

# Oladoyin Okunoren, LCSW, MSW, ABD

## Curriculum Vitae

Boston College  
School of Social Work  
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### EDUCATION/LICENSE

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<b>PhD</b> July 2021-Present	School of Social Work, Boston College
<b>LCSW</b> 2020	State of Illinois
<b>MSW</b> 2018	School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Concentration: Clinical with a focus in Mental Health
<b>BS</b> 2017	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Bachelor of Science <i>Major: Clinical/Community Psychology</i>

### RESEARCH INTEREST

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- Psychosocial Impacts of Infectious Disease Outbreaks and Public Health Responses in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)
- Mental Health Care Integration into Primary Health Care Settings in SSA
- Impact of Policy on Mental Health and Health Outcomes in SSA
- Refugees and Forced Migration
- Intervention Development and Testing in SSA and other low-resource contexts
- Implementation Science

### GRANTS/FUNDING

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2023	Summer Research Grant. Center for Human Rights and International Justice. Boston College. <b>Amount: \$1,500</b>
2023	Research Incentive Grant. Office of the Vice Provost for Research. Boston College. Multi PI: Crea and Okunoren. <b>Amount: \$12,500</b>
2022	School of Social Work Center for Social Innovation. Boston College. <b>Amount: \$13,000</b>

## AWARDS

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- 2024                      Doctoral Program Emerging Scholar Award. Boston College.  
**Amount: \$500**
- 2022                      Elaine B. Pinderhughes Scholarship Fund. Boston College.  
**Amount: \$5,000**
- 2021                      **University Fellowship**, *School of Social Work*, Boston College. Competitive fellowship with a tuition waiver and a monthly stipend

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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1. Neville, S. E., **Okunoren, O.**, & Crea, T. M. (2023). Youth Who Have Lived in Alternative Care in Nigeria, Zambia, and Zimbabwe: Mental Health and Violence Outcomes in Nationally Representative Data. *JAACAP Open* 1(2), pp 141–50.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaacop.2023.05.002>.
2. Crea, T. M., Klein, E. K., **Okunoren, O.**, Jimenez, M. P., St. Arnold, G., Kirior, T., Velandria, E., & Bruni, D. (2022). Inclusive education in a refugee camp for children with disabilities: How are school setting and children’s behavioral functioning related? *Conflict & Health*, 16(53). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13031-022-00486-6>
3. Larrison, C. R., Davis, J. P., **Okunoren, O.**, Sinha, G. R., & Hack, S. M. (2022). Medicaid, Race, Utilization of Crisis Services at Community Mental Health Agencies. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/10497315221128770>
4. Watson-Singleton N.N., **Okunoren, O.**, LoParo D., Hunter C.D. (2017). Emotional Benefits and Barriers of Psychological Services Scale: Initial Construction and Validation among African American Women. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 64 (6), pp. 684-695.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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1. Crea, T. M., Klein E. K., **Okunoren, O.**, Collier, M. K., Currie, C., Smith, M., Sevalie, S., Molleh, B., Kabba, Y., Kargbo, A., Bangura, J., Gbettu, H., Simms, S., O’Leary, C, Drury, S., Schieffelin, J. S., Betancourt, T. S. (revise and resubmit). Stressors and Coping Strategies Among People Affected by Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in West Africa: A Qualitative Study Across Multiple Levels of the Social Ecology.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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1. **Okunoren, O.**, & Saran, I. (In preparation). The Role of Beliefs in Malaria Prevention and Treatment Behavior: Analysis of the 2021 Nigeria and 2020 Kenya Malaria Indicator Survey.
2. Crea, T. M., **Okunoren, O.**, McTernan, M., Sevalie, S., S., Molleh, B., Kabba, Y., Kargbo, A., Bangura, J., Gbettu, H., Simms, S., Drury, S., Schieffelin, J. S., Betancourt, T. S. (In Preparation). Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and Pediatric Mental Health: Long Term Mediating Effects of Caregiver Mental Health.

## SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS-PUBLISHED REGISTRY

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**Okunoren, O.**, Collier, K. M., Williams, A., Currie, C., McMahan, L., Sharifi, F., Crea, T. (Status: ongoing). *Effectiveness of Mental Health Care Integration into Primary Care in Sub-Saharan Africa*. PROSPERO 2022: CRD42022339583. International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews, University of York, and the U.K. National Institute for Health Research. Available from: [https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/display\\_record.php?RecordID=339583](https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/display_record.php?RecordID=339583)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Graduate Research Assistant** June 2021-Present  
*Boston College*  
*Supervisor: Dr. Thomas Crea, PhD, School of Social Work*
- Graduate Research Assistant** September 2020-August 2022  
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*  
*Supervisor: Dr. Sean P. Mullen, PhD, College of Applied Health Sciences*  
*Co-Supervisor: Dr. Christopher Larrison, School of Social Work*
- Graduate Research Assistant** August 2017-December 2018  
*Graduate Researcher*  
*Supervisor: Dr. Christopher Larrison, School of Social Work*  
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
- Undergraduate Research Assistant** August 2015- May 2017  
*Cultural Heritage and Racial Identity Lab,*  
*Supervisor: Dr. Carla D. Hunter, Department of Psychology*  
*University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

## PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (\*CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19)

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### Oral Presentations

- Mullen, S. P., Thomas, D. D., Frail, O., Ruzella, R. M., Ryono, K., Aguiñaga, S. P., Ruedas-Gracia, N., **Okunoren, O.**, Canton, I., Adamek, J. F., Goldstein, M., Callaghan, B., Singha, G., & Larrison, C. R. (2024). Feasibility of the TIPSTART Program for First-generation College Students with Symptoms of Mental Illness. *45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*, Philadelphia, PA
- Klein, E. K., **Okunoren, O.**, Crea, T. M., Kirior, T., & Bruni, D. (2024). The Association between Parental School Involvement and Students' Psychosocial Outcomes: Understanding Protective Factors for Children with Disabilities in Refugee Camp Schools. *Society for Social Work and Research, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C.
- Crea, T. M., Klein, E. K., **Okunoren, O.**, Jimenez, M. P., St. Arnold, G., Kirior, T., Velandria, E., & Bruni, D. (2023). Education for Children with Disabilities in a Refugee Camp: How Do We Move Towards Inclusive Practices?. *Society for Social Work and Research, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Phoenix, AZ
- Larrison, C.R., Sinha, G., Andres, M., Velez-Ortiz, D. & **Okunoren, O.** (2020). Financial Exploitation of Older Adults in the United States: A Systematic Scoping Review. *Society for Social Work and Research, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C.

## **Poster Presentations**

**Okunoren, O.** & Saran, I. (2023). The Role of Beliefs in Malaria Prevention and Treatment Behavior: Analysis of the 2021 Nigeria Malaria Indicator Survey. *Boston College Graduate Research Symposium* (March 2024).

**Okunoren, O.** & Saran, I. (2023). The Role of Beliefs in Malaria Prevention and Treatment Behavior: Analysis of the 2021 Nigeria Malaria Indicator Survey. *American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene 2023 Annual Meeting* (October 18-22).

Smith, M., Klein, K. E., **Okunoren, O.**, Currie, C., Crea, T. (2023). Stress and Coping Strategies Among Those Affected by Ebola Virus Disease Epidemic in Sierra Leone, West Africa. *2023 World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine*, Killarney, Ireland

\*Larrison, C.R., Sinha, G., Abdo, T., & **Okunoren, O.** (2020). Untreated serious mental illness among endocrinology patients. *American Public Health Association 2020 Annual Meeting and Expo* (Oct. 24 - 28).

## **Workshops**

Suarez Rojas, D. R., Black, J., **Okunoren, O.** (2023). Social Work and the Integration of Sciences and Arts for Historical Healing. *Society for Social Work and Research, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Phoenix, AZ

## **INVITED GUEST LECTURE**

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**Okunoren, O.** (October 2020). *The Influence of Technology and Competency on Service Provision*. 300-level psychology course, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

## **INVITED CAMPUS PRESENTATION**

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**Okunoren, O.** (2022). *Environmental Factors Contributing to Malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Environmental Health Summit, Boston College

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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- Global Health and Mental Health Policy
- Global Health and Mental Health Research Methods
- Global Public Health
- Program Evaluation in Global Settings
- Social Welfare Policy
- Humanitarian Settings

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

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**Boston College**

Summer 2024      *Course:* Psychological Responses to Humanitarian Crises: Human Rights, Gender Violence, and International Justice  
The Carolyn A. and Peter S. Lynch School of Education  
*Role:* Instructor

Spring 2024      *Course:* Research Methods for Applied Psychology  
The Carolyn A. and Peter S. Lynch School of Education  
*Role:* Instructor

Spring 2024      *Course:* Social Welfare Systems  
School of Social Work  
*Role:* Instructor

Summer 2023      *Course:* Psychological Responses to Humanitarian Crises: Human Rights, Gender Violence, and International Justice  
The Carolyn A. and Peter S. Lynch School of Education  
*Role:* Instructor

Spring 2023      *Course:* Social Welfare System  
School of Social Work  
*Role:* Teaching Assistant

Fall 2022      *Course:* Program Evaluation  
School of Social Work  
*Role:* Teaching Assistant

## **CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING**

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2022      **Linear Mixed Effects Modeling**, Academic Research Services, Boston College

2022      **Applied Structural Equation Modeling Workshop**, Boston College School of Social Work. Instructor: Elad Daniels, MA

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Mental Health Therapist**      October 2020- July 2021  
*Keri Powell Therapy Inc*  
*Champaign, Illinois*

**Addiction Counselor**      June 2019-October 2020  
*Rosecrance*  
*Champaign, Illinois*

**Mental Health Therapist**      December 2018-June 2019  
*Rosecrance*  
*Champaign, Illinois*

**Case Intern**      August 2018-November 2018

*Akeso Kenilworth Clinic (Dual Diagnosis Unit)*  
*Cape Town, South Africa*

**Case Manager (Intern)**  
*The Pavilion Behavioral Health System*  
*Champaign, Illinois*

May 2018-August 2018

## **SERVICE**

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### **Academic**

**Ad-Hoc Reviewer**  
*International Health (2023)*

### **Departmental Services**

**Boston College**  
*Co-Chair (Professional Development)*  
*Doctoral Student Group*

August 2022- May 2023

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**  
*Student Leader*  
*Psychology Student Leaders*

August 2014-May 2017

### **Community**

**Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Cuddler**  
*Carle Foundation Hospital*  
*Urbana, Illinois*

January 2020-November 2021

**L.I.F.T Mentoring Program**  
*Student Mentor*  
*Urbana, Illinois*

August 2013- May 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)

2022-Present

## **ANALYSIS SOFTWARE**

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Stata, NVIVO, Dedoose