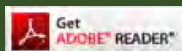


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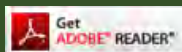
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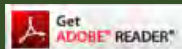
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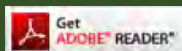
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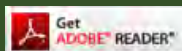
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Exhibit space is \$75 per table. That is a good price for a conference that we anticipate will draw people from all over the United States, and internationally. We want you to be here and to welcome you personally.

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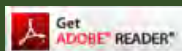
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

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8:30-10 a.m. 	 <p>Pre-conference Workshop: Session 1 - Room 339 <i>Ronald Barrett, Ph.D., CT, Professor of Psychology, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, Calif.</i></p> <p>The Silent Epidemic of Depression among Black Males</p> <p>Ronald K. Barrett, Ph.D., is a professor of psychology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He is an internationally recognized specialist on the study of cross-cultural differences in death, dying and funeral rites, publishing widely on African American funeral practices and multicultural perspectives. Dr. Barrett is a member of the Association of Death Education and Counseling and the founder and chair of its People of Color Forum and Multiculturalism Committee. He is also a member of the Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists, and the International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement. A speaker, social advocate, and researcher, Barrett is author of numerous scholarly projects on children, youth and death and dying.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore and overview on depression and males 2. Appreciate universal sex-typing for males 3. Examine depression among Black males
10-10:15 a.m.	Break - <i>Heritage Lounge</i>
10:15-11:45 a.m.	Depression and Black Males (continued) - Room 339 <i>Ronald Barrett, Ph.D., CT, Professor of Psychology, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, Calif.</i>
11:45 a.m.-4 p.m.	Bookstore - <i>Room 337</i> <i>Hosted by the Centering Corporation</i>
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Lunch - <i>Ward Room</i>
12:45-2:15 p.m.	<p>Pre-conference Workshop: Session 2 - Room 339 <i>Richard B. Gilbert, D. Min., Ph.D., CT, Elgin, Ill.</i></p> <p>Living, Loving, Losing: The Grief that Comes When Intimacy is Lost or Compromised</p> <p>Rev. Richard B. Gilbert, PhD, D.Min., CT has been participating in this</p>



conference for many years, both as a presenter and a member of the "family". He supposedly "retired" but teaches graduate courses at Benedictine University of Illinois, Black Hawk – East Community College, Mercy College, Marian University (Wisconsin) and serves as the John D. Morgan Chair of Pastoral Psychology, the Graduate Theological Foundation. He currently is co-editing a new study on grief and human sexuality, *Living, Loving, Losing* and a textbook on the ongoing struggles of our veterans as a result of the war(s) in Vietnam, Iraq and elsewhere. He resides in Galesburg, IL where he spends much of his time spoiling Andrew, his grandson. He has just started his 48th season officiating high school basketball.

Objectives:

1. Develop a working definition of intimacy that balances individual choices and professional tasks.
2. Provide basic formulae to hear and interpret a person's story, goals and barriers to fulfilling those goals.
3. Clarify what can reasonably be asked of us (by ourselves or by others) as we become of another person's story.
4. Demonstrate the role of "checking in", tracking the experience with the client, what we can and cannot offer, negotiation and referral.

2:15-2:30 p.m.

Break - *Room 337*

2:30-4 p.m.

Living, Loving, Losing: The Grief that Comes When Intimacy is Lost or Compromised (continued) - *Room 339*
Richard B. Gilbert, D. Min., Ph.D., CT, Elgin, Ill.

Conference Schedule

June 6, 2011

Time	Activity
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Registration - <i>Levee Lounge</i> Continental Breakfast - <i>Room 337</i>
8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	Exhibits and Bookstore - <i>Hosted by Centering Corporation - Room 337</i>
8:30-9 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Ceremony - <i>Room 339</i>
9-10:30 a.m.	<div data-bbox="568 1255 714 1453" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Keynote Session - <i>Room 339</i></p> <p><i>Ken Doka, BA, MA, Ph.D., Professor of Gerontology, Graduate School of the College of New Rochelle, N.Y.; Consultant, Hospice Foundation of America</i></p> <p>Grieving Beyond Gender, Understanding the Ways Men and Women Mourn</p> <p>A prolific author, Dr. Doka's books include <i>Grieving beyond Gender: Understanding the Ways Men and Woman Mourn; Men Don't Cry, Women Do: Transcending Gender Stereotypes of Grief; Death and Spirituality; and Aging and Developmental Disabilities</i>. Dr. Doka is editor of both <i>Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying</i> and <i>Journeys: A Newsletter to Help in Bereavement</i>. He has keynoted conferences throughout North America as well as Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. He participates in the annual Hospice Foundation of America Teleconference and has appeared on CNN and Nightline. In addition, he has served as a consultant to medical, nursing, funeral service and hospice organizations as well as businesses and educational and social service agencies. Dr. Doka is an ordained Lutheran minister.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe institutional, intuitive, blended patterns grief and their theoretical and research basis. 2. Discuss how each pattern facilitate or complicate the grieving process. 3. Identify the pathways to grieving patterns. 4. Describe intervention techniques for each pattern.

10:30-11 a.m.	Break - <i>Room 337</i>
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<p>Concurrent Sessions (choose one)</p> <p>A Gung Ho Approach to Honor Military Grief - Room 339 <i>Laurel Burnett, M.A., LMHC, NCC, Bereavement Services, Hospice of the Sandias, Albuquerque, N.M.</i> Men comprise 85% of the U.S. Armed Forces. Military servicemen and veterans face both unique and universal losses throughout the life span, such as: training and deployment casualties, separation from families, pre & post deployment adjustment, military-to-civilian career transition, separation and divorce, post traumatic stress disorder, mental illness, substance abuse, traumatic brain injury, living with disabilities, retirement, advanced care planning, and end-of-life issues. Strategies to support the grief process as experienced by servicemen and veterans will be explored.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify unique (armed services-related) and universal grief challenges for military members and veterans, such as: deployment stress, casualties, impact on interpersonal relationships (separation from families, separation and divorce), injuries, disabilities, end-of-life care, etc. 2. Examine case studies of "best-practice providers and innovative care" to support male military populations related to diverse grief themes and complex losses. 3. Describe diverse and innovative resources (that professional providers, caring community members, and concerned citizens can be aware of) to provide supportive services to military members and veterans across the life span. 4. Identify strategies to create connectivity and promote strength-based resiliency when working with military members and veterans. <p>Expected and Unexpected Loss – A Child and Parents - Room 326 <i>Kent Koppelman, Ph.D., Educational Studies, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wis.</i> This presentation addresses the search for meaning in the aftermath of loss. The presenter will describe his responses as a father to an unexpected loss (a son) and as a son to expected deaths (parents). This presentation will be interactive – not a monologue based on one man's experience, but a dialogue exploring our collective perceptions of death and grief. The presentation will conclude by connecting the deaths of loved ones with feelings and thoughts involved in anticipating one's own death. The discussion will not focus on answers but on questions that cannot be fully answered concerning the mystery of life and death. This exploration of death and grief is intended to address the nature of grief for men as well as women, and its role in our human experience.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore the role of personal rituals in mourning and how they help the bereaved invent a process of grief. 2. Discuss responses to an expected death and an unexpected death and to explore how they are similar and different. 3. Discuss personal perspectives about mortality in the context of religious beliefs and cultural assumptions. <p>Men, Psychache, and Suicide: A Shneidman Perspective - Room 340 <i>Janet McCord, Ph.D., PT</i> According to the NIMH, white men age 85 and older are most likely to die by suicide, and do so at the rate of 49.8/100,000. Four times more men than women complete suicide; just being male is a risk factor. White male psychologists have the highest rate of professional suicides, and the suicide rate among active duty military and veterans has risen each year for the past five years. Those who work in the field of death, dying, grief and bereavement can benefit from a more comprehensive knowledge of suicide, its causes, prevention strategies, and bereavement after suicide. This presentation will offer a general overview of suicide, the different perspectives regarding the causes of suicide, strategies for prevention and postvention (bereavement), with particular attention to the issues of men and suicide.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss suicide statistics among the elderly and in the state of Wisconsin. 2. Differentiate psychache from other approaches. 3. Identify strategies for helping the bereaved because of suicide. 4. Discuss gender differences with respect to suicide, suicide prevention and postvention.
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch - <i>Ward Room</i>
1:30-3 p.m.	Keynote Session - Room 339



Harold Ivan Smith, D.Min., FT, Northern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Momma's Dead and Daddy's on Viagra: Elder Widowers, Viagra and New Romantic Relationships

It is estimated that 80% of the 2.168 million American widowers (65 years and older) have one or more chronic diseases that impact sexual functioning, performance, and satisfaction. Phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors such as Viagra, Cialis, and Levitra, may actually lead to the establishment of--and enhanced enjoyment in-- new sexual relationships for widowers. Can sexual intimacy, facilitated by these pharmaceuticals, distract widowers from grief work by triggering "replacement" relationships or facilitating a sexual bypass to anesthetize emotional pain? This presentation will examine the responses of three groups of widowers: traditionalists, transitionalists, and transformationalists. Given the taboo attached to elder sexual expression in American culture, this presentation offers guidance for thanatologists and clinicians.

Objectives:

1. Explore the popularity and impact of phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors.
2. Identify characteristics of widower responses to sexual enhancing pharmaceuticals.
3. Develop strategies and sensitivities for grievers dealing with these issues.

3-3:15 p.m.

Break - *Room 337*

3:15-4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

I'm Not The Man I Was: Reflections on Becoming a Widower - *Room 326*

Robert Howell, B.A., M.A., Death & Bereavement Support & Education, B.C., Canada

The death of a wife plunges the surviving husband into confusing, terrifying, isolating and heart rending feelings and experiences as survivors try to make sense of something that seems to make no sense. The experience raises questions about the relationship between loss and grief, and emerging meanings and transitions in identity. Howell shares his work with widowed men in grief support programs and reflects upon his experience after the death of his wife in 1990. This presentation will focus on the intertwined questions of profound loss, the search for meanings that follow on such a loss and the impact that search has on the reshaping of identities. Who are we becoming and why?

Objectives:

1. Identify the unique losses and grieving upon the death of a spouse.
2. Explore the social sources of identity and how loss and grief are influenced.
3. Describe the difference between intuitive and instrumental grief.
4. Describe grief as reconciliation with loss and a process of relearning.

Grief & Violence - *Room 340*

Peter Ford, M.Div., STM, BCC, CT, Director, Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, Va.

Duane Pope was a football hero and a campus nice guy - quiet but liked and respected by peers and professors alike. He also killed three people as a young man, severely injured a fourth and triggered a community trauma in a tiny Nebraska town. This 1965 tragedy is the focus of this presentation. Why Duane killed remains a mystery. The contentment, stability, and peace Duane feels in prison where he remains today are also a mystery. This session explores some significant losses that Duane Pope experienced before the murders as possible answers.

Objectives:

1. Describe signals of distress after a loss that may lead to violent actions.
2. Clarify whether grief issues may have played a role leading to the tragedy in Big Springs.
3. Discuss effective interventions to head off violence by grieving men before it erupts.

Men: Letting Go of Our Armor - *Room 339*


Doug Smith, B.A., M.Div., M.A., M.S., author, trainer, speaker and consultant, Madison, Wis.

The workshop explores how "emotional armor" is used in an attempt to protect ourselves and establish an image of being in control. Putting on this armor, however, protects us from growth and healing and communicates a fear of losing control and a fear of being authentic. The workshop will show how "manliness" comes in accepting that moments of greatest growth and healing are inseparably linked with moments of greatest pain, suffering and vulnerability. Letting go of the armor are inseparably linked with moments of greatest wisdom and maturity.

Objectives:

1. Describe the dangers of putting on "emotional armor" in the face of human tragedy and loss.
2. Discuss the advantages of letting go of "emotional armor" in our efforts to grow and heal in the midst of tragedy and loss.
3. Explain tools and techniques that can assist in eliminating our own armor as caregivers and the armor of our care recipients.

June 7, 2011

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9-10:30 a.m.	<p>Keynote Session - Room 339</p>  <p><i>Rana Limbo, Ph.D., RN, PMHCNS-BC, Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation, La Crosse, Wis.</i> <i>Dennis Pronschinske, father</i> <i>Tim Petersen, father</i></p> <p>Father's Grief: When a Child Dies</p> <p>Dr. Limbo has been involved in perinatal bereavement care and education for nearly three decades. She is a co-author of <i>When a Baby Dies: A Handbook for Healing and Helping</i>. As a researcher, Limbo did groundbreaking research about miscarriage. She is currently involved in research on miscarriage and caregiver suffering and uses GP to educate perinatal bereavement professionals. A former psychotherapist, Limbo is a contributing author of position statements on Screening for Prenatal and Postpartum Depression and Childbearing Loss and Grief. Limbo is a member of the International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement (IWG), an invitational international organization of approximately 150 members that seeks to advance and nurture the development of the field.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe three current research findings on bereaved fathers. 2. List three perceived social expectations of fathers who are grieving. 3. Discuss responses of others when a child dies.
10:30-11 a.m.	Break - <i>Room 337</i>
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<p>Concurrent Sessions (choose one)</p> <p>One Man's Creativity-Based Approach to the Grieving Process - Room 340 <i>Ed Gray</i></p> <p>Creativity was my primary basis for coping with a nearly overwhelming grieving situation. It started as journaling, but then the focus shifted to writing poetry to handle the myriad of my experiences and deep emotions of grieving from the deaths of my mother, father, and especially my wife (from a three year battle with ALS). Personal growth in many areas of creativity enabled my healthy grieving journey. The presentation is my story and focuses on how a man utilized poetry and other aspects of creativity for successfully navigating his grieving process.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the steps in establishing an effective writing approach to dealing with grieving 2. Identify how poetry can be used to express the feelings, emotions, and experiences through the grieving process. 3. Explain how creativity enabled a man to cope with grieving and its effects on relationships <p>Suddenly Single – The Unique Needs of Young Widows and Widowers - Room 326 <i>Sandi Moore, MSE, NCC, Ed.D.</i></p> <p>Young widows and widowers face multiple issues as they transition from the state of being married to the state of being widowed. Widowed persons adapt in different ways. The variance stems from factors including personality, age, work experience, education, finances, circumstances of their spouse's death, faith, support systems, whether they have children at</p>

home, mental health functionality before the death, and personal resiliency (Doka, 2007). This presentation will focus on barriers facing persons widowed before age 50, as many of their needs differ from those of older widowed individuals.

Objectives:

1. Gain insight into the issues of young widowed persons and how these differ from needs of older grieving spouses.
2. State the barriers to healing faced by young griever.
3. Discover ideas for supporting young grieving spouses.

Bereaved Boomers Talk in Widowhood: Or do they? Experiences of Formal Bereavement Care Among Bereaved Boomer Spouses - Room 339

Laurel Hilliker, M.A., Ph.D. in Sociology, Paralegal Certification by the American Bar Association, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.

This presentation examines the preliminary findings from a dissertation on baby boomer experiences of formal bereavement care for spouses. Drawing from interviews with widows and widowers, the reasons why some people leave support groups after only a few sessions while others attend all sessions and several groups are explored. Looking at the gender-based framework of the programs, the preference for a structure that promotes a more feminized grieving style is exposed. Issues of identity and adaptation to a new social role are explored in the context of formal support groups.

Objectives:

1. Explore the current emotional culture in U.S. society through a sociological perspective.
2. Examine the needs of bereaved spouses in today's contemporary society.
3. Discuss recommendations for incorporating programs that address both the intuitive and the instrumental styles of grieving.

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch - *Ward Room*

1:30-3 p.m.



Keynote Session - Room 339

Neil Thompson, Ph.D., DLitt, Avenue Consulting Ltd., Wales, United Kingdom

Masculinity, Identity and Loss

The focus of Neil's work is on well-being - promoting better quality of life in families, communities, the workplace and society as a whole. Following a successful career in social work in which he has established himself as a leading thinker, Neil continues to play a major role in shaping social work theory and practice while also making a significant contribution to our understanding of human relations issues in the workplace: *equality and diversity, stress, conflict management, loss, grief and trauma and related matters*. He is the managing director of Avenue Consulting Ltd and its publishing wing, Avenue Media Solutions. Neil has over 100 publications to his name, including best-selling textbooks, papers in learned journals and training and open learning materials. He has served on the editorial boards of a number of journals and currently edits the US-based international journal, *Illness, Crisis & Loss*.

Objectives:

1. Discuss the significance of the social context of grief.
2. Explain the role of masculinity in shaping identity.
3. Describe men's grief by reference to existentialist theory.

3-3:15 p.m.

Break - *Room 337*

3:15-4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

Men in Grief, A Paradox for Today's Male - Room 339

Mitch Carmody

It is still difficult for men to grieve openly. The Catch 22 of expressing the deep pain in the midst of loss and adhering to society's expectations of a man, husband and father is still keenly felt. Men don't cry. Men do not emote. Men do not hug. Men don't go to support groups. Men don't call in sick because they are screaming inside. What happens when the fix-it-guy, the protector, the strength and the rock is faced with something they cannot fix?

Objectives:

1. Describe a historical view of men's grief in the U.S.

2. Explain the paradox of expressing emotion and the stigma of weakness.
3. Describe proactive grieving® methodology as it applies to men and grief.
4. Identify the "new" stages of grief (S.T.A.I.R.S ®).

Pregnancy and Infant Loss and the Pregnancy that Follows: Impact on Fathers - Room 326

Joann O'Leary, Ph.D., MPH, MS, Parent-Infant Specialist, Adjunct Faculty, School of Nursing, University of Minnesota, Minn.; Darrell Peterson

The needs of fathers in the face of perinatal loss have been only recently addressed. This presentation addresses how fathers are impacted by the loss of an infant and ways their behaviors are altered in the pregnancy that follows. Dr. O'Leary's information will be drawn from phenomenological research with fathers who were interviewed separately from their partners during their pregnancy that followed a loss and fathers raising children after a loss. PhD candidate Darrell Peterson will share his personal experiences and writings on being a bereaved father raising children after a loss. Focus will address the couple relationship, attachment to the baby that follows a loss and how loss impacts the fathering role.

Objectives:

1. Identify two ways fathers perceive their role at the time of loss and in the postpartum period.
2. Describe three tasks of pregnancy and parenting behaviors that change after suffering a perinatal loss.
3. Identify ways fathers can be supported at the time of loss and in the pregnancy that follows.

7 p.m.

Evening Film Event: Facing Death <More>

June 8, 2011

Time

Activity

7:30-9 a.m.

Registration - *Levee Lounge*
Continental Breakfast - *Room 337*

8-8:45 a.m.

Memorial Service - *Room 339*

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Exhibit and Bookstore - *Hosted by Centering Corporation - Room 337*

8:45-9 a.m.

Opening Ceremony - *Room 339*

9-9-10:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

Mourning Masculinities - Room 339

Michael Brennan, M.A., Ph.D. Director of the Center for Death Education and Bioethics, Dept. of Sociology/Archaeology, UW-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis.

Grieving reactions, as Peter Marris (1974) has reminded us, are invoked by any situation of change, where adaptive abilities are threatened and the pattern and predictability of daily life has itself been disrupted. Drawing upon data contained within public books of condolence signed following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in 1997 and the Hillsborough soccer stadium disaster of 1989, this paper attempts to understand the dynamics of loss and complex ways in which men grieved following these events. It does so in particular by suggesting that, in the widespread public mourning that followed these two events, a variety of other losses connected to versions of masculine identity were themselves being mourned. Not only did the public rituals of grief following these events provide an important outlet for men's grief in ways that would otherwise have gone unarticulated, but the losses being mourned in these events are reflective of wider global trends that extend beyond the local contexts in which they occurred.

Objectives:

1. Describe loss in the broadest sense of the term, especially in relationship to the loss of masculine identity.
2. Identify gender differences in the ways in which men and women grieve.
3. Relate the function of public rituals as an outlet for men's grief.
4. Describe the role and function of public mourning and vicarious grief in the grieving personal, unarticulated losses.
5. Discuss the need for policy-makers and planners to recognize grief-like response(s) generated by rapid social change.

The Birdhouse Project - Room 340

Kris Munsch, M.S.; Jeff Fouquet, M.A.

Join the authors of *The Birdhouse Project* as they share research from the field of education that has compelling implications for grief education and grief counseling. In this experiential,

workshop-themed introduction to project-based healing, the authors explain how an approach influenced by specific educational theories can facilitate transformative reflection. Hear how the reflection required in this hands-on project encourages dialogue with the experience as opposed to an expert, providing a more comfortable environment wherein men can express their emotions without compromising their self-image. Experience the unique symbolism of this rebuilding metaphor as you see how people pick up the pieces of their lives and put them back together, piece-by-piece. By entering into dialogue with the associated emotions, moving through the four realms of integrated learning and acting with intention, grieving people (women and *men*) really can create a safe space to host new life.

Objectives:

1. Identify the four realms of integrated learning and how they apply to post bereavement arrestment.
2. Analyze experiential learning theory, specifically, integrated learning, for its implications in the field of grief education and grief counseling.
3. Construct a physical metaphor for rebuilding one's life after loss, utilizing the context of the griever's personal experience.

My Wife Died, Now I'm an "Only Parent" - Room 326

John O'Shaughnessy, President and Co-Founder of Good Mourning Ministry, Inc.

In 1998, my wife of fifteen years died after a long illness. Our two young boys at the time were 10 and 12 and looking at me for all the answers. I had a demanding job with long hours and travel. Now what? Gradually, over the 41 months that Ann was dying, I began to see what the end was going to look like and more importantly what the future was going to be. Make no mistake, it was on-the-job learning and I had to learn everything fast. Two young boys were depending on me.

Objectives:

1. Learn the importance of taking time to grieve.
2. Describe how roles change for children and parents.
3. Identify tools for organizing and budgeting.
4. Understand how survivors access help.

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Break - *Room 337*

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.



Keynote Session - Room 339

Thomas R. Golden, B.A., MSW, LCSW, author, speaker and psychotherapist, Gaithersburg, Md.

The Secrets of the Masculine Side of Healing

As one of the Washington, D.C.'s top trauma therapists, Golden has been helping people move through crisis for over 25 years. Working with men, women, couples and children, Golden helps people find stability in the chaos related to divorce, death or some other life crisis. His book, *Swallowed by a Snake: The Gift of the Masculine Side of Healing*, presents the idea that each of us have a healing gift, often overlooked or misunderstood. He has developed practical hands-on techniques that aid people in finding their gift and moving toward reclaiming joy in their lives. He works with people healing from many different traumas including childhood abuse, suicide of a loved one, grief, sudden death, divorce, and many others.

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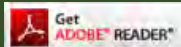
1. Identify three basic modes of healing: action, interaction, inaction
2. Understand the physical differences that impact male healing
3. Identify three paths for healing for men: creativity, practicality, and thinking

12:15-12:30 p.m.

Closing ceremony - *Room 339*

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*~Men and Grief~***University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wisconsin USA**
June 6-8, 2011 (Pre-conference Workshop: June 5, 2011)**Registration Information:**[Register Online!](#)[Printable Conference Registration Form](#) (1 page PDF)[Printable Exhibitor Registration Form](#) (1 page PDF)**Pre-Conference Only: \$135**

- **June 5, 2011 WORKSHOP** (8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., includes continental breakfast, lunch, breaks & instructional materials)

Conference Only:**ONE DAY REGISTRATIONS ONLY**

- **MONDAY ONLY (June 6th) – \$175**, includes continental breakfast, lunch and instructional materials
- **TUESDAY ONLY (June 7th) – \$175**, includes continental breakfast, lunch and instructional materials
- **WEDNESDAY ONLY (June 8th) – \$65**, includes continental breakfast and instructional materials

JUNE 6-8, 2011 (Include continental breakfasts, lunches, refreshments, and instructional materials)

- **\$329 EARLY – ON OR BEFORE 4/18/11**
- **\$397 – AFTER 4/18/11**
- **\$185 – STUDENT RATE** (Photocopy of student i.d. must accompany registration.)

Registration and Program Information Contact:

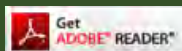
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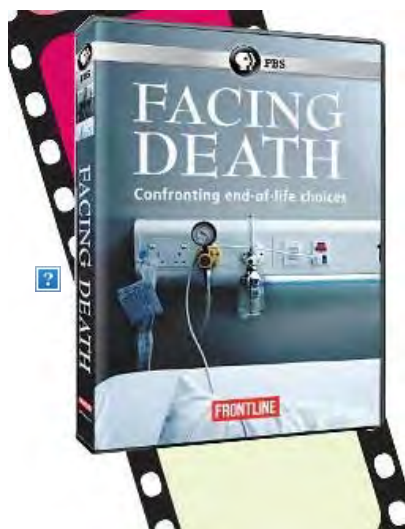
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Evening Events 2011

June 7, 2011 | Evening Film Event: Facing Death



UW-La Crosse Center for Death Education and Bioethics presents...

Evening Film Event: Facing Death

Tuesday, June 7 | 7p.m.

Cartwright Center | Room 339 | UW-La Crosse

In collaboration with the 2011 International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference, we will be screening the highly acclaimed PBS FRONTLINE documentary, Facing Death.

In this film, FRONTLINE gains access to the ICU of one of New York's biggest hospitals to examine the complicated reality of today's modern, medicalized death. Here, we find doctors and nurses struggling to guide families through the maze of end-of-life choices they now confront: whether to pull feeding and breathing tubes, when to perform expensive surgeries and therapies or to call for hospice. The film also offers an unusually intimate portrait of patients facing the prospect of dying in ways that they might never have wanted or imagined.

How far would you go to sustain the life of someone you love, or your own? When the moment comes, and you're confronted with the prospect of "pulling the plug," do you know how you'll respond? Unfounded rumors of federal "death panels" grabbed headlines last summer, but the real decisions of how we die — the questions that most of us prefer to put off — are being made quietly behind closed doors, increasingly on the floors of America's intensive care units.

Admission is free, but please register (Light refreshments will be provided after the film showing)

To register: 608.785.6504; (toll-free) 1.866.895.9233

[Register Online!](#)

[Printable Conference Registration Form](#) (1 page PDF)

[Printable Facing Death Film Flyer](#) (1 page PDF) (updated flyer available soon with no fee and location added)

To request disability accommodations, contact 608.785.6504

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CEU Information for 2011 Conference

This educational offering is recognized by the following for continuing education credit:

- American Nurses Association
- American Psychological Association
- Association for Death Education and Counseling®
- Association of Social Work Boards
- National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)
- University of Wisconsin-Extension
- Wisconsin Department of Regulation & Licensing

Continuing Education Credits/Hours/Units

Continuing Education units (CEUs) are being offered through the University of Wisconsin-Extension:

June 5 pre-conference workshop	.6 CEUs or 6 contact hours
June 6 conference	.6 CEUs or 6 contact hours
June 7 conference	.6 CEUs or 6 contact hours
June 8 conference	.3 CEUs or 3 contact hours
Total pre-conference CEUs	.6 CEUs or 6 contact hours
Total conference CEUs	.15 CEUs or 15 contact hours
Total pre-conference and conference CEUs	.21 CEUs or 21 contact hours

Nursing Contact Hours:

Gundersen Lutheran Health System, Inc., is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Wisconsin Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Credits are as follows:

June 5 pre-conference workshop	6 contact hours
June 6 conference	6 contact hours
June 7 conference	6 contact hours
June 8 conference	3 contact hours
Total pre-conference workshop contact hours	6 contact hours
Total conference contact hours	15 contact hours
Total pre-conference and conference contact hours	21 contact hours

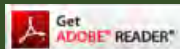
Social Work CEHs:

Gundersen Lutheran, provider #1089, is approved as a provider for continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards. www.aswb.org. ASWB Approval Period: November 15, 2009–November 15, 2012. Gundersen Lutheran maintains responsibility for the program. Social workers should contact their individual state jurisdiction to review current continuing education requirements for licensure renewal. Social workers will receive 21 continuing education clock hours in participating in this course. Credits are as follows:

June 5 pre-conference workshop	6 CEHs
June 6 conference	6 CEHs
June 7 conference	6 CEHs
June 8 conference	3 CEHs
Total pre-conference and conference CEHs	21 CEHs

Continuing education certificates will be given on site upon completion of the program and the program evaluation.

Wisconsin Funeral Director CEUs:



Approval #: FD 3381, category 4 (For approved category visit: [WI Dept of Regulations & Licensing](#))

June 5 pre-conference workshop	6 CEUs
June 6 conference	6 CEUs
June 7 conference	6 CEUs
June 8 conference	3 CEUs
Total pre-conference CEUs	6 hours (CEUs)
Total conference CEUs	15 hours (CEUs)
Total pre-conference and conference CEUs	21 hours (CEUs)

American Psychological Association Continuing Education:

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UW-L) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. UW-L Continuing Education and Extension maintains responsibility for the program and its content.

June 5 pre-conference	6 units (hours)
June 6 conference	6 units (hours)
June 7 conference	6 units (hours)
June 8 conference	3 units (hours)
Total pre-conference:	6 units (hours)
Total pre-conference and conference:	21 units (hours)

National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC):

This educational offering is approved to offer professional counselor CEU's. The provider number is 6303.

June 5 pre-conference	.6 CEUs
June 6 conference	.6 CEUs
June 7 conference	.6 CEUs
June 8 conference	.3 CEUs
Total pre-conference CEUs	.6 CEUs
Total conference CEUs	1.5 CEUs
Total pre-conference and conference CEUs	2.1 CEUs

Chaplains:

21 instructional hours are available for Chaplains. A certificate of attendance will be provided for participants to submit to Chaplaincy Boards.

The Association for Death Education and Counseling® has deemed this program as counting toward the continuing education requirements for the ADEC CT and FT programs.

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Hotel and Travel

Accommodations:

Conference location is the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in La Crosse, Wis.

Rooms are being held at the [Radisson Hotel](#), 608.784.6680, 200 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, Wis. Please reference the **International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference** when making your reservation.

Radisson Hotel Room Rates:

- \$70 single (per night), king bed
- \$100 double (per night) King bed
- \$100 two queen beds, any occupancy

Rates do not include sales or room tax. The Radisson Hotel provides a complimentary airport shuttle. Cut off date for reservations is **May 2, 2011**.

Please call **608.784.6680** to make reservations.

Conference participants also have the option to stay in the UW-La Crosse Reuter Hall. Each suite has four individually locked bedrooms, a kitchen, living room and shared bathroom. The rooms are air-conditioned.

UW-La Crosse Reuter Hall Rate:

- \$38 (per night/per person)

Please indicate your reservation on the conference registration form.

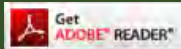
Campus Housing:

Campus housing accommodations for Reuter Hall.

Check in times: Saturday, June 4, 6-8 p.m.
 Sunday, June 5, 6-8 p.m.
 Monday, June 6, 4-6 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 7, 4-6 p.m.

Check out times: Wednesday, June 8, 6:30-8:30 a.m.
 (Luggage can be stored at the front desk of Reuter Hall until the conference adjourns.)

- The two main doors are open daily from noon-10 p.m.
- Reuter Hall suites have a common area, kitchen, bathroom and four bedrooms. Four people will be assigned to each suite. Requests for suite styles are not accepted. Furniture in the common area consists of a couch, love seat, two coffee tables and three bar stools at the counter. Furniture in the bedrooms consists of a twin size bed, dresser, desk and chair. Residence Hall staff asks that furniture be not rearranged in any way. If this occurs, guests will be charged an additional fee to move furniture back.
- Your room key and access card will be available to you upon check in. Please turn in room key and access card upon check out. There is a \$10 fee for lost/unreturned (bedroom) cards and a \$56 fee for lost/unreturned (suite) keys. Your access card opens the building 24 hours a day.
- Reuter Hall Director Office: 608.785.8087
- Provided items: bed linens (2 sheets, 1 pillow case, 1 pillow, 1 blanket, 1 towel, 1 hand towel, 1 wash cloth)
- Items to bring: personal hygiene items, i.e. soap, laundry detergent
- Suggested items to bring: hangers, alarm clock, cup or non-breakable glass (not provided in suites)
- Reuter Hall is air-conditioned. (Please leave window screens in the lowered positions)
- Coin-operated washer and dryer available in basement of Reuter Hall (change available at front desk)



- Room internet access: \$1 per person per day, includes ether net cord (payable at front desk)
- Reuter Hall exercise room: \$10 for period of time on campus (payable at front desk)

Parking:

- Campus parking permits are available for pick up at Reuter Hall or the registration table in Cartwright Center.
- A parking permit allows you to park in any campus **commuter lot** from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Please read instructions on park permit and do not back into, or pull through parking stalls.
- Overnight parking is only available in Lot R-4. Any tickets issued are your responsibility.
- For campus maps and directions please visit: www.uwlax.edu/map

Shuttle/Taxi Transportation:

- Taxi service:
 - Bee Cab, Inc. 608.784.4233
 - CTS Taxi: 608.784.7700
- Hotel Shuttle service:
 - Radisson Hotel provides a shuttle to and from airport. Please contact 608.784.6680
- Shuttle from Hotel to Conference:

Date	Time	Pick up	Drop Off
Sunday, June 5, 2011	7:30 am	Radisson Hotel	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance
	8 am	Radisson Hotel	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance
	4:15 pm	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance	Radisson Hotel
Monday, June 6, 2011	7:30 am	Radisson Hotel	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance
	8 am	Radisson Hotel	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance
	5 pm	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance	Radisson Hotel
Tuesday, June 7, 2011	8 am	Radisson Hotel	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance
	5 pm	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance	Radisson Hotel
	6:30 pm	Radisson Hotel	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance
	8:45 pm	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance	Radisson Hotel
Wednesday, June 8, 2011	7:30 am	Radisson Hotel	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance
	12:45 pm	Cartwright Center, UW-L State Street Entrance	Radisson Hotel

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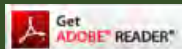
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About La Crosse

La Crosse is a community of approximately 50,000 located in western Wisconsin and lies on the Mississippi River, nestled between majestic bluffs. It is often called "God's Country" due to its picturesque beauty. Scenic bluffs, coulees, woods and streams surround the city making it a favorite stop for boaters and campers in the spring, summer and fall as well as skiers and snowmobilers in the winter. La Crosse is a river town, with all the charm and romance of the steamboat era.

For additional information on the La Crosse area including restaurants and attractions, go to www.explorelacrosse.com.



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Other Educational Events

- [Hospice Foundation of America \(HFA\)](#) has begun a new series of online educational webinars.

To learn more about this exciting new educational offering, contact HFA at 800.854.3402 or www.hospicefoundation.org/education/webinars.

Hospice Foundation of America is planning it's annual educational program. Registration is now open for ***Spirituality and End-of-Life Care***. This program will discuss the differences and relationship between spirituality and religion, while also addressing spirituality during illness, death and grief; spiritual assessment and empowerment and life review. HFA's 2011 program will be available via DVD only, to provide host sites reliability plus flexibility and control over the time and day that they show the program. A series of professional webinars to be held in May, June and July will offer participants an even more in-depth exploration of these topics. For further program information, please visit www.hospicefoundation.org.


For program inquires contact:

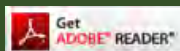
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- [Association for Death Education and Counseling \(ADEC\)](#) Attend ADEC's Annual Conference to learn about cutting-edge research, identify new resources and network with your peers in thanatology. Enjoy more than 100 sessions addressing the dying process, end-of-life decision-making, assessment and intervention, traumatic death and more.

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