

CHELSEA K. BROWN

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice <i>Doctoral Student</i>	Philadelphia, PA Aug. 2022-Present
University of Michigan Master of Social Work, Health Practice Specialization	Ann Arbor, MI Aug. 2014
Bowling Green State University Bachelor of Science in Social Work, <i>cum laude</i> <i>Honors: University Honors Program</i> <i>Hollis L. Moore Service Scholarship</i>	Bowling Green, OH May 2013

HONORS/AWARDS

University of Pennsylvania Penn Center for Cancer Care Innovation <i>Innovation Fellow</i>	Philadelphia, PA August 2023-Present
New York University Zelda Foster Studies Program in Palliative and End-of-Life Care <i>Research Fellow</i>	New York, NY Oct. 2021-April 2023

RESEARCH

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice <i>Research Fellow, Advisor: Dr. Tamara Cadet</i>	Philadelphia, PA August 2022-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead recruitment, data collection, and data analysis efforts on multiple quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods studies investigating the feasibility and effectiveness of cancer health promotion interventions for persons with low health literacy• Provide writing and publication support• Provide training and leadership to masters-level research lab assistants	
<i>Research Fellow, Advisor: Dr. Katherine Courtright</i>	April 2023- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist with data analysis efforts on systematic review and meta-analysis investigating disparities in inpatient palliative care consultation• Provide writing and publication support	
University of California, San Francisco, Division of Palliative Medicine <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor</i>	San Francisco, CA June 2023-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead an interdisciplinary research team on conducting a national retrospective study on psychosocial care delivery among hospital palliative care teams• Serve as psychosocial researcher on “Pro-PC” project: a multi-year hybrid implementation-effectiveness study that will test a standardized palliative care referral algorithm	
Bowling Green State University <i>Research Assistant, Department of Sociology</i>	Bowling Green, OH May 2009-Aug. 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilized SPSS to conduct quantitative data analysis for multiple sociology faculty and graduate students	

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed:

Kotwal, A., Cenzer, I., **Brown, C.**, Perissinotto, C., Smith, A., & Duchowny, K. (2024). The prevalence of lifetime trauma and association with physical and psychosocial health among adults at the end of life. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 1-13.

Brown, C. & Wallace, C. (2024). Psychosocial distress screening among palliative care teams: A narrative review. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*, 20(2), 161-184.

Trimbur, M.C., Sumser, B., **Brown, C.**, Steinhoff, T., Almhanna, K., & Guyer, D. (2024) Special considerations in managing pain and psychosocial distress in patients with opioid use disorder and cancer: The role of the supportive care and psycho-oncology interdisciplinary team. *Annals of Palliative Medicine*, 13(4), 1076-1089.

Brown, C., DiBiase, J., Nathanson, A., & Cadet, T. (2023). Trauma-informed care for inpatient palliative care social work: Applying existing models at the bedside. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*, 19(4), 309-325.

Brown, C., Peck, S., Humphreys, J., Saks, Schoenherr, L., N., Sumser, B., and Elia, G. (2020). COVID-19 Lessons: The Alignment of Palliative Medicine and Trauma-Informed Care. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 60(2), 26-30.

Humphreys, J., Schoenherr, L., Elia, G., Saks, N., **Brown, C.**, Barbour, S., and Pantilat, S. (2020). Rapid Implementation of Inpatient Telepalliative Medicine Consultations During COVID-19 Pandemic. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 60(1), 54-59.

Browne, M.N., **Brown, C.**, and Bouzat, F. (2013). American Medical Tourism: Regulating a Cure that can Damage Consumer Health. *Loyola Consumer Law Review*, Vol. 25, Issue 3. Shorter version presented at the 2011 Academy of Legal Studies in Business Conference, New Orleans, LA, and the 2012 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Weber State University, UT.

Under Review:

Cadet, T., **Brown, C.**, Hu, M., Ahn, Z., Siska, M., Halmo, R., & Schonberg, M. (2024). Development of a novel brief colon cancer screening DA for adults >75 years with limited health literacy. (Submitted to: *Journal of Health Communications*).

Cadet, T., France, K., Luo, Y., Faist, M., **Brown, C.**, Niu, J., Hicyilmaz, D., & Moore, T. (2024). The validation of a survey to assess patients' attitudes regarding the role of dental providers in vaccination for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and human papillomavirus (HPV): A mixed methods approach. (Submitted to: *American Journal of Public Health*).

Works In Progress:

Brown, C., Wallace, C., Schoenherr, L., Pantilat, S., and O'Riordan, D. Psychosocial Screening and Interventions Across Palliative Care Teams: Patient Characteristics and Outcomes.

Song, A., **Brown, C.**, & Courtright, K. Racial and ethnic disparities in inpatient palliative care consultation in the United States: A systematic review.

Brown, C., et al. (2023). Top ten tips on trauma-informed palliative medicine. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*. (Invited publication).

Brown, C. and Ho, J. (2023). Fast Facts and Concepts: Trauma-Informed Care. *Palliative Care Network of Wisconsin* (<https://www.mypcnw.org/fast-facts/>). (Invited publication).

Thompson, T., Doherty, M., **Brown, C.**, Abebe-Berrett, J., Hallgren, E. & Cadet, T. Social needs in cancer treatment and survivorship: A scoping review.

Cadet, T., **Brown, C.**, Halmo, R., Siska, M., & Schonberg, MA. Acceptability Testing of a Novel CRC DA for adults ≥ 75 years with limited health literacy.

Cadet, T., **Brown, C.**, Walker, S., D'Avella, C., Tan, C.Y., Doherty, M. Understanding differences between the Brief Literacy and the REALM Screeners for patients in a financial toxicity for cancer study.

Cadet, T., Walker, S., **Brown, C.**, D'Avella, C., Tan, C.Y., & Doherty, M. Assessing the Acceptability of Implementing the Cost Screener As a Diagnostic Tool in Routine Clinical Practice Among Low Income, Racially Diverse Patients.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Wladkowski, S., **Brown, C.**, & Wallace, C. (2024). Chapter 23: End-of-Life Care. Book chapter in *The Handbook of Health Social Work* (upcoming 4th ed.), S. Gehlert and T. Browne (Eds.), Jossey-Bass.

Clarke, M. and **Brown, C.** (2023). Organ Transplant. Book chapter in *The Practice of Clinical Social Work in Healthcare*, M. Ruden and A. Nathanson (Eds.), Springer Press.

Brown, C. (2023). Pen to Paper: Honoring Anger & Sadness. Book chapter in *Mirrors & Windows: Reflections on the Journey in Serious Illness Practice* (1st ed.), T. Altilio, A. Keleman, V. Leff, and A.M. Patneau (Eds.), Self-published.

Brown, C. (2022). Trauma Therapies for Palliative Care Practice. Book chapter in *The Oxford Textbook of Palliative Social Work* (2nd ed.), T. Altilio and S. Otis-Green (Eds.), Oxford University Press.

PRESENTATIONS

Brown, C., Doherty, M., Jacoby, J., Walker, S., Tan, C.Y., D'Avella, C., & Cadet, T. (2025). Assessing the acceptability of implementing the COST screener as a diagnostic tool in routine clinical practice among low-income, racially diverse patients. Poster presentation at the *2025 Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference*.

D'Avella, C., Doherty, M., Wileyto, P., Ma, J., Walker, S., Jacoby, J., **Brown, C.**, Tan, C.Y., & Cadet, T. (2024). Financial toxicity screening in an urban underserved cancer patient population. Poster presentation at the *2024 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Quality Care Symposium*.

Thompson, T., Doherty, M., Kirk, S., Hallgren, E., **Brown, C.**, Berrett-Abebe, J., Weal, R., Chauhan, K., & Cadet, T. (2024). Social needs in cancer treatment and survivorship: A scoping review. Poster presentation at the *2024 Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions*.

Kotwal, A., Cenzer, I., **Brown, C.**, Perissinotto, C., Smith, A., & Duchowny, K. (2024). The prevalence of lifetime trauma and association with symptom burden among adults in the last years of life. Poster presentation at the *2024 Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)*.

Cadet, T., Philips, M., Pepe, R., **Brown, C.**, Park, Y. (2024). Objects in mirror are closer than they appear: The proximity of historical oppressions to social policy today. Roundtable presentation at the 2024 Society for Social Work and Research Conference.

Brown, C., Lopez, S., Rezvani, G., & Saks, N. (2023). Medical Trauma and Palliative Care. *University of California, San Francisco Department of Medicine Grand Rounds*.

Brown, C., Schoenherr, L., Pantilat, S., and O’Riordan, D. (2023). Psychosocial Screening and Interventions Across Palliative Care Teams: Patient Characteristics and Outcomes. Poster presentation at the 2023 Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)

Brown, C. & Wallace, C. (2023). Psychosocial Screening Tools for Inpatient Palliative Care Teams: A Literature Review. Poster presentation at the 2023 Annual Assembly of Social Work in Hospice & Palliative Care Network (SWHPN).

Brown, C. (2022). Psychosocial Screening Standards for Hospital Palliative Medicine. *University of California, San Francisco Division of Palliative Medicine Grand Rounds*.

Brown, C. (2022). Trauma-informed care for palliative medicine. *University of California, San Francisco Division of Palliative Medicine Annual Fellows’ Lecture*.

Brown, C. & Saks, N. (2022). Transdisciplinary spiritual care in palliative medicine. *Stanford University Hospital Grand Rounds*.

Humphreys, J., Schoenherr, L., Elia, G., Saks, N., **Brown, C.**, Barbour, S., & Pantilat, S. (2021). Rapid Implementation of Inpatient Telepalliative Medicine Consultations During COVID-19 Pandemic. Poster presentation at the 2021 Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM).

Brown, C. et al. (2012). *Socioeconomic Status and Its Contribution to Housing Discrimination against Older Adults*. Poster presentation at the 36th Annual Ohio Professional and Student Conference on Aging, Youngstown State University, OH.

Brown, C. (2012). *American Medical Tourism: Regulating a Cure that Can Damage Consumer Health*. Paper double-blind peer-reviewed and accepted as a National Finalist for the *Academy of Legal Studies and Business Conference*, New Orleans, LA. Also accepted and presented at the 2012 National Conference of Undergraduate Research, Weber State University, UT.

Brown, C. (2011). *The Ethical Confusion of Asking Corporations to be Socially Responsible: The Social Legitimacy Test*. Abstract peer-reviewed and selected for presentation at the 2011 National Conference of Undergraduate Research, Ithaca College, NY.

TEACHING

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Guest Lecturer, Dr. Tamara Cadet August 2024

- Presented lecture on evidence-based practice to “SW 7440: Direct Practice Research”

University of California, San Francisco San Francisco, CA
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Division of Palliative Medicine August 2022-Present

- Provide quarterly lectures to Division of Palliative Medicine faculty and clinicians-in-training on trauma-informed care and psychosocial competencies

Bowling Green State University

Teaching Assistant, Dr. M. Neil Browne

Bowling Green, OH

Aug. 2011-May 2012

- Co-taught “Introduction to Critical Thinking” for BGSU Honors Program undergraduate students

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND HONORS

- “Measurement, Design, and Analysis Methods in Health Outcomes Research” from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (2021)
- Vital Talk Faculty Development Training (2019)
- Palliative Care Curriculum Training, California State University, Shiley Institute for Palliative Care (2019)

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

University of California, San Francisco, Division of Palliative Medicine

Inpatient Clinical Social Worker, Palliative Care Service

San Francisco, CA

Oct. 2018-April 2022

- Provided advance care planning, crisis intervention, family meeting facilitation, serious illness and end-of-life counseling within a transdisciplinary team
- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments of patients with serious life-limiting illness, focusing on adjustment to illness and coping, family systems, and emotional, psychological, and social needs
- Advocated for care needs of patients facing complex treatment planning in the setting of homelessness, social isolation, limited community resources, and traumatic stress
- Serve on several hospital leadership committees, including UCSF End of Life Options Act (EOLOA), COVID-19 Palliative Care Response, Anti-Racism Task Force, and Inpatient Workflow Quality Improvement

University of Michigan Medicine

Inpatient Clinical Social Worker, General Medicine/Hematology/Oncology

Ann Arbor, MI

Nov. 2014-Aug. 2017

- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments of patients, including substance use, mental health/suicidality, trauma, abuse, and neglect
- Provided supportive counseling and psychoeducation around new diagnosis, adjustment to illness, and coping with chronic disease and complex treatment planning
- Trained and supervised new clinical social workers

SAAFE Center, Wood County Sexual Assault Crisis Center

Supervisor and Client Advocate

Bowling Green, OH

Jan. 2012-Aug. 2013

- Engaged in crisis intervention and psychological first aid for survivors of assault and sex trafficking
- Served as first responder and counselor during the filing of police reports, University hearings, and sexual assault examinations conducted at the County Hospital
- Co-wrote the *Sex Trafficking Resource Manual* for the Sex Trafficking Committee of Wood County

LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Advanced Palliative Hospice Social Worker-Certified (APHSW-C), APHSW-C Board (2022)

Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP), California Board of Behavioral Sciences (2020)

Social Work License #CW024477, Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs (2024)

Social Work License #LCSW82526, California Board of Behavioral Sciences (2018)

Social Work License #6801097376, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (2016)