

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	2029	University of Southern California, Social Work
MSW	2022	University of Southern California, Social Work
B.A	2018	Spelman College

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Aging and Older Adult Population, Mental Health, Urban Community Care, Help Seeking Behaviors, End of Life Care

Research Experience

2025	PNF Mental Health Study Community Advisor University of Southern California Supervisor: Dr. Hans Oh Project Support: NIH National Center for Advancing Translation
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2021-2022

NAI Climate Change Study
Research Assistant
University of Southern California
Supervisor: Dr. Michael Hurlburt and Dr. Lawrence Palinkas

Work and Volunteer Experience

2024-2025

Southern California Health and Rehabilitation Program
Behavioral Health Clinician
Los Angeles, CA

2022-2024

Exodus Recovery
Behavioral Health Therapist
Los Angeles, CA

2022

Didi Hirsch
Master's Level Social Work Intern
Inglewood, CA

2021

Exodus Recovery
Inpatient Mental Health Intern
Culver City, CA

2021-2022

CalHope
Telehealth Clinician
Los Angeles, CA

2011

IMPACT
Community Service Coordinator
Los Angeles, CA

2011-2014

Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education
Student Organizer
Los Angeles, CA

2011-2014

Traveling Spirits
Student Volunteer
Los Angeles, CA

Skills

Group Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral therapy, Motivational Interviewing, Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, Crisis Intervention, Case Management, Critical Race Theory

Certifications

CPR, Cultural Competency, Lanterman Petris Certification, Women's Studies Honor Society, Black Social Work Caucus (USC), Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Fellowships

2014-2018

Bonner Scholar Program
Spelman College
Atlanta, GA

2015-2016

Social Justice Fellow
Spelman College
Atlanta, GA