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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work

MSW, Migration Studies

Expected Graduation: May 2026

Chicago, IL

Creighton University School of Medicine

MS, Medical Sciences

Aug 2021 – Jun 2022

Omaha, NE

- Completed 27 Credits (did not finish)

Rockhurst University

BS, Biochemistry

Dec 2019

Kansas City, MO

- Graduated summa cum laude

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Empowering Counseling Program, Participatory Science Initiative

Research Associate, Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work

Sep 2024 – Present

Chicago, IL

- Worked with a subgroup of participants in the Developing Dignity project to support them in developing the Dignity curriculum
- Used Dedoose & NVivo qualitative software as well as Qualtrics surveys to support the research team in analyzing data and developing the Dignity curriculum
- Reviewed literature about racial socialization and resilience against discrimination
- Supported PI in applying for funding to continue the Dignity curriculum in a cross-age mentoring context

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

Research Intern, Center for Professionalism and the Future of Medicine

Oct 2024 – Dec 2025

Chicago, IL

- Contributed to the development of strategies and plans that support altruistic professionalism in alignment with the ACGME Strategic Plan
- Contributed to a significant strategic initiative of the ACGME aimed at addressing and mitigating threats to professionalism in medicine
- Participated in high-level discussions with national experts on professionalism and the future of medicine
- Supported the research efforts of the Center by engaging in data collection, analysis, and interpretation related to professionalism and the future of medicine
- Assisted in the preparation and publication of research findings, enhancing the Center's scholarly output

Brightpoint

Research Project Intern, Ahlquist Center for Policy, Practice, & Innovation

Jun 2025 – Oct 2025

Chicago, IL

- Contributed to a participatory research initiative focused on the role of fathers in underserved communities, particularly Black fathers, and their unique contributions to children's development and education
- Drafted, formatted, and edited policy briefs, research reports, and dissemination materials tailored for policymakers, practitioners, and community stakeholders
- Conducted literature reviews and synthesized academic and policy sources related to fatherhood, education, and community engagement, aligning findings with the project's policy objectives
- Assisted in the development of research questions centered on community support for father

involvement, historical and current policy impacts, and the integration of fathers' voices into decision-making

Creighton University School of Medicine

Graduate Research Assistant, Laura Hansen Lab

Jan 2022 – Jul 2022

Omaha, NE

- Worked on the ProTransit Nanotherapy Project in the Lynch Cancer Research Center, studying the DNA-protective effects of nanoparticles containing antioxidant enzymes in an acute UV exposure model in pig skin
 - Performed immunofluorescence staining on formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded skin sections for three DNA damage markers: Cyclo-butane pyrimidine dimers (CPD), a phosphorylated form of Histone H2 (Gamma-H2AX), and 8-oxo-deoxyguanosine (8-oxo-dG)
 - Imaged stained sections with a Nikon Eclipse Ni microscope and quantified results with Nikon Elements software
 - Analyzed and graphed data using Microsoft Excel and GraphPad Prism software
 - Collected epidermis from frozen pig skin samples, extracted/quantified DNA, blotted DNA to a nitrocellulose membrane, and probed with antibody for 8-oxo-dG (Southwestern blot)
- Genotyped biopsy samples from mouse colony
 - Extracted DNA from tail biopsy samples
 - Performed genotyping PCR reactions
 - Imaged and analyzed results after gel electrophoresis using Bio-Rad Image Lab software
- Trained summer undergraduate student to perform immunofluorescence staining, imaging, and analysis and helped manage their day-to-day activities

PUBLICATIONS

Henry, E., Tyson McCrea, K., **Nguyen, K.**, Horst, R., Brown, A., & Cox, G. (2026). Understanding the Dilemmas and Potential of Fathers Experiencing Low-income in Engaging with their Children: An Historical Analysis in Scoping Review. Manuscript under review.

PRESENTATIONS

Tyson McCrea, K., A. Moore, K. Miller, Y. Demissie Ayalew, H. Watson, **K. Nguyen.** (2026). Translational Research Strategies for Mitigating Racialized Implementation Gaps and Accelerating Community Empowerment: Examples from Participatory Action Research Studies. Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C.

Miller, K., Tyson McCrea, K., A. Moore, Y. Demissie Ayalew, H. Watson, N. Mishra, **K. Nguyen.** (2026). Deeply Participatory Research and Practice with Urban Youth Experiencing Marginalizations Based on Income and Race: Ontological and Epistemological Considerations. Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C.

Watson, H., **K. Nguyen,** K. Tyson McCrea. (2026). Built on Dignity, Backed By Love: A Mixed Methods Study and Curriculum Centering Black Caregivers' Racial Socialization to Cultivate Youth Agency. Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C.

Nguyen, K., Hafferty, F., P. Amidon. (2025). Social Contract in Medical Schools? An Analysis of Mission Statements. Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Chicago, IL.

Tyson McCrea, K., Watson, H., Y. Demissie Ayalew, N. Mishra, **K. Nguyen**, A. Moore. (2025). Developing Dignity: A Participatory Action Research Project Yielding a Comprehensive Theory of Racial Discrimination, Responses, and a Racial Socialization Curriculum. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. Virtual.

Nguyen, K., A. Rodlach, K. FitzGerald. (2022). Refugee Health: The Case for Accompaniment. Creighton University School of Medicine. Omaha, NE.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Loyola University Chicago

Aug 2024 – Present

Graduate Intern for Migration Justice Initiatives, Center for Student Inclusion and Belonging Chicago, IL

- Supported Monarch Initiatives and Undocumented Student Program (USP), centered on supporting immigrant, DACAmented, undocumented, migrant, and mixed-status family communities and of aspiring allies
- Assisted with the recruitment, selection, training, advising, and supervision of three undergraduate interns
- Co-planned several signature Monarch Initiatives and USP events and found innovative ways to build brave spaces for immigrant and migrant communities
- Built and maintained resources to support undocumented students
- Collaborated with the Undocumented Student Support Committee at Arrupe College
- Worked collaboratively with students, staff, and faculty to develop curriculum and themes for respective programs and events

Loyola University Chicago

Oct 2023 – Aug 2024

Graduate Intern for Advising Technologies, First and Second Year Advising

Chicago, IL

- Worked closely with the Assistant Director for Advising Technologies to support their work surrounding the deployment, testing, implementation, assessment, and ongoing enhancement of technology assets
 - Including but not limited to NVivo (qualitative data analytics), LOCUS (PeopleSoft student information system), EAB Navigate (student success platform), and Sakai (learning management system)
- Evaluated any current training materials for students and staff on how to utilize best-advising technologies and created new materials as needed
- Provided holistic development and academic guidance to students starting from the beginning of their first year through the end of their sophomore year
- Managed a caseload of academic probation students
- Used a developmental advising approach when assisting students in one-on-one and group advising structures for course selection and academic assistance

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Aug 2023 – May 2024

Social Work Intern, Health Justice Project

Chicago, IL

- Served on the symposium planning committee for “Immigration and the Chicago Migrant Crisis,” hosted by the Curt and Linda Rodin Center for Social Justice and cosponsored by the Center for the Human Rights of Children, The Civitas ChildLaw Center, and the Health Justice Project
 - Recruited speakers for the "Community Response: Resources and Challenges" panel, with a focus on professionals who provided trauma-informed care for the mental health needs of migrants
 - Organized interprofessional attendance by inviting social work students, community members, and stakeholders
- Coordinated social service referrals in an interdisciplinary medical-legal partnership between Loyola

University Chicago School of Law and Loyola Medicine

- Engaged in multidisciplinary collaboration with supervising attorneys, law students, medical students, and social work students within the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy
- Explored creative upstream problem-solving that focused on the social determinants of health, prioritizing prevention over treatment

Heartland Alliance International Marjorie Kovler Center

Aug 2022 – Aug 2023

Case Manager, Survivors of Torture Program

Chicago, IL

- Collaborated in the development and distribution of a resource packet for newly arrived migrants, containing information on immigrant welcome centers, medical, food, legal, public benefits, shelter, ESL, and LGBTQ resources
- Created an education/employment guide to train new case managers that included migrant-eligible resources on:
 - Teaching ESL
 - Securing grant funding for community colleges
 - Gaining admission to certified nursing assistant programs
 - Assessing international educational credentials for acceptance by US institutions
 - Identifying daycares for vulnerable families
 - Providing individualized job coaching
 - Matching with vocational training
 - Placing internationally educated migrants into equivalent domestic careers
- Coordinated education/employment, psychiatry, and legal referrals through a trauma-informed approach

University of Colorado Hospital – UCHealth Dermatology Clinic

Jan 2020 – Jul 2021

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus – Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center

The Urology Center of Colorado

Medical Scribe Trainer

Denver, CO

- Trained medical scribes to perform the following:
 - Accompanied physicians during patient consultations
 - Assisted in recording patients' history and physical exam findings into the electronic health record
 - Organized and transcribed results for patients' laboratory tests, medications, and imaging studies
 - Documented procedures and recorded diagnostic test results
 - Documented all diagnoses, treatment plans, prescriptions, and discharge and follow-up information

St. Columban Mission for Justice, Peace, and Ecology

Jun 2018 – Aug 2018

Migration Policy and Advocacy Intern

Washington, DC

- Traveled to the Columban Mission Center in El Paso for a US/Mexico border immersion trip and developed a post-trip follow-up guide
- Collaborated on a joint ArcGIS project that identified the intersectionality between migration, economic justice, and environmental justice on the Korean peninsula
- Cowrote "From the Hill: July edition," with a focus on migration
- Attended and reported back on hearings, presentations, coalition meetings, and civil disobedience
- Monitored legislation on immigration

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Praxis

Apr 2024 – May 2025

Editorial Board

Chicago, IL

- Published the scholarly work of students at Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work
- Provided a forum in which students had the opportunity to express their diverse viewpoints and learn from and be inspired by the ideas and work of each other
- Reviewed manuscripts for publication
- Copyedited chosen manuscripts for final publication

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Amate House

Jul 2022 – Jun 2023

Fellow

Chicago, IL

- Supported Amate Magic 2023 gala as the honorary fellow speaker
- Engaged in one year of intensive leadership development through the Archdiocese of Chicago
- Committed to living in an intentional community and serving under-resourced communities in Chicago through full-time community service
- Thoughtfully engaged with other fellows throughout our experience with the Amate House tenets of community, social justice, stewardship, faith, and service

Rockhurst University

Aug 2016 – Aug 2018

Contemplation in Action Chair, Service Chair, VOICES for Justice

Kansas City, MO

- Created and led monthly meetings where members reflected on and integrated social justice issues into their everyday lives through the lens of Catholic social teaching, Jesuit mission, and Ignatian spirituality
- Gained community organizing skills through the Ignatian Justice Summit 2017 in Cleveland hosted by the Ignatian Solidarity Network
- Developed leadership skills and advocated for federal student aid with Senator Roy Blunt through the National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference 2017 in Washington, DC
- Lobbied for deferred action for childhood arrivals program and comprehensive immigration reform with Senator Claire McCaskill and Representative Emanuel Cleaver at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice 2015 and 2016 in Washington, DC

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Catalyst READI Impact Awardee and Grantee*, Loyola University Chicago
- *JVC Magis Scholar*, Loyola University Chicago
- *Seelos Grantee*, Alpha Sigma Nu
- *Inductee*, Alpha Sigma Nu
- *Inductee*, Phi Lambda Upsilon
- *Trustees' Scholar*, Rockhurst University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Social Workers
- Society for Social Work and Research