

# Christopher Robinson, EdD, MSW, LMSW

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## Higher Education

Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Doctor of Education (EdD), 2017
University of Pittsburgh	Master of Social Work (MSW), 2007
University of Pittsburgh	Graduate Certificate, 2007 <i>Human Services Management</i>
Jackson State University	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), 2006

## Professional Highlights

- Licensed Master Social Worker, MD (LMSW) #31773 – DC (LGSW) #LG200003050 – PA (LSW) #SW136080
- Over 20 years of professional diversity, healthcare, higher education, nonprofit & social work practice experience
- Advanced skills in administrative supervision, staff development, project management, & financial oversight

## Distinguished Awards & Honors

- Pittsburgh Magazine, 40 Under 40, 2023
- University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work Distinguished Alumni for Social Work Education, 2021
- Men of Excellence Award in Higher Education, The New Pittsburgh Courier, 2021
- National Institute for Staff & Organizational Development, Teaching Excellence Award, 2020
- Vanguard Faculty Diversity Award, Community College of Allegheny County, 2013
- Fab 40 Under 40, The New Pittsburgh Courier, 2010

## Professional Work Experience

Coppin State University – Associate Professor, Bachelor of Social Work Program, 8/15/2024 – Present

- *Knowledge* – Generalist Practice, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Macro Practice, Social Justice, Social Work Education
- *Skills* – Advising, CSWE Accreditation Processes, Curriculum & Assessment, Grant Writing, Technology Integration
- *Abilities* – Community Engagement, Innovative Teaching, Program Development, Project Management, Research

Pennsylvania State University – Assistant Professor & Bachelor of Social Work Program Director, 7/2021 – 7/2024

- *Knowledge* – Clinical Practice, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Macro Practice, Social Justice, Social Work Education
- *Skills* – Advising, CSWE Accreditation Processes, Curriculum & Assessment, Grant Writing, Technology Integration
- *Abilities* – Community Engagement, Innovative Teaching, Program Development, Project Management, Research

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) – Manager, Cultural Competency, 3/2021 – 7/2023

- *Knowledge* – Budgeting, Change Management, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Health Care Policy, Population Health
- *Skills* – Conflict Resolution, Data Analysis & Reporting, Strategic Planning & Execution, Training & Development
- *Abilities* – Community, Employee, & Patient Engagement, Global Perspective, Strategic Outreach & Partnerships

Community College of Allegheny County – Director & Tenured Associate Professor, Social Work, 1/2010 – 7/2021

- *Knowledge* – Generalist Social Work Practice, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Macro Practice, Teaching & Learning
- *Skills* – Academic Advising, Curriculum & Assessment, Grant Writing, Public Speaking, Distance & Online Learning
- *Abilities* – Community Engagement, Cross-System Collaboration, Effective Teaching, Fundraising, Grant Management

Gateway Rehabilitation Center – Outpatient Therapist & Clinical Supervisor, 10/2019 – 4/2020 (COVID-19)

- *Knowledge* – Assessment & Diagnosis, CBT, DBT, Medication-Assisted Treatment, Harm Reduction Strategies
- *Skills* – Assessment & Goal Planning, Case Management, Crisis Intervention, Documentation, Therapy & Treatment
- *Abilities* – Billing & Insurance Reimbursement, Cognitive-Behavioral Techniques, Group Therapy, Group Supervision

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine – Contractor, Microbicide Gel for HIV Prevention Project, 9/2010 – 8/2011

- *Knowledge* – HIV/AIDS, LGBTQIA+ Populations, Public Health, Sexual Health, Social Determinants of Health
- *Skills* – Community Engagement, Group Facilitation, Psychoeducation, Resource Sharing, Therapeutic Education
- *Abilities* – Care Coordination, Determination of Eligibility, Event Planning, Infectious Disease Risk Assessments

Heritage Community Initiatives & Propel Schools – Program Director/School Social Worker, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, 8/2008 – 8/2010

- *Knowledge* – Child & Adolescent Development, Child Welfare, DSM 4, Juvenile Justice, School Social Work, Truancy
- *Skills* – Activity Planning, Case Management, Crisis Intervention, Grant Writing, Staff Development & Training
- *Abilities* – Community & Family Engagement, Curriculum Development, Family Goal Setting, Trauma-Informed Care

YWCA Greater Pittsburgh – Diversity Facilitator & Trainer, 8/2007 – 8/2008

- *Knowledge* – Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Cultural Competence, Gender Equity, Social Justice Law
- *Skills* – Group Facilitation, Grant Writing, Program Management & Evaluation, Staff Development & Training
- *Abilities* – Advocacy, Campaigning, Community Engagement, Partnerships & Outreach, Stakeholder Engagement

Heritage Health Foundation, Inc. – Community Organizer, MSW Field Education Practicum, 8/2006 – 8/2007

- *Knowledge* – Community & Economic Development, Public Health, Public Policy, Social Determinants of Health
- *Skills* – Activism, Advocacy, Grant Writing, Locality Development, Social Action, Social Planning
- *Abilities* – Coalition Building, Community Engagement, Community Needs Assessments, Project Management

MRC Industries, Inc. – Community Support Specialist & Case Manager, 5/2006 – 8/2006 (Summer Contract)

- *Knowledge* – Developmental Delays, Intellectual Disabilities, Mental Health, Individuals with Disabilities
- *Skills* – Case Management, Goal Planning, De-Escalation Techniques, Modeling, Motivational Interviewing
- *Abilities* – Activity Planning, Client Advocacy, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Goal Setting & Treatment Planning

West Jackson Community Development Corporation – Student Intern, BSW Field Education Practicum, 1/2006 – 5/2006

- *Knowledge* – Adult Education, Community Development, Community Engagement, Social Determinants of Health
- *Skills* – Data Analysis & Reporting, Event Planning, Grant Writing, Program Development, Program Evaluation
- *Abilities* – Innovative Programming, Policy Development & Review, Youth Empowerment & Engagement

Metro Counseling Center, Inc. – Drug & Alcohol Internship, 8/2005 – 12/2005

- *Knowledge* – 12 Steps, Diagnostic Criteria & Assessment, Drug Use & Addiction, Stages of Change, Group Treatment
- *Skills* – Assessment & Diagnosis, Goal Setting, Therapeutic Modalities, Treatment Planning & Implementation
- *Abilities* – Building Therapeutic Relationships, Generalist Intervention Model (GMI), Group Work, Group Therapy

Jackson Public Schools – School Social Work Internship, 1/2005 – 5/2005

- *Knowledge* – Child & Adolescent Development, Mental Health & Behavioral Issues, Family Dynamics & Support
- *Skills* – Assessment & Evaluation, Case Management, Cultural Competence, Individual Education/Learning Plans
- *Abilities* – Client Advocacy, Community & Family Engagement, Multidisciplinary Collaboration & Teamwork

Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital – Clinical Social Work Internship, 5/2004 – 8/2006 (Annually, Summer)

- *Knowledge* – Psychological Theories & Practices, DSM 4, Therapeutic Modalities, Health Care Policies
- *Skills* – Assessment & Treatment, Case Management, Case Work, Treatment Planning & Goal Setting
- *Abilities* – Building Therapeutic Relationships, Discharge Planning, Treatment Planning & Implementation

Home Life, Inc. – Direct Care Staff Supervisor, 5/2003 – 8/2006 (Annually, Summer)

- *Knowledge* – Developmental Delays, Group Home Care, Intellectual Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injuries, Health Care
- *Skills* – Boundary Setting, Case Management, Client Advocacy, Direct Service Care, Goal Setting & Implementation
- *Abilities* – Adaptable & Flexible, Interdisciplinary Team Collaboration, Group Home Management, Staff Supervision

Healthy Babies-Healthy Start Kalamazoo – Community Health Worker & Peer Educator, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, Maternal & Child Health Division, 6/1998 – 6/2002

- *Knowledge* – Addiction & Substance Use, Fetal Mortality, Infant Mortality, Perinatal Services, Sexual Health
- *Skills* – Conflict Resolution, Community Engagement, Group Facilitation, Psychoeducation, Health Resources Sharing
- *Abilities* – Care Navigation & Resource Linkage, Client Risk Assessments, Community Referrals, Crisis Intervention

### **Scholarly Work & Research Publications**

Robinson, C.W. (2024). *Increasing access to HBCU social work programs through transfer equity programming*. Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work. (In press)

Robinson, C.W. (2023) *The Impact of an African-Centered Program for Black Male Leadership Guided by the Principles of the Nguzo Saba*. Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping (Submitted)

Robinson, C.W. (2022) *Valuable lessons learned: Enhancing AAPI health equity as a DEIJ practitioner and licensed masters-level social worker in health care*. Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping. (Accepted)

Robins, A.G., Robinson, C.W. (2022) *Could culturally tailored study skills strategies be the panacea to Black males being missing in STEM professions? Unveiling the Cloak of Invisibility: Why Black Males are absent in STEM Disciplines*. Information Age Publishing. (Published)

Robinson, C.W. (2021). *Reducing the cost of higher education through the invaluable mission of community colleges and affordable HBCUs*. Diverse Issues in Higher Education. Retrieved from <https://diverseeducation.com/article/207635/> (Published)

### **Dissertation**

Robinson, C.W. (2017). *An examination of historically Black college and university baccalaureate graduate perspectives on the modern-day educational relevance of HBCUs*. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: ProQuest.

### **Research Projects and Grants**

- *Health Resources and Services Administration, Behavioral Health Paraprofessional Grant*, 2014 – 2018  
\$300,000, Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Project Director
- *Ever Consider Teaching? African American Male Teaching Initiative*, 2013 – 2016  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Point Park University, and the Community College of Allegheny County  
Graduate Research Assistant

- *Project Gel, HIV Spermicide Study, 2012 – 2013*  
University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health  
Research Assistant
- *21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Programming Grant, 2008 – 2010*  
Heritage Community Initiatives, in partnership with Propel Charter Schools, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
\$1.2 Million  
Project Director/Co-Author
- *Kaboom! Safe Community Build-Model Playground Grant, 2008*  
Heritage Community Initiatives, Braddock, Pennsylvania  
\$25,000  
MSW Practicum/Co-Author
- *House of Infiniti Pittsburgh, World AIDS Day Grant, 2007*  
\$1,500 Lambda Foundation of Pittsburgh

### **Conferences and Presentations**

- *Academic Transfer Is a Social Equity Issue: Why Aren't We Talking about It More?* Society for Social Work Research National Conference, 2023
- *Black Men in Social Work*, Society for Social Work Research National Conference, 2023
- *Empowering Black LGBTQIA+ Communities through the Aim and Art of Ballroom*, Trans Pride Health and Wellness Conference, 2022
- *Enhancing Knowledge, Skills, Training, and Values: Preparing Social Work Students for Professional Licensure in Pennsylvania*, Penn State Greater Allegheny All Campus Day, 2022
- *Black Men in Social Work*, Black Doctoral Network Research Series, 2022
- *Decreasing the Cost of College Through Utilization and Partnerships for Black Community College Social Work Students Pursuing HBCUs*, National Association of Social Work-Pennsylvania Regional Conference, 2022
- *Pennsylvania Program to Program TAOC: Transfer is the Higher Education Equity Pipeline*, Community College ASW to BSW Committee, Pennsylvania Department of Higher Education, 2022
- *Decreasing the Cost of College Through the Utilization of Community Resources for Community College Students Pursuing HBCUs*, Black Doctoral Network Conference, 2022
- *Understanding Racial Disparities in 2020 and Beyond*, 2021  
Honors Program Diversity Series, Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- *Seven Anti-Racist, Anti-Discriminatory Books for All Community Colleges to Read*, 2020  
All-College/Convocation Day, Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- *School-Community Partnerships: Mission-Driven Opportunities for HBCUs and Community Colleges*, 2019  
Community College of Allegheny County, Office of the President, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- *The Socioeconomic Value of Historically Black Colleges and Universities*, 2019  
Pittsburgh Public Schools, Student Support Services Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- *Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging Regional Conference, 2017*  
Aging in Southwestern Pennsylvania  
CCAC South Campus, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania
- *Common Barriers for Community College and First-Generation Students, 2017*  
Jefferson Regional Community Foundation Meeting, Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania
- *National Council of Black American Affairs Conference, Leadership Development Institute Fellow, 2014*  
San Francisco, California

#### **Professional Affiliations and Memberships**

- Council on Social Work Education
- Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
- Jackson State University National Alumni Association
- National Association of Social Workers
- Society for Social Work Research
- University of Pittsburgh National Alumni Association