

# Chesney Jones Ward, LCSW, MSW

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## Education

In Progress Expected 2025	PhD, Social Work University of Tennessee College of Social Work, Knoxville, TN
2015	MSW Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA
2013	B.A. in Psychology with Minor in Social Work Auburn University, Auburn, AL

## Training and Certificate

Certification in Family Practice  
Citi Training for Behavioral Health and Human Subjects

## Employment

2021 - Present	<b>Senior Research Coordinator</b> Trauma Loss and Coping 2.0, Washington University at St. Louis. This project explores the impact of unexpected death (homicide, suicide, covid-19) on Black families in multiple major cities.
2021 - Present	<b>Project Coordinator, A Multi-Level Approach to Violence Prevention</b> University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Funded by the UTK Division of Diversity and Engagement, this community-based participatory project engages academic (PI: Dr. Patricia M. Bamwine, UTK) and community-based youth serving organizations to pilot a grief support group for teens that have lost a friend or family member to gun violence. This project also seeks to establish a campus-community network that focuses on local gun violence initiatives and evaluation needs.

## Online Journal Publications

- Ward, C.J. (2020). A Small Crack in the Foundation of Hospice Care. *The Bridge*. Volume 5, 19-21
- Ward, C.J. (2019). Ethics and Advocacy in Hospice Care, *The Bridge*. Volume 7, 13-14

## Peer Reviewed Presentations

- Bamwine, Patricia & **Ward, Chesney**. Homicide Bereavement and Juvenile Justice Involved Youth: Implications for Research, Practice and Policy. (2022). National Organization of Forensic Social Workers. New Orleans, LA
- Bamwine, Patricia & **Ward, Chesney**. Homicide Bereavement: A University-Community Approach to Violence Intervention. (2022) Association for Death Education and Counseling 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO.
- Ward, Chesney** & Montgomery, Katherine Leigh. End-of-life Among African Americans:

Systematic Review. (2022) University of Memphis 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Work Symposium. Memphis, TN.

**Ward, Chesney & Montgomery, Katherine Leigh.** End-of-life Among African Americans: Systematic Review. (2022) Aging and Social Change Interdisciplinary Conference. Jagiellonian University, Krakow Poland.

## Invited Presentations

**August 2022** **Ward, Chesney.** End-of-Life Presentation and Q&A Session. Office of Neighborhood Empowerment for the City of Knoxville

## Teaching Experience

**Fall 2021** **Guest Lecturer** University of Michigan SOWK 602: Interpersonal Practice Intervention in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse-Online

**Spring 2022** **Guest Lecturer** University of Michigan SOWK 610: Applied Assessment Skills in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse- Online

**Spring 2022** **Guest Lecturer** University of Tennessee SOWK 555: Psychological Development and Mental Health in Later Life- Online Asynchronous & Synchronous

## Relevant Work Experience

**(08/2019 – 02/2022)** **Medical Social Worker & Volunteer Coordinator - Comfort Care Hospice**

Completing initial psychosocial assessments and weekly visits as well as providing bereavement support and end of life counseling to patients and families.

Providing quarterly in-service education and training to staff on We Honor Veterans Program and providing community resources to patients and families.

Providing supervision, training, and annual evaluations to all volunteers/interns who are employed with Comfort Care Hospice Middle Tennessee in order to meet CMS standards.

Recruiting and retaining volunteers for our volunteer program and completing monthly and annual cost savings reports.

**(03/2019 – 07/2019)** **Primary Therapist - Journey Pure**

Primary Therapist and Group Facilitator for Eating Disorder Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services.

Group Facilitator for Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services.

Completed biopsychosocial assessments for incoming substance abuse, mental health services, and eating disorder patients for Outpatient Treatment Services.

Provided individual therapy sessions for substance abuse patients, primary mental health patients, and eating disorder patients.

**(11/2016 – 09/2018)** **Medical Social Worker - Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care**

Completed initial psychosocial assessments, routine visits, bereavement visits/calls, and collaborated with the Interdisciplinary Team.  
Provided supportive services as the lead social worker for General Inpatient patients at Ascension Crittenton Hospital.  
Facilitated a weekly bereavement group at Sinai Grace Hospital for the Detroit community  
Provided end of life support and community resources to patients and families.

**(06-2016 – 11/2016)**

**Psychiatric Social Worker - Garland Behavioral Health**

Completed psychosocial assessment and discharge planning assessments.  
Provided group therapy and individual therapy to clients in the hospital.  
Provided outpatient resources to patients and families and facilitated discharge planning.  
Worked on an Interdisciplinary treatment team to provide evidence-based treatment and therapy.

**(12/2015 – 11/2016)**

**Medical Social Worker - Holy Savior Hospice**

Completed initial psychosocial assessments and routine visits  
Provided patients with community resources and assisted families with end-of-life preparation  
Evaluated patient needs and advocated for patients and their families

**(01/2015 – 15/2015)**

**Graduate Social Work Inter - Hospice Compassus**

Performed psychosocial assessments and routine visits  
Evaluated patient needs and provided grief counseling services  
Provided patients and families with resources in the community and collaborated on an Interdisciplinary Team

## **Institutional & Disciplinary Service**

Fall 2021 - Present            UTK PhD Program Committee, PhD Student Representative

March 2021                      Volunteer Abstract Reviewer- GSA conference, Gerontological Society of America

## **Professional Affiliations**

03/2022 - Present    The Gerontology Research and Scholarship (GeRAS) Group  
03/2022 - Present    Coalition of Black Social Workers  
09/2021 - Present    Gerontological Society of America  
03/2021 - Present    Lunch and Learn Leadership Team - TN Chapter, NASW  
08/2017 – 12/2021    Aging and Gerontology Work Group – MI Chapter, NASW  
09/2015 – 10/2015    Social Work Volunteer - LHA Charitable Trust

## **Licensure**

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, #7023  
*Tennessee Board of Social Work*

