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Introduction/Welcome for Dean Foster

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You will hear more from me in the coming weeks and months and we will find times and opportunities.

Inclusion at the University of South Carolina College of Social Work. I jumped at the chance to work there, mainly due to the strong commitment to diversity, inclusion, and social justice. In May of 2019, I took on the role of associate dean of diversity, inclusion, and social justice.

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