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Education

- Aug. 2023- Aug. 2028 (Expected) **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Social Work**
The University of Alabama, School of Social Work
- Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2023 **Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW)**
Families and Children concentration
The University of Stavanger, Norway (Erasmus Mundus
Mobility Program)
- Feb. 2016 – Dec. 2019 **Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Relations**
The University of Vale do Itajaí, Brazil

Certifications

- Issued Feb. 2024 **Excellence in Online Teaching** (4 hrs.)
The University of Alabama, Faculty Development Program
- Jan. 2020 – Sep. 2020 **Graduate Cert. in International Human Rights Law**
EBRADI - Brazilian School of Law (400 hrs.)

Research interests

- Federal and State-level Migration Policies
- Immigrant & Minority Health
- Latinx and Brazilian Immigrants in the United States
- Social & Political Determinants of Health

Fellowships, Scholarships, Awards, and Funding

- August 2023 **The University of Alabama, Graduate School**
Capstone Graduate Council Fellowship
5 years of funding at the rate of **\$58,492** for
2023/2024 alone
- August 2020 **European Commission / European Union**
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree Scholarship
(Amount: **49,000 EUR**)
- January 2016 **The Brazilian Ministry of Education**
University for All Scholarship Program (ProUni)
(Amount: **71,000 BRL**, or \approx USD 14,000)
- Spring 2025 **The University of Alabama, School of Social Work**
Professional development fund to attend and present at a
National Conference (**\$700**)
- Fall 2024 **The University of Alabama, School of Social Work
and Graduate School**

	Professional Development Fund to attend and present at a National Conference (\$1000)
Fall 2024	The University of Alabama, School of Social Work Professional development funding for CSWE International Degree Review and Accreditation (\$645)
Spring 2024	The University of Alabama School of Social Work Professional Development Fund to attend and present at a National Conference (\$700)
Spring 2024	The University of Alabama, School of Social Work and Graduate School Professional Development Fund to attend and present at an International Conference (\$1600)
June 2023, Fall 2022, & Fall 2021	Norwegian Agency for Education and Research Open Access Journal Publication Fee Awarded (Amounts: \$410, and \$2,500 awarded two times)
April 2022 & June 2022	The University of Stavanger (UiS) Travel Award for presenting at a Conference (Amounts: 70 EUR, and 60 EUR)
2018	The University of Santa Cruz do Sul (Unisc) Best Human Rights Paper Awarded at the 15th International Seminar on Social Demands and Public Policies in Contemporary Society (Brazil). The paper was selected to be published as a book chapter.

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles in English

30. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, and Badiezadeh, S. (2024). Immigration Policy as a Social Determinant of Health among Brazilian Immigrants in the United States: A Narrative Review. *Health Care Analysis, Online First*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10728-024-00499-7>
29. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2024). Anti-Racist Values in Portuguese Baccalaureate Social Work Education: A Content Analysis Study. *International Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, 21(2), 86-114. <https://doi.org/10.55521/10-021-208>
28. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2024). Addressing Discrimination and Healthcare Disparities for Sexual and Gender Minorities in South Africa: A Human Rights-Based Perspective. *Journal of Health Management*, Ahead-of-Print. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09720634231216025>
27. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M. V. (2023). Brazil's Yanomami Health Disaster: Addressing the public health emergency requires advancing criminal accountability. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 11, 01–05. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2023.1166167>
26. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2023). Latin American perspectives on Indigenous Social Work: In search of mind, body, and soul. *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples*, 19(1), 155–165. <https://doi.org/10.1177/11771801221140460>

25. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M. V. (2023). Oil giant, climate savior, or somewhere in between? Human rights and the Norwegian climate paradox. *International Journal of Public Law and Policy*, 10(3), 227-243.
<https://www.inderscienceonline.com/doi/abs/10.1504/IJPLAP.2024.139509>
24. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Alves Lima Zanatta, M. de, Viana da Silva, M. V., & Da Silva, J. E. (2022). Health Care Access by Transgender Persons in South Africa: Gender-based Discrimination, Human Rights Violations, and the Role of the African Human Rights System. *Journal Health and Technology - JHT*, 1(4), 01–22. <https://doi.org/10.47820/jht.v1i4.25>
23. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2021). Challenges in making school social work a reality in Brazilian schools. *International Social Work*, 66(2), 590–596.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00208728211031965>
22. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Viana da Silva, M., & S. Fachini, J. (2021). The management (or lack thereof) of COVID-19 in Brazil: implications for human rights and public health. *International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare*, 14(2), 158-174. <https://doi.org/10.1108/ijhrh-09-2020-0085>
21. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Alves Lima Zanatta, M. de L., & Tumenas Mello, E. (2020). Gender-Awareness amongst Brazilian Children Enrolled in Primary Education: Implications for Women’s Rights & Equality. *Multidisciplinary Journal of Gender Studies*, 9(1), 25–50.
<https://doi.org/10.17583/generos.2020.4865>
20. Viana da Silva, M.V, **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & da Silva, J.E. (2020). The Right to Data Protection Versus “Security”: Contradictions of the Rights-Discourse in the Brazilian General Personal Data Protection Act (LGPD). *Revista Direitos Culturais [Cultural Rights Review]*, 15(36), 209-232. <https://doi.org/10.20912/rdc.v15i36.18>
19. Viana da Silva, M.V., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2020). Dream the impossible dream? An ecosocialist account of the human right to a healthy environment. *Direito Ambiental & Sociedade [Environmental Law & Society]*, 10(2), 35-60.
<https://doi.org/10.18226/22370021.v10.n2.02>
18. Zanatta, M.L.A.L., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2019). The Role of Rights-Based Social Work in Contemporary Latin American Diasporas: The Case of Venezuelan Migrant Children. *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*, 4(4), 238-247. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41134-019-00104-1>
17. da Silva, J.E., **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M.V. (2019). In Tech We Trust? Some General Remarks on Law in the Technological Era from a Third World Perspective. *Journal Juridical Opinion*, 17(25), 107-123. <https://doi.org/10.12662/2447-6641oj.v17i25.p107-123.2019>
16. Souza, I.F., Leme, L.R., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2018). Creating bridges between international relations theory and international human rights law: constructivism and the role of Brazil in the Inter-American system of human rights. *Brazilian Journal of International Law*, 15(3), 179-197.
<https://doi.org/10.5102/rdi.v15i3.5653>

Peer-reviewed journal articles in Brazilian Portuguese

15. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Viana da Silva, M.V., & da Silva, J.E. (2021). A Few Considerations on Human Rights in the Biotechnological Era: Normativity Versus Dignity. *Revista Direito e Justiça: Reflexões Sociojurídicas*, 21(41), 195-210. <https://doi.org/10.31512/rdj.v21i41.636>
14. Viana da Silva, M.V., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2020). Advances and Challenges in Implementing Public Policies for the Protection of the Social Rights of Older Migrants in Brazil. *Revista Eletrônica da Faculdade de Direito de Franca*, 15(1), 215-228. <https://doi.org/10.21207/1983.4225.951>
13. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M.V. (2020). "The Canadian Citizenship is a Privilege, Not a Right": Migration and Securitization in the Promised Land. *Brazilian Review of Canadian Studies*, 20, 1-36. <https://doi.org/10.15210/interfaces.v20i0.19069>
12. Viana da Silva, M.V., da Silva, J.E., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2020). The Role of the Canadian Supreme Court in Defending the Rights of Migrant Persons: Subverting the State of Exception by the Routes of Judicial Activism. *Journal of Contemporary Public Law*, 1(2), 85-110. <http://www.rdpc.com.br/index.php/rdpc/article/view/124>
11. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M.V. (2020). Child Migration and International Relations: Theoretical Neglect versus Child Protagonism. *Revista Relações Internacionais no Mundo Atual*, 28(3), 269-297. <http://revista.unicuritiba.edu.br/index.php/RIMA/article/view/4138>
10. Viana da Silva, M.V., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2020). The Justiciability of the Right to Education in the Inter-American System of Human Rights: A Possible Way Out for the Dismantling of the Brazilian Public Education System?. *Revista Humanidades & Inovação*, 7(7), 350-367. <https://revista.unitins.br/index.php/humanidadeseinovacao/article/view/2574>
9. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2019). Fundamental freedoms and the role of struggles for rights in the movie Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri. *Revista Avant*, 3(1), 26-30. <https://ojs.sites.ufsc.br/index.php/avant/article/view/7005>
8. Zanatta, M.L.A.L., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2019). Child Migration and the United Nations Regime for the Protection of Human Rights. *Caderno de Relações Internacionais*, 9(17), 105-134. <https://doi.org/10.22293/2179-1376.v9i17.989>
7. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Zanatta, M.L.A.L. (2019). Human rights and corporate social responsibility in the context of international commerce: the Barrick Gold miner and sexual violence against women in Papua New Guinea between 2006 and 2010. *Revista Vertentes do Direito*, 6(1), 161-181. <https://doi.org/10.20873/uft.2359-0106.2019.v6n1.p161-181>
6. de Oliveira, A.C.D.C., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2019). Rights-Based Social Work as a Tool for Realizing the Human Rights of Venezuelan Migrant Children in Latin American Countries. *Revista TOMO*, 34, 241-286. <https://doi.org/10.21669/tomo.v0i34.9933>
5. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2019). The principle of minimum criminal intervention and the incarceration of minors in Brazil: From violations to the role of the Inter-American Human Rights System. *Revista Jus Navigandi*, 24(5790), 1-8. <https://jus.com.br/artigos/67916>

4. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Milindre Gonzalez, R. (2018). Civil society and the fight for the recognition of fundamental liberties during peace negotiation processes: lessons from the civil war in Sierra Leone and the Lomé Peace Accord. *Conjuntura Global*, 7(2), 170-188. <https://doi.org/10.5380/cg.v7i2.59393>
3. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Milindre Gonzalez, R. (2018). Forced migration and humanitarian crisis in Myanmar: Rohingya – no territory, nation, or rights. *Revista de Iniciação Científica em Relações Internacionais*, 5(10), 37-73. <https://doi.org/10.22478/ufpb.2318-9452.2018v5n10.37368>
2. de Souza, M.C.S.A., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2017). Business Management Towards Sustainable Development: The Dialogue Between Climate Change and Human Rights. *Revista Jurídica da Escola Superior do MP-SP*, 12(2), 68-86. https://es.mpsp.mp.br/revista_esmp/index.php/RJESMPSP/article/view/337
1. Hall, C.C., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2017). The Failure of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights: The Case Cosme Rosa Genoveva, Evandro de Oliveira and Others v. Brazil. *(Re)Pensando Direito*, 7(14), 55-70.

Book reviews

2. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2024). Matthew, D. B. (2024). Just Health: Treating Structural Racism To Heal America. New York University Press. Forthcoming in *Families, Systems, & Health*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/fsh0000942>
1. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2020). Mary Mee-Yin Yuen, Solidarity and Reciprocity with Migrants in Asia: Catholic and Confucian Ethics in Dialogue. *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*, 29(4), 553-555. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0117196820983983>

Book chapters in English

3. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2022). Critical perspectives on social work and social policy practice with vulnerable migrants in an era of emergencies. In A. Jolly, R. Cefalo, & M. Pomati (Eds.), *Social Policy Review 34* (1st ed., pp. 134–157). Bristol University Press. <https://doi.org/10.46692/9781447365815.008>
2. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Viana da Silva, M.V., & da Silva, J.E. (2021). Indigenous Rights, Necropolitics and the 'Daily Genocides' of Brazil's Native and Traditional Peoples. In T. Ribeiro Teles (Ed.), *Língua(gens), Literaturas, Culturas, Identidades e Direitos Indígenas no Brasil* [Languages, Literature, Culture, Identity, and Indigenous Rights in Brazil] (1st ed., pp. 172-180). BAGAI. <http://dx.doi.org/10.37008/978-65-89499-57-2.23.04.21>
1. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2018). Manaus' massacre as a result of the crisis in the Brazilian penitentiary system: an analysis in the light of international human rights law. In A. Jobim do Amaral et al (Eds.), *Anais do 8º Congresso Internacional de Ciências Criminais – PUCRS* [Proceedings of the 8th International Congress on Criminal Sciences – Global Criminology Section], Vol. 3 (1st ed., pp. 121-140). Tirant Lo Blanch.

Book chapter in Brazilian Portuguese

1. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Rocha Leme, L. (2019). A theory of international justice for whom? Failures in the restrictive concept of human rights in Rawls' The Law of Peoples. In M. Leal & A. Custódio (Eds.), *Fundamentos Constitucionais das Políticas Públicas* [Constitutional Foundations of Public Policy], Vol. 1 (1st ed., pp. 186-198). EDUNISC.
<http://hdl.handle.net/11624/2723>
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Manuscripts submitted or under review

3. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (Submitted October 2024). 'Blow by blow, and brick by brick': Anti-immigration policies as a threat to global health equity. Submitted to *Discover Public Health*.
2. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Naseh, M., and Lee, J. (Submitted September 2024). Migration Policies as Social Determinants of Health Among International Graduate Students in the United States. Under review in *Social Policy & Administration*.
1. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (Re-submitted March 2024). Addressing Diversity and Anti-Racism in the Social Work Undergraduate Curriculum in Portugal: A Qualitative Pilot Study. Under review in *Social Work Education: The International Journal*.

Under preparation

Manuscripts

5. Bride, B. E., **da Luz Scherf, E.**, and others TBC. The Effect of Personal Trauma History on Secondary Traumatic Stress and Distress and Impairment in Clinical Social Workers.
Phase: Writing up.
4. Lee, H. Y., Malele-Kubanga, K., Won, C.R., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** Service Provision During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Insights and Challenges Faced by Rural Community Health Workers in Alabama.
Phase: Manuscript revision and preparation for submission.
3. Lee, H. Y., Won, C.R., Luo, Y., Hao, Z., Lidbe, A., Jones, S., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** Addressing Transportation Challenges and Proposing Improvements in Alabama's Black Belt Region During the COVID-19 Pandemic.
Phase: Manuscript revision and preparation for submission.
2. Gill, S., **da Luz Scherf, E.**, and Alfonso, A. Experiences of Racism and Discrimination Among Afro-Latinx Patients in Primary Care Settings: A Scoping Review (provisional title).
Phase: Full-text review and PRISMA protocol development.
1. Giorgio, L. C., **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Ruggiano, N. Unveiling the Association between Social Isolation and Sleep Disturbances among Latinx Older Women and Men Living in the United States.
Phase: Writing up.

Refereed presentations at academic conferences

Oral presentations

17. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (October 2024). Immigration Policy as a Social Determinant of Health among Brazilian Immigrants in the United States. In *Council on Social Work Education's 70th Annual Program Meeting*. Sponsored by CSWE. Kansas City, MO. [In person]
16. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (March 2024). Investigating the (non-)place of race and ethnicity in undergraduate social work education in Portugal. In *Infusing Resilience, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Big Easy, BPD 41st Annual Conference*. Sponsored by The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Inc. (BPD). New Orleans, Louisiana. [In person]
<http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.34523.58402>
15. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (May 2023). Challenging the colorblind curriculum: addressing race, ethnicity, and diversity in Social Work education in Portugal. In *European Social Work Conference 2023: Against all odds, a social Europe is possible where no one is left behind!* Organized by IFSW – European Chapter. Prague, Czech Republic. [Remote/Online]
14. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (March 2023). Climate Change and Green Social Work: An Ecosocialist Critique. In *Injustice in a World of Uncertainty: Finland World Convention 2023*. Stream 1: Climate Change, Insecurity, and Danger. South-Eastern Finland University (Xamk). Mikkeli, Finland. [Remote/Online] <https://youtu.be/jTP36bdXy3M>
13. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (June 2022). Climate Litigation, Human Rights, and the Norwegian Oil Industry: An Early Assessment of Greenpeace Nordic and Others against Norway. In *Conference on the Intersection between Human Rights and Sustainability as an Evolving and Justiciable Concept*. Oslo, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights at the University of Oslo. [In person]
<https://youtu.be/reGJggtW-pk>
12. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (April 2022). Critical perspectives on social work and social policy practice with vulnerable migrants: exploring anticolonial human rights narratives. In *CCNY's Second Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference*. New York; CCNY's Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, City University of New York. [In person]
11. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (September 2021). Unwanted and overlooked: barriers to transgender persons' access to health care in South Africa and the role of the African human rights system. In *Conference on Responsiveness of the African human rights system to sexual and gender-based violence*. Stellenbosch, SA; Stellenbosch University. [Remote/Online]
10. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (November 2020). Judicialization of the Right to Mental Health: A Pathway to Mental Health Care in Brazil?. In *Global Mental Health: Today and Tomorrow*, First Edition. Michigan, USA; University of Michigan. [Remote/Online]
9. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (October 2020). Impunity and Human Rights Violations Amid and After the Covid-19 Pandemic: Questioning the Future of State Responsibility under International Human Rights Law. In *Pandemic & International Responsibility Conference*. Porto, PT; Portucalense University. [Remote/Online]
8. **da Luz Scherf, E., & Morales, P.A.** (2018). Human rights, corporate social responsibility, and international business: looking for coherence through the experience of Papua New Guinea” (translated from Portuguese). In *XIII Congresso Direito UFSC [XIII Law Conference at the Federal University of Santa Catarina]*. Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil. [In person]

7. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2017). Manaus' massacre as a result of the crisis in the Brazilian penitentiary system: an analysis in the light of international human rights law. In *8th International Conference on Criminal Sciences – Global Criminology Section*. Porto Alegre, BR; Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS). [In person]
6. **da Luz Scherf, E.,** & Morales, P.A. (2016). Reform of the judiciary and the democratization of access to justice: an analysis on the influence of the judicial reform secretariat and its contributions to the realization of fundamental rights (translated from Portuguese). In *XIII Seminário Internacional Demandas Sociais e Políticas Públicas na Sociedade Contemporânea* [XIII International Seminar on Social Demands and Public Policies in Contemporary Society]. Santa Cruz do Sul, BR; University of Santa Cruz do Sul (UNISC). [In person]
<https://online.unisc.br/acadnet/anais/index.php/sidspp/article/view/15782>

Posters

5. **da Luz Scherf, E.,** Lee, J., and Naseh, M. (January 2025). Migration Policies as Social Determinants of Health among International Graduate Students in the United States. In *SSWR 29th Annual Conference: Strengthening Social Impact through Collaborative Research*. Seattle, WA. [In person]
4. Cosenzo, L. G., **da Luz Scherf, E.,** and Ruggiano, N. (November 2024). Unveiling the Association between Social Isolation and Sleep Disturbances among Latinx Older Women and Men. In *Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting 2024*. Seattle, WA. [Presented by co-author]
3. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (April 2024). Understanding the Health and Social Needs of Older Brazilian Adults in the United States: A Needs Assessment Pilot Study. In *16th Annual Southeastern Universities Graduate Research Symposium*. Sponsored by the University of Alabama and the University of Georgia. Tuscaloosa, AL [In person]
2. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (April 2024). International and Comparative Social Work Research in Latin America: Tapping into the Untapped Potentials. In *SWSD 2024 – Joint Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development*. Sponsored by the International Association of Schools of Social Work, the International Council on Social Welfare, and the International Federation of Social Workers. Panama City, Panama. [In person]
1. da Silva, M.V.V., **da Luz Scherf, E.,** & da Silva, J.E. (October 2019). The unconventionality of the dismantling of public education policies in Brazil and the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Human Rights System (translated from Portuguese). In *II Congresso Internacional de Políticas Públicas para a América Latina* [II International Conference on Public Policies for Latin America]. University of Vale do Itajaí, Brazil. [In person]

Research experience

Fall 2024

Graduate Research Assistant

The University of Alabama School of Social Work

<https://socialwork.ua.edu/>

Principal Investigators: Dr. Brian Bride (0.25 FTE) and Dr. Luciana C. Giorgio (0.25 FTE)

Summer 2024

Graduate Research Assistant

The University of Alabama School of Social Work

<https://socialwork.ua.edu/>

Principal Investigators: Dr. Hee Yun Lee (0.25 FTE) and Dr. Nicole Ruggiano (0.25 FTE).

Funders: UA, NSF, and NIH, among others

Sep. 2023 – Present

Affiliated Researcher / Volunteer Research Assistant

The Initiative on Social Work & Forced Migration

Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis

<https://forcedmigration.wustl.edu/>

Principal Investigator: Mitra Naseh, PhD

Funders: RSF and WashU

Sep. 2023 – Present

Volunteer Graduate Research Assistant

Sleep Health Equity (SHE) Research Lab

<https://she-research.ua.edu/>

The University of Alabama, School of Social Work

Principal Investigator: Luciana Giorgio, PhD

Funders: UA

Oct. 2023 – Present

Student Co-Principal Investigator

Project title: Experiences of Racism and Discrimination Among Latinx Patients in Primary Healthcare Settings

In collaboration with Thomas Jefferson University

Principal Investigator: Dr. Shane' Gill

Funders: Unfunded Research Project

Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2023

Affiliated Researcher / Research Assistant

ERC Human Rights Nudge

<https://www.humanrightsnudge.com/>

University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law

Principal Investigator: Dr. Veronika Fikfak

Funders: ERC, UKRI, and others

Mar. 2018 – Feb. 2021

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Human Rights & Citizenship Research Group

The University of Vale do Itajaí, Brazil

Principal Investigator: Malu Zanatta, PhD

Funders: Unfunded Research Project

Direct practice experience

• May 2024 – Aug. 2024

University Medical Center (UMC)

Department of Social Services

The University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, AL

<https://umc.ua.edu/>

Role: *Healthcare social work intern, post-MSW level.*

Part-time (0.5 FTE).

- Sep. 2022 – Oct. 2022
Internationella Engelska Skolan
[International English School]
Gothenburg, Sweden
<https://engelska.se/>
Role: *Social work intern, MSW-level*. Part-time (0.25 FTE).
- Dec. 2021 – Dec. 2021
Field Placement at Different Organizations
(Lisbon, Portugal)
Role: *Social work intern, MSW-level*. Part-time (0.5 FTE)
Non-profits visited: Child Protection Institute,
Portuguese League Against AIDS, and Salvador
Association.
- Mar. 2018 – Dec. 2019
**Intergenerational Law & Transversality
Community Project**
The University of Vale do Itajaí, School of Legal and
Social Sciences (Itajai, Brazil)
Role: *Community Outreach Intern, undergrad/BA-level*.
Part-time (0.5 FTE).

Teaching experience

- Fall 2024
Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)
The University of Alabama School of Social Work
Course: SW 410 Human Behavior and Social Environment
Instructor of Record: Hyunjune Lee, PhD
Teaching Practicum. In-person.
- November 2024
Guest Lecturer
The University of Alabama School of Social Work
Course: SW 410 Human Behavior and Social Environment
Topic: Immigration and the Life Course
Instructor of Record: Hyunjune Lee, PhD
Mode of delivery: In-person.
- October 2024
Guest Lecturer
The University of Alabama School of Social Work
Course: SW 212 Death Dying Bereavement
Topic: Cultural Manifestations of Grief in Latin America
Instructor of Record: Haelim Jeong, LMSW
Mode of delivery: In-person.
- September 2024
Guest Lecturer
Middle Tennessee State University
Course: SW 4690 Integrative Seminar in Social Work
Topic: Human Rights and Social Work Practice in Brazil
Instructor of Record: Andrea Bell, LCSW

Mode of delivery: Online (via Zoom)

- April 2024

Guest Lecturer

The University of Vale do Itajaí (Brazil)
Course: Human Rights (International Program)
Topic: Global Migration and Human Rights
Instructor of Record: Ricardo Boff, MSc.
Mode of delivery: Online (via Teams)

Service

Journal editor roles

April 2024 – Present *Frontiers in Political Science*, International Studies section. Role: Editorial Board Member / Review Editor.

Committee work

April 2024 – Present Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Doctoral Student Committee (DSC), Mentoring Sub-Committee. Role: Committee Member.

Peer-review

15. 2024 - Discover Social Science and Health, *Ad hoc* reviewer
14. 2024 – *Frontiers in Political Science* – International Studies, *Ad hoc* reviewer
13. 2024 - *BMC Global and Public Health* (Springer Nature), *Ad hoc* reviewer
12. 2024 - *Biodemography and Social Biology* (Taylor & Francis), *Ad hoc* reviewer
11. 2024 – *Discover Global Society* (Springer Nature), *Ad hoc* reviewer
10. 2024 – *Annual Program Meeting (2024) - Council on Social Work Education*, Conference proposals reviewer
9. 2023 – *Social Work in Public Health* (Taylor & Francis), *Ad hoc* reviewer
8. 2023 – *Advances in Social Work* (Indiana University School of Social Work), *Ad hoc* reviewer
7. 2023 – *Critical and Radical Social Work* (Bristol University Press), *Ad hoc* reviewer
6. 2023 – *European Social Work Research* (Bristol University Press), *Ad hoc* reviewer
5. 2023 – *International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare* (Emerald Group Publishing), *Ad hoc* reviewer
4. 2022 – *Springer Book Series in International Social Work* (Springer Nature), Book proposal reviewer
3. 2022 – *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* (Emerald Group Publishing), *Ad hoc* reviewer
2. 2022 – *Globalizations* (Taylor & Francis), *Ad hoc* reviewer
1. 2020 – *Asian Journal of Education and Social Sciences* (SCIENCEDOMAIN International), *Ad hoc* reviewer

Invited Talks or Speaking Engagements (Not Refereed)

4. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (March 2024). *Leading a Career in Academia as a Macro Social Work Researcher*. Speaking Engagement with Social Work Students In Celebration of Social Work Month. Organized by Monmouth University School of Social Work and the IFSW. Mode of delivery: Remote. <https://youtu.be/64hJmIfJQhM?si=1v6BEFrnxMZTdI9->

3. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (November 2023). Speaking Engagement about Immigration Policy as a Social Determinant of Health. Event: *Beyond Borders: The Challenges of Refugees and Migrants Around the World*. Research Colloquium organized by the University of Minho, Center for International Relations Area Studies (CECRI) (Portugal). Mode of delivery: Remote.

2. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (August 2023). Speaking Engagement about Pathways to an International Research Career, at the University of Vale do Itajai, School of Legal and Social Sciences (Brazil). Event: *Alumni Week*. Mode of delivery: In person.

1. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (November 2022). *Alumni Session on Ph.D. Opportunities for Erasmus Mundus Graduates in Social Work*. Role: Moderator. Hosted by Gothenburg University (Sweden), Department of Social Work. Mode of delivery: In person.

Mentoring

- Tide Together Graduate Mentor Program August 2023 – April 2024
Role: Mentee. Graduate School at The University of Alabama.
Purpose: The Tide Together Graduate Mentor Program helps traditionally underrepresented students in graduate programs reach personal and professional success as they navigate the higher education journey.

- Brazilian Student Association (BRASA) Fall 2023
Role: Mentor/Grad School Admissions Consultant (Volunteer).
Purpose: To help and guide Brazilian students throughout their application process to graduate school in the United States, providing them with tips, advice, and guidance regarding admissions to various degree programs.

Volunteering and Civic Engagement

- Advocacy Day, The University of Alabama and NASW-AL Chapter March 07, 2024
Montgomery, AL (In person). Role: Participant. We spent the day advocating on behalf of Criminal Justice Reform, Social Work Reinvestment, and Medicaid Expansion.

- Aurora Institute for Human Rights Education Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2021
Curitiba, Brazil (Remote). Role: Writing contributor. I helped the Institute strengthen its mission by providing short articles for its online blog platform.

- Eshet Children and Youth Development May 2021 – July 2021
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Remote). Role: Project proposal and grant writing volunteer.
I was responsible for identifying potential donor organizations and for revising funding proposals.

Other publications (not peer-reviewed)

- **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2021). Lei Maria da Penha completa 15 anos com conquistas e desafios [Maria da Penha Law celebrates 15 years with achievements and challenges]. *Instituto Aurora*. <https://institutoaurora.org/lei-maria-da-penha-completa-15-anos-com-conquistas-e-desafios/>
- **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2021). Re-Assessing the Promises and Possibilities of Human Rights. *The Wall of Justice*. <https://thewallofjustice.in/re-assessing-the-promises-and-possibilities-of-human-rights/>
- **da Luz Scherf, E.** (Winter 2018). Ought to kill or ought to heal? The importance of medicine in the history of warfare. *Hektoen International: A Journal of Medical Humanities*. <https://hekint.org/2018/03/05/kill-heal-importance-medicine-history-warfare/>

Media appearances

- Written Interview: Meet Erick da Luz Scherf. *Bold Journey Magazine*. August 8, 2024. <https://boldjourney.com/meet-erick-da-luz-scherf/>
- Video Interview: Race, Ethnicity and Diversity in Social Work. 2024. SAGE: An Introduction to Diversifying and Decolonizing Research. *SAGE Research Methods Series*. <https://methods.sagepub.com/video/race-ethnicity-and-diversity-in-social-work>

Languages spoken

English – Advanced/Fluent

Portuguese – Native Speaker

Spanish – Upper-Intermediate

French – Basic/Beginner

Research skills

Established qualitative skills:

One-on-one and group interviewing; focus groups; interpersonal and people skills

Very familiar with thematic coding and analysis

Software: Dedoose and NVivo (Good knowledge)

Quantitative skills in development:

Software: Familiar with SPSS, and R (Fair knowledge)

Simple and multiple linear regression; logistic regression

Other research software:

Covidence (Good knowledge)

Academic and professional memberships

2024 – Present The Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Doc Student Member

2024 – Present Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Graduate Student Member
2022- Present Social Policy Association (SPA, UK), International Early Career Scholar
2020-2023 Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA), Erasmus Master Student

References

Available upon request