



Preliminary Program



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The Thanatology Association®



ADEC 39th Annual Conference

April 5–8, 2017

Pre-Conference Institute: April 4–5, 2017

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You are cordially invited to attend the ADEC 39th Annual Conference.

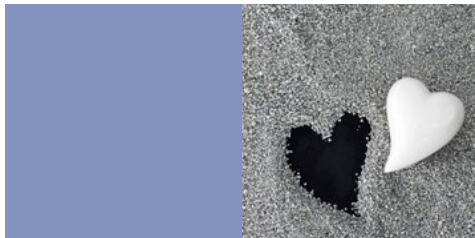
Each year, the ADEC Annual Conference presents a premiere educational, interdisciplinary meeting for professionals working in the field of death, dying and bereavement: mental health professionals, social workers, counselors, educators, clergy, funeral directors, hospital and hospice personnel, and psychologists.

Why Attend the ADEC Conference?

- Learn about cutting-edge research and clinical practice in thanatology.
- Explore key content from across ADEC's entire Body of Knowledge, like end-of-life decision-making, assessment and intervention, or cultural, religious and historical perspectives on death and loss.
- Create a curriculum tailored to your discipline and interests.
- Identify new resources and earn continuing education credits.

Who benefits from this conference?

- Death educators
- Bereavement counselors
- Hospice professionals
- Psychologists
- Clergy
- Chaplains
- Mental health professionals
- Social workers
- Students
- Life cycle educators
- Funeral directors
- Physicians
- Victim advocates
- Grief counselors
- Employee Assistance Program Staff
- Alcohol and drug abuse counselors
- Crisis intervention specialists
- Researchers
- Sociologists
- Traumatologists
- Gerontologists
- Journalists/media experts
- Marriage and family therapists
- Nurses
- Philosophers
- Suicidologists
- Police Officers
- Paramedics
- Emergency Medical Technicians

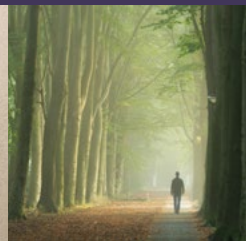
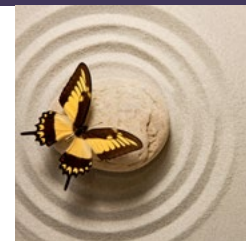


About ADEC

The Association for Death Education and Counseling®, *The Thanatology Association*®, is one of the oldest interdisciplinary organizations in the field of dying, death and bereavement. Its nearly 2,000 members include a wide array of psychologists, counselors, social workers, educators, researchers, hospice personnel, clergy, and volunteers.

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Schedule at a Glance

This schedule is preliminary in nature and is subject to change. Please check back for updates.

Tuesday, April 4

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Professional Development Courses

Wednesday, April 5

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Specialty Workshops

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Professional Development Courses

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. New Member/First-time attendee gathering

5:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Welcome Reception

Thursday, April 6

7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Yoga for Grief Relief

8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. President's Welcome/Awards Presentation

8:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. Keynote Session

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Ritual Archives Project Room Open

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contemplation/Reflection Room Open

9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break/Poster Presentation I/Book Fair

10:00 a.m. – Noon Diversity and Inclusion Meeting

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session I

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own - Self-publishers sell books - Book Fair

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Concurrent Session II

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Session III

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Refreshment Break/Poster Presentation I/Book Fair

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Session IV

5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. ADEC - In Conversation

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Pet Remembrance Service

Friday, April 7

6:45 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Living Legacy Circle Breakfast (invitation only)

7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Yoga for Grief Relief

7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Student and New Professionals Meeting

7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Certification Informational Meeting

8:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. Awards Presentation / Keynote Session

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contemplation/Reflection Room

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Ritual Archives Project Room

9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break/Poster Presentation II/Networking Groups

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Session V

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Concurrent Session VI

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Session VII

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Refreshment Break/Poster Presentation Session II/Networking Groups

4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Concurrent Session VIII

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Service of Remembrance

Saturday, April 8

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Yoga for Grief Relief

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Business Meeting

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Session IX

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Contemplation/Reflection Room

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Ritual Archives Project Room

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Session X

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Refreshment Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Session XI

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on own

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Session XII

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Session XIII

4:00 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. Closing Keynote Session

5:25 p.m. Conference Adjourns

Continuing Education Information

Continuing education credit for this event is co-sponsored, in part, by the Association for Death Education and Counseling and Amedco. Continuing education credit is offered as listed below. The Conference offers a total of 31 contact hours, subject to change. Credit is awarded on a session-by-session basis, with full attendance required at the sessions attended. Application forms will be available on site. If you have questions regarding continuing education, the program, grievance issues, or for a listing of learning objectives for sessions, contact Jaime Olson at Amedco at: 651 789-3718; jaime@amedcoemail.com

Note: Learning objectives for all educational sessions at the presentation level for concurrent sessions will be available on the ADEC website prior to the conference.

Psychology: This conference is co-sponsored by Amedco and the Association for Death Education and Counseling. Amedco is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Amedco maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This conference has been approved for a maximum of 31 hours.



Counseling: The Association for Death Education and Counseling has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, No. 6726. Sessions that do not qualify for NBCC credit will be clearly identified in the Final Program. The Association for Death Education and Counseling is solely responsible for all aspects of the program.

Licensed Professional Counselor: Approval Pending. Amedco is pending approval in LA, OH, VT, MN, MA, MT, WV

Social Work: Amedco, #1346, is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) www.aswb.org, through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Amedco maintains responsibility for the program. ASWB Approval Period: 06/24/2016 – 06/24/2019. Social workers should contact their regulatory board to determine conference approval for continuing education credits. Social workers participating in this course may receive up to 31 clinical continuing education clock hours. Pending approval for AL and WV social workers.

Florida and Ohio Licensees: Approval Pending. Amedco is pending accreditation through CE Broker.

Marriage-Family Therapy: Approval Pending. Amedco is pending accreditation for this conference for GA, MA, MN, MS, MT, ND, OH, VT

Nursing: Amedco is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This conference is co-provided by Amedco and the Association for Death Education and Counseling. Maximum of 31 contact hours. Pending approval to the California Board of Nursing. Nurses are responsible for contacting their state board to determine if credit issued through an approved provider of the CA Board of Nursing is accepted by their state board.

Skill Level: Session skill level will be posted on the ADEC website prior to the Conference.

Non-Credit Events: CE credit is not offered for committee meetings, poster sessions, networking sessions, meal functions, and registration/breaks.

Instruction Methodology: Didactic, audio-visuals, demonstrations, experiential exercises, case examples, small and large group discussions.

Additional Accreditations

Funeral Directors: Approval Pending. ADEC is approved by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. Provider No. 1025.

Chaplains: Approval Pending. This educational event will provide continuing education hours required by the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Continuing Education Information

Continuing Education Registration Requirements

There is a certificate fee of \$60 USD for members (including active senior, student and institutional members) and \$75 USD for nonmembers. You may either register for CE onsite or as part of the registration process. However, you may not register for credits after May 3. Credit will be awarded on a session-by-session basis, with full attendance required for sessions attended. One certificate will be issued for all activities attended.

To receive continuing education credit, attendees must:

- Register for CE (\$60 members, \$75 nonmembers)
- Sign in/sign out at designated locations daily
- Complete the online CE submission. Instructions will be sent to CE participants after the conference.

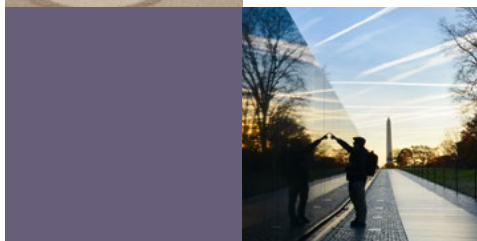
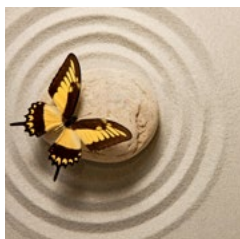
NOTE: It is the responsibility of the attendee to check with their state licensing/certification board to determine if continuing education credit offered by Amedeo will meet their state's regulations.

Breakdown of credit hours available: (Subject to change)

Professional Development Courses	6.5
Full-Day Specialty Workshops	6.5
Half-Day Specialty Workshops	3.25
Thursday Conference (all sessions)	5.5
Friday Conference (all sessions)	6.0
Saturday Conference (all sessions)	6.5

Grievance Policy

Grievances regarding conference sessions, content, abstract selection and presentation can also be submitted to any member of the conference planning committee and are escalated appropriately to the conference chair, director of education, board of directors or home office staff. Grievances are responded to in a timely fashion with the goal of mitigation of the issues brought to the leadership. If a registered participant is unable to attend the meeting after registration, refund requests are processed on a case by case basis. If an attendee has a complaint or grievance, it must be submitted in writing by a participant to ADEC, One Parkview Plaza, Suite 800, 17W110 22nd Street, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. The letter will be reviewed by organizational members consisting of the social worker consultant, and other organizational members based on geographic distribution, experience, professional specialty, etc. The Organization will respond to the attendee in writing.



Keynote Presentations

Thursday, April 6

When Those Who Need it Most Use it Least: Facilitating Grief Support for Those at Greatest Risk



Wendy Lichtenthal, PhD, FT

Most clinicians have encountered bereaved individuals who appear acutely distressed and in need of assistance, and yet ultimately do not access support. The presenter will discuss her program of research, which includes studies to develop a risk screening tool to identify those at greatest risk for bereavement mental health challenges, to determine how mental health providers diagnose and treat individuals during bereavement, and to reduce barriers that a high-risk population, bereaved parents, commonly faces in accessing support through an ongoing randomized controlled trial of an intervention for this population, Meaning-Centered Grief Therapy. The presenter will describe findings demonstrating the underuse of professional support among individuals with more debilitating grief symptoms and will consider the challenge that the field faces in truly meeting the needs of the bereaved, particularly those facing the most significant psychosocial challenges, in both research and clinical settings.

This keynote presentation is partially underwritten by ADEC's Bridging Research and Practice Endowment Fund.

Friday, April 7

Intervention and Efficacy: Bridging the Gap Between Daily Practice and Research Findings



Henk Schut, PhD

This keynote presentation will address the gap often found between the effectiveness of interventions identified by research and the application of those interventions in daily clinical practice. Reasons for the gap, consequences, and possible strategies for bridging the gap will be proposed.

This presentation is underwritten by the Ira Nerken International Speaker Fund.

Saturday, April 8

Attachment Informed Grief Therapy: Working with a Suicide Loss Survivor



John Jordan, PhD

With the development of new approaches and new techniques, the practice of grief therapy has advanced considerably in the last decade. But the foundational element of good therapy – the relationship between the client and therapist – has not received much attention in thanatology. Attachment informed grief therapy offers us a way of understanding the therapeutic alliance and its central role in healing after loss that can advance the field even further. This presentation will provide an overview of the principles of attachment informed grief therapy. It will be built around a video of the presenter's therapeutic work with a remarkable client, who lost her son to suicide six years ago, and came to therapy stating that she had "complicated grief and PTSD" – which she did. This client agreed to allow the presenter to video tape their sessions together, for the purposes of helping other clinicians learn about bereavement after suicide. Using this case, the presentation will help to illuminate the impact of traumatic loss, as well as the role of the relationship between clinician and client in allowing healing and growth to occur.

Professional Development Courses

Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5 • 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

These courses are offered in addition to the conference, as an opportunity for attendees to deepen their knowledge in an environment tailored to their current level of knowledge and experience in the field. Spend two full days with some of the finest minds in thanatology, and enjoy a unique and inspiring learning experience.

Separate registration and tuition are required.

ADEC reserves the right to cancel any specialty workshop or professional development course that does not attain minimum registration numbers by the cut-off date of March 1, 2017. Registrants in a cancelled course will be informed and given the option to choose another session or receive a refund.

Essentials of Thanatology: Dying, Death, and Bereavement

Faculty: Darcy Harris, PhD, RSW, FT and Andy Ho, PhD, EdD, FT

Intended Audience:

This course is intended for those in both counseling and education who wish to enhance their expertise in the field of thanatology. As such, this course will be helpful for professionals (nurses, physicians, psychologists, social workers, chaplains, funeral directors, police, EMTs, etc.) as well as individuals who are working as volunteers or support staff working with critically ill, dying or bereaved individuals.

Course Description:

This course gives an overview and summary of the field of thanatology based upon the Body of Knowledge Matrix published by ADEC. It explores the social, cultural, psychological, legal, ethical, and spiritual issues raised by illness, dying, death and bereavement. All information is relevant to everyday life and most specifically to those practitioners providing death education, as well as those supporting the dying and bereaved. The course explores the meaning of death and examines personal attitudes and fears to understand the grieving process and basic grief support throughout the life span. The course will focus on learning techniques for applying theory and research to expand your knowledge and resources, especially enhancing your multicultural sensitivities and professional skills. Comprehensive and interdisciplinary, it presents the essential topics and core knowledge for death-related counseling and death education.

About Your Instructor:



Darcy L. Harris, PhD, RSW, FT, is an Associate Professor and the Thanatology Coordinator in the Department of Interdisciplinary Programs at King's University College at Western University in London, Ontario, Canada, where she also maintains a private clinical practice specializing in issues related to change, loss, and transition. She developed the undergraduate degree program in Thanatology at King's University College, and she serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Western University. She has served on the board of directors of the

Association for Death Education and Counseling and is a current member of the International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement. She currently serves on the board of directors for St. Joseph's Health Care in London, Ontario and has served as the series editor for the *Death, Value, and Meaning Series* with Baywood Publishing Company in New York. She has written many articles and book chapters, including *Counting our Losses: Reflecting on Change, Loss, and Transition in Everyday Life* (2010, Routledge), *Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society: Bridging Research and Practice* (2011, Routledge), *Principles and Practice of Grief Counseling* (2nd edition, 2016, Springer), and the *Handbook of Social Justice in Loss and Grief: Exploring Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* (2016, Routledge).



Andy Ho, PhD, EdD, FT, is Assistant Professor of Psychology in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in Thanatology from the University of Hong Kong in 2013, and his Doctor of Education in Lifelong Learning

from the University of Nottingham in 2016. He is an elected member of the prestigious International Work Group on Death Dying and Bereavement, a Fellow in Thanatology, a Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Mindfulness Practitioner. Andy specializes in the research and teaching of dignified and compassionate end of life care, life and death education, psychosocial gerontology, holistic therapy and community empowerment. Based on this body of work, he has produced many acclaimed public health campaigns and short film documentaries, authored over 50 books, chapters, and articles in prominent academic and professional journals, as well as presented over 100 keynotes, invited, and conference presentations across the globe. Andy's social and scholarly contributions have been recognized with distinction by the Association of Death Education and Counseling, the International Palliative Care Network, the International Academy of the Visual Arts, the Hong Kong Hospital Authority, and the Hong Kong International Cancer Congress.

Professional Development Courses

Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5 • 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Intermediate Course: Grief Counseling

Louis A. Gamino, PhD, ABPP, FT

Intended Audience:

This course is designed for all professionals who have at least two years of experience working with the bereaved.

Course Description:

This course examines key concepts related to the human response to loss and the facilitation of healthy bereavement, with a bilateral focus on working with individuals who have lost an important loved one as well as individuals who are dying. Death competence is emphasized as a prerequisite for effective clinical care of the bereaved and the dying.

Using the most current research and theory available in the field, you learn about models of grief experience, forces that contribute to risk and resilience in bereavement outcomes, and developmental, cultural, family, and other mediating factors in normal, uncomplicated bereavement and in the dying process. The use of ritual as a coping response to facilitate mourning and development of creative therapeutic interventions receive special attention. Sound approaches to enhancing self-care and preventing burnout are provided. Videotaped examples of actual counseling sessions are included throughout the two-day course.

This highly interactive course gives you the opportunity to explore specific strategies and counseling tools to effectively support individuals, couples, families or groups coping with loss or facing an impending death. You will be given the opportunity to critically reflect with peers about the impact of grief and loss on your own professional work. A variety of teaching techniques are woven throughout the course to help you transfer the skills you learn in the course to your own work setting.

About Your Instructor:



Louis A. Gamino, PhD, ABPP, FT is Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Science at Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and Baylor Scott & White Health in Temple, Texas. Dr. Gamino is a Diplomate in Clinical Psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) and a Fellow in Thanatology (FT) through the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC). He is co-author (with R. Hal Ritter) of *Ethical Practice in Grief Counseling* (Springer Publishing Company, 2009) and co-author (with T. Ann Cooney) of *When Your Baby Dies Through Miscarriage or Stillbirth* (Augsburg Fortress, 2002). Dr. Gamino's research focuses on adaptive grieving after loss. Dr. Gamino is Founder and Program Director of the Baylor Scott & White Biennial Bereavement Conferences inaugurated in 1997 and endowed in his honor by the Volney A. Acheson Fund. He also directs the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Health Psychology at Baylor Scott & White. In recognition of excellence in care of the dying and the bereaved, Dr. Gamino was honored with the Clinical Practice Award by ADEC in 2008. At ADEC's 2016 Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Dr. Gamino delivered the closing keynote address, "ADEC at 40: Second Half of Life Wisdom for the Future of Death Education and Counseling."

Professional Development Courses

Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5 • 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Advanced Course: Complicated Bereavement and Grief Therapy

Faculty: Robert A. Neimeyer, PhD

Intended Audience:

Psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, nurses, physicians, pastoral counselors, or anyone with professional training seeking advanced skill development in bereavement intervention with challenging cases.

Course Description:

As contemporary models of bereavement have become more nuanced and empirically informed, so too have the practices available to counselors and therapists contending with complicated and prolonged grief in their clients. This two-day workshop offers in-depth training in several of these techniques, nesting them both within the therapy relationship and in the context of current theories focused on attachment, the dual processes of coping with loss and restoring life, and meaning reconstruction. Throughout, we ground principles and practices in contemporary research that provides flexible frameworks for intervention. Making extensive use of actual clinical videos as well as how-to instruction in the use of numerous therapeutic tools, we will discuss and practice several methods for helping clients integrate the reality of the loss into the ongoing story of their lives, while also reorganizing their continuing bond to their loved one.

About Your Instructor:



Robert A. Neimeyer, PhD, is Professor in the Department of Psychology, University of Memphis, where he also maintains an active clinical practice. Since completing his doctoral training at the University of Nebraska in 1982, he has published 27 books, including *Techniques of Grief Therapy: Creative Practices for Counseling the Bereaved* and *Grief and the Expressive Arts: Practices for Creating Meaning* (both with Routledge), and serves as Editor of the journal *Death Studies*. The author of over 400 articles and book chapters, he is currently working to advance a more adequate theory of grieving as a meaning-making process, both in his published work and through his frequent professional workshops for national and international audiences. The recipient of the MISS Foundation's *Phoenix Award: Rising to the Service of Humanity*, Neimeyer served as Chair of the International Work Group for Death, Dying, & Bereavement and President of the Association for Death Education and Counseling. In recognition of his scholarly contributions, he has been granted the Eminent Faculty Award by the University of Memphis, made a Fellow of the Clinical Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association, and given Lifetime Achievement Awards by both the Association for Death Education and Counseling and the International Network on Personal Meaning.

Required readings:

Neimeyer, R. A. (2012). *Techniques of grief therapy: Creative practices for counseling the bereaved*. New York: Routledge.

Neimeyer, R. A. (2015). *Techniques of grief therapy: Assessment and intervention*. New York: Routledge.

Specialty Workshops

Specialty workshops are part of ADEC's Pre-conference Institute and offer in-depth looks at the topics of greatest importance in grief and bereavement. ADEC workshop instructors are among the leading authors, thinkers and pioneers in the field of thanatology.

Registrants can choose from half-day or full-day workshops; an additional registration fee is required.

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Wednesday, April 5
Full Day Workshops • 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Responding to Victims of Mass Violence: The Restorative Work of Victims Assistance and Violent Death Grief Counseling

Ted Rynearson, MD, Laura Takacs, MSW, MPH

There have been a wake of unending mass tragedies in recent years, prompting assistance workers to refine methods for helping victims and better understand how communities heal. Mass violent attacks are crimes that rob an individual, family and community of a sense of security and often the death of loved ones. They are horrific, traumatic, unexpected events, shattering the assumptive world of those in its path. Healing in the aftermath of traumatic mass violence can take a very long time and restoration begins at the moment of impact. This workshop will educate participants about victims assistance services, the long-term impacts of violent death and resiliency in the face of traumatic grief.

The Helper's Journey 2.0: Working with People Facing Grief, Loss, and Life-Threatening Illness

Dale Larson, PhD

Working with people facing grief, loss, and trauma presents critical challenges for us. We must find a way to put our heightened empathy and helping motivations to work without suffering burnout and compassion fatigue, to get our self-care working for us as we get our clients' grief working for them. Addressing these challenges, this seminar explores key related topics, including the roots of altruism, secrets and secrecy in counseling, an integrative person-centered approach to grief counseling, resilience, and stress management. Experiential exercises will bring theory to life as we rediscover our purpose in the work and enhance our professional growth.

Specialty Workshops

Wednesday, April 5 • Half Day Morning Workshop
8:30 a.m. – Noon

A Conversational Reading from Sky Above Clouds: Finding our Way through Creativity, Aging and Illness

Wendy Miller, PhD, LPC-BCPC, ATR-BC, LCPAT, REAT

In her book *Sky Above Clouds: Finding Our Way Through Creativity, Aging and Illness*, art therapist/ counselor Wendy Miller writes of her life as wife and collaborator of the late Gene Cohen, a founding father of geriatric psychiatry and creative aging, reflecting upon his groundbreaking work in aging, their work together, and his struggle with terminal illness. Gene's unprecedented long-term survival defied medical odds and gave the couple time to journey into uncharted territories. This workshop will use a conversational reading format, coupled with art materials and dialog to explore participants own internal medical and spiritual narratives of loss.

Responding to the Needs of Grieving Young Adults

Donna Schuurman, EdD, FT and Jana DeCristofaro, LCSW

The developmental experience between adolescence and young adulthood, widely referred to as "emerging adulthood," has changed dramatically in the last 30 years. For grieving 18-30-year-olds, whether pre- or post-college, currently in college, or with no post-high school educational plans, previous paths of coupling, career, and child-rearing have shifted. Grieving the deaths of family members and friends, in the present and/or unaddressed from the past, presents unique challenges during this transitional time. In 2003, The Dougy Center expanded its grief support group services to this population, and the presenters will discuss effective services, integrating practice-based evidence and research on this often under-served population.

Wednesday, April 5 • Half Day Afternoon Workshop
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Power of Narrative: Re-Storying a Loss to Acknowledge and Encourage Growth

Hope Edelman

Humans are hardwired to create narratives with discrete beginnings, middles, and ends. We tell ourselves stories to understand our own lives. But a personal narrative can also become a fixed and rigid part of an identity. Narrative therapy helps individuals reframe a self-limiting story to consider other outcomes. This workshop offers a primer on narrative structure as a literary construct, and explores its uses in a therapeutic setting. A series of lectures, discussions, and written exercises will help participants identify their own stories and experience the perceptive shifts that can occur when a story is reframed.

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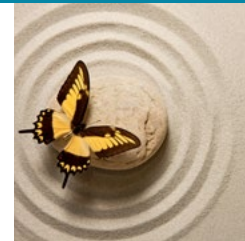
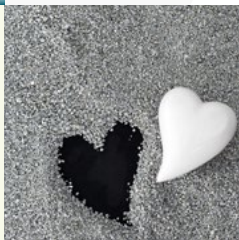
Wednesday, April 5 • Half Day Afternoon Workshop
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Begin with the End in Mind: Death Notifications and Child/Teen Grief

Michelle A. Post, MA, LMFT

Adjusting to sudden/traumatic death can seem daunting as families receive death notification and learn to cope. Adults often struggle with how to tell or include children and teens in this process. Uneducated, death-avoidant, well-intended peers and professionals often mislead adults to exclude, keep secrets, and misguidedly “protect” children. Ms. Post helps families adjust to sudden/traumatic, brain death, family structure and legal/foster-care systems. Using case studies and research, this interactive workshop will help participants provide death notification, education, child/teen grief information, and interventions for grief counseling to families including how to prepare children/teens for hospitals, viewings, funerals/memorials and return to school/work.

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Concurrent Sessions • Thursday, April 6

Concurrent Session I 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Professional Case Presentation

The Role of Palliative Care Nursing when Preparing for Home Death

Maxine Lybert, RN, BScN, CHPCN, CT

Practice Report

Three Simple Strategies from Complicated Grief Treatment

Bonnie Gorscak, PhD

Practice Report

Since Kubler Ross: Models of Grief and their Clinical Implications

Howard Winokuer, PhD

Personal Story

Silent Losses, Shame and Meaning-making

Colleen Burns, MTS, MEd, MBA

Professional Case Presentation

100 Coats of Purple Paint: Helping Adolescents Grieve in Order to Heal

Brittany Trauthwein, PsyD

Research Report – 60 Minutes

Dreams at the End-of-Life: An Aperture into the Psyche of the Dying

Rachel Depner, MS; David Byrwa, MS

Scholarly Paper



An Uneasy Alliance? The Integration of Trauma and Bereavement

Donna Schuurman, EdD, FT

Concurrent Session II 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Scholarly Paper

Connecting Ambiguous Loss & Disenfranchised Grief to Trans*ition

Mae-Lynn Germany, MS Mental Health Counseling; Anna Pederson, BS; Sara Bridges, PhD

Practice Report

COPE: Compassionate Options in Pediatric EMS

Richard Forest, DMin, FT

Personal Story

Considerations in Faith-based Community Bereavement Programs

Michelle Ramirez, MS, CT, CLYL

Research Report – 60 Minutes

Phenomenological Study on Unexpected Loss for the Adult Sibling

Robyn Gabe, PhD

Professional Case Presentation

Grieving Quiet 'Little Deaths': A Brazilian M&F's Lifelong Story

Natalia Sa, Doctoral Candidate

Practice Report



What is Complicated Grief? Perspectives From an Insider and Outsider

M. Katherine Shear, MD



Indicates session will be webcast live.

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Dying: the physical, behavioral, cognitive, and emotional experience of living with life threatening/life limiting illness, caring for the terminally ill, the dying process, and the experience of death.

End-of-Life Decision-Making: The medical, legal, ethical and interpersonal choices, decisions and behaviors of individuals, families and professionals as life nears its end that are often associated with a terminal illness.

Loss, Grief and Mourning: The physical, behavioral, cognitive, and emotional experience of and reactions to loss, the grief process, as well as rituals and practices surrounding grief.

Assessment and Intervention: Information gathered, decisions made and actions taken by professional caregivers to determine and/or provide for the needs of persons who are dying, their loved ones and bereaved individuals.

Traumatic Death: A death that occurs in a manner that is unanticipated, shocking or violent; may be inflicted, self-inflicted or unintentional.

Death Education: Formal and informal methods for acquiring and disseminating knowledge about dying, death and bereavement.

Presentation Levels will be added to all Concurrent Sessions in the Final Program

Concurrent Sessions • Thursday, April 6

Concurrent Session III 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Scholarly Paper

Social Media's Role in Social Support and Memorializing

Kathleen Gilbert, PhD

Research Report – 30 Minutes

Alcohol Use and Drinking Motives Amongst Bereaving Undergraduates

L. Jane Smith, BS; Sandra Gramling, PhD

Research Report – 30 Minutes

Restoration Coping Efforts of Bereaved Undergraduates

Farah Aslanzadeh, BS; Sandra Gramling, PhD

Professional Case Presentation

Addressing Grief with Under-served Children and Families

Angelle Richardson, PhD

Bridging Research and Practice

Dying is Hard: Rethinking Suffering at End of Life

Maxxine Rattner, MSW; Joan Berzoff, EdD

Research Report – 60 Minutes



The CABLE: A New Scale for Assessing Grief Coping Strategies

A. Elizabeth Crunk, PhD

Scholarly Paper

Clinical Supervision of Hospice Social Workers in EOL Practice

Pamela Malone, PhD; Mark de St. Aubin, MSW

Scholarly Paper

Transforming Grief: Using the Power of Ritual as a Tool on this Journey

Melissa Flint, PsyD

Concurrent Session IV 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Experiential Workshop

Bereavement Stress Reduction: 10 Techniques to Help People Cope

Gloria Horsley, PhD; Heidi Horsley, PsyD

All concurrent sessions comprise the following presentation types:

Bridging Research and Practice

A presentation translating theoretical research content into practice, or practice into research questions, to promote dialogue between the two entities. Session will utilize two presenters, one oriented toward research and the other oriented toward practice.

Experiential Workshop

A presentation designed to actively involve attendees in small or large group processes, simulation and/or other training components.

Panel Discussion

A single topic is presented by a moderator for discussion by a panel of 3-5 experts on the topic addressed. Panel members will share their knowledge through discussion on the validity, value and applicability of the topic.

Personal Story

An anecdotal account having practice or educational applications explicitly related to the ADEC Body of Knowledge.

Poster Presentation

A visual presentation of projects, interests and research-in-progress, aided by appropriate handouts and informal personal interaction with the presenter. Presentations will be grouped by topic.

Practice Report

An analytical description of a promising new and innovative intervention in a counseling or institutional setting, including the underlying theory and/or research model.

Professional Case Presentation

Presentation of a case study related to the presenter's own professional experience which relates to the ADEC Body of Knowledge.

Research Report

A presentation of original research which offers a new perspective in thanatology and the relationship of this new information to existing research and theory.

Scholarly Paper

A theory-based discussion focused on exploring and analyzing new and current issues, trends, perspectives and models in the field of thanatology.

Symposium

A short essay or papers on a particular subject that will be submitted to be combined with other presenters on the same or similar topic or subject.

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Thursday, April 6

Concurrent Session IV (continued) 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Experiential Workshop

The Shared Death Experience: Profound Therapeutic Benefits

William Peters, MEd, MA

Experiential Workshop

Feeding the Bereaved: Balancing Somatic Aspects of Grief w/ Nutrition

Lyn Prashant, PhD; Frances Holmes, CNC

Experiential Workshop

Caring for Children of a Parent with Life-limiting Illness

Jean Hartford-Todd, BS, CCLS; Mallori Thompson, MA, LPCA

Panel Discussion



Research That Matters 2017: Psychologists and End of Life Care

David Balk, PhD, Elizabeth Goy, PhD; Dale Larson, PhD; Louis Gamino, PhD

Experiential Workshop

Shattering Grief: Expressive Therapy Tools for Grief Counseling

Claudia Coenen, CT, MTIS

Panel Discussion

Teaching that Matters: Revisiting Online Death Education: v.297

Illene Cupit, PhD; Darcy Harris, PhD; Janet McCord, PhD; Carrie Arnold, M.Ed



Indicates session will be webcast live.

Friday April 7

Concurrent Session V 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Scholarly Paper

Developing Death Awareness of Pre-Med Students in a College Course

William Hoy, DMin, FT

Practice Report

Somatic Interventions in Childhood and Teen Trauma, Grief and Loss

Coral Popowitz, MSW, LGSW

Bridging Research and Practice

An Evaluation of Camp Erin Toronto and its Impact on Caregivers

Victoria Pileggi, PhD(C); Ceilidh Eaton Russell, PhD(C), CCLS

Research Report – 30 Minutes

Amending Disenfranchised Grief Following Suicide

Zohar Gazit, PhD

Research Report – 30 Minutes

Complicated Grief, Pre-Death Relationship Quality, and Attachment

Melissa Smigelsky, MA, MS; Jamison Bottomley, MS; Benjamin Bellet, BS; Robert Neimeyer, PhD

Scholarly Paper



An Attachment Informed Approach to Adolescent Grief Therapy

Pamela Malone, PhD

Professional Case Presentation

Medical Marijuana: Contemporary Issues for Palliative Care

Franca Posner, MSW

Presentation Level

Each presentation identifies the knowledge/skill level required of the participant.
The level is indicated after the title in parentheses.

Introductory: Presentations that all participants (including undergraduate students) with any appropriate background will be able to fully comprehend and/or appreciate. Presentations will discuss concepts that are considered basic knowledge for those working in the field of thanatology.

Intermediate: Presentations that participants may more fully comprehend/appreciate if they have at least some work experience in the topic to be discussed.

Advanced: Presentations that require a high-level of previous knowledge or work experience in the particular area/topic to be discussed, or intended for specialists and those in advanced stages of their career.

Concurrent Session • Friday April 7

Concurrent Session V (continued) 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Personal Story

Lullabies Lost: How a Perinatal Loss Support Group Helped One Family

Paula Bunn, MA, MS; Glen Murdock, BS

Practice Report

Three Simple Strategies from Complicated Grief Treatment

Bonnie Gorscak, PhD

Concurrent Session VI 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Practice Report

Lesson Learned: Teaching a Course in Death Across Cultures

Bob Baugher, PhD

Research Report – 60 Minutes

The Grief Experiences of Graduate Counseling Students

Mary Alice Varga, PhD; Laura Wheat, PhD;
Brittany Pollard, PhD

Research Report – 60 minutes

The Role of Meaning in the Development of Complicated Grief

Evgenia Milman, MA; Robert Neimeyer, PhD

Practice Report

Understanding Caregiver Identity and Anticipatory Loss

Lisa Story, MSCP, LPC, CT

Scholarly Paper



Herr Doctor Sigmund Freud's Grief Marathon, 1933-1939

Harold Ivan Smith, DMin, FT

Professional Case Presentation

How to Use Celebration to Build Awareness and Foster Conversation

Kel McBride, MLS, CEOLS



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Cultural/Socialization concerns the effect of diverse cultural and social influences on the experience of death and loss.

Religious/Spiritual addresses the relationship that religious and spiritual belief systems have on the reaction to and coping with dying and bereavement.

Professional Issues deal with the factors that affect professionals' training, abilities and responsibilities in providing care to persons who are dying or bereaved.

Historical Perspective views the historical context, developments, and theoretical paradigms that influenced the death experience and in the development of the field of thanatology.

Contemporary Perspective provides the theoretical perspective, factual context and other factors which have influenced the current perspectives on the death experience and the field of thanatology.

Life Span considers the developmental perspectives on death and dying from the prenatal period to old age.

Institutional/Societal perspectives relate to the social organizations and institutions beyond the individual and family that affect the experience of dying, death and bereavement.

Family and Individual addresses the social, cognitive, physical, interpersonal, and emotional encounters, theories and interpretations of dying, death and bereavement from the standpoint of one's position within the group of people sharing a relational bond, commitment and who define themselves as "family."

Resources and Research involves materials, organizations and groups of individuals who study and facilitate the acquisition of knowledge. Moreover, resources involve the ideas and materials based upon the findings of empirical research and theoretical synthesis that add to the knowledge base of thanatology.

Ethical/Legal pertains to the aspects of dying, death or bereavement that concerns the principles of justice, fairness, and the determination of ethically appropriate options. Legal issues refer to the articulated laws of a society that pertain to thanatology.

Concurrent Session • Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8

Friday, April 7

Concurrent Session VII 2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Experiential Workshop

Introduction to the Contemplative Approach to End-of-Life Care

Youske Eto, LCSW

Experiential Workshop

Aesthetic Encounters: Embodiment of Personal Narrative at Life's End

Colin Funk, BCIT

Panel Discussion

The New Body of Knowledge: What is It and What Does it Mean?

Helen Chapple, PhD; Jon Reid, PhD; Greg Adams, MSW; Brianne Overton, MA

Panel Discussion

"Remembering Austin - Losing a Son, Redefining a Family"

Emerson Corley, MSW, LISW; Julie Kongs, NTS, CCSP

Experiential Workshop

"Mommy, What Does 'Died' Mean?" Experiential Work with Young Children

Linda Gill, MSN, MA

Panel Discussion



Our Work, Ourselves – Reflecting On Our Own Losses as Thanatologists

John Jordan, PhD; Kim Mooney; Janet McCord, PhD, FT; Simon Shimson Rubin, PhD

Practice Report

Mygrief.ca: A Loss and Grief Web-Based Interactive Tool for Families

Christopher J. MacKinnon, PhD; Shelly Corey, MA

Concurrent Session VIII 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.

Experiential Workshop

Interfaith Conversations with the Dying and the Bereaved

Terri Daniel, MA, CT



Indicates session will be webcast live.

Experiential Workshop

Difficult Conversations- "What Matters Most"

Celeste Miller, MA, LPC; Darwin Huartson, MDiv, BCC

Experiential Workshop

Powerful Play: Entering the World of Grieving Children

Hilary Harrington, MA ; Beth Kreyling, MA

Panel Discussion

Stories of Adaptive Grief: The Power of the Shared Grief Project

Donna Gaffney, DNSc; Julie Kaplow, PhD; Christopher Layne, PhD; Todd Arky, JD

Symposium



A Symposium in Honor of Phyllis Silverman

David Balk, PhD; J. Williams Worden, PhD; Illene Cupit, PhD; Simon Shimson Rubin, PhD

Experiential Workshop

Anxiety Complicates Everything – Especially Grief!

Ruth Williams, LCSW

Saturday, April 8

Concurrent Session IX 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Scholarly Paper

Digital Survivor Advocacy: Fighting So You May Never Know Our Pain

Carla Sofka, PhD

Personal Story

No Time to Mourn, Meeting the Needs of Young Widows with Children

Patricia Behrens, MS, LMFT

Research Report – 30 minutes

Grief in the Public Eye: Societal Expectations and Support Intentions

Emma Logan, BPsych(Hons)

Research Report – 30 Minutes

Dysfunctioning of Socially Constrained Bereaved Adults

Idil Aksoz-Efe, PhD; Ozgur Erdur-Baker, PhD

Concurrent Session • Saturday, April 8

Concurrent Session IX (continued) 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Research Report – 60 Minutes

Meaning-oriented Grief Group Therapy: A UK Pilot Study

Edith Steffen, PsychD; Daniela Alves, PhD; Ines Mendes, PhD

Bridging Research and Practice



The Impact of Parental Loss of a Child: Linking Theory and Practice

Phyllis Kosminsky, PhD

Professional Case Presentation

Children & Change: Helping Children Learn to Cope with Grief & Trauma

Carrie Bauer, LBSW

Practice Report

Engaging Medical Professionals in Discussion of Mortality and Grief

Peter Willig, LMFT, FT

Concurrent Session X 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Research Report – 30 minutes

CBT-based Grief Interventions for Dementia Caregivers

Franziska Meichsner, Dipl.-Psych, PhD

Research Report – 30 minutes

Loneliness as Nonfinite Loss: Experiences of Emerging Adults

Lara Schultz, PhD; Ann Laverty, PhD

Bridging Research and Practice

An Expressive-arts-based Life and Death Education: A Qualitative Study

Joshua Kin Man Nan, PhD; Katie Sin Ying Pang, PhD

Research Report – 30 minutes

African American Clergy and End-of-Life Medical Decision Making

David Crawford; William Hoy, PhD

Research Report – 30 minutes

Placing Dignity at the Center of End of Life Research

Brett Boeh, BA

Research Report – 30 minutes

A Qualitative Evaluation of a UK Peer Support Service for Sudden Loss

Edith Steffen, PsychD

Research Report – 30 minutes

Sibling Bereavement when Death is Drug Related: a Qualitative Study

Julie Perrin, Candidate Doctor of Social Work

Personal Story



GriefWork Network: Support and Education for Bereavement Providers

Jan Borgman, MSW, LISW-S, FT

Research Report – 60 minutes

The Process of Complicated Grief Group Therapy for Suicide Survivors

Katherine Supiano, PhD; Lara Haynes, BS

Research Report – 30 minutes

Providing Psychosocial Care to People with Severe Physical Symptoms

Brenda Bentley, PhD

Concurrent Session XI 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Scholarly Paper

Exploring: Complicated Grief and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

Christiane Manzella, PhD, FT

Practice Report

The INN Between: Haven for Dying and Medically Fragile Homeless in Utah

Mark de St. Aubin, MSW

Personal Story

Storytelling at the End of Life: Narratives of People Facing Death

Brenda Bentley, PhD

Professional Case Presentation

Student Bereavement Leave Policies: Benefits and Challenges

Sara Troup, MA



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Concurrent Session • Saturday, April 8

Concurrent Session XI (continued) 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Research Report – 60 Minutes

Grief and Assisted and Non-Assisted Death from a Terminal illness

Erica Srinivasan, PhD

Symposium

No One Grieves Alone: Relational Dimensions of Bereavement

Derrick Klaassen, PhD; B. Tammy Bartel, BA; Benjamin Bentum, BA; Marnie Venema, BA; Kristin Konieczny, BA, BPHE

Symposium

Hospice Experience: Student Nurses Perceptions of Care of the Dying

Paulette Dorney, PhD; Lori Pierangeli, PhD

Symposium

Structured Poetic Expressions for Adults Experiencing Bereavement

Kelcie Willis, BA; Sandra Gramling, PhD

Concurrent Session XII 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Scholarly Paper

The Need for Wisdom in Thanatology

Thomas Attig, PhD

Professional Case Presentation

Grief Support for Military School Children

Lynda Davis, PhD; Zaneta Gileno, MSSW

Practice Report

Good Grief! Restructuring a Comprehensive Bereavement Program

Alexandra Watson, MS, CCLS, CEIM

Research Report – 30 Minutes

The Influence of the Criminal Justice System on Homicide Bereavement

Evgenia Milman, MA, PhD Candidate

Research Report – 30 Minutes

General Practitioners' Understanding of Bereavement

Moirá O'Connor, PhD

Personal Story

Let's Talk About Death: Transforming the Last Taboo

Suzette Sherman, BS in Design Program; Sally Shannon, MA

Practice Report



Mindfulness & Grief: Self-Compassion as Self-Care

Heather Stang, MA

Experiential Workshop

Using Theatre to Start the Conversation

Elizabeth Coplan, BA; Carol Pendleton, MA, LMFT, CMHS, MHP, CPDPE; Victoria Heemstra, MA, LHMC

Presentation includes a live performance. Out of respect for the actors, please be prompt.

Concurrent Session XIII 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Practice Report

Grief Support in the Medical Examiner's Office

Susan Sefansky, MSW; Lisbeth Harcourt, MSW

Professional Case Presentation

Military Loss Cultural Competency

Zaneta Gileno, MSSW

Research Report – 60 Minutes

Grieving Children in Foster Care – Why Care?

Monique Mitchell, PhD

Research Report – 30 Minutes

The Role of Affection from Spouses in Coping with Bereavement

Xi Tian, MS

Professional Case Presentation



No Control; Consequences of Moral Distress in the ICU

Nancy Walter, DNP



Indicates session will be webcast live.

Concurrent Session • Saturday, April 8

Concurrent Session XIII (continued)
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Scholarly Paper

Unequal, Denied, and Misunderstood: Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Orders

Helen Chapple, PhD; Kim Mooney, BA, CT

Research Report – 60 Minutes

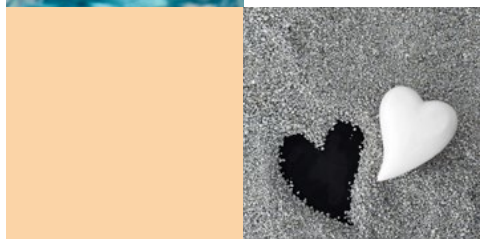
A RCT of Mindful-Compassion Art Therapy (MCAT) for End-of-Life Care

Andy Hau Yan, PhD, EdD, FT

Research Report – 30 Minutes

Being Single Influences Suicidal Thoughts in Breast Cancer Patients

Mary Hughes, MS



Poster Presentations • Thursday, April 6

College Student Grief, Grief Differences, and Family Communication

Heather Servaty-Seib, PhD; Chye Hong Liew

Yoga for Grief

Zalena Gileno

African Americans and Grief/Loss: Results from a National Survey

Jennifer Matthews, PhD

End-of-Life Dreams and Visions: The Capacity for Growth and Meaning

David Byrwa, MS; Rachel Depner, MS

"God Save the Queen"... from Grief?

Harold Ivan Smith, DMin

Grief and Loss and Stigma: One Step Closer to Breaking Down Barriers

Haley Burton, BA; Shea Chandler, BA; Julie Stevens, BA; Elisabeth Saucedo, BA; Jordan Zurcher, BA; Roxana Cordova, BA

Religious and Spiritual Correlates of Prolonged Grief Disorder

Lauren Breen, PhD

Constructing Conversation: Language Use in Hospice

Kelly Tenzek, PhD

Depression After Parental Death in Japan and the United States

Daisuke Ito, PhD

Facebook Status Update: Will This Help Me Grieve?

Hannah Fraser

Changes in Identity Experienced by Police Officers due to Disability

Beata Staszewski, MA; Janna Henning

Faculty Empathy & Attitudes for a Student Grief Leave of Absence Policy

Naomi Asselin, BFA

Handprints on the Soul: Legacy Building and Bereaved Families

Korie Leigh, PhD-c

Learning to Live with Loss: An Autoethnographic Journey

Nancy Truett, MS

Teaching Death and Dying to Non-Grieving Children

Kathryn Markell, PhD; Marc Markell, PhD

The Why and How of Writing through Loss Support Groups

Isabel Yuriko Stenzel Byrnes, MSW, MPH

Transformational Inter-professional Death Education

Mary Ann Clute, PhD; Rie Kobayashi, PhD

The Influence of Depression in Meaning-Centered Grief Therapy

Elizabeth Slivjak

Team Functioning and Health Care Provider/Parent Interaction

Betty Davies

Responding to Patient and Family Requests to "Do Everything"

Cathy Coleman

The Use of Art as an Approach for Nurses in Coping with Moral Distress

Faye Chan

Wolfelt's Mourner's Bill of Rights: Impact as a Mourner & Professional

Melissa Flint, PsyD

Support Needs of Caregivers: The Influence of Kinship Relationship

Greta Jankauskaite, MA; Kailey Roberts, MA; Elizabeth Slivjak, BA; Sherry Schachter, PhD, FT; Wendy Lichtenthal, PhD

Compassion Fatigue Among Perinatal Loss Care Providers in Japan

Shoko Horiuchi, MS; Caitlin Gannon, MS; Janice Harbarth, PhD; Rowena Gomez, PhD; Matthew Cordova, PhD

Death Memories, Meaning Making, and Death Anxiety

Kristi Dorsey; Christian Terry, BA; Alissa Dark-Freudeman, PhD; John Hollander, BA

Anomalous Post Death Encounters and Their Positive Impact on Experiencers

Edith Steffen, PhD

Using Family Member Feedback to Improve Bereavement Risk Screening

Kailey Roberts, MA; Greta Jankauskaite, MA; Elizabeth Slivjak, BA; Sherry Schachter, PhD; Wendy Lichtenthal, PhD

Time and Complicated Grief

Tania Alves, PhD

Identifying Complicated Grief through the TRIG

Tania Alves, PhD

Poster Presentations • Friday, April 7

A Solitary Death:

The Phenomenon of Elders Dying Alone

Kelly Niles-Yokum, PhD; Nikki Shipley, PhD; Ning Tao, MS;
Fabiola Palacios, BS

Constructing Belonging of Cancer Patients with Migrant Background

Louise Lund Holm Thomsen, PhD

Death Ends a Life, Not a Relationship: Relational Grieving in Families

B. Tammy Bartel, BA

Drawn Together:

Art Therapy Workshops for Grieving Families

Malinda Hill, MA

How Children Process Grief with Involvement in Post-death Rituals

Jillian Blueford, MA; Nancy Thacker, PhD

The Little Orphan Who Lived From Pillar to Post: A Transforming Journey

Amelia Carroll, MS,CT

Awareness of Bereavement Policies in Higher Education

Bryan Rieben, SSW

Community Attitudes Towards Bereavement Counseling

Lauren Breen, PhD

The Effect of Caregiving on Bereavement Outcome

Lauren Breen, PhD

Reactions to Grief Among Diverse College Students in New York City

Agnes Wolowiec, MA; Stephanie Magloire, BS;
Tracy Chu, PhD

Exploring Grief in Pet Owners' Experiences of Euthanasia

Cori Bussolari, PsyD; Wendy Packman, PhD, JD

Social Isolation and Self-Esteem Among Adolescents at a Grief Camp

Dan Wolfson, PsyD

Transit from Life to Death:

Expressive Arts Therapy in End of Life Care

Julie Yui-Lam Fung, Master of Expressive Arts Therapy;
Joshua Kin-Man Nan, PhD

Cultural Competency in Supporting Families During Traumatic Loss

Lisbeth Harcourt, Master Social Work; Kelly Klein

Giving a Home to Grief

David Roth, dipl. Betriebswirt

In Memory: Preferences for Memorializing the Self and Lost Loved Ones

Susan Bluck, PhD

Religion & Culture in End of Life: Institutionalised Elderly in Kashi

Dipannita Chand, PhD

Tangible Memory Artifacts for Intangible Reproductive Losses

Ramona Fernandez, PhD

The Bereavement and Social Media Use Continuum

Mary Alice Varga, PhD; David Balk, PhD

Late Adolescents Coping with Grief and Loss

Dana Matthews, PhD

Role of Continuing Bonds & Widowed Remarriage on Marital Satisfaction

Christina Schultz, MA

When a Student Dies:

Loss and Grief in a Counselor Education Program

Margaret Agee

A Personal Story: How Camps Can Be Effective With The Grieving Process

Samantha Martinez

Death Memory Narratives and Meaning Making: A Qualitative Study

Christian Terry, BA; Alissa Dark-Freudeman, PhD; Kristi Dorsey; John Hollander, BA

Focus Group: Nepali Students in the U.S. During the 2015 Earthquakes

Sara Tedrick Parikh, PhD; Colleen Callahan-Panday, MA;
Meghana Suchak, PhD; Tamara Klimek, High School Student

Perinatal Complicated Grief: Implications for Clinicians

Nicole Alston, MSW

Teaching Thanatology in a Clinical Psychology Graduate Program

Janna Henning, JD, PsyD, FT

Transit from life to death: Expressive arts therapy in end of life care

Julie Yui-Lam Fung, MA; Joshua Kin-Man Nan, PhD

Mindful Photography and its Implications in End-of-Life Caregiving

Jessica Thomas, Dr. of Philosophy in Psychology

Special Activities

New Member/First-time Attendee Gathering

Wednesday, April 5 **5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

Join with other new members and first-time attendees to learn how to get the most from your conference experience. You will learn how to navigate to program, make decisions about events to attend, and interact with other ADEC members, both new and old.

Welcome Reception

Wednesday, April 5 **5:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**

Join ADEC President Janet McCord at the opening of the conference. This event will offer an opportunity for all conference attendees to interact socially in a relaxed environment. Network with committee chairs as they will be available to speak with around the room.

Awards Ceremonies

Thursday, April 6 **8:00 a.m.**

Friday, April 7 **8:00 a.m.**

Saturday, April 8 **4:00 p.m.**

Help us recognize this year's award recipients. Everyone is invited to attend the Awards Ceremony, which will take place prior to each day's keynote address.

ADEC Book Fair

Thursday, April 6 **9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The book fair is a chance for authors and self-publishers to sell their titles to all attendees, and sign books as well. In addition to larger publishers selling titles in the exhibit hall, the fair will feature space for those who self-publish or can't exhibit. This event is free to participate. All authors are responsible for delivering their own book supply to the meeting, handling all sales, taxes, etc. The Book Fair is available all day Thursday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and then 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. The authors can choose to stay at the table all day or just during the hours of 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Not a self-publisher? You can participate and sign books, with the publishers selling your book in the exhibit hall.

Contemplation/Reflection Room

Thursday, April 6 **9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Friday, April 7 **9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Saturday, April 8 **9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

A special room has been set aside to provide for quiet reflection. As we all know, life is full of changes and transitions, love and loss, but seldom are we given permission and time just to stop and reflect. Take time to do so in the Contemplation/Reflection Room.

The Rituals Archive Project Room

Thursday, April 6 **9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Friday, April 7 **9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Saturday, April 8 **9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Conference attendees are encouraged to bring a token remembrance of someone deceased and a paragraph or two explaining the meaning of the object for display in the Rituals Archive Project Room. The items and descriptions will serve to connect the legacy of the deceased and tell how it sustains and supports their surviving loved ones. The goal of the Rituals Archive Project is to highlight the cultural and ethnic uniqueness and diversity of ADEC members' symbols of remembrance.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 6 **10:00 a.m. – Noon**

This forum promotes sensitivity for multiculturalism and diversity and aims to increase programmatic focus on issues relevant to ethnic minority groups. All are welcome.

Pet Remembrance Service

Thursday, April 6 **7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

The loss of a companion pet can be a difficult grief, so come and share it with others who have faced a similar loss. Bring a photo to share and/or a brief story to share with the attendees, if desired.

Special Activities

Exhibit Schedule

Wednesday, April 5

Welcome Reception 5:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 6

Refreshment Break 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Book Fair 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Refreshment Break 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Refreshment Break 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Refreshment Break 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Open Exhibit Hall 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Certification Informational Meeting

Friday, April 7 7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

Learn about the process and requirements for earning Certification in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement and the Fellow in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement.

Student and New Professionals Meeting

Friday, April 7 7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

All students and new professionals are welcome to attend this meeting, meet leaders in the field and establish connections.

Service of Remembrance

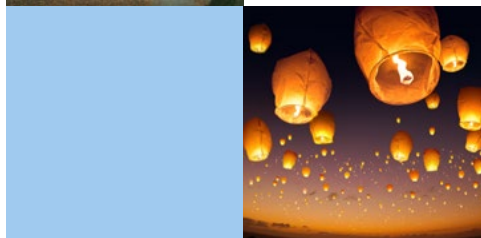
Friday, April 7 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Join other attendees in remembering loved ones. Request names to be included in the ADEC memorial book at the registration desk so that their memories will remain a part of the life of ADEC.

ADEC Business Meeting

Saturday, April 8 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Don't miss the ADEC Business Meeting. ADEC leaders will speak about the accomplishments of the past year. Members can learn about the day-to-day work of their association. All are welcome.



Registration Information

Three Ways to Register

1. Online	Register via the secure ADEC website . Online payment is by credit card (Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover, in US Dollars only).
2. Mail	Association for Death Education and Counseling Attn: Tonya Cabrera One Parkview Plaza Suite 800 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
3. Fax	Fax the registration form with credit card information to +1-847-686-2253 (Payment by credit card only) Note: If you fax a registration with credit card payment DO NOT mail an additional copy.

Caution: If you submit your registration form more than once, it may result in a duplicate charge to your credit card. Only one method of payment can be used per registration. Credit cards accepted: Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover, in US Dollars only.

Discounted Rates:

ADEC Members may register at a special member rate. Student Members and Nonmembers may register at a special student rate. Senior Members and Nonmembers may register at a special senior rate.

View conference registration [categories and fees](#).

Confirmation Letters

ADEC's web-based registration system acknowledges online registrations immediately via e-mail. You will receive a confirmation/receipt to the e-mail address provided on the registration form shortly after your registration is complete. ADEC will confirm registrations received by fax and mail within 14 days of receipt via e-mail as well. Note: ADEC is unable to confirm registration earlier than two weeks after the submission date if you do not provide an e-mail address. If you do not receive confirmation after two weeks, e-mail Tonya Cabrera at ADEC Headquarters.

Payment Instructions

Registrations must include payment by check (drawn on a U.S. bank), credit card or bank transfer of funds in U.S. dollars. Wire transfers within North America will incur a \$30 fee and wire transfers outside of North America will incur a \$45 fee. ADEC cannot accept registrations by telephone. ADEC will not accept registrations without full payment. Caution: If you submit your registration form more than once, it may result in a duplicate charge to your credit card. Send your registration using only one method of payment.

Cancellation Policy

To cancel your registration, you must submit notice in writing to ADEC headquarters by February 8, 2017. ADEC will charge a \$75 USD cancellation fee for written cancellations that arrive at ADEC headquarters by February 8, 2017. ADEC will not issue refunds for cancellations received after February 8, 2017.

Photography Acknowledgement

By registering for this conference, you acknowledge that your photograph may be taken at the event for purposes of documenting the meeting and that it may be used in informational articles or future promotions for this organization's activities.

Exhibit and Support Opportunities

You are invited to participate as an exhibitor or supporter at the Association for Death Education and Counseling 39th Annual Conference. It is through the participation of our exhibitors and supporters that we keep attendee registration fees to a minimum while maintaining the high quality programming that has made ADEC the leading professional organization for mental and medical health personnel, hospice and bereavement professionals, educators, clergy, funeral directors and psychologists.

For information on exhibiting and supporting at the ADEC 39th Annual Conference, contact, [Tonya Cabrera](#) at ADEC headquarters with questions about exhibit or support opportunities, or to reserve your space. If you would like to personalize your support, call +1-847-686-2377

General Information

All educational sessions will take place at the conference hotel:

Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront

1401 SW Naito Parkway

Portland, OR 97201

Tel: +1-503-226-7600

Fax: +1-503-221-1789

ADEC has negotiated discounted rates with the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront of \$162 USD per night for single/double, \$172 for triple and \$182 for a quad occupancy room. All rates are subject to federal, state and local taxes (currently 14.5%)

Discounted rooms are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. ADEC room rates apply only to reservations made by: March 13, 2017 (provided rooms are still available in the ADEC room block). Reservation requests made after this date will be confirmed on a space-available basis at prevailing hotel rates.

The conference rate will apply for the nights of Sunday, April 2, through Monday, April 10 (three (3) days prior and three (3) post meeting). Rates are subject to daily incidentals and state and city taxes per room, per night. Cancellations must be made 48 hours before the day of arrival to avoid a cancellation fee of one night's room and tax.

To book your hotel, [click here](#).

To reserve a room:

Call the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront at +1-503-226-7600. Be sure to identify yourself with ADEC's three letter code, **DEC**, in order to receive the discounted rate.

Discount deadline: **March 13, 2017.**

Roommate Service:

For assistance in finding a roommate, contact **Tonya Cabrera**. We will send you a list of other registrants looking for a roommate. It is your responsibility to contact someone on the roommate list and make your reservation with the hotel directly. When e-mailing Tonya, please include arrival and departure dates, your gender, city and country you reside in and smoking preference so we can try to find suitable matches.

Ground Transportation

Portland International Airport (PDX) is 9 miles and approximately 20 minutes by car from the hotel. Taxi fare is approximately \$50 one way. Shuttle transportation is available to and from PDX by Blue Star shuttle service for \$14 one way. [View the schedule](#) on their website.

If you are driving, follow Airport Way East and merge onto Interstate 205 South/Veterans Memorial Highway toward Interstate 84/Portland/Salem. Continue to exit 31B and merge onto Interstate 84 West/US-30 West. Take the Interstate 5 South exit on the left toward Beaverton/Salem/City Center and proceed to the City Center exit. Keep right and take the ramp for Morrison Street/City Center. Make a slight right onto Morrison Bridge then take the ramp for Naito Parkway/Interstate 5 South/Salem. Keep right and take the Front Avenue ramp toward Interstate 5 South/Salem. The hotel will be 1/2 mile on the right.

Parking

For the convenience of our guests, the hotel offers valet parking in its underground garage. Rates include in/out privileges. Please note, due to the limited height, oversized vehicles, toppers or trailers will be accepted with a \$3 fee per day.

Valet: \$37.00 a day

Internet

Wi-Fi is complimentary for ADEC attendees in guest rooms and meeting areas.

Travel VISAS

Visit the [U.S. State Department website](#) for step-by-step instructions on the process for obtaining a temporary visa. If you need to obtain a Letter of Invitation for a travel visa, please contact **Tonya Cabrera**.



ADEC 39th Annual Conference Registration Form

April 5–8, 2017 • Pre-Conference Institute: April 4–5, 2017

Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, OR USA

Given Name/First Name Surname/Family Name/Last Name

Institution/Company/University/Hospital/Organization Job Title

Street Address

City State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code Country

Work Phone Work Fax

E-mail Address

Emergency Contact Name (during meeting) Emergency Contact Phone/Pager (during meeting)

☐ New Contact Information – Check here if you would like us to update your ADEC record with the contact information you listed above.

☐ Check here if you do NOT want to be included on the Pre-Registration List

Please indicate if you are a ☐ First-Time Attendee ☐ New ADEC Member ☐ Address Update

Not an ADEC Member? Join ADEC today for the year 2017 and receive the discounted member registration rate!

ADEC Conference and Membership Packages Register for the conference and join/renew for 2017

	Jan. 14 to March 2, 2017	After March 2, 2017 and Onsite	
☐ Individual Membership and Conference	\$722 US	\$762 US	\$_____
☐ New Professional Year 1 Membership and Conference	\$501 US	\$541 US	\$_____
☐ New Professional Year 2 Membership and Conference	\$530 US	\$ 570 US	\$_____
☐ New Professional Year 3 Membership and Conference	\$559 US	\$599 US	\$_____
☐ Student Membership and Conference	\$400 US	\$440 US	\$_____
☐ Senior Membership and Conference	\$520 US	\$560 US	\$_____

Conference-only Fees

☐ Individual Member	\$510 US	\$550 US	\$_____
☐ New Professional Members 1-3 years	\$375 US	\$415 US	\$_____
☐ Student Member/Nonmember	\$310 US	\$350 US	\$_____
☐ Senior Member/Nonmember	\$420 US	\$460 US	\$_____
☐ Nonmember	\$710 US	\$750 US	\$_____

One-Day Only Registration

One-day registrations are permitted for a single day's attendance and cannot be combined into a two-day registration. Attendance of more than one day requires the purchase of a full conference registration.

☐ ADEC Member, Senior (65+) Member	\$260 US	\$280 US	\$_____
☐ Nonmember	\$345 US	\$365 US	\$_____
☐ New Professional Members (1-3 years)	\$200 US	\$220 US	\$_____
☐ ADEC Full-Time Student and Full-Time Student Nonmember (ID required)	\$125 US	\$145 US	\$_____

Check one: ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday

Pre-Conference Institute (From Pre-Conference Institute Program Registration Form)

☐ Professional Development Course (From Pre-Conference Institute Registration Form) \$_____

☐ Specialty Workshops (From Pre-Conference Institute Registration Form) \$_____

Continuing Education Credits (CEC)/ADEC CT and FT Contact Documentation

☐ ADEC Member (all member types)	\$ 60 US	\$_____
☐ Nonmember	\$ 75 US	\$_____

Total Fees: \$_____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Register online, or mail or fax your completed registration form with payment to ADEC headquarters by **March 17, 2017**. After this date, only onsite registrations will be accepted.

- Register online at **www.adec.org**
Payment by credit card required
- Mail this form with payment to:
Association for Death Education and Counseling
Attn: Tonya Cabrera One Parkview Plaza,
Suite 800
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
- **Fax both sides of this form**
with payment to: +1-847-686-2253
Payment by credit card required

Americans With Disabilities Act

ADEC complies with the legal requirements of the ADA and the rules and regulations thereof. Please use this registration form to notify ADEC of any special needs.



Please indicate any special needs

All fees are in US dollars. Payment must be made in US funds drawn on a US bank.

Cancellations

Notification of cancellation must be submitted to ADEC in writing. A \$75 cancellation fee will apply to cancellations received by February 8, 2017. No refunds for cancellations received after February 8, 2017.

Credit card registrations may be faxed to +1-847-686-2253, Attn: Tonya Cabrera.

Questions?

Call +1-847-686-2240

Email: info@adec.org

Onsite Photography

By registering for this meeting, you authorize that photos that may be taken of you while attending the 39th Annual Meeting can be used for marketing purposes.

Payment

☐ Check (US dollars only; payable to: Association for Death Education and Counseling)

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

☐ American Express ☐ Discover

ADEC Taxpayer ID# 52-1051036

Print Name (as it appears on credit card)

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date (mm/yy)

Signature

Date

Pre-Conference Institute Registration Form

Register for either Professional Development Courses or the Specialty Workshops – NOT BOTH

If you are registering for a Professional Development Course or Specialty Workshops, this form must be completed and submitted with the completed conference registration form in order for your Pre-Conference Institute registration to be processed.

Visit the ADEC website
www.adec.org
for detailed descriptions of
Professional Development Courses
and Specialty Workshops

Given Name/First Name

M.I.

Surname/Family Name/Last Name

Professional Development Course Registration

Professional Development Courses do not include lunch.

Each course listed below lasts 2 full days, Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- ☐ Essentials of Thanatology: Dying, Death, and Bereavement
Faculty: Darcy Harris, PhD, RSW, FT and Andy Ho, PhD, EdD, FT
- ☐ Intermediate Course: Grief Counseling
Faculty: Louis Gamino, PhD, ABPP, FT
- ☐ Advanced Course: Complicated Bereavement and Grief Therapy
Faculty: Robert A. Neimeyer, PhD

Professional Development two day course fees:

- ☐ ADEC Member
- ☐ Nonmember
- ☐ New Professional Members (1-3)
- ☐ ADEC Full-Time Student Member and Nonmember or Senior (65+) Member and Nonmember

Jan. 14, 2017
to March 2, 2017

After March 2, 2017
and Onsite

\$400	\$440
\$540	\$580
\$320	\$360
\$280	\$320

Professional Development total

\$ _____

OR

Specialty Workshops

Specialty Workshops do not include lunch.

Wednesday, April 5

Full Day Workshop:

Wednesday, April 5, Full Day Workshops 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- ☐ Responding to Victims of Mass Violence: The Restorative Work of Victims Assistance and Violent Death Grief Counseling
Presenter: Dr. Ted Rynearson, MD and Harold C. Dickens, PhD

Wednesday, April 5, Full Day Workshops 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- ☐ The Helper's Journey 2.0: Working with People Facing Grief, Loss, and Life-Threatening Illness
Presenter: Dale Larson, PhD

Full Day Workshop Fees:

	Jan. 14, 2017 to March 2, 2017	After March 2, 2017 and Onsite
☐ ADEC Member	\$210	\$230
☐ Nonmember	\$270	\$300
☐ New Professional Members (1-3)	\$200	\$220
☐ ADEC Full-Time Student Member and Nonmember or Senior (65+) Member and Nonmember	\$180	\$200

Full Day Workshop Total

\$ _____

Half Day Workshops:

Wednesday, April 5, Half Day Workshops

Morning 8:30 a.m. – Noon

- ☐ A Conversational Reading from Sky Above Clouds: Finding our Way through Creativity, Aging and Illness
Presenter: Wendy Miller, PhD, LPC-BCPC, ATR-BC, LCPAT, REAT
- ☐ Responding to the Needs of Grieving Young Adults
Presenter: Donna Schuurman, EdD, FT and Jana DeCristofaro, LCSW

Afternoon 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- ☐ The Power of Narrative: Re-Storying a Loss to Acknowledge and Encourage Growth
Presenter: Hope Edelman
- ☐ Begin with the End in Mind: Death Notifications and Child/Teen Grief
Presenter: Michelle A. Post, MA, LMFT

Half Day Workshop Fees

NOTE: the fees listed below is "per" workshop.

	Jan. 14, 2017 to March 2, 2017	After March 2, 2017 and Onsite
☐ ADEC Member	\$165	\$205
☐ Nonmember	\$305	\$345
☐ New Professional Members (1-3)	\$320	\$360
☐ ADEC Full-Time Student Member and Nonmember or Senior (65+) Member and Nonmember	\$280	\$320

Half Day Workshop Total

\$ _____

Total (Record on appropriate line on the main registration form)

\$ _____