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June 1-4, 2008

Conference Theme: Sudden and Traumatic Death

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The purpose of this conference is to provide a variety of quality presentations and sessions where participants learn, are motivated and are encouraged to use what they have learned in their place of business when they return.

The goals of the conference are to:

- Better understand sudden and traumatic death when working with grief and bereavement
- Expand knowledge of current, successful practices in working with the bereaved
- Provide professionals with methods, goals, interventions and techniques for working with the bereaved
- Provide resources for those working with the bereaved
- Provide networking opportunities with other professionals in the field

Featured conference speakers are:

- Dr. Susan Adams, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas
- Dr. Fernando Cabrera, Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.
- Dr. Gerry Cox, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wis.
- Dr. Robert DeVries, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Dr. Robert Neimeyer, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn.
- Douglas Smith, speaker, consultant, author, Madison, Wis.
- Dr. Rob Stevenson, Mercy College, New York City, N.Y.
- Rev. Wanda Henry-Jenkins, Vitas Innovative Hospice Care Inc, Lombard, Ill.
- Dr. Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge, Pine Rest Mental Health Services, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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- Program Directors
- Chaplains
- Clergy
- Nurses
- Hospice providers and volunteers
- Palliative care providers
- Social Workers (Entry, Intermediate and Advanced level)
- Case managers
- Counselors
- Funeral service directors
- Individuals dealing with personal grief, death and bereavement issues
- Educators
- General public

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Hotel and Travel

Accommodations:

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

Radisson Hotel Room Rates:

- \$62 (per night) single occupancy
- \$92 (per night) double occupancy
- \$102 (per night) triple/quad 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, 2008.

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

UW-La Crosse Reuter Hall Rate:

- \$29 (per night)

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Conference Agenda 2008

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Pre-Conference Workshops

Sunday, June 1, 2008

Time	Activity
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:30-10 a.m.	Dealing with Hispanic Grief after Sudden Death <i>Fernando Cabrera, Ed.D., LMHC, Program Director, Counseling and Mental Health Program, Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY</i> The presentation will focus on the unique issues in regard to sudden and traumatic death for Latinos and Latinas. It will also include the impact of sudden and traumatic death on familism, a major Hispanic cultural value. The Hispanic concept of "ataque de nervios" and dealing with negative perceptions of mental health services among Hispanics will be explored. The counseling implications for practitioners when working with Hispanic families and individuals facing a loss in their lives will be discussed.
10-10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15-11:45 a.m.	(Cont'd) Dealing with Hispanic Grief after Sudden Death <i>Fernando Cabrera</i>
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45-2:15 p.m.	Surviving Sudden and Traumatic Death <i>Gerry Cox, Ph.D., retired professor, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wis.</i> Cox will discuss the nature and types of violence, the causes of violence, and the emotional wake left by violent episodes. In the twentieth century, the world experienced two world wars and countless other wars. Many millions died violent deaths from murder, death squads, purges, riots, revolutions, ethnic cleansing, rape, robbery, domestic violence, suicide, gang violence, terrorist acts, genocide, and in many other ways. As we entered the twenty-first century, we experienced 9/11, the Red Lake School deaths, suicide bombers, and more mass death brought about by the actions of governments, revolutionaries, terrorists, and still more wars. The need to better understand violence, both lethal and non-lethal, to become aware of the

many forms of violence, and to learn how to survive in the aftermath of violent death are the focus of this presentation.

2:15-2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30-4 p.m.	(Cont'd) Surviving Sudden and Traumatic Death <i>Gerry Cox</i>
4:30 p.m.	Mississippi River Cruise Departure
5-6:30 p.m.	Mississippi River Cruise <i>Includes complimentary pizza and beverages. Within walking distance of the Radisson Hotel.</i>

Conference Schedule

Monday, June 2, 2008

Time	Activity
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	Exhibits/Bookstore, hosted by Centering Corporation
8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Announcements
9-10:30 a.m.	Grief Assistance for the Family System Following Unexpected Death <i>Wanda Henry-Jenkins, LPN, BA, MHS, Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, Inc, Lombard, Ill.</i> Family systems often suffer great emotional damage following the sudden death of a family member. Adults and children do not understand how each other grieves and may not be able to provide mutual support. This session will describe a model of Grief Assistance employed in a major city's medical examiner's office that was developed to help families grieve and mourn a loved one's sudden death: natural, accidental, suicide and homicide.
10:30-11 a.m.	Break
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions (choose one) Conversations On Miscarriage: Validating the Experiences and Realities of Miscarriage <i>Elizabeth Levang, Ph.D. and Sandy Maclean, B.S., Women Care, Inc., Maple Plain, MN</i> Death preceding birth is not what parents envision or expect during pregnancy. Yet 2,500 miscarriages occur each day in the United States, an astounding 1 million each year. A miscarriage routinely receives short shrift by the medical community as uniform standards of care are nonexistent. Additionally, few in the psychological field comprehend the far-ranging impact on one's sense of self and sense of couplehood. Clergy often struggle to guide the family in disposition options and appropriate rituals. Lacking support and understanding, women and their partners are left to grieve in silence. This presentation will share the results of a comprehensive study on miscarriage along with presenting vignettes from a variety of women who have experienced this type of pregnancy loss. The study surveyed nearly 100 women and gathered both quantitative and qualitative

data.

Whiplash!!! Caring for yourself when the Rubber Band Stretches and Snaps you after Trauma or Violence

Jennifer McBride, MA, Executive Director, HeartLight Center, Inc. and Horan & McConaty Funeral Service, Denver, Colo., Joy Johnson, Centering Corporation, Omaha, Neb.

It is said that every loss brings back the other losses. This is especially true when we are traumatized or experience violence in our lives. When we have been in the role of professional caregiver, the effect can be cumulative. Joy & Jennifer met in the days after Columbine, when Horan & McConaty cared for 7 of those who died that day in the high school massacre. Very public events can trigger our memory of personal experiences and result in challenging responses. Compassion Fatigue can be the "cost of caring" and we must learn to be aware of the triggers and how to care for ourselves as we care for others and as we react to public and personal disasters.

NON-FICTION OR FRICTION: When Adult Children Experience the Death of a Parent

Richard B. Gilbert, D. Min., Ph.D., CT, Executive Director, The World Pastoral Care Center, Elgin, Ill.

The death of a parent can be a very traumatic experience. Some adult children, even in their sorrow, experience the joy of good memories and experiences. For others, it is the re-experiencing of the hurts, bitterness and anger for what was and what wasn't. This workshop will identify some of the more common disruptions during the grief journey, aid in understanding the complications that can accompany loss and offer awareness of sensitivity for those whom death is more about 'good riddance' rather than one of sorrow.

Creative Interventions for Bereaved Children and Families

Liana Lowenstein, M.S.W., CPT-S, private practice, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

When children enter therapy because they have experienced the death of a loved one, they are at a very vulnerable time in their lives. They are often anxious about the therapeutic process and reluctant to talk directly about painful feelings. Activities that are creative and play-based can engage children and help them to express their grief. This workshop will present creative and engaging activities to use in counseling sessions and support groups with bereaved and traumatized children. A range of innovative activities will be presented to help children and families process grief reactions, commemorate the deceased, and facilitate coping. Interventions will also be presented on special issues, such as suicide, homicide, and traumatic bereavement. Participants will come away with a better understanding of grief theory, and many new and innovative counseling techniques.

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30-3 p.m.

Shackled by Grief: The Impact of Crisis and Trauma
Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge, R.N., Ed.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Pine Rest Mental Health Services, Grand Rapids, MI, Robert C. DeVries, D.Min., Ph.D., Professor of Church Education Emeritus, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids,

MI

A griever can be further traumatized by a loved one's death when confronted by a situation involving intense fear, helplessness, a sense of horror, or the perception that their own life is threatened. Traumatic events are unexpected, uncontrollable and unimaginable to the point where a person is completely unprepared for it. Under the conference theme "Sudden and Traumatic Death", this presentation will differentiate among grief, crisis and trauma and then address care-provider and counseling interventions when a traumatic death has shackled the griever to the point of being unable to respond to typical grief modalities alone.

3-3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15-4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

Death of the Dream

Andrea Heeres, MSW, free lance writer, Therapist, Hospice of North Ottawa Community, Grand Haven, Mich.

Programmed Writing is a tool which uses simple prompts or a question and answer format to encourage people to explore their thoughts and feelings in a more detailed way. It is an excellent resource for self-reflection and can be of great assistance in bereavement counseling, especially for those bereaved whom are unable or uninterested in attending traditional group support meetings.

Spiritual Care during Violent or Traumatic Loss

Peter Ford, Director, Pastor Care Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, VA

What is the role and purpose of grief and bereavement care while a violent or sudden death(s) trauma, disaster or pandemic is in progress, and during the immediate aftermath of the event? What is the most effective early intervention for those persons who are in the midst of a horrendous loss of their loved one or loved ones such as a spouse, children, sibling, parents, significant other, etc.? The practices and struggles will be shared of a veteran interdisciplinary pastoral care staff of a level II trauma center, located 70 miles west of Washington D.C. Participants will re-examine and clarify the role, goals and purpose of grief care with persons who are in the first moments of experiencing a sudden, violent, traumatic loss; and evaluate some specific tools, techniques and procedures for intervention in acute grief situations in the midst of the event of the loss.

Traumatic Death and Organ Donation as Amelioration for Grief

Dan Festa, BA, M.L.,D.Min., Chaplain, St. Francis Hospital, Charleston, WV

Each year there are approximately 2,500,000 deaths in the United States. Of those who die traumatically, only a small percentage will be eligible for organ donation. When any death occurs there are a number of things with which a family must deal; foremost they must be allowed the time to grieve; secondly, there are two legal issues which must be addressed relatively quickly: 1) whether an autopsy is to be performed, 2) whether or not someone is to be an organ, tissue, or eye donor. The dialectic tension that exists between these two competing factors rest somewhere in that place where one must balance how much time is appropriate to allow people to grieve and the length of time one can wait prior to proceeding with organ donation. This

workshop will address some of the factors which influence these decisions and the grieving process of families faced with these dilemmas.

Advocacy in Sudden and Traumatic Death: Two Case Studies

Janet Buntrock, MA, LPC, CT, licensed professional counselor, certified thanatologist, Pastor, Meadow Hills Church, Aurora, Colo., private practice, Candlelight Counseling, Littleton, Colo.

The bottom line is that all death feels sudden and traumatic. Much like the definition of "minor surgery" could be more accurately described as any surgery happening to someone else; the death of a loved one always feels like "the very worst thing that could ever happen." Join me as we look at two very different death experiences and the trauma associated with them due to the professional care they received. Case One concerns a Vietnam War Vet who died of complications of a major coronary and the mistakes which were made by the medical personnel handling his care. The family was not included in his final minutes due to a breakdown in communication with the staff. Case two is the story of a family who lost a child to SIDS who experienced additional trauma from the funeral home. In both cases, advocacy was as much a part of the counseling as traditional grief work.

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Time	Activity
8-9 a.m.	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Exhibits/Bookstore
8:45-9 a.m.	Announcements
9-10:30 a.m.	An Arson's Fire, A Brother's Death, A Family's Response <i>Douglas C. Smith, M. Div., M.A., M.S., speaker, consultant, author, Madison, Wis.</i> While Smith's youngest brother was in college, he died from a fire set by another student. Smith will tell the story of how his brother died, how each member of his family responded and how they continue to respond. This will be an examination of how different types of people can respond to, and process, sudden and traumatic death in very different ways: a psychological study of various reactions. Tools will also be presented on ways of processing such deaths and ways of remembering/honoring the lost loved one. Smith has talked many times about the deaths of his two daughters and his dad in workshop presentations, but this will be his first time to discuss his brother's story in a public setting.
10:30-11 a.m.	Break
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions (choose one) Not my Baby!!!—Death in a Pediatric Emergency Room <i>Rick Forest, M.Div., CT, Chaplain, Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville, KY, Coordinator, Pediatric Bereavement Care Program, GriefCare Information Center, Louisville, KY</i> The death of a child is one of every parent's greatest fears.

When that death comes in an emergency room, whether by disease or trauma, the pain of the child's death is greatly magnified. During this session, we will discuss various modes of death observed in the Emergency Department at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville KY, We will note various reactions of parents to a child's death and see how the ED staff can be of comfort and help to these grieving families.

When the Y Generation Asks Why: Growing Trends of Death & Dying Toward Youth

Kanika Magee, MBA, M.Div., Assistant Minister to Youth, Ebenezer AME Church, Ft. Washington, MD, Yvonne S. Magee, MSW & MPA, Youth Ministry Assistant, Ebenezer AME Church, Ft. Washington, MD.

In today's society our youth are experiencing the reality of death in alarming numbers. In previous generations we seldom encountered the tragic deaths and the number of deaths related to catastrophic illnesses that are common place today. The number of teen drivers and those carrying teen passengers has increased dramatically, and so have the number of auto accidents and resulting deaths among this age group. Youth are experiencing deaths of classmates and peers in ways and numbers as never experienced before. Teen drivers and related accidents and deaths appear commonplace. This session will address four changes that teens and other youth experience, which have drastically increased their encounters with death and dying. These are increased teen related automobile accidents, school violence, violence at the community level as a way of life, and exposure to violence on television and through video and other digital games. This session will also explore impacts of these changes on youth and the need to respond to these kinds of tragedy and violence related grief situations.

The Social Impasse of Suicide Grief: Stigma, Disenfranchisement and Implications for Formal and Informal Support

Daniel Villa, MSW, MA, Doctoral Student, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

Despite the supposition that suicide-related stigma has gradually attenuated within the social milieu, it still remains pervasive among survivors who experience this traumatic and oftentimes clandestine type of death. Inadequate support and validation for the survivor's loss and subsequent bereavement experience has the capacity to engender complications associated with a sequelae of emotional, physical, and psychosocial challenges. This paper will attempt to address the myriad of social variants embedded within the discourse of disenfranchised grief and the larger purview of suicide-related bereavement, and will introduce the utility of both informal as well as formal supportive measures that may be mobilized in an effort to attend to this domain of loss. Implications for research and practice will also be considered.

Telling a Story through Doing-End-Of-Life Care Benefits from Acts of Caring!

Lori-Ives Baine, R.N., B.Sc.N, M.N.(c) Pediatrics and Bioethics, Palliative Care and Bereavement Coordinator, Neonatology Program, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dying and death, even in situations of sudden, unexpected death, require the ability to begin to say goodbye. This can be done in a variety of ways, including action. "Doing" can be

therapeutic for all involved. This session will involve participants in legacy creation by engaging in creative activities that can be used at any time, with any population. While Lori is focused on the dying newborn, principles are transferable to all situations including traumatic death. Thinking 'outside the box' is necessary for this session. Come prepared to make a mess.

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30-3 p.m.

When Tragedy Strikes, Grief and Stress Are "Silent Hitchhikers"

Susan A. Adams, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS, Assistant Professor, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX

Those who live in areas subject to hurricanes, learn to live with "uncertainty" during hurricane season. They know the "drill"; however, no one was prepared for August 29, 2005 (Katrina) or September 24th, 2005 (Rita). When mass destruction strikes, what did we do? How effective was it? When we, the vast majority, have "moved on," what is the grief impact, more than a year later, on the millions that were affected by these monster storms? We must learn the lessons of the past if we are to be prepared for future possibilities. From the drain of material resources to dealing with victim trauma, this presenter will help you become aware of the vital part we play in facilitating healing... and learn from these events so that we can become adequately trained responders. This presentation is based on firsthand, personal experience and current literature and will include actual photographs over time.

3-3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15-4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

Helping Resilient Children and Teens not only Survive Trauma but Thrive

Teresa R. Hedges, M.Ed., CT, PC, Founder and Executive Director, Comfort Cottage, Inc., Heath, OH, private practice, Center for Personal Empowerment, Zanesville, OH

The ability to recover or return to a "normal standard" of functioning present before adversity occurred with only minimal reactions to that exposure is called resiliency (Bonanno, Papa, & O'Neill, 2001). This presentation will identify specific factors that can be identified in resilient children, show hands-on practical methods that can be used and to encourage high levels of coping after trauma.

The (Unmarked) Road Ahead: Secondary Losses and Complicated Grief Manifestations after a Vehicle Accident

Laurel Burnett, MA, NCC, Spiritual & Bereavement Care Center, Hospice of the Chesapeake, Annapolis, MD

Automobile use is integrated into daily life for many developed countries as a means for employment, family responsibility, self-care, and social connectedness. No longer viewed solely as a 'nice to have' but more so a 'necessity' for balancing multitasking roles and responsibilities, vehicles play an increasingly important role in developed countries and cultures. Fatality statistics are tracked and analyzed by different organizations (such as government agencies, vehicle manufacturers, insurance providers, health care industry), yet the grief toll remains immeasurable. This session will identify secondary losses and complications of the grief process for victims, and family member/friends, in the aftermath of a major vehicle accident.

Different types of accidents will be examined from a case study perspective, with respect to clinical issues that surface during the grief and healing journey for survivors of a vehicle accident or those grieving the loss of a loved one through vehicular death.

When Unexpected Death Shatters the Future: The Role of Storytelling

Douglas Daher, Ph.D., psychologist, workshop presenter and lecturer, Dean of Students, Centennial College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Accidental deaths are reported each day in newspapers around the world, with no neighborhood spared, no conclave that offers absolute protection. Being a life event, a tragic accident is a story and all its characters have their own stories within the story.

Stories about the lost loved one shape the nature of the mourning process and serve as barometers in the measurement of bereavement. The presentation will describe the nature of symbolism and why and how such emotional energy is carried within the symbols that are the fabric our stories. The presenter, with input from the participants, will compare and contract the nature of stories about a tragic event itself with those historical stories of the person who died. The session will review the use of story telling within a group who have just heard about a tragic death as well as the process of story telling within grief workshops and ongoing grief groups. Finally, time permitting, the participants will par off and each share a grief story and then discuss the process of the telling of the story and the responses to the story.

Facilitating Resilient Responses to Suicide, Death, and Other forms of Trauma: Insights and Practical Solutions from a Former Military Psychologist

Joel Rooney, Psy.D., Clinical Director, La Crosse County Crisis Program, adjunct professor, UW-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis.

In the aftermath of various forms of trauma, individual and group reactions to that trauma can vary considerably due to the various factors inherent to those afflicted, as well as the unique components inherent to the nature of the trauma or experience itself. Being able to effectively assess for both healthy and unhealthy reactions/responses to suicide, loss, and other forms of trauma becomes necessary in order to decide how, when, and even if an intervention is necessary. Examples of both healthy and clinical reactions will be outlined. The presentation will focus on effective preventative intervention strategies in response to trauma for deployed/re-deployed soldiers and their families, as well as how the presenter applied such an approach during a one year tour in Baghdad, Iraq. Clinical case examples will be discussed in order to outline the "meaning narratives" that clients with problematic or clinical reactions develop in response to trauma. This will be followed by discussion of interventions that work within that very narrative to foster resolution and resiliency, while simultaneously preventing the development of more severe reactions to trauma, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Time	Activity
7:30-9 a.m.	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8-8:45 a.m.	Memorial Service

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Exhibits/Bookstore
8:45-9 a.m.	Announcements
9-10:30 a.m.	<p>Traumatic Loss and the Quest for Meaning <i>Robert Neimeyer, Ph.D., Psychology Dept., University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn.</i></p> <p>Even after the immediate emotional impact of a loss has faded, the death of someone close to us can disrupt the assumptions that allow us to make meaning of life. In this presentation, participants will learn methods that will enable them to listen beneath the story that people tell themselves and others about their loss, to metaphorically help clients explore more deeply the felt experience of that loss and its implications for their self-narrative. We'll examine how sudden and violent death can disrupt the basic narrative of our lives and explore how we can help clients to find the seeds of restoration and future growth. Citing new models and findings concerning the role of sense making about the loss and anchoring these in case studies, we will close by exploring strategies for facilitating the reconstruction of meaning in the context of grief therapy.</p>
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45-12:15 p.m.	<p>Helping the "Wounded": Counseling in the Wake of Violence and Violent Death <i>Robert G. Stevenson, Ed.D., CT, Mercy College, Assistant Professor, New York City, NY</i></p> <p>In the wake of increased violence in today's society, both at home and abroad, there has never been more of a need to understand the impact of violence on the survivors of such events. This presentation will provide classic definitions of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSS / PTSD), identify the causes of PTSS, and explain the possible effects on groups and individuals. Variations such as age, location of the event and the nature of the event will be examined and discussed. Traditional interventions will be discussed and at the end of the workshop, participants will be given a plan for designing a site-specific response protocol. This presentation draws on material from the Baywood book <i>Perspectives on Violence and Violent Death</i> (2008) and the work of the International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement.</p>
12:15-12:30 p.m.	Closing ceremony

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Continuing Education Credits/Hours/Units

Continuing Education units (CEUs) are being offered through the University of Wisconsin-Extension and the Association of Death Education and Counseling (ADEC):

June 1 pre-conference workshop	.6 CEU's
June 2 conference	.7 CEU's
June 3 conference	.6 CEU's
June 4 conference	.3 CEU's
Total pre-conference CEU's	.6 CEU's
Total conference CEU's	1.6CEU's (16 hours)
Total pre-conference and conference CEU's	2.2CEU's (22 hours)

Nursing Contact Hours:

Gundersen Lutheran is an approved provider in continuing nursing education by the Wisconsin Nurses Association Continuing Education Approval Program Committee, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Association Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Credits are as follows:

June 1 pre-conference workshop	6 contact hours
June 2 conference	6.2 contact hours
June 3 conference	6 contact hours
June 4 conference	3 contact hours
Total pre-conference workshop contact hours	6 contact hours
Total conference contact hours	15.2 contact hours
Total pre-conference and conference contact hours	21.2 contact hours

Social Work CEH's:

Gundersen Lutheran, provider #1089, is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) www.aswb.org, 1-800- 225-6880, through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Gundersen Lutheran maintains responsibility for this program. Social workers participating in this conference can earn a maximum of 25.2 continuing education hours (CEH's). Licensed social workers should contact their individual state jurisdiction to review current continuing education requirements for licensure renewal. No credit will be given for partial day attendance. Credits are

as follows:

June 1 pre-conference workshop	6 CEH's
June 2 conference	6.2 CEH's
June 3 conference	6 CEH's
June 4 conference	3 CEH's
Total pre-conference and conference CEH's	21.2 CEH's

(Certificates will be mailed approximately one month from date of conference)

Wisconsin Funeral Director CEU's:

This educational offering is approved to offer CEU's. The provider number is FN2845.

June 1 pre-conference workshop	6.0 CEU's
June 2 conference	7.0 CEU's
June 3 conference	6.0 CEU's
June 4 conference	3.0 CEU's
Total pre-conference CEU's	6.0 CEU's
Total pre-conference and conference CEU's	22.0 CEU's

American Psychological Association Continuing Education:

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

June 1 pre-conference	6 units (hours)
June 2 conference	6 units (hours)
June 3 conference	6 units (hours)
June 4 conference	3 units (hours)
Total pre-conference	6 units (hours)
Total pre-conference and conference	22 units (hours)

Association of Death Education and Counseling:

This educational offering is recognized toward the requirements of ADEC's CT.

National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC):

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

June 1 pre-conference workshop	.6 CEU's
June 2 conference	.6 CEU's
June 3 conference	.6 CEU's
June 4 conference	.3 CEU's
Total pre-conference CEU's	.6 CEU's
Total conference CEU's	1.5 CEU's (15 hours)
Total pre-conference and conference CEU's	2.1 CEU's (21 hours)

Chaplains:

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

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International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference

Printable [Exhibitor Registration Form](#).

Greetings Potential Exhibitors:

Welcome from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the *International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference!*

We would like to invite you to participate in the *2008 International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference* held for the sixth year in La Crosse, Wisconsin. For many years prior to that, the conference was held at King's College, London Ontario. The conference has enjoyed success at UW-La Crosse and will be held at the [Radisson Hotel](#) in La Crosse this year.

Exhibit space is \$75 per table. That is a good price for a conference that we anticipate will draw over 200 people from all over the United States, and internationally. We want you to be here and to welcome you personally.

Centering Corporation will host a bookstore for the 2008 conference. All books that will be sold at the conference need to be sold through Centering Corporation. Please contact Joy Johnson at j1200@cox.net or 402.553.1200 to make arrangements.

The conference brochure will be available in April. It will also be mailed to you in April. If you would like to register for the conference, you can [download a registration form](#), or you can register online in April.

To obtain an exhibitors space registration form, click here: [Exhibitor Registration Form](#).

Can we count on you? If you cannot send a staff person to the conference, you may still register as an exhibitor and we will display your materials for you.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Olson at 608.785.6506 or olson.jani@uwlax.edu.

On behalf of this longstanding conference, THANK YOU!

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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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2009 Call for Papers and Additional Information:

INTERNATIONAL Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference
June 1-3, 2009 (Pre-conference Workshops May 31, 2009)
La Crosse, Wis., U.S.A.

Cross Cultural

Center for Death Education & Bioethics
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Paper proposals for concurrent sessions (1 1/2 hours each) will be accepted based on the 2009 theme. One complimentary conference registration will be awarded for each proposal accepted. If you wish to submit a proposal, please send a 50-150 word abstract including 3-5 learning objectives listed as bullets and title of your proposed presentation, your name, title, (i.e. Dr., Rev., Rabbi, etc.) credentials, vita, place of employment (including address), phone number and e-mail address. If there is more than one presenter, please provide this information for all those presenting. E-mail the information to Jan Olson, olson_jani@uwlax.edu.

For additional questions contact Gerry Cox at cox.gerr@uwlax.edu.

Deadline: November 1, 2008

2009 Conference

Dates: June 1-3, 2009 (Pre-conference May 31, 2009)

Conference Title:
Cross Cultural

Suggested topics for paper proposals include:

- Racial and Ethnic
- Socio-economic
- Spiritual/religious
- Ritual
- Family systems
- Customs
- Age
- Gender

Call for Papers Deadline: November 1, 2008

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