

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Dr. Carmen Luca Sugawara is an Associate Professor and Director of International and Global Engagements, bringing over three decades of experience in international social development, with a focus on civil society networking and strengthening, local capacity development (LCD), community-university engagement, and global social work education. Her administrative leadership, research, and teaching are focused on advancing international collaboration and promoting community-university engaged capacity to advance and support the university's third mission and its contributions to sustainable development.

As a Fulbright Scholar in Croatia, she examined the extent to which universities contribute to strengthening local capacity for community development. Working with colleagues from three countries in Southeast Europe (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo), Dr. Luca Sugawara developed a framework to assess how universities contribute to LCD. Her commitment to community-engaged education is reflected in both her scholarship and her teaching. Since she started at IU, she has designed and taught courses that advanced service-learning education in Indiana and Southeastern Europe. Continuing her commitment to building local community capacity through higher education institutions' involvement with local communities, in 2020, Dr. Luca Sugawara supported the development of a Master of Social Work program in a postwar region of Croatia. Her commitment to global social work education is evidenced through her book projects, service, and her scholarship. She was honored with the Frank Turner Award by the British International Journal of Social Work for her work highlighting the role of civil society in transitional contexts.

Before joining Indiana University, Dr. Luca Sugawara contributed extensively to international social development initiatives, focusing on governance, civil society strengthening, and capacity building. Her work included designing strategies to support sustainable civil society sectors, advancing local capacity development, and promoting partnerships between higher education, governments, and community organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, and Romania. In earlier years, she consulted for UNICEF/Romania on social work education reform and on partnerships among governments, universities, and child welfare organizations.

EDUCATION

POSTGRADUATE

Catholic University of America National Catholic School of Social Services Washington, DC	Ph.D.	May, 2005
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GRADUATE

University of Kentucky at Lexington College of Social Work, Master of Social Work Lexington, Kentucky	MSW	July, 2000
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UNDERGRADUATE

Universitatea "Al. I. Cuza" Iasi, Romania	BSW	June, 1995
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FURTHER EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences Cleveland, OH	Student Fulbright Award Research	1997- 1998
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Indiana University, School of Social Work <i>Director of International and Global Engagements</i>	Associate Professor Associate Professor Assistant Professor	2023-present 2014-present 2007-2013
University of Zagreb, Croatia & University of Osijek, Croatia	Senior Fulbright Scholar (dual host institutions)	2019-2020
University of Osijek, School of Law Department of Social Work, Croatia	Co-author of the MSW Program Visiting Associate Faculty	2020- 2025
Catholic University of America National Catholic School of Social Services Washington, DC	Adjunct Faculty	2004-2006
Universitatea “Al.I.Cuza” Iasi, Romania Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Social Work Iasi, Romania	Adjunct Faculty	1996-1997

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTSHIPS

FHI360-The Science of Improving Lives Washington, DC	Research Consultant Moldova Research Associate Moldova	May–June 2017 May-Sept. 2012
United Ways of Central Indiana, Indianapolis	Community Assessment Advisor	Sept. 2015- 2017
Academy for Educational Development Washington, DC	Consultant Program Office	2007-2010 2004-2007
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Alexandria, Virginia	Research Assistant	2002-2004
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services Washington, DC	Research Consultant	2001
United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Bucharest, Romania	Youth Consultant	1994-1997

PROFESSIONAL HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

RESEARCH

Luca Sugawara, C. (2025, October). Keynote. Towards Reparative Futures of Social Work Education. Keynote at the 4th International Scientific Conference *Child in Focus – Family in social change*. University of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

Luca Sugawara, C. (2023, September). Keynote - With the Community for the Community [The role of community-university engagement in strengthening the collective, collaborative, and student agency while promoting local capacity for development]. The Second Southeast Europe Academic Women's Leadership Summer School, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)

Fulbright Senior Scholar Award, Croatia (2019–2020). Co-host institutions: University of Zagreb and University of Osijek.

Research Consultant (invited position), USAID/2017, May-Oct. Moldova Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Research Associate (invited position), USAID/CAP's Learning Agenda, May-Sept. 2012

Frank Turner Prize for Best Article, *International Social Work*, Vol. 49, 2007
Article published in *International Social Work*, 50(6), 862. DOI: 10.1177/0020872807081930

TEACHING

Trustees Teaching Award, Indiana University School of Social Work (2026, March).

Virtual Global Learning Fellows Grant, Office of International Affairs, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), 2022

Susan Buck Sutton Faculty Award, Office of International Affairs, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), 2018

Teacher Award, MSW Class of 2016, Indiana University School of Social Work, 2016

Trustees Teaching Award, Indiana University School of Social Work, 2014

Global Partners Engagement Award, IKS, Office of International Affairs, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (2019)

Global Engagement Award, PRONI Center for Social Education, Osijek, Croatia, Office of International Affairs, IUPUI (2015)

Partners for International Education (PIE) Award, PRONI Center for Social Education, Osijek, Croatia, Council on Social Work Education (2009)

SERVICE

Recognition Award for Outstanding Contributions (2025, December), Josip Juraj Strossmayer University Faculty of Law Osijek (50th Anniversary Recognition).

Serving on the Planning Committee for the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) Global Learning Conference, Washington, DC (2026, November)

Reviewer, Fulbright Scholar Program, Polish–U.S. Fulbright Commission, Warsaw, Poland, (2021, May; 2025, October)

Invited member to the IUPUI's *Public and Engaged Scholarship Review Committee (PESRC)*, 2021- 2025

Global Commission. Commissioner. CSWE, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia (2008-2015)

Woman Faculty Leader Newcomer Award, Office for Women, IUPUI (2011)

Certificate of Appreciation, USAID, US Embassy, Zagreb, Croatia (2007)

GRANTS AND SPONSORED PROJECTS

Moyo, O., Kyere, E., & **Sugawara, C. L.** (2026). *Integrating human rights & Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in social work education: Keeping it real and catalyzing social change* (Grant proposal submitted, March 10; Co-Principal Investigators). Katherine A. Kendall Institute, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Luca Sugawara, C. & Kyere, E. (2024, December). *Fostering healing and transformative learning through study abroad education*. Grant proposal submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, IDEAS Grant. (Co-Principal Investigators). Consultants: Hilary Kahn, Mary Price, & Etta Word. (Funding mechanism connected to DEI and discontinued.)

Luca Sugawara, C. (2019-2022). Higher education and community-engaged programs: A strategy to strengthen local capacity development in post-communist countries. *Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)*. Principal investigator.

Luca Sugawara, C. (2019). Higher education and community-engaged programs: A strategy to strengthen local capacity development in post-communist countries. (2019–present). *Denise & Julia Watkins Foundation*. Principal investigator.

Luca Sugawara, C. (2019-2022). Higher education and community-engaged programs: A strategy to strengthen local capacity development in post-communist countries. *President's International Research Award (PIRA)*. Principal investigator.

A transnational research project examining the role of higher education institutions in fostering local capacity development in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo.

Luca Sugawara, C. & Carlson, J. (2017). Women's Philanthropy Grant. *Building hopes, creating change: International service-learning in post-war communities*. Awardee, Principal investigator. Grant supporting the participation of six minority and low-income social work students in the Croatia study abroad program.

Luca Sugawara, C. & Carlson, J. (2017). *Well House Society*. Awardee, Principal Investigator. Grant supporting access to study abroad opportunities for six minority and low-income social work students.

Thigpen, J., & **Luca-Sugawara, C.**, (2015). Office of Academic Affairs, Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis Mentoring Academy, *IUSSW Mid-career Mentoring and Capacity Building Strategies: A Path to Professional Development and Career Advancement*. Role: Co-Principal Investigator.

Luca Sugawara, C. (2010). Short-term visitor grant. *Office of International Affairs, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)* [\$500]. Awarded to support the visit of Dean Siniša Zrinščak (University of Zagreb, Department of Social Work, Croatia).

Luca Sugawara, C. (2008–2009). International development fund. (*Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)*). Awarded.

Luca Sugawara, C. (2008). 40th year celebration event fund: International guest speaker series on international social development. (December, Project year 2009). *IUPUI External Affairs Office*. Awarded.

Luca Sugawara, C. (2009). International guest speaker series, 40th year celebration event fund. (2008–2009). *IUPUI External Affairs*. Awarded.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES in-rank

TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Indiana University School of Social Work

Community and Global Theory and Practice
 Community and Organizational Leadership
 Community Practice
 Executive Leadership Practice
 Social Work Practice II: Organizations, Communities, and Society
 Social Work Practice in Post-War Communities

TEACHING TOOLS INNOVATION

Kyere, E., Luca Sugawara, C. , Price, M. & Ward. E. (2025)	Global Learning Toolkit , <i>Fostering and Restoring Collective Identity in Education Abroad</i> . IU Global, Office of International Affairs, Indiana University Indianapolis. Digital teaching resource published in the IU Expand course catalog to support faculty across disciplines in integrating global learning. Aims to support faculty regardless of their discipline in integrating global learning into coursework.
Luca Sugawara, C. & Kyere, E. (2025)	IU Indianapolis Global Learning Module for First-Year Students : <i>Through Our Eyes – A Community-Engaged Learning Through Critical Social Quilting</i> Digital teaching resource published in the IU Expand course catalog to support faculty across disciplines in integrating global learning. This is part of an internationalized learning module to introduce first-year students to global perspectives and intercultural learning, this teaching strategy aims to increase students' global-mindedness and global practice competencies through community-engaged education.

TEACHING ADMINISTRATION AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT:

Co-organized and co-hosted the first short-term Study Abroad Program for Social Work students at the IU School of Social Work with Ewha University's social work students from South Korea (2026, February).

Led development of the Global Social Work Practice Certificate (graduate curriculum), approved October 2025.

Contributed to the development of an international MSW practicum site with the Red Cross, Osijek, Croatia (2025).

Organized co-curricular programming, such as Peace Corps sessions and events like the Spring 2025 lectures featuring Dr. Reza's work in Bangladesh on *Street Foot Soldiers*.

Contributed to the development of an international MSW practicum site with Save the Children, Pristina, Kosovo (2023).

Contributed to the development of an international BSW and MSW practicum site with IKS Organization in Petrinja, Croatia (2018).

Contributed to the development of an international MSW practicum site with PRONI Centre for Social Education, Osijek, Croatia (2016).

Organized a *Structural Equation Modeling* (SEM) Workshop, IUPUI Campus, August 2012.

Developed and taught an international service-learning course in a post-war region of Croatia: SWK400/S600 *Social Work Practice in Post- War Communities*, 2011-present.

Developed and taught SKW712 *International Social Development in a Global Context: Globalization, Actors, and Models of Practice* (PhD course, 2008–2016)

SERVICE

SERVICE TO INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Strategic Leadership in Global and International Engagement

Provided strategic leadership to expand international partnerships, global curricula, and co-curricular engagement across the School of Social Work and Indiana University campuses (2019–Present).

Led development of international partnerships and institutional agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding with the University of Osijek (Croatia) and Ewha University (South Korea)

Supported development of international practicum partnerships with the University of Pristina (Kosovo), Save the Children, and the Croatian Red Cross.

Developed and lead the Virtual Internet Café with IU Gateway Berlin, IU & the University of Würzburg, Germany, (2023, March)

Contributed to the development and expansion of the Office of International and Global Engagement (OIGE) website and outreach materials (2022-present)

Developed co-curricular programming to increase student global engagement, including five Peace Corps information sessions (2021-2025) and invited international lectures with global scholars from Southeastern Europe.

Study Abroad Day. *Voices from the Field Series*. Career Office (2024, 2025, February). Moderator.

International and Global Engagement Committee retreat (inaugural). (2023). Organizer.

Study Abroad Day and Alumni Celebration marking a decade of partnership with the PRONI Centre for Social Education. (2023). Coordinator.

Planned and organized two Virtual Internet Café in collaboration with IU Gateway Berlin and the University of Würzburg, Germany. (2023, 2025).

Delivered over 55 study abroad information sessions, on campus and online, across IU campuses (IU Indianapolis, IU Bloomington, and IU South Bend).

Developed and delivered seven study abroad training sessions for IUSSW academic advisors regarding study abroad program access, structure, and scholarship opportunities (2023-present).

Academic Program Development, Curriculum Leadership and Faculty Support.

Initiated and led the development of a graduate Global Practice Certificate (2025, October)

Led curricular task forces, including revision of the SWK S519: Community and Global Theory and Practice syllabus, and supported the revision of the SWK 624: Program Evaluation (2024-2025).

Supported development of the international external grant proposal ENGAGE-OLD: Empowering Ethiopian Elders through Partnership and Advocacy by providing proposal feedback to co-PIs Dr. Adamek (IUSSW) and Dr. Gebremariam (Ethiopia) (2023).

Faculty Co-Lead, SWK 433 (2022-2023), SWK 509 (2020-2022).

Faculty Lead, SWK 519, Community and Global Theory and Practice (2020-present).

Chair of Community and Organizational Leadership, 2013-2018

Led curriculum development and provided leadership in designing and facilitating a retreat that resulted in a revised title, which is now known as the Community and Organizational Leadership. Since chairing this committee, we have increased the participation of social work community leaders in this curriculum committee.

CAMPUS AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

International and Global Engagement

IU Indianapolis Faculty Council International Affairs Committee. (2025–present). Member

The committee's responsibilities include reviewing and shaping policies and practices, offering guidance on strategic priorities to the IU-Indianapolis Chancellor and Vice Provost of International Affairs, and collaborating across campus to enhance a coordinated and sustainable approach to global engagements. Invited position.

IU Indianapolis 2030 Strategic Plan Subcommittee (Pillar 3, Goal 5). (2024-present). Member.
Provide leadership in advancing global engagement initiatives, contributing to the development of objectives, metrics, and action plans linking global perspectives with local impact. Invited position.

Member, [Overseas Study Advisory Council \(OSAC\)](#), Indiana University Office of Vice – President for International Affairs. (2023–present). Member.
Appointed by the Vice President for International Affairs and chaired by the Associate Vice President for Education Abroad, the committee is authorized to review and approve all proposals for programs from any IU campus involving Indiana University students abroad, including supporting policy development

International Mobility Grants, *Office of the Vice President for International Affairs*. (2022–2024).
Reviewer. [Review about 30 grants yearly]

Global Impact Research Grant. Office of Vice President for Research. (2021) Reviewer.

Release Time for Research Grants. IUPUI- Office of Vice-Chancellor for Research. (2012–2018).
Reviewer.

IU-Indianapolis Office of International Affairs - Study Abroad Governance and Policy Development

Study Abroad Advisory Board, Office of International Affairs. Member. (2011–present)
Contributions to the development of...
Institutional policies and fiscal guidelines for study abroad scholarships.
[Shreve Study Abroad Scholarship](#)
[Study Abroad Planning Grant](#)
Global Engagement Award.
Ethical community engagement guidelines for faculty
The [Study Abroad White Paper](#), helping guide the strategic development of the IUPUI Study Abroad Office.

New International Faculty Orientation (2023). Guest Speaker.

International Experience Scholarship. (2012-2023). Grant Reviewer.

COMMUNITY–UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engaged Research Faculty Circle, Office of Academic Affairs, IU Indianapolis.
(2025–present). Member

Public and Engaged Scholarship Review Committee (PESRC) (2021–2024). Member

Institute for Engaged Learning Advisory Committee. (2022–2024).

[Welcome Basket](#), refugee resettlement organization, Indianapolis (2022–2024). Volunteer.
Participated in community resettlement activities.
Mentored medical students developing refugee support initiatives.
Facilitated program development discussions between community leaders and IU students.

Indiana Fulbright Association, 2021–2025. Board Member. Organized programming to advance Fulbright’s mission.

SAVI Community Assessment & Planning Advisory Committee — guided development of the [*Community Assessment Tool*](#) that now serves community-based organizations throughout the state of Indiana and beyond (Polis Center & United Way of Central Indiana. Researcher Member. (2014–2016)

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

International Academic Collaboration

Co-author of the development of the MSW Program at the University of Osijek, 2020.

Hosted visit of the President of the Technical University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt, Germany, to explore institutional partnerships, Fall 2025.

Invited Guest Lecturer, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, 2024, 2025.

Organized visit of Croatia’s Vice President, Mr. Ivan Anušić and his Croatian delegation to Indiana University (2023). Lead Organizer. With support from IU’s Office of Governmental Relations.

Participated in the Advisory Committee in Planning the Second Southeast European Women’s Social Work Leaders Network from Kosovo (2022).

Hosted a visit of the Vice-President of the Technical University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt, Germany, to explore institutional partnerships, Fall 2022.

Mentor to junior faculty at the University of Osijek, Croatia, 2021–present.

Contributor to the International Consortium for Social Development Symposium, Zagreb, Croatia, 2017.

International Guest Speaker Series. Organizer (2008–2010).

Invited speakers included: Richard Blue, USAID Impact Evaluation Office, Michael Kott, Academy for Educational Development, Darcy Ashman, Management Systems International

International Community Support

Supported PRONI Centre for Social Education’s team in the preparation of a grant proposal for the Swiss Embassy call on service-learning education (submitted October 24, 2025). Osijek, Croatia

Workshop on community-engaged higher education to the Faculty of Law and Doctoral Students, “The Changing Landscape of European Universities: From Ivory Towers to Community-Engaged Education,” for the Doctoral Program in Law, Faculty of Law, Osijek, Croatia (June 3, 2024).

Co-planned and presented at the international community forum “Our Voices–Our Actions,” while facilitating participation by IU School of Social Work students with Croatian students in identifying solutions to local community challenges (2023, May 23).

Collaborated with the PRONI Centre for Social Education to design, assess, and map youth volunteerism needs in post-war communities, with findings shared at the Community Forum in Osijek, Croatia (2018, June).

Editorial and Professional Service

Editorial Board Member, Research: [Child and Family in Contemporary Society](#) Journal, University of Osijek, Faculty of Law, Croatia.

Commissioner, Global Commission for Social Work Education, Council on Social Work Education, 2008–2014.

Peer Reviewer, Journal of Community Practice, 2011–present.

Peer Reviewer, Advances in Social Work, 2012–present.

Peer Reviewer, International Consortium for Social Development Conference, Nepal (2008).

Selected Publications

Peer Reviewed

1. **Luca Sugawara, C., Caha, D., & Resetar, B. (Accepted).** Strengthening communities through reparative education: The case of social work education in Osijek-Baranja region. *Engaged Journal*, Indiana University Indianapolis.
2. Kyere, E., **Luca Sugawara, C.**, Mijkulic, I., Vukovic, S., & Jelenic, G. (Accepted). Youth engagement as praxis toward community repair in post-war contexts. In *Creating convivial spaces toward reparative futures*. *Engaged Journal*, Indiana University Indianapolis.
3. **Luca Sugawara, C.** Caha, D., & Kim, H. (2025). A community-centered perspective on community–university engagement and local development in Southeastern Europe. *International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement*, 13(1).
<https://doi.org/10.37333/001c.146133>
4. **Luca Sugawara, C., & Kyere, E. (2024).** Braving the pathways to community reconstructions: The power of youth engagement in post-war contexts. In E. Kyere, K. Marasovic, & C. G. Luca Sugawara (Eds.), *In this world together: Global social work and social development* (pp. 245–270). University of Osijek Press.
5. **Luca Sugawara, C., Kim, H.-W., Modić Stanke, K., Krasniqi, V., & Basic, S. (2023).** The role of community–university engagement in strengthening local community capacity in Southeastern Europe. *International Journal of Educational Development*, 98, Article 102747.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijedudev.2023.102747>
6. **Luca Sugawara, C., Matesic, N., Paton, G., & Ray-Bennett, K. (2023).** Global solidarity—Voices from Croatian mobile social education partners. In R. Alastair, S. Gülhan Tankut, D. Bazuń, & M. Kwiatkowski (Eds.), *Knowledge on the move: Studies on mobility and social education*. Oficyna Naukowa. oai:zbc.uz.zgora.pl:72196
<https://zbc.uz.zgora.pl/repozytorium/dlibra/publication/79484/edition/72196?language=en#description>

7. **Luca Sugawara, C. (2022).** Higher education institutions' roles in strengthening local capacity for community development: An analytical framework. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, 26(3), 163–176.
8. Hermoso, C. J., & **Luca Sugawara, C. (2021).** Civil society and macro practice. In the *Encyclopedia of social work macro practice*. Oxford University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.1513>
9. **Luca Sugawara, C., & Opačić, A. (2021).** Social work higher education institutions: Allies of most vulnerable communities. In A. Opačić (Ed.), *Practicing social work in deprived communities—Competencies, methods, and techniques* (pp. 193–207). Springer. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-65987-5>
10. Hermoso, J. C., & **Luca Sugawara, C. (2016).** Mainstreaming a gender perspective to peacemaking: A framework for policy evaluation for UNSCR 1325. *Social Development Issues*, 38(2), 68–81.
11. Pittman, S., **Luca Sugawara, C.**, Rodgers, M. E., & Bediako, A. (2015). Social workers in international relief and development: A natural fit. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Best Practices in Global Development*, 1, Article 3.
12. **Luca Sugawara, C. (2014).** Book review: *International community organizing: Taking power, making change* (Beck & Purcell). *Journal of Community Practice*, 22(3), 405–407.
13. **Luca Sugawara, C.**, Hermoso, J. C., Delale, A., & Lupsic, D. (2014). Schools as pillars of postwar recovery: Rethinking the role of parental involvement. *Social Development Issues*, 36(1), 17–32.
14. **Luca Sugawara, C.**, Hermoso, J. C., Popescu, M. L., & Dichter, T. W. (2013). Strengthening democracy through local capacity development: The case of Moldova. *Social Work Review*, 2, 1–13.
15. **Luca Sugawara, C.**, Hermoso, J. C., Delale, A., Hoffman, K., & Lupsic, D. (2012). Parental involvement in an emerging democracy: The case of Croatia. *Advances in Social Work*, 13(2), 451–470.
<https://doi.org/10.18060/1965>
16. Ashman, D., & **Luca Sugawara, C. (2012).** Civil society networks: Options for network design. *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/nml.21062>
17. Popescu, M., **Luca Sugawara, C.**, & Hernandez, E. (2010). Can government funding strengthen the third sector? The impact of a capacity-building program on faith-based and community-based organizations. *Revista de Asistență Socială / Social Work Review*, 4, 83–101.
18. **Luca Sugawara, C. G. (2009).** Building social capital among social work educators: A strategy for curriculum development. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 45(3), 445–466.
19. Hermoso, J. C., & **Luca Sugawara, C. (2006).** Civil society's role in promoting local development in countries in transition: A comparative study of the Philippines and Romania. *International Social Work*, 49(3), 319–332.

BOOK

20. Kyere, E., Marošević, K., & **Luca Sugawara, C. (2024).** [In this World Together: Global Social Work and Social Development](#). University of Osijek Press.

21. **Luca Sugawara, C. G.** (2017). Civil Society Capacity Development Strategy - Moldova. FHI360/USAID Funded Program. Moldova, Chisinau.
22. Co-author, [Community Assessment Tool](#) - contributed to design and development of assessment methodology and data analysis with Polis Center & United Way of Central Indiana (2014–2016)
23. **Luca Sugawara, C.G., & Dichter, T.** (2012-2014). The Capable Partners Learning Agenda on Local Organization Capacity Development: Moldova Country Report.
<https://web.archive.org/web/20150307162946/http://www.developmentiscapacity.org/about-us>
24. Blair, H., Blue, R., Feldman, A., & **Luca, C. G.** (2007). USAID Program Evaluation Report. *Support to Croatia's Non-Governmental Organizations* (CroNGO 2001-2007). Washington, DC.
http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PDACL154.pdf
25. Ashman, D., Charles, C., Cuenca, A., **Luca, C. G.**, Singer, B., & Schmith (2005). AED Technical Report. *Supporting Civil Society Networks* (First Edition). Washington, DC.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed

1. Eric K., Moyo, O., & **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2026, March). From Individual Rights to Collective Wholeness: A Framework Towards Sustainable Futures. Interdisciplinary Sustainable Development Symposium. Purdue University Northwest.
2. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2025, November). Higher education institutions as catalysts for local capacity development: A Framework for community-university engagement. American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) Conference on Global Learning (Online)
3. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2025, September). *Braving the pathway to community reconstruction: A framework on youth engagement*. Fourth Southeast Europe Academic Women's Leadership Summer School, University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania.
4. **Luca Sugawara, C., Kyere, E. & Price, M.** (2024). Centering Context: Moving from replicating cultural trauma to trust and wholeness in EA teaching and learning relationships. The Forum on Education Abroad, Annual Conference, Boston, March 20-22.
5. Ficarra, J., **Luca Sugawara, C.**, Odhiambo, P., Vuković, S. Price, M., (2022). Open Forum II: Addressing the Hidden Curriculum in Academic–Host Community Relationships. *The Forum on Education Abroad*. September 29. <https://forumea.org/open-forum-ii-addressing-the-hidden-curriculum-in-academic-host-community-relationships/>
6. Caha, D., & **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2021). Poster Presentation: Capacities of community-engaged courses to build social capital in post-COVID-19 period. [The 12th European Society for Prevention Research](#) (EUSPR), Sept 29-Oct 1.
7. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2020). Strengthening local capacity for community development through community-engaged programs. Third European Conference on Service-learning in Higher Education

What does it mean to be (come) an Engaged University? Multiplier event of Erasmus+ project SLIHE, June 13-15, scheduled in Bratislava, Slovakia. [online] <http://www.slihe.eu/programme/15th-july-2020-conference>

8. **Luca Sugawara, C.**, Bašić.S., Krasniqi, V., Caha, D. Makki Alamdari, S., Kim, H., Stanke, K. (2020). Higher education and community-engaged programs: A strategy for building local capacity for community development in post-communist countries. Workshop accepted at the Social Work Education and Social Development: Promoting Human Relationship, Building the Future. Rimini, Italy, Nov 8-11. Conference CANCELLED due to COVID Pandemic.
9. Price, M.F., Makki Alamdari, S., **Luca Sugawara, C.**, Steele, J., Leslie, Aguirre, O. & Vuković-Čović, S. (2019, November). Building our capacity for relational program planning in GSL: Lessons from an institution -community partner action research project. Global Service-Learning Summit, Clemson University, South Carolina. 3-6
10. **Luca Sugawara, C.** & Killian Kinney (2019, January). Paving the Road towards Global Social Work Practitioners: Short-Term Study Abroad and Emotional Intelligence Development. Paper presented at the SSWR's 23rd Annual Conference Ending Gender Based, Family and Community Violence, Society for Social Work Education. San Francisco.
11. **Luca Sugawara, C.**, Carlson, J. M., Makki, S., and Vukovic, S. (2017, July). International Service-Learning in Post War Croatia: Capacity Building for the Social Work Profession. Paper presented at the 20th Biennial International Symposium of the International Consortium for Social Development, Zagreb, Croatia
12. Thigpen, J. & **Luca-Sugawara, C.** (2016, November). *Professional development among mid-career Social Work faculty: A path to career advancement*. Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.
13. **Luca Sugawara, C.** & Hoffman, K. (2012, September). Using the common morality framework in postwar community research. Paper presented at the 58th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Washington, DC.
14. Rogers, M., Pittman, S, **Luca Sugawara, C.** & Bediako, A. (2011, October). Preparing social work students for international careers. Presentation at the 57th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.
15. **Luca Sugawara, C. G.** (2011, January). *Parental involvement: A niche for social fabric renewal in post-conflict communities*. Presentation at the 15th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work Research, Tampa, FL.
16. **Luca Sugawara, C. G.** & Ashman, D. (2007, April). *Civil society networks: Interdependence, capacity and effectiveness*. Presentation at the Civil Society Networks Working Session, United States Agency for International Development, Office of Private and Voluntary Organizations, Kansas City, MO.
17. Hermoso, J., **Luca, C.**, & Origanti, F. (2004, October). *Civil society's role in promoting local development in countries in transition: A comparative study of the Philippines & Romania*. Paper presented at the Global Social Work Conference, Adelaide, Australia.

Non- Refereed Presentations

18. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2026, February). *Higher education institutions as catalysts for local capacity development: A framework for community–university engagement*. Campus Conversations on Community Engaged Research: An Occasional Talk Series, Office of Research and IU Global, Indiana University, Indianapolis.
19. Kyere, E., Khaja, K., Lyons, S., & **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2025, December 10). *Conversations on resolving human rights dilemmas: Anchoring multidimensional relationality towards human wholeness* [Invited panel presentation]. Human Rights Week Panel, Technical University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt, Germany. <https://fas.thws.de/en/the-faculty/human-rights-week/12th-human-rights-week/about-the-lecturers/>
20. **Luca Sugawara, C.** & Caha, D. (2024, June 3). *The changing landscape of European universities: From ivory towers to community-engaged education* [Workshop]. Doctoral Program in Law, Faculty of Law, Osijek, Croatia.
21. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2024, May). *Culturally responsive approaches to community practice*. Community Forum. PRONI Centre for Social Education. Osijek, Croatia.
22. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2023, May 23). *The power of youth in community reconstruction*. Community Forum, Osijek, Croatia.
23. **Luca Sugawara, C. G.** (2022, September). *Ethical framework for research in post-conflict communities*. [International Summer School: Gender and Leadership—Social Work Education in Southeast Europe, University of Prishtina, Prishtina, Kosovo.](#)
24. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2022, May 26–27). *Social work education for the future: Challenges of today—opportunities of tomorrow*. First Student Congress, University of Osijek, Osijek, Croatia.
25. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2022, February). *The Role of Higher Education Institutions in Strengthening Local Capacity for Development*. IU-Gateway Berlin Symposium.
26. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2020, September). *Living and learning from a country with a million hearts during complex emergencies*. Fulbright Association of Indiana, Indianapolis, IN, United States.
27. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2020, March). *With the community for the community: A framework for strengthening local capacity for community development through community-engaged programs*. University of Osijek and CSO Community Presentation, American Corner, Osijek, Croatia.
28. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2020, February). *International service-learning*. PRONI Centre of Social Work Education, Osijek, Croatia.
29. Einterz, R. M., **Luca Sugawara, C.** , & Riner, M.Z. (2017). *Academic Diplomacy*. Office of International Affairs, IUPUI, Indianapolis.
30. **Luca Sugawara, C.**, Bragg, N., & Carlson, J. M. (2018, June). *Youth volunteerism in post-war regions: Pupils, schools, and the community*. Community Forum, Osijek, Croatia.
31. Filippelli, G., Foley, W., Jr., Parrish-Sprowl, J., **Luca Sugawara, C.**, & Williams, J. (2018). *Global learning experiences: Effective practices, resources, and support for implementation* [Panel

discussion]. RISE Program & Center for Teaching and Learning, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis.

32. **Luca-Sugawara, C., & Thigpen, J.** (September 2016). *Mid-career mentoring and capacity building strategies: A path to professional development and career advancement*. Poster presentation given at the 2016 IUPUI Mentoring Academy Fall Symposium. IUPUI Office of Academic Affairs, Indianapolis, IN, September 16, 2016.
33. Thigpen, J., & **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2015, April). *IUSSW mid-career mentoring and capacity building strategies: A path to professional development and career advancement*. Invited Speaker, Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) Mentoring Academy, IUPUI Office of Academic Affairs, Indianapolis, IN.
34. **Luca Sugawara, C. & Delale, A.** (2010, May). *Building communities through parental involvement*. Paper presented at the PRONI Community Forum, Osijek, Croatia.
35. **Luca Sugawara, C.** (2009, April). *Parental involvement: A niche for social fabric renewal in post-conflict communities*. Presentation at the IUPUI Research Day, Indiana University, Indianapolis.

MEDIA RELATED

Recognition Award for Outstanding Contributions, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University Faculty of Law, Osijek (50th Anniversary Recognition). [Acceptance Award Speech](#). (2025, December)

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