

# Lukas Champagne, MSW

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## Education

- Ph.D. student, 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

Refugee Resettlement, Forced Migration, Critical Theory, Social Welfare Policy, Community Organizing, Race & Inequality, Political Sociology, Historical Methods

## Awards and Accomplishments

Rollin Williams/Y.C. Wu Doctoral Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2020-2021 (\$10,000)

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)

## Manuscripts

Champagne, L., Fisher, R. (2023). Social work's blame game: Blackness, neoliberalism, and the profession's turn away from organizing in (eds.) Crewe, S. *Social Work, White Supremacy, and Racial Justice: Reckoning with Our History, interrogating our Present, Re-Imagining our Future*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Fisher, R., Champagne, L. (entry for) Alinsky, S. (Accepted). *Encyclopedia of the American Left*. Verso.

Fisher, R., Fabricant, M., & Champagne, L. (2013, June 11). [Settlements and neighborhood centers](#). In *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Last modified 2021, August 31.

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.356>

Libal, K., Harding, S., Champagne, L. (2022). Solidarity Work as Political Action: Advocating for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the USA. *Journal of Refugee Studies* doi: [10.1093/jrs/feac024](https://doi.org/10.1093/jrs/feac024)

Parekh, R., Sieger, M.L., Elsaesser, C., Mauldin, R. Champagne, L. (2023). The Association Between Permanency and Length of Time in Foster Care for Children with Older Adult Foster Caregivers: Children Removed Due to Substance Use Behavior. *Child Youth Care Forum* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10566-023-09742-z>

## Presentations

Champagne, L., Fisher, R. (2023). "Organising and Ideology in the Austerity State: Implications for Community Organising Education." Delivered 6/14/2023 at Alternative Futures and Popular Protest Manchester, UK.

Champagne, L., Fisher, R. (2021). Social work's blame game: Blackness, neoliberalism, and the profession's turn away from organizing. Delivered 1/28/2021 at *Social Work, White Supremacy, and Racial Justice Symposium*, hosted at the University of Houston by the Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social work (GADE).

Champagne, L, Fisher, R. (2020). Housing movements and organizing with intersectional and decolonial frames. Abstract accepted by Alternative Futures and Popular Protest conference in Manchester, UK. Presentation not delivered due to COVID-19.

## **Committees**

Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee (Ph.D. representative) 2020-2021

- A Just Community (Ph.D. representative) 2021-2022

## **Employment, Intern & Volunteer Experience**

- Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, New Haven, CT 2022-Present  
*PC Intensive Case Manager*
  - Case management for refugee clients with significant physical, psychological, and emotional barriers to socialization and inclusion in the U.S./Connecticut context. Provides assistance with connection to local services, state and federal programs, medical and legal case management, and psychosocial supports.
  - Works as part of the equity working group to address anti-Blackness, and orientation to minoritized sexual and gender groups for new refugee arrivals.
- University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT, 2019-Present  
*Graduate Research Assistant*
  - Engaged in research about refugee and asylum seekers, solidarity, sanctuary and co-sponsorship (2019-2020); critical race and historical analyses of the social work profession and community organizing (2020-2021); effects of COVID-19 epidemic on those aging alone (2021-2022).
  - Working to summarize data, code qualitative interviews, audit transcripts, build quantitative datasets using Stata and SPSS, and interpret both quantitative and qualitative data.
- University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT, 2021-Present  
*Adjunct Professor/Instructor of Record*
  - Macro Foundation Practice (Fall 2021)
  - Analysis of Social Welfare Policy (set to teach Spring 2022)
- 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, public welfare services, and other social work agencies

- Home visits with families, in concert with certified therapists, to conduct assessments of children referred for developmental delays
  - 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
  - Handled sensitive data pertaining to families regularly
- Asian American Advancing Justice - Chicago, 2017 – 2018  
*Social Policy Intern*
    - Worked on Language Access campaign with a group of immigrant and refugee students in Chicago Public Schools. Helped to change the world language requirement.
    - 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, including group therapeutic intervention.
    - 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 children in foster care
- Submitted bi-annual court reports and recommendations