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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- August 2020 - Associate Professor, University of South Carolina, College of Social Work
- 2013 - 2020 Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina, College of Social Work

Faculty Associate Positions at the University of South Carolina

African Studies Program
Global Islamic Studies Program
Walker Institute of International and Area Studies
Rule of Law Collaborative
Global Health Consortium

- 2019 - Chair of the Social, Community, and Economic Development Graduate Specialization, College of Social Work
- 2020 - Co-Director of Graduate Civic Scholars Program, University of South Carolina Graduate School

EDUCATION

- 2013 PhD, Michigan State University, Department of Sociology
Dissertation: *Rights of Refuge, Rights of War*
PhD Certificate in International Development; Specialization in African Studies
- 2004 BA, Saint Olaf College, Departments of Political Science and American Studies

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Humanitarian Aid & Development, Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, Gender, Health & Citizenship, and Qualitative Methods

Area Studies Regions: East Africa

Languages: KiZigula (Conversational), Kiswahili (Fluent), French (Fluent), English (Native Speaker)

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar bit.ly/gracegoogle

* Indicates mentored student co-author

JOURNALS

- 2020 **Grace, B.L.** and K. Heins.* “Redefining Refugee: White Christian Nationalism in State Politics and Beyond.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. Forthcoming.
(Online first)
- 2020 **Grace, B.L.** and Roth, B.J. “Bureaucratic Neglect: The Paradoxical Mistreatment of Unaccompanied Migrant Children in the US Immigration System. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. Online First.
Forthcoming
- 2019 Roth, B.J., **B.L. Grace**, and K.D. Seay. “Mechanisms of Deterrence: Federal Immigration Policies and the Erosion of Immigrant Children’s Rights.” *American Journal of Public Health* 110(1):84–86.
- 2019 **Grace, B.L.**, “Family from Afar? Transnationalism and Refugee Extended Families after Resettlement.” *Journal of Refugee Studies*. 32(1): 124-43.
- 2018 **Grace, B.L.**, R Bais, BJ Roth. “The Violence of Uncertainty: Immigrant and Refugee Health Care Access.” *New England Journal of Medicine*. 379(10):904–5.
- 2018 Crea, T., BJ. Roth, J. Jani, and **Grace, B.L.**. “Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Needs and Responses.” *Children and Youth Services Review*. 92(9): 1 – 13.
- 2018 Roth, BJ., and **Grace, B.L.**. “Structural Barriers to Inclusion in a Latino Immigrant New Destination: Exploring the Adaptive Strategies of Social Service Organizations in South Carolina.” *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. 92(3):1–19.
- 2018 Roth, BJ, Park, SY*, and **Grace, B.L.**. “Advocating for Structural Change? Exploring the Advocacy Activities of Immigrant-Serving Organizations in an Unwelcoming Policy Context.” *Advances in Social Work*. (18)3: 682 – 703.
- 2018 Roth, BJ., **Grace, B.L.**, S McCool*, K Ma*, G Amageldinova*, A Schena*, I Wilborn*, and I Williams.* “Reducing Bias through Indirect Social Contact: Assessing the Impact of Student Involvement with Faculty-Led Research on Unauthorized Immigration.” *Social Work Education*. (37)7: 838 – 852.
- 2018 Roth, BJ and **Grace, B.L.**. “Advocating for Structural Change? Exploring the Advocacy Activities of Immigrant-Serving Organizations in an Unwelcoming Policy Context.” *Advances in Social Work*. 19(2):115 – 145.
- 2017 **Grace, B.L.** Nawyn, S.J., and Okwako, B. “The Right to Belong (If you can afford it): Market-based restrictions on social citizenship and refugee resettlement.” *Journal of Refugee Studies*. 31(1):42–62.
- 2015 Roth, B, and **Grace, B.L.** “Falling through the cracks: The paradox of post-release services for unaccompanied child migrants.” *Children and Youth Services Review*. (58)9: 244 – 259.

- 2013 **Grace, B.L.** “Development and the ‘Right to Have Rights’ in Intra-African Refugee Resettlement.” *International Journal of Sociology*. 43(3), 11-28.
- 2012 Nawyn, Stephanie J., Linda Gjokaj, DeBrenna L. Agbényiga and **BL Grace**. “Linguistic isolation, social capital, and immigrant belonging.” *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. 41(3), 255-281.

BOOK CHAPTER

- 2019 **Grace, B.L.** “*Country of First Asylum*.” Pp. 99 – 126 in *The Routledge International Handbook of Migration Studies*, edited by S. Gold, and S.J. Gold. London: Routledge.

EDITOR OF A JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUE

- 2018 Unaccompanied Immigrant Children, *Children and Youth Services Review* (Co-edited with T. Crea, J. Jani, B. Roth)

BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATION

A Refuge from Terror? Humanitarian Aid, Refugees, During the Global War on Terror

JOURNAL ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

(R&R; resubmitted 3/22) “Searching for Citizenship: Refugees and the Right to Have Rights.”

(Resubmitted 3/1) Second author with undergraduate student Melissa Slade, “Barriers to Menstruation Education for Congolese Refugee Women.”

“A Habitus of Torture? How State Sponsored Torture Shapes State-led Refugee Resettlement.” [Available upon request]

JOURNAL ARTICLES IN PRODUCTION

Methodologist; with Samuel Bethel, Teri Brown, Joseph Merighi, John Sullivan, Tamara Savage. I am the methodologist (oral history and archival document analysis) on the paper. “Influencing Federal Health Policy: Lessons from Nephrology Social Work.” Paper in draft form.

Undetermined author order with Benjamin Roth and PhD student Amanda Stafford-McRell, “Protection from What? Analysis of child-parent separation orders from summer 2018,” paper in draft form and planned submission fall 2019.

First author with Caroline Nagel and Melissa Slade, “No One Teaches You How to Bleed Here:’ Menstruation and Development Narratives as a Measure of Resettlement”

MEDIA COVERAGE OF PUBLISHED RESEARCH

- 2018 National Public Radio, Interview with co-author Benjamin Roth about our shared research on unaccompanied children and the “violence of uncertainty”:
<http://bit.ly/uacrothgrace>
- 2018 New England Journal of Medicine Podcast, Interview about the theory of the violence of uncertainty: <http://bit.ly/2vWJdUT>
- 2018 Medical Bag, Immigration and Health Care <http://bit.ly/2vXr6y2>
- 2015 NBC, South Carolina Anti-Refugee Legislation, <http://bit.ly/2EVqXIQ>
- 2015 WLTX (CBS, SC), 10 Years after Somali Bantu Resettlement:
<http://on.wltx.com/2BUCkrx>

PUBLISHED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, TECHNICAL REPORTS, & PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- 2019 **Grace, B.L.** *The Consequences of US Incompetence in Processing Asylum Claims.* Published on Call Home: Essays on International Migration.
<https://callhomeblog.wordpress.com/2019/07/15/guest-post-the-consequences-of-us-incompetence-in-processing-asylum-claims/>
- 2018 **Grace, B.L.** *Complex Vulnerability and Access to Justice for Former Refugee Populations: The Case of the Somali Zigula in Tanzania.* Report Prepared for US Department of State, INL and JUSTRAC.
- 2015 **Grace, B.L.** & Roth, B. *Policy Recommendations for Post-Release Services.* Report prepared for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement.
- 2015 **Grace, B.L.** & Roth, B. *Post-Release: Linking Unaccompanied Immigrant Children to Family and Community.* Report Prepared for Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services. http://lirs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/USC_PostReleaseFRProgramEvaluation_fullreport.pdf
- 2015 **Grace, B.L.**, and Roth B.J. “After the Border: Undocumented or Child? The Policy Implications of Conflicting Constructions of Unaccompanied Migrant Youth.” *Youth Circulations.*

- 2014 **Grace, B.L.** and Nawyn, S.J. The Monetization of Belonging: How Market Citizenship Limits Refugee Access to Social Rights. *Theorizing and Experiencing Politics*. 48(1), 197 – 225.
- 2014 **Grace, B.L.** & Roth, B. *The Immigrant Access Project: Preliminary Findings*. Report Prepared for Sisters of Charity of South Carolina.
- 2012 **Grace, B.L.** “*Issues of Citizenship at Chogo*.” For United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees, Security and Protection, Tanzania.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2019 *A Habitus of Torture? How State Sponsored Torture Shapes State-led Refugee Resettlement*. American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2018 *After Durable Solutions: Rule of Law and Intra-African Refugee Resettlement*. African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2017 *Only Child, Never Child: Vulnerability and Definitions of Rights in Post-Release Services for Unaccompanied Children*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 *Refugee Resettlement in South Carolina*. National Association of Social Work – South Carolina Annual Meeting. Columbia, SC
- 2017 *Family Reunion: Unaccompanied Migrant Youth, Their Transnational Families, and the Bumpy Road to Integration*. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana. (with Roth, B. and Negi, N.)
- 2017 *Overcoming Barrier to Immigrant Incorporation in Unwelcoming Places: The Role of Immigrant-Serving Organizations in New Immigrant Destinations*. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana. (with Roth, B. and Negi, N.)
- 2016 *The Right to Belong if You Can Afford It*. American Sociological Association Meeting. Seattle, Washington.
- 2015 *Unaccompanied Immigrant Children and the Contradictions of Rights*. Eastern Sociological Annual Meeting. New York, New York. (with Roth, B.)
- 2014 *Constructing the Immigrant Safety Net: Formal and Informal Service Providers in South Carolina*. Paper presented at the Conference on Immigration to the US South, Gainesville, FL. (with Roth, B.)
- 2013 *Zombies, Ninjas, and Widows*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2012 *Intersectionality and Social Citizenship in Intra-African Resettlement*. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

- 2012 *African Spirits and Cellular Satellites*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver
- 2010 *Transnational Zigula Entrepreneurial Networks*. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 2009 *Healing By Phone: Transnational Somali Zigula Uganga Networks*. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans
- 2009 *Aspects of Zigula Healing*, Africanist Graduate Student Conference, East Lansing,

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Breakthrough Scholar Award, University of South Carolina (Given to twelve assistant or associate professors a year in recognition of research)
- 2018 Undergraduate Professor of the Year, College of Social Work (Selected by student vote)
- 2017 - 2020 Maxcy House International Faculty Fellow
- 2017 HERO award for the intersection of research and policy. University of South Carolina SAVIP Office.
- 2017 University of South Carolina Student Government Multicultural Affairs Committee Teaching Award.
- 2015 Xi Tau Honor Society Faculty Award for Teaching and Mentoring. University of South Carolina.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

- 2018 *The Durability of Durable Solutions*. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva Switzerland.
- 2018 *'Say it in Swahili.' Refugees, Language, and the Challenges of Fieldwork*. Mercer University, College of Medicine and College of Global Public Health.
- 2018 *Refugee Resettlement in Global Perspective*, Furman College
- 2017 *Of Refuge, Not Flow*, invited lecture for the premier of Ai Wei Wei's *Human Flow*, The Nickelodeon Theatre
- 2017 Symposium, Youth and the Rule of Law in Sub-Saharan Africa, U.S. State Department JUSTRAC Initiative, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2016 *Floors and Pipelines, 2016 Federal and State Refugee Policy in Perspective*. Policy Outreach Taskforce, Southeastern States, State Refugee Board Presentation.

- 2012 *Statelessness and Citizenship*, Department of Development Studies, Sokoine University; Morogoro, Tanzania
- 2010 *What is Social About Citizenship?* Department of Development Studies, University of Dar es Salaam; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

LOCAL INVITED LECTURES

- 2019 “Torture and Refugee Resettlement: Questions of Trust and State” for Lutheran Services [NC & SC] Carolina Refugee Staff
- 2019 “Is there a crisis at the border?” Carolina Coalition for Peace, Teach in co-sponsored with the Walker Institute at the University of South Carolina
- 2018 “Rights in War: An Intersectional Approach to the Political Economy of Humanitarian Aid,” 2018 – 2019 Colloquia Series in the Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina
- 2018 “Comparative Asylum Rights,” SUSI Exchange Program Lecture, United States Department of State, European Scholars
- 2017 “Global Refugee Movements and US Policy in Historic Context,” Palmetto Forum Invited Speaker Series, Palmetto Club and Walker Institute
- 2015 “Resettlement from A to B,” panelist for the Syrian Refugee Crisis Teach In, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Student Committee South Carolina.
- 2015 Panelist for showing of *Drawing the Tiger* premier; development and gender series.
- 2014 *Health in Refugee Camps: There is no Refugee Threat of Ebola through Resettlement.* For the South Carolina State Refugee Stakeholders Board.
- Invited Class Lectures 2014 “Humanitarian Aid and American Celebrities: Geographies of Power,” Department of Geography; 2016 “Qualitative Methods and International Field Research,” speaker in Sociological Methods Series; 2017 “Refugees and Risk” in Human Geography of Migration, 2017 “Ethnography in Sociological Methods Graduate Seminar; 2019 “International Development and Market Citizenship,” Department of Global Studies Capstone Lectures

*20+ additional lectures to local civic and religious organizations from 2013 – 2019;
list available upon request*

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL FUNDING

- 2019 - 2021 (PI) Center Grant, Sisters of Charity to create COMPASS, migration studies center at the University of South Carolina
- 2016 - 2018 U.S. Department of State, INL JUSTRAC on rule of law and durable solutions to protracted refugee crises in East Africa
- 2014 - 2016 Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services for research on policies for unaccompanied immigrant children (co-PI with Benjamin Roth)
- 2013 - 2015 The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina for research on immigrant serving organizations in South Carolina (co-PI with Benjamin Roth)
- 2011 - 2012 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation International Dissertation Research Fellowship
 - 2011 Fulbright Hays DDRA Score of 109.5 of 100 possible (110 with bonus categories); Awarded then cancelled due to Congressional budget cuts
- 2008 - 2011 U.S. Department of Education, Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)
- 2009 –2011 Department of Education, Technical Innovation and Cooperation for Information Access (TICFIA) Grant, MATRIX. Digital Oral History Collections on Migration
 - 2009 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP) Technology Funding [HM]
- 2007 –2008 Fulbright, State Department, International Institute for Education, Tanzania

INTERNAL FUNDING

- 2015 Faculty Research Award, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina
- 2013 - 2014 Dean’s Research Award for immigrant-serving organizations initiative (co-PI with Benjamin Roth)
- 2013 - 2015 Dean’s Award for Interdisciplinary Workgroup – Workgroup on Migration (co-PI with Benjamin Roth)
 - 2013 Michigan State University Dissertation Completion Fellowship
 - 2013 Graduate School Dissertation Peer Mentor Fellowship, Michigan State University
- 2012 - 2013 Department of Sociology and Graduate School Top Up Award, Michigan State University
 - 2011 Jay Artis Endowed Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University
 - 2011 Harriet McAdoo Endowed Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University

2010 International Studies and Programs Pre-dissertation Research Fellowship,
Michigan State University, to Tanga, Tanzania

STUDENT MENTORING

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION CHAIR

2017 - Amanda Stafford McRell
SPARC Research Grant [2019 – 2020], SC SmartState Center for Healthcare
Quality Fellow [2019 – 2020]

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

2020 Binda Noella Niati
Department of Education, Education Policy in Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire
Position: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Post-Doctoral Fellow

EARLY DOCTORAL RESEARCH MENTOR

2019 - Agnes Nzomende Kahouo Foda
2014 - 2015 Kyunghée Ma

MASTER'S THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBER (MA)

2017 - Binda Noella Niati, Education
2016 Alysha Barratta, Geography
“Geographies of Access in Refugee Resettlement”
2014 Amelia Ayoob, Geography
“Situating Belonging through Multi-Sited Identities”

BARSC HONORS COLLEGE RESEARCH & THESIS CHAIR

2020 Alexis Vertak; BARSC at intersections of pre-medicine, social services, and forced
migration

Magellan Funding for research: “Barriers to Health Care Access for Newly
Resettled Refugees in ‘New Destinations’” [2019]

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS COLLEGE THESIS CHAIR

- 2020 Abby Sauls, International Studies, “Refugee Rights and International Law”
- 2019 Katherine Heins, International Studies, “Refugee Kids and a Place to Belong: Documenting Everyday Sites of Belonging Through Photovoice”
- Magellan Funded Research: “The Racialized Masculine Other: State Anti-Refugee Legislation and Discourses of Refugee-Islamophobia” [2017]
- 2019 Melissa Slade, Public Health, Global Studies, and Women and Gender Studies, “‘No One Teaches You How to Bleed:’ Menstruation Education after Refugee Resettlement”
- 2016 –2018 Hannah Marks, Education and International Studies, “Student Designed Course on Refugees and Forced Migration”
- Magellan Funded Research: “Doing Resettlement After the Travel Ban: Case Workers and the Stress of What’s Next”
- 2017 - 2018 Amy Atwell, International Studies and Social Work, “Isolated in Networks: Best Practices in Children’s Homes in Honduras” Honors College Funded Research

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Graduate Courses

Advanced Theory in Society, Community, and Economic Development	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Human Behavior in the Social Environment [Social Theory]	2014, 2015, 2016, 2018
Social Policy	2014
Advanced Statistical and Evaluation Methods	2013
Independent Study	
Social Services and Neoliberalism	2015
International Migration within and Between Former Soviet States (Advanced Research Supervision and Readings, Tajikistan)	2016

Unaccompanied Children & Asylum
Claims in Cyprus (Advanced
Research Supervision and Readings,
Cyprus) 2019

Undergraduate Courses

Human Behavior in the Social Environment – Social
Structures [Social Theory] 2016, 2018, 2019

Social and Economic Justice and Human Rights 2017, 2018

Refuge and Refugees

- Honors College Version 2018, 2020
- College of Social Work Version 2018, 2019, 2020

Honors College Research Supervision 2018, 2019, 2020

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate

Sociology of Sex and Gender 2010

Teaching Assistant

Economic Models in Social Science Research 2013

Gender and Nationalisms 2013

Integrative Social Science Perspectives on Africa 2012

STUDY ABROAD COURSE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

International Development in Tanzania

Course funded by \$100,000 grant from private donor with five-year reoccurring funds for collaborative study abroad to Tanzania with Michigan State University and University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM); designated to design curriculum, collaborate with colleagues at UDSM and create proposal and original logistical plan based on research findings from Tanzania Partnership Program and partner objectives

FUNDED TRAINING IN TEACHING PEDAGOGY

2011 National Science Foundation – Alliance for Graduate Education and Professoriate Program, Pedagogy Workshop

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2008 - 2013 Center for Advanced Study of International Development, Michigan State University, College of International Students and Programs

US Department of Education, Title VI Grant Collected and analyzed quantitative data on faculty productivity levels and center activities and contributed to writing successful grant application for National Resource Center in International Studies and Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships

Tanzania Partnership Program Worked as part of an interdisciplinary team on international development praxis and research on donor-funded grant in Tanzania; areas of focus include socio-cultural implementation, translation, and educational activities; developed complementary study abroad curriculum building from Tanzania Partnership Program research findings. Evaluation of development program interventions.

US State Department, Humphrey Fellows Program Grant Cultural orientation for visiting fellows and distinguished guests pursuing specialized training in economic development; grant writing support in application renewal; Program evaluation

SERVICE

GRANT REVIEWER

2017 - National Science Foundation, GRFP Sociology & Geography

JOURNAL REVIEWER

New England Journal of Medicine

Journal of Refugee Studies

Ethnic and Racial Studies

Children & Youth Service Review

Journal of Contemporary Ethnography

Sociology Compass

Social and Cultural Geography

Social Forces

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2016 - 2018 Global Health Steering Committee

2016 - 2017 Provost's committee to hire dean of the College of Social Work

- 2014 Provost's committee to review Dean Anna Scheyett
- 2013 - 2015 Faculty Senate, University of South Carolina

COLLEGE SERVICE

- 2019 Graduate Specialization Chair in Society, Community, and Economic Development
- 2017 - MSW Student Admissions Reviewer
- 2019 - Society, Community, and Economic Development Specialization Chair, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2016 - 2019 Student Grievance Committee Chair, College of Social Work
- Various Lead Faculty Instructor – Supervise and Evaluate Contingent Faculty Teaching
 - 2016 – 2019 Undergraduate policy (3 sections), undergraduate human rights (3 sections each)
 - 2015, 2018 – Graduate Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (Theory) sequence
 - 2019
 - 2014 Graduate policy (co-lead)
- 2016 - 2018 Master of Social Work Program Committee, College of Social Work
- 2015 - 2016 Student Retention Committee, College of Social Work

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & OUTREACH

- 2014 - Board member, South Carolina State Refugee Stakeholders Board
- 2015 - Volunteer translator and interpreter, Carolina Survivors Clinic
- 2013 - Volunteer translator and interpreter, Swahili, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Lutheran Services Carolina
- 2009 –2013 Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity Lansing, Swahili translation for Burundian refugee recipients
- 2008 –2013 Volunteer translator for Lansing Public Schools, Swahili and French
- 2006 –2013 Grant writing for the Somali Bantu Community Organization

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Forced Migration Institute

Eastern Sociological Society

Refugee Research Network

African Studies Association

Society for Social Work Research

Tanzanian Studies Association

Fulbright Alumni Network

RELATED NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

International Rescue Committee

2004 – 2006 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Refugee resettlement and program design for Somali Bantu Community Resettlement;
Sudanese Scholarship Fund

2006 – 2007 DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

Tanzanian refugee camps and programs assistant

References available upon request