

Amanda Lockett, M.Ed., M.S., CCLS

EDUCATION

PhD	College of Education, Clemson University Educational and Organizational Leadership and Development <i>In-progress</i>	
MS	School of Human Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison Human Ecology Thesis: <i>Parental involvement in school: black fathers, seen and unseen</i>	2022
MEd	Peabody College, Vanderbilt University Leadership and Organizational Performance	2015
BS	School of Human Ecology, University of Wisconsin- Madison Human Development and Family Studies Concentration: <i>Child Development</i>	2008

CERTIFICATIONS

2008	Certified Child Life Specialist (Certification No. 17139), CCLS
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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2023-	Graduate Assistant, Clemson University, Clemson, SC College of Education, Dr. Noelle Paufler Department of Educational and Organizational Leadership Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported faculty research studies (data analysis, literature review)• Supported faculty teaching (curriculum and resource development)• Maintained collaborative partnerships with supervisor, faculty, and students• Assisted with publication materials management
2025	Student Lecturer, Clemson University, Clemson, SC College of Education, Dr. Michelle Boettcher Department of Educational and Organizational Leadership Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EDSA 8340: Student Affairs Practicum• Developed course syllabi, assignments, and supported and collaborated with master's students in fieldwork experiences, and administered all grades
2021-2023	Student Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI Department of Human Development and Family Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HDFS 362: Development of the Young Child (online)• Developed course syllabi, assignments, supported and collaborated with teaching assistants, and administered final grades

- 2019- **Adjunct Instructor, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC**
Department of Family and Child Studies
- FCS 4611: Psychosocial Care of Children and Families in Healthcare Settings/ Introduction to Child Life (online)
 - Developed course syllabi, assignments, and administered all grades
- 2018-2021 **Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI**
Department of Human Development and Family Studies
- HDFS 362: Development of the Young Child (online)
 - HDFS 363: Development from Adolescence to Old Age (online)
 - Supported and communicated with students, graded assignments, and collaborated with the instructor
- 2017- **Adjunct Instructor, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN**
Department of Counseling and Human Services
- HDAL 2001: Introduction to Child Life (online)
 - HDAL 3001: The Hospitalized Child (online)
 - HDAL 4897: Therapeutic Play (online)
 - Developed course syllabi, assignments, and administered all grades

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2023 **Graduate Student Lab Member, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI**
Children and Families Ecologies (Café) Lab, Dr. Janean Dilworth-Bart
- Completed Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)
 - Maintained confidentiality and upheld research protocols
 - Recruited, interviewed, trained, and collaborated with seven undergraduate students
 - Organized meeting times, lab agendas, and facilitated meetings
 - Analyzed and coded 30 qualitative interviews (The STAR Project)
 - Trained three undergraduate students to code qualitative interviews
 - Mentored undergraduate students on research projects
- 2019 **Project Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI**
The Child Development Lab (CDL), Dr. Amy Wagner
- Reviewed study proposals for use in the CDL
 - Supported student and faculty research projects (scheduled and tracked ongoing studies)
 - Communicated with CDL teachers and caregivers about research studies (obtained parental consent, supported children during sessions)
 - Maintained collaborative partnerships with other preschool sites
 - Updated and maintained the CDL website
 - Assisted with the Annual Report

- FALL 2018 **Graduate Student Lab Member, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI**
Hartley Lab, Dr. Sigan Hartley
- Family Outcomes in Autism Spectrum Disorder Study
 - Facilitated home visits that consisted of caregiver interviews, a recorded interaction with the child and caregiver, and review of daily diary
 - Completed semi-structured interviews (KSADS) with caregivers via phone
 - Input data into the shared system

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022- **Child Life Specialist, Prisma Health Children’s Hospital of the Upstate, Greenville, SC**
Child Life Program, PRN Specialist
- 2016-2018 **Child Life Specialist II, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA**
Child Life Program, Cardiology, Inpatient Acute Care, Gastroenterology, and Technology Dependent Intensive Care
- 2009-2015 **Child Life Specialist II, Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN**
Child Life Program, Hematology, Oncology, and Bone Marrow Transplant, Pediatric Intensive Care, and Emergency Department
- 2008-2009 **Child Life Specialist, Miami Children’s Hospital, Miami, FL**
Child Life Program, Hematology, Oncology, and Bone Marrow Transplant

RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS

- 2015 **Top 10 rated presentation**, Association of Child Life Professionals, Arlington, VA

PUBLICATIONS

*Has published under Ellefson

Journal Publications

Lockett, A. L., & Dilworth-Bart, J. E. (2025). Parental involvement in school: black fathers, seen and unseen. *Race Ethnicity and Education*, 1–20. doi: 10.1080/13613324.2025.2488744

Burns-Nader, S., Boles, J. C., **Lockett., A.**, Maher, G., Wilson, M., & Cartmell, L. (Accepted). “Benefits for All Parties”: A Mixed-Methods Study Examining Outcomes of a Child Life Internship Matching Program. *Journal of Child Life*.

Professional Publications

- Lockett, A. (2022). Caring for Black children and families: What can one practitioner do? *Pediatric Nursing*, 48(3), 147-151.
- Calfas, B., Johnson, C., Krauth, B., **Lockett, A.**, Mitchell, L., & Potter, C. (2017). Shared governance: enhancing team relationships through collaboration. *Association of child life professionals bulletin*, 35(3), 40-43.

Poster Presentations

- 2012 Crane, C., Ellefson, A., Evans, M., Frangoul, H., Glover, K., McCoy, C., ... Wertz, K. *Reducing central line associated blood stream infections in pediatric oncology patients: a focused team approach*. Poster presented at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN.

Scholarly Presentations

- Lockett, A. (2025, July). "So, pick me. Choose me. Love me." - Embracing Multimedia as a Pedagogical Approach in Child Life Education. Abstract accepted for a webinar for the Association of Child Life Professionals.
- Lockett, A. (2025, June). AI use in Education. Abstract accepted to the Clemson University College of Education Summer Summit. Clemson, SC.
- Boles, J.C., Burns-Nader, S., Cartmell, L., & **Lockett, A.** (2025, May). Intentional Innovation: A Regional Internship Match Pilot Program. Abstract accepted to the Association of Child Life Professionals' Annual Conference on Professional Issues. Los Angeles, CA.
- Lockett, A. (2025, May). AI in Child Life: Leveraging AI for Enhanced Care and Support. Abstract accepted to the Association of Child Life Professionals' Annual Conference on Professional Issues. Los Angeles, CA.
- Lockett, A.** & Burns-Nader, S. (2018, May 5). *Connecting Clinical and Academic Worlds: Cultivating Future Child Life Specialists*. Accepted presentation given to the Association of Child Life Professionals' Annual Conference on Professional Issues. National Harbor, MD.
- Calfas, B., & **Ellefson, A.** (2015, August). *Weathering the storm: navigating change with shared governance*. Invited presentation given for the Child Life Council online webinar series.
- Calfas, B., & **Ellefson, A.** (2015, May). *Weathering the storm: navigating change with shared governance*. Invited presentation given for the International Child Life Council 33rd Annual Conference on Professional Issues, Cincinnati, OH.

Professional Presentations

- Lockett, A. (2025, January). *Inclusive Practice in Child Life*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at Prisma Health- Children's Hospital of the Upstate. Greenville, SC.
- Lockett, A. (2025, March) *The child life profession*. Invited presentation for HDFS Leadership Symposium, University of Madison-Wisconsin. Madison, WI.
- Lockett, A. (2025, January). *Interview Tips and Tricks*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at Prisma Health- Children's Hospital of the Upstate. Greenville, SC.
- Lockett, A. (2025, January). *Therapeutic Interventions*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at Prisma Health- Children's Hospital of the Upstate. Greenville, SC.
- Lockett, A. (2025, January). *Assessment and Communication in Child Life Practice*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at Prisma Health- Children's Hospital of the Upstate. Greenville, SC.
- Lockett, A. (2024, April 10) *The child life profession*. Invited presentation for HDFS Leadership Symposium, University of Madison-Wisconsin. Madison, WI.
- Guest on “Flourish- A Prisma Health Podcast.” How to Make Your Child’s Medical Visit Easier. March 11, 2024. <https://youtu.be/tK8xZF19yf0?si=zCA2nWqSexHmReeQ>
- Lockett, A. (2024, January). *The Child Life Profession*. Invited presentation given for the Health Career Academy for the Upstate Area Health Education Center. Greenville, SC.
- Lockett, A. (2023, September). *Therapeutic Play*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at Prisma Health- Children's Hospital of the Upstate. Greenville, SC.
- Lockett, A. (2022, April) *Working as a child life specialist*. Invited presentation for HDFS Graduate School Panel, University of Wisconsin- Madison. Madison, WI.
- Lockett, A. (2022, April) *The child life profession*. Invited presentation for HDFS Leadership Symposium, University of Madison-Wisconsin. Madison, WI.
- Lockett, A. (2019, November) *Working with infants and toddlers in healthcare settings*. Invited presentation given for HDFS 501: Infant/Toddler Development, University of Wisconsin- Madison. Madison, WI.
- Lockett, A. (2019, April) *Play- Development and role across the lifespan*. Invited presentation given for HDFS 464: Play, University of Wisconsin- Madison. Madison, WI.
- Lockett, A. (2017, June). *Death and dying*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA). Atlanta, GA.
- Lockett, A. (2017, March). *Ethics and child life*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at CHOA. Atlanta, GA.

- Lockett, A. (2017, January). *Child life in cardiology*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at CHOA. Atlanta, GA.
- Lockett, A. (2016, November). *Child life- bereavement*. Invited presentation given for new nurse orientation at CHOA. Atlanta, GA.
- Lockett, A., & Rivera, A. (2016, October). *Preparation and medical play*. Invited presentation given for Beyond the Classroom regional event at CHOA. Atlanta, GA.
- Lockett, A. (2016, September). *Empathy and chronic illness*. Invited presentation given for the General Patient Care Symposium at CHOA. Atlanta, GA.
- Lockett, A. (2016, August). *Gastroenterology and the technology dependent intensive care unit*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at CHOA. Atlanta, GA.
- Lockett, A. (2016, August). *Pain management*. Invited presentation given for the General Patient Care Symposium at CHOA. Atlanta, GA.
- Lockett, A. (2016, July). *Child life and vascular access*. Invited presentation given for the vascular access medical team at CHOA. Atlanta, GA.
- Lockett, A. (2016, July). *Guided imagery*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at CHOA. Atlanta, GA.
- Ellefson, A. (2015, June). *Child life: introduction to working with children*. Invited presentation given for multidisciplinary staff training at Williamson Medical Center. Franklin, TN.
- Ellefson, A., & Gentry, K. (2014). *Daily work of a certified child life specialist*. Invited presentation given for PSY-PC 7210: Hospitalized Child, Vanderbilt University. Nashville, TN.
- Ellefson, A. (2013). *Supporting infants in the hospital environment*. Invited presentation given for multidisciplinary staff in-service at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt (MCJCHV). Nashville, TN.
- Ellefson, A., & Johnson, C. (2013). *Children and grief*. Invited presentation given for FS 3413: Children in Health Care, Lipscomb University. Nashville, TN.
- Ellefson, A. (2013). *Bereavement- discussing end of life with children and families*. Invited presentation given for multidisciplinary staff in-service at MCJCHV. Nashville, TN.
- Ellefson, A., & Gentry, K. (2011). *Closed circuit television*. Invited presentation given for multidisciplinary staff in-service at MCJCHV. Nashville, TN.
- Ellefson, A. (2010). *Child life overview*. Invited presentation given for pediatric nursing resident training at MCJCHV. Nashville, TN.

Ellefson, A. (2010). *School age and preschool development*. Invited presentation given for the child life student program at MCJCHV. Nashville, TN.

Ellefson, A. (2010, January). *Procedures and child life*. Invited presentation given for Hematology/Oncology staff in-service at MCJCHV. Nashville, TN.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Certified Educator of Infant Massage (CEIM)	2010
Racially Conscious Collaboration Certified Collaborator	2022

SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

Chair , ACLP CLCC: Appeals Committee Chair	2023-
Member , ACLP Certification Commission: Ethics Committee	2022-
Member , ACLP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion workgroup	2022
Member , ACLP Student Mindfulness Page, Content creator	2022
Member , ACLP Certification Commission: Item-Writing, Exam Assembly, Audits	2015-23
Member , ACLP Governance: Official Documents subcommittee	2014