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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.**
June 2026
(expected) **Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice**
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Dissertation Chair: Matthew Epperson, M.S.W., Ph.D., University of Chicago
Dissertation Committee: Kelli Canada, M.S.W., Ph.D. (University of Missouri), Erin Comartin, M.S.W., Ph.D. (Wayne State University), Gina Fedock, M.S.W., Ph.D. (University of Chicago)
Dissertation Title: Social Welfare Policy-To-Practice Translation in Jail Reform Litigation: The Case of *Brad H. et al. Versus The City Of New York et al.*
- M.S.W.**
August 2018 **Smith College School for Social Work**
Smith College, Northampton, MA
- A.B.**
May 2016 **Harvard College**
Cambridge, MA
Major: Social Anthropology and Studies of Women, Gender & Sexuality
Language immersion in Madrid, Spain via Boston University Madrid (spring 2015)
Magna Cum Laude with high honors

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Illinois License No. 150.112324

RESEARCH, TEACHING, & PRACTICE INTERESTS

Abolitionist social work
Forensic social work & holistic defense
Smart decarceration, abolition, & mass incarceration
Jail-based discharge planning
Serious mental illness in criminal-legal contexts
Policy implementation
Intersectionality in clinical practice

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed manuscripts:

- Suslovic, B.**, Epperson, M., Cinque, A., & Guz, S. (2025). Mixed Methods Findings on Implementation of a Novel Pretrial Diversion Program for People with Serious Mental Illnesses. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-025-09830-x>.
- Suslovic, B. (2025). Reflections on Boyhood as a Non/Human State: A Response to Cushman. *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10481885.2025.2524323>.

- Sarantakos, S., Claypool, E., **Suslovic, B.**, & Epperson, M. W. (2025). Perceptions of legitimacy in three forms of probation supervision for people with serious mental illness. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.21428/88de04a1.2b719ec6>.
- Suslovic, B. (2025). The Survival Line: A Case Study in Anti-Carceral Community-Based Hotline Work. *Social Sciences*, 14(3), Article 3. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci14030121>.
- Suslovic, B. (2025). Gap-Bridging or Net-Widening? Gendered Manifestations of Social Control in 1970s Chicagoland Police-Social Work Teams. *Journal of Progressive Human Services: Radical Thought & Praxis*.
- Suslovic, B.**, Shankar, S., & Gottlieb, A. (2025). Race/Ethnicity, Neurodivergence, and Odds of Staff Physical Assault in Youth Carceral Settings: Intersectional Analysis of Data from the National Survey of Youth in Custody. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/734616>.
- Harrell, S., **Suslovic, B.**, Johnson, C., Boys, C., Anderson-Nathe, B., & Botts, K. (2023). Moral Reconciliation Therapy: Compatible with Council on Social Work Education competencies? *Advances in Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.18060/26271>.
- Suslovic, B.**, & Lett, E. (2023). “Resilience is an Adverse Event: A Critical Discussion of Resilience Theory in Health Services Research and Public Health.” *Community Health Equity Research and Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2752535X231159721>.
- Guz, S. & **Suslovic, B.** (2023). “She must be experimental, resourceful, and have sympathetic understanding:” toxic white femininities as a persona and performance in school social work. *Affilia*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099231157337>.
- Suslovic, B. (2023). Hysterical Solidarity: An Embodied Reflection on Contemporary Sexual and Reproductive Rights Concerns in the United States. *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15240657.2022.2161284>.
- Epperson, M. W., Sarantakos, S. P., **Suslovic, B. J.**, Thompson, J. G., & Self, J. J. (2022). “You feed and water a rose bush and eventually it blossoms”: Constructions of self-transformation among mental health court defendants. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*, 85, 101839. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijlp.2022.101839>
- Harrell, S., Johnson, C., Boys, C., **Suslovic, B.**, Anderson-Nathe, B., Botts, K. (2022). “The broker of reality”: A scoping review of Moral Reconciliation Therapy. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2022.2117583>
- Suslovic, B. (2020). Mitigating racial loneliness as transformative psychoanalytic work. *Psychoanalysis, Culture & Society*, 25(3), 480–489. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41282-020-00175-4>
- Book chapters:**
- Guz, S., Halka, P., & **Suslovic, B.** (in press). Critiques of the DSM. In *Encyclopedia of Social Work*.
- Rasmussen, C. & **Suslovic, B.** (2025). Critiques of social work practice in carceral systems. In *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Last modified 22 Jan, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.1682>.
- Suslovic, B. (2024). A Program for Andrew. In J. Corcoran (Ed.), *What Do Social Workers Do All Day? Real-Life Cases for Generalist Practice*. Council on Social Work Education Press.

Suslovic, B. (2024). Abolition of involuntary mental health services. In *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Last modified June 18, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.1677>

Reports, book reviews, and editorials:

Suslovic, B. (2024). Music Making in U.S. Prisons: Listening to Incarcerated Voices by Mary L. Cohen and Stuart P. Duncan (review). *Human Rights Quarterly*, 46(3), 552–555.

Suslovic, B., Epperson, M.E., Cinque, A. (2023). Program Evaluation of a Pilot Fitness Diversion Program in Chicago, IL. Funded by the National Institute of Justice's JMHC in collaboration with Cook County Health.

Suslovic, B. (2018). Feminist Social Work and Abortion Support Work: A Young Practitioner's Reflections. *Affilia*, 33(4), 429–434. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109918806990>

Op-eds, commentary, and popular media:

2025 New study finds confined neurodivergent youth of color are particularly vulnerable to physical assault by staff. *Prison Policy Initiative*. <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2025/08/19/youth-victimization/>.

2025 Care Work is Necessary for Anti-Imperialist Struggle. *Public Books*. <https://www.publicbooks.org/care-work-is-necessary-for-anti-imperialist-struggle/>.

2025 Movement Practice. *Getting Free Together* podcast. <https://podcasts.apple.com/gr/podcast/movement-practice-a-conversation-with-brianna/id1785214399?i=1000695925221>.

2021 U of C Doesn't Need More Policing to Reduce Crime: The misrepresentation of surveillance as safety. *South Side Weekly*. <https://southsideweekly.com/op-ed-u-of-c-doesnt-need-more-policing-to-reduce-crime/>

2021 Situating Abolition. *Rendering Unconscious* podcast. <https://www.renderingunconscious.org/politics/ru138-brianna-suslovic-situating-abolition>.

Manuscripts in preparation & under review:

Suslovic, B. (invited special issue paper). Thinking and Feeling Kleinian Dynamics in the Prison-Industrial Complex: Building an Abolitionist Depressive Position. *Humanities*.

Suslovic, B., & Rasmussen, C. (invited special issue paper). Affective Solidarity as a Feminist Tool for Criminological Scholar-Activism. *Feminist Criminology*.

Sawh, L., Applegarth, D.A., Kheibari A., Comartin E., & **Suslovic, B.** (paper in progress). Reconceptualizing the Sequential Intercept Model.

Suslovic, B. (paper in progress). Licensed with a Criminal Record? A Legal Mapping Analysis of Social Work Licensure Laws across 56 States and Territories.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS (TOTAL: \$246,848)

2025-2026 **Teaching Race Graduate Fellow**
Funder: Centering Race Consortium & Mellon Foundation
\$500

2025-2026	CCTL Graduate Fellow <i>Funder: Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Chicago</i> \$5,000
2025-2026	Dissertation Completion Fellow <i>Funder: University of Chicago Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture</i> \$5,000
2025-2026	Health Policy Research Scholars Dissertation Grant <i>Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation</i> \$10,000
2024-2026	T32 Predoctoral Fellow <i>Funder: Agency for Healthcare Research Quality (AHRQ), National Institute of Health</i> \$46,424 annually (\$92,848 total)
2022-2026	Health Policy Research Scholar <i>Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation</i> \$30,000 annually (\$120,000 total)
2024-2025	Beyond Prisons Fellow <i>Funder: University of Chicago Center for the Study of Race, Politics & Culture</i> \$6,000
2024-2025	Residential Fellow <i>Funder: University of Chicago Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture</i> \$2,000
2024-2025	Teaching Race Graduate Fellow <i>Funder: Centering Race Consortium & Mellon Foundation</i> \$500
2024-2025	Race & Society Dissertation Incubator <i>Funder: University of Chicago</i> \$500
2022-2023	Urban Doctoral Fellow <i>Funder: Mansueto Institute, University of Chicago</i> \$1,000
2022	Doctoral Research Stipend (declined) <i>Funder: Center for Health Administration Studies, University of Chicago</i>
2021-2023	Graduate Fellow <i>Funder: University of Chicago Mass Incarceration Working Group & Pozen Family Center for Human Rights</i> \$4,000

AWARDS & HONORS

2023	Best Presentation Award
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American Psychological Association Division 39 Early Career Professionals Committee

- 2020 **Multicultural Concerns Committee Scholar Award**
American Psychological Association Division 39
- 2019 **Diana Siskind Award**
American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work
- 2018 **Judith Holm Memorial Scholarship Award**
American Clinical Social Work Association
- 2016 – 2018 **Dean's Award for Social Justice**
Smith College School for Social Work
- 2016 – 2018 **Dean's Merit Scholarship**
Smith College School for Social Work
- 2016 **Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society**
Alpha of Massachusetts at Harvard College
- 2016 **Pforzheimer Student Fellowship Award**
Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Harvard University

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – Present Project Coordinator and Research Assistant
Smart Decarceration Project
Principal Investigator: Matthew Epperson, M.S.W., Ph.D.
- Responsibilities: supervise a team of 15 Master's level research assistants on a legal mapping project focused on social work licensure for people with criminal records; collect and analyze qualitative and quantitative program data from a program evaluation of a Cook County-based diversion program for court-involved individuals with mental illness; direct a methods-focused analysis of research in criminal-legal and community mental health contexts; revise a qualitative findings-focused paper on adaptive responses of mental health court participants; scrape and clean quantitative data from case management records.
- 2021 – 2025 Lab Member
Health Equity and Innovation for Social Transformation Lab
Principal Investigator, Alida Bouris, Ph.D.
- Responsibilities: engage in study recruitment and qualitative interviews; participate in lab meetings and work sessions; provide feedback to fellow lab members on their projects, engage in qualitative research tasks related to police and mental health for BIPOC men who have sex with men in the Chicagoland area.
- 2020 – Present Qualitative Researcher
Moral Reconciliation Therapy Research Cluster
Principal Investigators: Ben Anderson-Nathe, Ph.D. & Sam Harrell, PhD

Responsibilities: co-write analysis of Moral Reconciliation Therapy's suitability for social work field placements; revise scoping review of the evidence base for Moral Reconciliation Therapy; complete research tasks for an interview-based study of individuals who have undergone MRT as an intervention.

2017 – 2018

Research Clinician

Psychodynamic Research Clinic at Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School
Principal Investigator: Adam Conklin, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: participated in weekly clinic-wide trainings and group consultation on psychodynamic treatment modalities and theoretical orientations; recorded and process-recorded treatment of a research participant; reviewed quantitative data collected from psychological measures to determine efficacy of treatment.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record:

Summer 2024 & 2025 **Advancing Racial and Social Justice through Social Work Research**

Smith College School for Social Work
Graduate Level

Summer 2024 & 2025 **Critical Approaches to Social Work Research**

Smith College School for Social Work
Graduate Level

Spring & Fall 2023 **Current Affairs & Media Literacy**

Cook County Jail / Harvard Club of Chicago Jail Tutoring Program
High school-level elective course

Spring & Fall 2023 **Visioning an Anti-Carceral Psychoanalysis**

Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California
Continuing Education; professional psychoanalytic institute elective

Spring 2023

Violence in Society

Prison-Neighborhood Arts + Education Project
Co-Instructors: Beth Richie, Gina Fedock, Beth Awano
Undergraduate Level; taught inside Logan Correctional Facility

Fall 2022

Creating New Anchors: An Introduction to Prison Industrial Complex Abolition

University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice
Graduate Level

Teaching Assistant:

Spring 2025

Smart Decarceration: A Grand Challenge for Social Work

Instructor: Matthew Epperson, M.S.W., Ph.D.
University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice
Graduate Level

Fall 2023

Social Intervention, Direct Practice I

Instructor: Gina Fedock, M.S.W., Ph.D.
University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice
Graduate Level

Summer 2023 **Confronting a Political Economy in Crisis**

Instructor: Fahad Sajid, Ph.D.
University of Chicago Summer Session
Undergraduate Level

Fall 2022 **BA Human Rights Thesis Fellowship Writing and Research Seminar**

Instructor: Alice Kim
University of Chicago Pozen Family Center for Human Rights
Undergraduate Level

Guest Lecturer:

Spring 2023 – 2025 **Psychodynamic Practice**

Instructor: Jennifer Cutilletta
University of Chicago
Graduate Level

Spring 2025 **Race, Class, and Liberation**

Instructor: Lisa Moore, MSW, Ph.D.
University of Chicago
Graduate Level

Spring 2025 **Introductory Research Methods**

Instructor: Sam Harrell, MSW, Ph.D.
Seattle University
Graduate Level

Spring 2025 **Introductory Social Welfare History**

Instructor: Grace Pappas, MSW
Portland State University
Graduate Level

Winter 2024 **Race, Class, and So Much More in Psychodynamic Theory**

Instructor: Lisa Moore, MSW, Ph.D.
Graduate Level

Fall 2023 **Research Methods for Doctoral Students**

Instructor: Matthew Epperson, MSW, Ph.D.
Graduate Level

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2025 – Present Promote Smart Decarceration team member, Social Work Grand Challenges Futures project

2024 – Present Consulting editor, *Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work*

2024 – Present Co-convener of the University of Chicago Carceralities and Abolition Study Group

2024 – 2025	Member of the University of Chicago Crown Family School Doctoral Studies Committee
2023 – Present	Co-convener of the Abolitionist Social Work SIG of the Society for Social Work & Research
2023 – 2024	Co-Chair, University of Chicago Crown Family School Doctoral Student Social Committee
2022 – Present	Core collective member of the Network to Advance Abolitionist Social Work
2022 – Present	Ad-hoc journal reviewer for <i>Advances in Social Work, Health and Social Care in the Community, Health Equity, Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work, Psychotherapy, International Journal of Applied Psychoanalytic Studies, Social Service Review, and Social Problems</i>
2022	Student reviewer (supervised by Dr. Matthew Epperson) for <i>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</i>
2022	Reviewer for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority “Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3)” grants
2022	Society for Social Work & Research Doctoral Student Committee, communications team

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Suslovic, B.** (2025). “The Survival Line as a Model for Community-Led Crisis Response.” Symposium paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Suslovic, B.,** Rasmussen, S., Kim, M. (2025). “Social Work, Abolition, and the State: Assessing Possibilities and Paradoxes for Research and Practice.” Roundtable at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Suslovic, B.,** Sawh, L., Applegarth, D.M., Comartin, E., & Kheibari, A. (2025). “Social Work’s Role In Refining the Sequential Intercept Model: Assessing and Modifying Theory with Practice Insights.” Roundtable at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Suslovic, B.,** Guevara, V., Rodriguez, M., Kynn, J., Boyke, H. (2024). “Healing justice perspectives in criminology.” Roundtable at the American Society of Criminology Annual Mtg., San Francisco, CA.
- Suslovic, B.,** Guz, S., Washington, D., Toraif, N. (2024). “The extended impacts of intersecting carceral systems on families.” Roundtable at the American Society of Criminology Annual Mtg., San Francisco, CA.
- Epperson, M., & **Suslovic, B.** (2024). Mixed Methods Findings on a Novel Pretrial Diversion Program for People with Serious Mental Illnesses. XXXVIIIth International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Barcelona.
- Suslovic, B.,** Toraif, N., Rasmussen, C., Gormley, E., Allen, E. (2023). “Abolitionist Perspectives on Social Service: Excising Control from Care.” Roundtable at the American Society of Criminology Annual Mtg., Philadelphia, PA.
- Suslovic, B. (2023). “Histories of Community-Led Violence Response: The Survival Line’s Role in 1970s Chicago.” Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Mtg., Philadelphia, PA.

- Suslovic, B.,** Guz, S. (2023). "Nexus-Based Research: A Methodological Framework for Engaging Criminalized and Psychiatrized Individuals in Qualitative Research." Presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Epperson, M. W., Sarantakos, S. P., **Suslovic, B. J.,** Thompson, J. G., & Self, J. J. (2023). "You feed and water a rose bush and eventually it blossoms": Constructions of self-transformation among mental health court defendants. Poster presented virtually at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Washington, D., **Suslovic, B.,** Wahbi, R., Rasmussen, C. (2022). "Abolitionist Social Work: Possibilities, Paradox and Praxis." Roundtable at the American Society of Criminology Annual Mtg., Atlanta, GA.
- Harrell, S., Johnson, C., **Suslovic, B.** (2022). "Moral Reconation Therapy: Critical Thinking, Evidence-Based Practice, and Research Literacy in MSW Field Education." Presentation at the Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Mtg., Anaheim, CA.
- Harrell, S., **Suslovic, B.,** Johnson, C. (2022). "The Ethical and Empirical Basis for Moral Reconation Therapy: Implications for Forensic Social Work." Presentation at the National Organization of Forensic Social Work Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Suslovic, B.,** Harrell, S. (2022). "Police Social Work: Lessons from the 1970s Chicago Police-Social Service Project." Presentation at the National Organization of Forensic Social Work Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Suslovic, B.,** Guz, S. (2022). "Nexus-Based Research: A Methodological Framework for Engaging Criminalized and Psychiatrized Individuals in Qualitative Research." Presentation at the Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Mtg., Anaheim, CA.
- Suslovic, B. (2022). "Incarcerated Subjectivities, Attachments to Punishment: An Interrogation of Carceral Social Work's Cruel Optimism." Paper presented to the Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory Graduate Student Conference, Attachment Issues: Psychopolitics and the Everyday, Chicago, IL.
- Suslovic, B. (2022). Criminalization, Medicalization, and Curative Violence: A Critical Examination of Mental 'Health' in Criminal-Legal Diversion Contexts." Paper presented to the UChicago Graduate Disability Studies Workshop, virtual.
- Suslovic, B.,** Guz, S., & Hill, A. (2022). "The Possibilities of an Abolitionist Social Work Profession." Panel discussion at the DePaul Graduate Philosophy Conference, virtual.
- Suslovic, B.,** Dadlani, M., & Desierto, G. (2021). "Reckoning with Anti-Blackness and Failures in Mentalization." Paper presented at the Spring Meeting of the American Psychological Association's Division 39, virtual.
- Suslovic, B. (2020). "Racial Loneliness, Recognition, and White Supremacy in Treatment and Supervision." Paper presented to American Psychological Association Division 39 Section 9 membership, virtual.
- Suslovic, B.,** Dadlani, M., Bredesen, T., & Au, J. (2019). "Where Does Mutuality Lie? Navigating Clinician Self-Disclosure Across Difference and Sameness in Race, Gender, and Sexuality." Roundtable presentation at the Spring Meeting of the American Psychological Association's Division 39, Philadelphia, PA.
- Suslovic, B. (2019). "Racial Loneliness in Analytically-Informed Social Work Training." Paper presented at the American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work conference, Durham, NC.

- Suslovic, B. (2019). “Gaslighting in the Public Consciousness—Primary Defenses in Response to #MeToo.” Paper presented at the American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work conference, Durham, NC.
- Suslovic, B. (2018). “Transforming Silence into Language and Action: Psychoanalytic Readings of Audre Lorde.” Paper presented at the Association for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society Conference, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Suslovic, B. (2018). “Mitigating Racial Loneliness as Transformative Psychoanalytic Work.” Paper presented at the Association for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society Conference, New Brunswick, NJ.

OTHER INVITED TALKS

- Invited panelist, 2025: “Supporting MSW Students in the Field during Uncertain Times.” University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, Denver, CO (virtual).
- Invited panelist, 2025: “Palestine, Free Speech, and DEI Bans: Social Work’s Response to Silencing Tactics, Genocide, and Systemic Injustice.” Doctoral Student Session and Luncheon at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Invited presenter, 2025: “Critically Engaging with Whiteness in Clinical Practice.” Williams College Integrative Wellbeing Services, Williamstown, MA (virtual).
- Invited presenter, 2024: “Criminal-Legal Systems Literacy in Psychiatric Practice Settings.” Lenox Hill Hospital Outpatient Center for Mental Health, New York, NY (virtual).
- Invited panelist, 2024: “Health for Whom? Exploring Health Justice in a Global Context.” Fletcher Conference on Gender and International Affairs, Tufts University, Medford, MA.
- Invited presenter, 2023: “Collaborative Practice with Clients Impacted by Carceral Systems.” Just Talks: Equity and Social Justice in Mental Health, Mount Sinai Hospital Department of Psychiatry (virtual).
- Invited presenter, 2023: “Activism and Psychoanalysis.” Workshop at the American Psychological Association Division 39 Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

PROFESSIONAL AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2022 – Present | <p>Member-Owner
Spring Up Collective, Denver, CO (remote)</p> <p><u>Responsibilities:</u> Manage an online learning platform for asynchronous and live learning experiences related to conflict, harm, community accountability, and transformative justice skills; engage in participatory action research with clients; provide coaching sessions to individuals invested in troubleshooting, experimenting with, and implementing transformative justice interventions in their own contexts.</p> |
| 2022 – 2025 | <p>Cook County Jail Tutoring Program Coordinator
Harvard Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL</p> <p><u>Responsibilities:</u> Refined curriculum for the HiSET general equivalency diploma exam for students at Cook County Jail; collaborated with jail programming staff and volunteer tutors</p> |

to develop a tutoring schedule and test preparation plan for students enrolled in the program; coordinated logistics related to security clearance, materials, and hybrid tutoring with tutors and jail staff.

2022

Research Intern

Healing Histories Project (remote)

Responsibilities: Compiled over 2,000 data points for a digital public history project led by healing justice practitioners; organized and revised content for a digital timeline of the Medical Industrial Complex.

2020 – Present

Staff Emotional Support and Wellness Counselor

Advocates For Youth, Washington, DC (remote)

Responsibilities: Providing individual workplace wellness consultations and group sessions to staff members about work-life balance, resiliency, interpersonal effectiveness, executive functioning, and vicarious trauma/burnout prevention; coordinating annual emotional and logistical support for youth ages 14-24 attending a virtual and in-person conference focused on building organizing skills and political advocacy techniques.

2020 – 2021

Better Living Center Clinical Social Worker

The Fortune Society, Queens, NY

Responsibilities: Provided evaluations, treatment plans, and psychotherapy for a caseload of 40-50 regular clients with past or current criminal-legal system involvement within an Office of Mental Health Article 31-licensed clinic; offered a weekly psychotherapy group for LGBTQ+ clients with past or current criminal-legal system involvement; engaged service providers for client referrals to supportive housing, government benefits, and ongoing care.

2018 – 2020

Mental Health Unit and Adult Criminal Defense Practice Social Worker

Brooklyn Defender Services, Brooklyn, NY

Responsibilities: Psychosocially evaluated public defense attorneys' clients with suspected or confirmed diagnoses of serious mental illness, intellectual disability, dementia, substance use disorders, and traumatic brain injury; collaborated with clinical staff of Brooklyn Mental Health Court to coordinate referrals to government benefits, healthcare, psychiatric care, alternative-to-incarceration programs, and supportive housing placements; authored mitigation memoranda for prosecutors and judges to review in plea/sentencing negotiations; represented Brooklyn Defender Services on the NYC Criminal Defense Social Work Policy Coalition as well as the NYC COVID-19 Test & Trace Corps Community Advisory Board.

2017 – 2020

Editorial Assistant

Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work (remote)

Responsibilities: Reviewed all submitted manuscripts to the academic journal for preliminary screening purposes, before passing them on to editorial leadership and reviewers and compiling quarterly journal issues; trained two new editorial assistants.

2017 – 2018

Clinical Social Work Intern

Cambridge Health Alliance, Somerville, MA

Responsibilities: Provided weekly psychotherapy in a community mental health setting for a caseload of 14 adult patients; conducted psychosocial intake evaluations for new patients in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team.

2016 – 2017

Clinical Social Work Intern

Brigham & Women's Faulkner Hospital Inpatient Psychiatry Department, Boston, MA

Responsibilities: Provided psychosocial assessments, psychotherapeutic interventions, and family-informed discharge plans to patients admitted to an adult inpatient psychiatry unit; facilitated a weekly safety planning group to prepare patients on the unit for discharge.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Social Work and Research

Council on Social Work Education

American Society of Criminology

Network to Advance Abolitionist Social Work

American Psychological Association Division 39 (Society for Psychoanalysis and Psychoanalytic Psychology)

American Psychological Association Division 39 Section IX (Psychoanalysis for Social Responsibility)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2025 – present	Chicago Abortion Fund (case manager)
2022 – present	UChicago Graduate Students United labor union (co-president and union steward)
2022 – present	Prison/Neighborhood Arts +Education Project (course coordinator)
2024 – 2025	Crown Family School Doctoral Student Organization executive board member
2022 – 2024	Crown Family School Doctoral Student Social Committee Co-Chair
2021 – 2022	Black & Pink Chicago Civil Commitment Working Group (archive coordinator)
2021	New York Abortion Access Fund (restorative justice facilitator)
2017 – 2018	Boston Abortion Support Collective (steering committee, abortion support volunteer)
2017 – 2018	Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund (hotline volunteer)
2016 – 2018	Smith College School for Social Work Council for Students of Color (co-president)