. SRCD Biennial Meeting, 2019. Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Mahapatra, N., Yoon, S., Ojha, M., & **Okine, L.** (2021). "Stress, loneliness, resilience, and anxiety during COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. CSWE, U.S.

**Professional Memberships/Certifications:**

Society for Social Work and Research

Society for Research in Child Development

American Public Health Association

Council on Social Work Education

National Council on Family Relations