

# AVRIL THARP LAIL, LMSW

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## EDUCATION

2005 **University of South Carolina, Master of Social Work**  
College of Social Work, Columbia, SC

2004 **Columbia College, Bachelor of Arts**  
Human Services Department, Columbia, SC

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

2005-Present **Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)** SW#8483  
South Carolina

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023-Present **Interim Director of Field Education**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

2022-2023 **Field Education Placement Manager**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

2022-2023 **Field Liaison & Offsite Field Instructor**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Columbia, SC**

### Graduate (MSW) Courses

SOWK 782: Field Instruction II: Generalist Social Work Practice (2025)

SOWK 783: Field Instruction III: Advanced Social Work Practice (2024, 2023)

SOWK 784: Field Instruction IV: Advanced Social Work Practice (2025, 2024)

### Undergraduate (BSW) Courses

SOWK 482: Practicum II: Field Education (2025, 2024)

**University of South Carolina, University 101 Programs, Columbia, SC**

UNIV 101: Student in the University (2024, 2023)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CERTIFICATES

2025 **Mental Health First Aid**  
Student Health and Well-Being, University of South Carolina

- 2025 **Understanding USC Student Populations Certificate**  
Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina
- 2025 **Teaching and Learning with Generative Artificial Intelligence Certificate**  
Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina
- 2025 **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Leadership Institute**  
Policy Advisory Committee on Women's Initiatives, University of South Carolina
- 2025 **Managing High-Performing Teams Certificate**  
Office of Professional Development, University of South Carolina
- 2025 **Effective Communications Certificate**  
Office of Professional Development, University of South Carolina
- 2024 **LEAD Supervisory Essentials Certificate**  
Office of Professional Development, University of South Carolina
- 2024 **Mental Health & Well-Being Competency Certificate**  
Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina
- 2024 **Excel Levels 1, 2, & 3**  
Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina
- 2024 **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Women's Leadership Institute**  
Policy Advisory Committee on Women's Initiatives, University of South Carolina
- 2024 **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Internship Forum**  
Career Center, University of South Carolina
- 2024 **USC Symposium on Curriculum Improvement (2-day training)**  
Office of the Provost, University of South Carolina
- 2023 **University 101 Teaching Experience Workshop (3-day training)**  
University 101 Programs, University of South Carolina
- 2023 **Case Method Teaching Institute: Thinking Like a Social Worker (3-day training)**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2023 **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Leadership Institute**  
Policy Advisory Committee on Women's Initiatives, University of South Carolina
- 2023 **Focus on First-Generation Symposium**  
Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina
- 2022 **Green Zone Ally**  
Veteran and Military Services, University of South Carolina

- 2021 **Recovery Ally**  
Substance Abuse Prevention & Education, University of South Carolina
- 2021 **Safe Zone Ally**  
Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, University of South Carolina
- 2021 **Gamecocks Stand Up: Bystander Intervention for Faculty and Staff**  
Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention, University of South Carolina
- 2021 **Carolina Intercultural Training**  
Global Carolina, University of South Carolina

#### **POST-MSW PRACTICE & ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2020-2022 **Health Care Social Worker**  
University of South Carolina Student Health Services (Columbia, SC)
- 2018-2020 **Director of Safety**  
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Crescent Region (Columbia, SC)
- 2007-2018 **Lead Area Director; Area Director; Grant Writer; Unit Director; Financial Data Manager; Program Director; Program Aid**  
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands (Columbia, SC)
- 2005-2006 **Children's Counselor**  
Sistercare, Inc. (Cayce, SC)

#### **STUDENT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

- 2004-2005 **MSW Intern**  
Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- 2004-2005 **Graduate Assistant**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2003-2004 **Social Work Intern**  
Growing Home Southeast

#### **PUBLICATION**

Tori, M. E., Chontos-Komorowski, J., Stacy, J., Lamson, D. M., St George, K., **Lail, A. T.**, Stewart-Grant, H. A., Bell, L. J., Kirking, H. L., & Hsu, C. H. (2024). Identification of Large Adenovirus Infection Outbreak at University by Multipathogen Testing, South Carolina, USA, 2022. *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, 30(2), 358–362. <https://doi.org/10.3201/eid3002.230623>

## **UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE SERVICE**

- 2025-Present **Online Program Administration Team**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2025 **University 101 Peer Leader Application Reviewer**  
University 101 Programs, University of South Carolina
- 2024-Present **MSW Policy Subcommittee**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2024-Present **Workforce & Field Education Advisory Council**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2024 **Professional Behavior Review Team**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2024 **Strategic Plan Committee**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2023-Present **Graduate Assistant Supervisor**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2023-Present **BSW Program Committee**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2023-Present **MSW Program Committee**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2023-Present **MSW Online/Curriculum Program Subcommittee**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2023-Present **Health Science Team**  
Co-disciplinary Team, University of South Carolina
- 2022-Present **Wellness Committee**  
College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2022-2023 **Resiliency Project Facilitator**  
Healthy Campus Initiatives, University of South Carolina

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2024-Present **Member**  
Social Work Distance Education Field Consortium

2023-Present **Member**  
Council on Social Work Education

2023-Present **Member**  
National Association of Social Workers

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & VOLUNTEERISM**

2025 **Leadership Columbia Class of 2025**  
Columbia Chamber of Commerce

2025 **Read Freely Fest Volunteer**  
Richland Library

2025 **Emergency Food Pantry Volunteer**  
Harvest Hope Food Bank

2022-Present **Board of Directors Member**  
City Year Columbia

2024 **Annual Point in Time Count Volunteer**  
United Way of the Midlands

2016-2025 **Parent Volunteer**  
East Point Academy

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

2025 **Excellence in Community Impact Award**  
University of South Carolina

2024 **Nominee: M. Stuart Hunter Award for Outstanding Teaching in University 101**  
University of South Carolina