

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME	POSITION TITLE	INSTITUTION
Lucinda (Okine) Adjesiwor lokine@usc.edu	Ph.D. Candidate	University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	YEAR	FIELD OF STUDY
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

Professional and Research Interests: child and family welfare; childhood adversity/trauma; maltreatment; behavioral health; parenting; family-support interventions; racial and ethnic minority groups.

Professional Experience:

08/20 - present	Research Associate, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
08/20 - present	Research Associate, Project Fatherhood
08/20 - 08/21	Research Associate, Young Women and Child Development Study
08/18 - 05/20	Graduate Associate, Department of Social Work, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana
02/19 - 06/20	Case Worker, International Justice Mission, Accra, Ghana
05/18 - 08/18	Research Associate, United Nations Population Fund commissioned project, Accra, Ghana
09/17 - 05/18	Student Worker, Global Engagement Office, University of Wyoming, Laramie WY
05/16 - 06/17	Instructor, Youth Empowerment Synergy (YES), Accra, Ghana
01/16 - 03/16	Research Associate, Center for Gender Studies and Advocacy, Accra, Ghana
08/15 - 05/16	Teaching Assistant, Department of Social Work, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana
08/14 - 05/16	Student Relations and Engagement Officer, Marie stopes International, Accra, Ghana
06/14 - 09/15	Social Work Intern, Cheerful Hearts Foundation, Accra, Ghana
06/13 - 10/14	Coordinator, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Accra, Ghana
06/12 - 05/13	Intern, Right Interventions and Sustainable Community Empowerment, Accra, Ghana

Honors and Other Activities:

2022-2023	National Science Foundation (NSF) Emerging Scholar
2022	Society for Prevention Research, Student Poster Contest, 1st Place
2022	Society for Prevention Research Early Career Travel Award
08/21 - Present	Doctoral Student Association, co-Chair, University of Southern California
08/20 - 05/22	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:

Spring 2024:	Co-Instructor, Science of Social Work, University of Southern California
08/18 -Present	Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California
08/18 - 05/19	Co-Instructor, 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:

Cederbaum, J. A., **Okine, L.**, Monro, W., Albassam, B., Parker, K., McBride, D., & Mennen, F. E. (2024). "The secret sauce": Experience of a group-based intervention for Black and Latino fathers. *Child and Family Social Work, 29* (3), 772 -784. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.13135>

Baiden, P., Graaf, G., **Okine, L.**, & LaBrenz, C. A. (2024). Association between exposure to adverse childhood experiences and unmet health care needs among children in the United States. *Social Work in Public Health, 39*(3), 261- 275. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19371918.2024.2323137>

Mahapatra, N., Yoon, S., Ojha Mamta., & **Okine L.**, (2024). Resilience, loneliness, and anxiety during COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 1-19*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2023.2293972>

Okine, L., Cederbaum, J. A., Duan, L., & Lee, J. O. (2023). Maternal childhood adversity and adolescent marijuana use at age 17 years: The role of parental mental health and parenting behaviors. *Journal of Adolescence, 95*(8), 1-18, 1617 -1627. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jad.12230>

Okine, L., Rebbe R., Cederbaum J. A., State variations in child maltreatment reports among adolescents in the United States (2023). *Journal of Public Child Welfare*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2023.2264808>

Ross, L., **Okine, L.**, & Cederbaum, J. A. Promoting social support as a protective factor for parental stress (2023). *Journal of Family Issues*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X231209047>

Oh H., Winn J.G., Verdugo J. L., Banada R., Zachry C., Chan G., **Okine L.**, Park J., Formigoni M., Leaune, E. (2023). Mental health outcomes of multiracial individuals: A systematic review between the years 2017-2022. *Journal of Affective Disorders*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2023.11.040>

Onyeaka, H. K., Muoghalu, C., Baiden, P., **Okine, L.**, Szlyk, H. S., Peoples, J. E., ... & Torous, J. (2022). Excessive screen time behaviors and cognitive difficulties among adolescents in the United States: Results from the 2017 and 2019 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey. *Psychiatry Research, 114740*.

Ziminski, D., Szlyk, H. S., Baiden, P., **Okine, L.**, Onyeaka, H. K., Muoghalu, C., & Cavazos-Rehg, P. (2022). Sports- and physical activity-related concussions and mental health among adolescents: Findings from the 2017 and 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. *Psychiatry Research, 114542*.

Cederbaum, J. A., Lee, A., **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*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2021.109019>

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, 119*, 105383.

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>

Conference Presentations:

Okine L., Unger J. E. (2024, May 28 –31). Substance Use Behaviors Among Latinx Youth: Examining Cultural and Family Factors. Society of Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, USA

Okine L., Unger J. E. (2023, March 23 – 25). Cultural and family factors in Latinx youth substance use Behaviors. Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

Okine, L., Kemner, A., Traube E. D. (2023, January 11-15). Examining rates of depression and their impact on parent-child interaction. [Oral presentation]. Society of Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

Okine, L., Cederbaum J. A., Rebbe R. (2023, January 11-15). State Variations in Maltreatment Reports Among Adolescents Involved with CPS in the United States. Society of Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

Ross, L., **Okine, L.,** Sosnik, G., & Cederbaum, J. A. (2023, January 11-15). COVID, family stress, and the behaviors of school age children [Oral presentation]. Society of Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

Baiden, P., Ziminski, D., Szlyk, H. S., **Okine, L.,** Onyeaka, H. K., Muoghalu, C., & Cavazos-Rehg, P. (2023, January 11-15). Understanding the Deleterious Impact of Sports- and Physical Activity-Related Concussions on Mental Health Among Adolescents: Findings from a Population-Based Study Society of Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

Ross, L., **Okine, L.,** Sosnik, G., & Cederbaum, J. A. (2022, November 6-9). Family stress, parenting behaviors, and the behaviors of school-age children during the COVID-19 pandemic [Roundtable presentation]. American Public Health Association Conference, Boston, MA.

Okine L., Cederbaum J., Duan L., Yoon Y., Lee W.J. & Lee J.O. (2022, May). Examining the Link Between Maternal Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent Substance Use Behavior at Age 17: The Role of Parental Mental Health and Parenting Behaviors. The 30th Annual Meeting for Society for Prevention Research (SPR), Seattle, WA, USA

Okine, L., Cederbaum J. A., Rebbe R. (2022, May). Trends and variations in child maltreatment reports among adolescents in the United States. Journal of Adolescent Health. SRCD Special Topic Meeting. Construction of the 'Other': Development, Consequences, and Applied Implications of Racism, Prejudice, and Discrimination. Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, USA

Okine, L., Townsend J., Sam-Agudu N.A. (2022, April). Examining Parent Support of Early Childhood Development Through Play in Urban Ghana. Journal of Adolescent Health. SRCD Special Topic Meeting: Learning through Play and Imagination: Expanding Perspectives. St Louis, Missouri, USA

Yoon, S., Mahapatra, N., **Okine, L.** & Ojha, M. (2022, January). Stress-Related to COVID-19 and Mental Health: Does Age Matter? The 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC

Mahapatra, N., Yoon, S., Ojha, M., & **Okine, L.** (2021, November). "Stress, loneliness, resilience, and anxiety during COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) 67th Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, Florida, U.S.

Mahapatra, N., Yoon, S., Ojha, M., & **Okine, L.** (2021). "Stress, loneliness, resilience, and anxiety during COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S." An e-poster presented at Cross-National Perspectives on Social Work in the Time of COVID-19, a virtual conference sponsored by St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Bangalore, India & University of North Carolina Wilmington, U.S.

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

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

Professional Memberships/Certifications:

Society for Social Work and Research

Society for Research in Child Development

American Public Health Association

Society for Prevention Research

Council on Social Work Education