

Mx. Jen Hirsch, LMSW

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- In progress* Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2013 Masters of Social Work, University of New England, Portland, ME
- 2007 Bachelors of Science, Design and Environmental Analysis with a concentration in Human Factors and Ergonomics, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

FUNDING

- 2023 School of Social Work summer research funding. Co-PI. Project: *The State of Anti-Racism in Social Work PhD Program Aims and Objectives: A content analysis*
- 2022 College of Social Science Thompson Endowment Award for graduate student research. PI. Project: *The experiences of grief and wishes of people in the early stages of dementia: a qualitative study.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023 **Academic Associate**; Arizona State University Online, Phoenix, AZ
Co-Instructor in Online MSW program
Courses Taught:
Foundation Practice
Policy Practice
- 2022 **Instructor of Record**, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Courses Taught:
Grief Literacy for Social Work
- 2021 **Adjunct Faculty**; Aurora University Online, Aurora, IL
Instructor in Online MSW program
Courses Taught:
Oncology Social Work Elective
Medical Social Work Elective
- 2021 **Academic Associate**; Arizona State University Online, Phoenix, AZ
Co-Instructor in Online MSW program
Courses Taught:
Advanced Generalist Practice
Foundation Practice

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022 **Project Coordinator for Leveraging music in dementia care with PI Dr. Fei Sun;**
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Oversee informed consent process for research participants, coordinate communication with participants and keep detailed records.
- 2015 **Pilot Program Clinical Investigator;** MidMichigan Medical Center, Midland, MI
Collaborate to build study at hospital site including determining appropriate target study participants; Conduct ACP conversations and all conversations; Co-write final report for hospital site regarding outcomes and recommendations.
- 2013 **Process Improvement Project Team Lead;** Hospice of Kitsap Co, Silverdale, WA
Team completed chart review of current agency use of General Inpatient level of care at hospice houses and analysis of best practice guidelines; Wrote report of recommended procedure changes.
- 2006 **Research Assistant;** Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Gathered, organized, and cleaned air quality data with different time frequencies; Validity testing of sensors.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal

- Zhang, P., Sun, F., & **Hirsch, J.** (2023). Perceived barriers and social cultural factors associated with Advanced Care Planning conversations among Chinese American older adults. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648231176142>
- Nedjat-Haiem, F. R., **Hirsch, J.**, Currin-McCulloch, J., & Lundquist, M. (2023). Social Workers' Perspectives about Advance Directives: A Qualitative Study. *Patient Education and Counseling*, 107691.
- Marmo, S. & **Hirsch, J.** (2022). Visitors not welcome: Hospital visitation restrictions and institutional betrayal, *Journal of Policy Practice and Research*, 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42972-022-00063-4>
- Hirsch, J. (2022). Book Review: Living through Loss by Nancy R Hooyman, Betty J Kramer, and Sara Sanders, *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2022.2155750>
- Hirsch (2021). The Powerlessness of Families, *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*, DOI: 10.1080/15524256.2021.1881691
- Hirsch, J. (2016). The wish to die: Assisted suicide and mental illness. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*, 12(3), 231-235. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15524256.2016.1200516>

Blog

Hirsch, J., & Sun, F. (2021, December). Palliative care for people with dementia: Review of an international psychogeriatrics paper: "Achieving consensus and controversy around applicability of palliative care to dementia" by Van Der Steen et al. *IPA Bulletin* 38(4). <https://www.ipa-online.org/UserFiles/file/IPABulletin-Volume38-Issue4-Dec2021.pdf>

Hirsch, J. (2021, November 13). Advocacy opportunity: Improving Access to Mental Health Act. *SWHPN blog*.
https://www.swhpn.org/index.php?option=com_dailyplanetblog&view=entry&year=2021&month=10&day=13&id=72:advocacy-opportunity-improving-access-to-mental-health

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Conferences

Hirsch, J., Sun, F., Cohen, D., Kim, H., Barbieri, S., & LeBlanc, B. (2022, November 5). *Recruiting, facilitating, and supporting persons living with dementia as trainers in research*, within symposium titled Enriching our discovery by training for engagement: Methods for patient/person engagement in research. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

Marmo, S. & **Hirsch, J.** (2022, April 25-26). *Visitors not welcome! From evidence-based to authority-based practice: The impact of restricted visitation on patients and caregivers during Covid-19*. Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network 2022 General Assembly, Santa Fe, NM

Nedjet-Haiem, F., **Hirsch, J.**, & Currin-McCulloch, J. (2022, April 25-26). *A provider survey on documenting advanced directives: A qualitative study with social workers*. Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network 2022 General Assembly, Santa Fe, NM

Hirsch, J. (2021, July 16). *The limits of individual autonomy: A case study inspired discussion about family, power and safety*, Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network 2021 Virtual Summit July meeting: Ethics and Decision-Making in End-of-Life Care

Hirsch, J., Cogan, E. (2020, October 20). *Moving beyond "provided emotional support": Introducing Pollin's Psychosocial Dimensions of Illness*, 55th Annual meeting of Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care, virtual.

State Conferences

Hirsch, J. (2023, May) *Considering grief in assisted living, with a special focus on residents living with cognitive changes*. Michigan Assisted Living Association Annual Conference and Dementia Summit; Lansing, MI.

Hirsch, J. (2022, May) *Demystifying the dying process for care providers and administrators*. Michigan Assisted Living Association 2022 Virtual Conference & Dementia Summit.

Hirsch, J. (2017, September 29) *Navigating the health care system and community resources*. Michigan Parkinson's Foundation Annual Conference; Bay City, MI.

Continuing Education Presentations

- Hirsch, J.,** Fix, J, & Lee, J. (2022, March 11 and 18). *Lead with your heart: Supporting people with dementia through grief*. Virtual interactive web seminar through Michigan Assisted Living Association in partnership with National Council of Dementia Minds
- Hirsch, J. (2019, March 14) *Integrating Spiritual Tools into Social Work Practice*. MidMichigan Medical Center; Midland, MI.
- Hirsch, J. (2018, October 18) *Sifting through Muddy Waters: Grief, Depression, and Dementia*. MidMichigan Home Care; Midland, MI.
- Hirsch, J. (2017, January 12) *Death with Dignity: Current Laws and Ethical Considerations*. MidMichigan Home Care; Midland, MI.
- Hirsch, J. (2017, September 29) *Bereavement and Grief*. Woodland Hospice House; Mount Pleasant, MI.
- Hirsch, J. (2017, March 22) *Medical Crisis Counseling Model*. MidMichigan Home Care; Midland, MI.
- Clark, D., **Hirsch, J.** (2016, November 3) *Complicated Grief*. MidMichigan Home Care; Midland, MI
- Hirsch, J.,** Lemoine, P. (2016, August 3) *Advanced Care Planning*. MidMichigan Home Care; Midland, MI.

Other Social Work Presentations

- Matson, B., & **Hirsch, J.** (2023, April). *Social work is social justice: Addressing the ASWB licensing exam*. Lunch and Learn, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Virtual.
- Cohen, S., **Hirsch, J.,** Walker, C. & Young, K. (2023, February). *Combating the Gatekeeping of Social Work: A #StopASWB Panel*. Social Workers Confronting Racial Justice Conference, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Virtual.
- Cohen, S. **Hirsch, J.** & Young, K. (2022, October). *Social work is social justice: Disparities with the ASWB licensing exam*. Noontime Knowledge, School of Social Work, University of Alabama; Virtual.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Conferences

- Shi., J., Sun, F., **Hirsch, J.,** Cohen, D., & Kim, Ha-Neul. (2022, November 2-5) *The Efficacy of Music and Dementia Education Project on Health Care Professional Students: Preliminary Outcomes*. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting; Indianapolis, IN.
- Hirsch, J. (2022, April 25-26). *Hospice policy advocacy: Understanding structural inequities, changing demographics, and possible policy solutions*. Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network General Assembly; Santa Fe, NM. Won 2022 Best Poster: Clinical Practice

SERVICE

Reviewer

2023 GSA Conference Abstracts

Michigan State University

2022-Present Member of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion committee

2022-Present Member, Steward, and on Bargaining Committee, Graduate Employee Union

Community

2022-Present Volunteer, National Council of Dementia Minds

Profession

2022-Present Special Interest Group co-lead, Research

2020-2022 Strategic engagement committee, Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network

2018-2020 Item reviewer, Advanced Palliative and Hospice Social Work Certification exam

2018 Item writer, Advanced Palliative and Hospice Social Work Certification exam

MidMichigan Health

2016 Panelist for Schwartz Center Rounds: "The Gift of Timely Conversations: 'It always seems too early, until it's too late.'"

2016 Corporate Performance Management Team: Hospice Referrals and Intake Process

2015 Corporate Performance Management Team: Home Care Timely Initiation of Care

LICENSES

2017 - Present Licensed Master's Social Work (Michigan) – Clinical Specialty - # 6801097338

CERTIFICATIONS

2019 - 2023 Advanced Palliative and Hospice Social Work Certification

2017 - 2019 Spiritual Care Generalist Certificate

2016 - 2020 Advanced Care Planning Certified Facilitator

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018 MidMichigan Health Top Performer

2018 MidMichigan Home Care MVP

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

2021 - Present Gerontological Society of America

2021 - Present Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work

2018 - Present Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2016-2019 **Medical Social Worker;** MidMichigan Homecare, Mount Pleasant, MI
Complete psychosocial assessments in home care, hospice, and palliative care program;
Engage in crisis intervention, counseling, coaching support, and community resource
connection; Provide individual, family, and group bereavement supports.

2014-2016 **Medical Social Worker;** MidMichigan Medical Center, Midland, MI
Discharge planning Med/Onc unit; Provide resource connection and brief counseling
intervention; Facilitate goals of care discussions and hospice transition conversations.

2013-2014 **Hospice Social Worker;** Hospice of Kitsap County, Silverdale, WA
Provide social work services to community and hospice house patients; Facilitate
bereavement support groups; Assist patients in accessing Death with Dignity.

2012-2013 **Hospice Intern;** CHANS Hospice and Volunteers, Brunswick, ME
Provide bereavement services through telephone contacts and co-facilitate support
groups; Collaborate to plan, facilitate, and teach hospice volunteer training.

2011-2012 **Social Work Intern;** Cancer Care Center, Sanford, ME
Complete psychosocial assessments and provide support to outpatient oncology clinic;
Develop referral process; Manage and grow resource library.