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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**EDUCATION**

- PhD, 2020                      **Florida International University** (expected graduation Fall 2020)  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work  
11200 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, AHC5  
Miami, FL 33199
- MSW, 2014                      **University of South Carolina**  
College of Social Work  
Area of Concentration: Policy and Social Welfare  
Columbia, SC
- BA, 2011                        **University of North Carolina- Pembroke**  
School of Sociology and Criminal Justice  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Minor: Sociology

**SCHOLARLY FOCUS**

- Primary Interests:**            Older Offenders: PTSD, Older Veteran Offenders: Reintegration:  
Health Disparities of Offenders: Quality of Life: Psychological Well-  
being of Older Adults; Homelessness; Crime & Violence Prevention;  
Criminal Justice and Public Policy; Evidence Based Policy,  
Community Based Research, Cost-benefit Analysis, and Program  
Evaluation
- Secondary Interests:**        Program design and evaluation; evidence-based practice

**HONORS & AWARDS**

2018 Outstanding Support in the Classroom by Phi Alpha Honor  
Society  
Research Assistant 2017-2018 Florida International University  
Research Assistant 2014-2015 Florida International University  
Graduate Assistant 2011-2014 University of South Carolina  
Alpha Chi, National Honor Society for Undergraduate  
Alpha Phi Sigma, Criminal Justice Honor Society  
Alpha Kappa, Delta Sociology Honor Society  
National Association of Social Workers  
Pi Kappa Alpha Member & Alumni -Education Chair, 2009

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2018 to Present

**Mars Hill University**  
Mars Hill, NC  
*Assistant Professor*

### **Spring 2020**

SW 331 Social Welfare Policy  
SW 331 Social Welfare Policy II  
SW 327 Veteran Services and Public Policy (Online Course)

### **Fall 2019**

SW 331 Social Welfare Policy  
SW 400 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (Hybrid)  
SW 200 Introduction to Social Work (Adult Studies)

### **Spring 2019**

SW 331 Social Welfare Policy  
SW 331 Social Welfare Policy II  
SW 200 Introduction to Social Work (Adult Studies)

### **Fall 2018**

CJ 220 Data and Statistics  
SW 221 Evidence Based Research  
SW 317 Social Work Practice I

May 2016 to Present

**Florida International University**  
Miami, FL  
*Adjunct Professor & Teaching Assistant*

### **Spring 2020**

SOW 3401 Research Methods (Online Course)  
SOW 3232 Social Welfare Policy I (Online Course)

### **Fall 2019**

SOW 3401 Research Methods (Online Course)  
SOW 3232 Social Welfare Policy II (Online Course)

### **Spring 2019**

SOW 3233 Social Welfare Policy II (Online Course)  
SOW 3233 Social Welfare Policy II (Online Course)

**Fall 2018**

SOW 3233 Social Welfare Policy II  
SOW 3233 Social Welfare Policy II (Hybrid Course)

**Summer 2018**

SOW 3401 Research Methods  
SOW 3232 Social Welfare Policy I

**Spring 2018**

SOW 3233 Social Welfare Policy II  
SOW 3233 Social Welfare Policy II (Hybrid Course)

**Fall 2017**

SOW 3232 Social Welfare Policy I  
SOW 3233 Social Welfare Policy II (Fully Online)

**Summer 2017**

SOW 3232 Social Welfare Policy  
CCJ 4701 Data and Analysis (Fully Online)

**Spring 2017**

SOW 3232 Social Welfare Policy  
SOW 3232 Social Welfare Policy  
CCJ 4700 Research Methods in Criminal Justice (Hybrid Course)

**Fall 2016:**

SOW 3232 Social Welfare Policy and Services I  
SOW 3233 Social Welfare Policy and Services II  
CCJ 4064 Criminal Justice and the Constitution

**Summer 2016:**

CCJ 2020 Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CCJ 4700 Research Methods in Criminal Justice

August 2014 to 2018

**Florida International University**

Miami, FL

*Research Assistant*

Conducting research on retirement among a diverse population of baby boomers in Miami-Dade County.

Assisted the primary investigator in writing and researching a grant to be funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Using qualitative practices to identify barriers for aging adults.

Reporting findings in a collaboration with United Way of Miami-Dade-County.

- August 2018 to Present      **Mars Hill University**  
Thesis Committee member in the School of Criminal Justice  
Mars Hill, NC
- January 2017 to Present      **Florida International University**  
Policy Committee  
Miami, FL
- Committee member on the FIU Policy Committee devised to reevaluate and restructure the current formatting of the FIU Social Work policy courses.
- August 2013 to May 2014      **South Carolina HIV/ AIDS Council (SCHAC)**  
Columbia, SC  
*Field Placement*
- Assisted in grant writing through researching literature on people living with HIV/AIDS, dealing with mental illness and incarceration. Developed knowledge and skills to effectively work on issues related to minority populations, health care and sexually transmitted disease. Gained experience working with a non-profit organization through understanding budgeting, strategic planning, funding and the breakdown of these responsibilities.
- August 2013 to May 2014      **Transitions Homeless Shelter**  
Columbia, SC  
*Field Placement*
- Applied theories and specific interventions to help clients reach treatment plan goals.  
Assisted clients with managing disabilities claims.  
Created the policy and procedures manual for managing Veterans, as well as physically and mentally disabled persons.
- August 2011 to May 2014      **University of South Carolina**  
Columbia, SC  
*Graduate Assistant*
- Provided administrative support for students and offices.  
Supervised research lab in the School of Social Work.

## **PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### Conference Presentations

**Lukic, A.** & Beaulaurier, R. Scars of War: The Impact of PTSD on Veterans and their Families. Abstract accepted for presentations at 2019 College of Social Work Education Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

**Lukic, A.,** & Beaulaurier, R. *An Exploration of Incarcerated Veterans and their Unaddressed Needs.* Abstract accepted for presentation at 2017 College of Social Work Education Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Lukic A. & Maschi, T., *Analysis of U.S. Compassionate-Release-Laws: Advancing Rights in Prison.* Abstract accepted for presentation at 2017 College of Social Work Education Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX..

Ruggiano, N., **Lukic, A.,** Blowers, A., & Doerner, J. *Chronic Health Self-management among Prisoners: Current Understandings and Directions for Policy, Practice, Research.* Abstract accepted for presentation at the 2016 Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Maschi, T., & **Lukic, A.** *Construing Care and Community: A Practice Model for Providing Supportive Services That Reunite Aging People in Prison with Their Families and Communities.* Abstract accepted for presentation at the 2016 Scientific Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

Maschi, T., Morgen, K., & **Lukic, A.** *Race, Age, and Health Outcomes Among the Incarcerated: Implications for Preventive Healthcare in Prison.* Abstract accepted for presentation at the 2016 Scientific Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

Maschi, T., **Lukic, A.,** & Koskinen, L. *Coming Out of Prison: A Qualitative Exploration of LGBT Elders in the Criminal Justice System.* Abstract accepted for presentation at the 2016 Scientific Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

**Lukic, A.,** & Ruggiano, N. *Advancing our Understanding of Aging Prisoners: Intersections of Policy, Practice, and Research.* Abstract accepted for presentation at the 2015 Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.

Ruggiano, N., Schottefer, L., O'Driscoll, J., **Lukic, A.,** & Chirito, F. *The Role of Perceived Health and Disability in Retirement Planning*

*among a Diverse Sample of Women.* Abstract submitted for review for presentation at the 2015 Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.

Ruggiano, N., Schottefer, L., Chirito, F., O'Driscoll, J., **Lukic, A.**, & Sias, K. (April 2015). *Growing Older in Miami: Perspectives and Concerns from a Diverse Sample of Urban Baby Boomers.* Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL.

#### Technical Reports

Ruggiano, N., Schottefer, L., O'Driscoll, J., **Lukic, A.**, & Chirito, F. (April 2015). *Looking Forward: Perspectives on Retirement among a Diverse Population of Baby Boomers in Miami-Dade County.* Report presented to the United Way of Miami-Dade County.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **Project FIU V.E.T.S.** Miami, FL

Lead researcher for identifying needs and improving resources for veteran students attending Florida International University. Assisted in developing and evaluating program to address this population and use funds provided from Citi financial grant. Awarded 100,000.00 for phase one of the study by Citi financial.

### **United Way Research Project**

*Looking Forward: Perspectives on Retirement among a Diverse Population of Baby Boomers in Miami-Dade County*

Primary Investigator: Nicole Ruggiano, PhD, MSW

Role: Research Assistant

Project Description: This research involved English, Spanish, and Creole-language focus groups with a diverse sample of Baby Boomers in Miami-Dade County. Participants were asked questions regarding their expectations and experiences with retirement. The focus group data were systematically coded and analyzed for themes. Duties: Literature review, qualitative data analysis, report writing.

### **Uniform Crime Report (UCF)**

Operated and exercised software while working on federal grants involving Governors Highway Safety Program (GHSP).  
Conducted specific research analysis for community funding resourcing the Uniform Crime Report.

## **PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

### **Veteran Student Program (2015- 2019)**

While at FIU, I assisted in developing and obtaining funding for the Veteran Student Program. In addition to this I obtained direct clinical practice experience by meeting individually with students on a weekly basis to determine unmet needs and provide support and assistance in finding solutions to meet those unmet needs. I worked directly with various community organizations to help coordinate and link students to needed services. In addition I assisted in leading and implementing various groups for the veteran students to assist in their adaptation to academia.

### **Miami Rescue Mission (2015 – 2018)**

I volunteered many hours at the Miami Rescue Mission over the course of four years. Each semester my class and I participated at and worked directly with homeless persons in Miami. As a volunteer I was able to interact individually with many of these persons, provide them with empathy and support, and assist them in connecting to needed services such as vocational rehab. I also assisted in serving food.

### **SOBE Food Insecurity (2015 – 2019)**

I worked directly with the Hospitality Program in an effort to fight food insecurities in South Florida. In this capacity I assisted in coordinating and collecting left over food from the Miami SOBE Food and Wine festival to donate to local homeless shelters. I worked assisted with coordinating with various shelters as well as distributing the food and resources to individuals in the community in need.