



**International**

## **Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference**

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wisconsin USA

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

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**Conference Theme: Cross Cultural**

**\$329, on or before April 17**

**\$397, starting April 18**

**(one day registration also available)**

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.

### **Conference Topics:**

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

### **Featured conference speakers are:**

- Ronald Barrett, Ph.D., Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Sandra Bertman, Ph.D., Mount Ida College, Newton, Mass.
- Inge Corless, Ph.D., MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, Mass.
- Rabbi Earl Grollman, DHL, DD, retired rabbi, Beth El Temple Center, Belmont, Mass.
- Michael Leming, Ph.D., St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.
- Ida Martinson, Ph.D., University of California-San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif.
- Lori Russell-Chapin, Ph.D., Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.
- Douglas Smith, M. Div., M.A., M.S., speaker, consultant, author, Madison, Wis.

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- American Nurses Credentialing Center
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- Wisconsin Funeral Service Directors
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### **Who Should Attend**

- 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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## Conference Agenda 2009

[Printable Program Agenda](#) (12 page PDF)

### Download Brochure

All sessions are held in [Cartwright Center](#) unless otherwise indicated.

#### Pre-Conference Workshops:

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#### Sunday, May 31, 2009

##### Time

##### Activity

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Registration - Levy Lounge, 3rd floor  
Continental Breakfast - Heritage Lounge, 3rd floor

8:30-10 a.m.



#### **Transcending the Language of Gender and Spirituality** - Room 326

*Douglas C. Smith, M. Div., M.A., M.S., speaker, consultant, author, Madison, Wis., Lori Russell-Chapin, Ph.D., LCPC, CMHCC, and Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS), Peona, Ill.*

So much of what we define as a particular cultural perspective is inevitably tied to how that culture views the roles of men and women and how that culture has been influenced by a particular belief system. (How can we possibly define the Arab culture in such a way as to not refer to the assumed roles of men and women in that culture and the influence of the faith of Islam?) If we as counselors can have tools that will help therapists and clients transcend gender differences and spiritual differences, we can more easily address the other variables of culture. This workshop intends to provide such tools: counseling tools that aim at uniting women and men of all civilizations and spiritual tools that rely upon beliefs shared by all faiths and all religious perspectives.

10-10:15 a.m.

Break - Heritage Lounge, 3rd floor

10:15-11:45 a.m.

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#### **Transcending the Language of Gender and Spirituality** - Room 326

*Douglas Smith, Lori Russell-Chapin*

11:45 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bookstore - Room 337  
*Hosted by the Centering Corporation*

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Lunch - Ward room, 1st floor

12:45-2:15 p.m.

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#### **Transcending the Language of Gender and Spirituality** - Room 326

*Douglas Smith, Lori Russell-Chapin*

2:15-2:30 p.m.

Break - Room 337

2:30-4 p.m.

**(Cont'd)**

**Transcending the Language of Gender and Spirituality - Room 326**  
*Douglas Smith, Lori Russell-Chapin*

4:30-7 p.m.

**Taste of La Crosse!**

## Conference Schedule

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**Monday, June 1, 2009**

### Time

### Activity

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Registration - Levy Lounge, 3rd floor  
Continental Breakfast - Room 337

8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Exhibits - Room 337  
Bookstore - Room 337  
*Hosted by Centering Corporation*

8:30-9 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Ceremony

*Gerry Cox, Ph.D., retired professor, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse Wis.*  
*Chancellor Joe Gow, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis.*  
*Barbara Martin-Stanley, guest soloist*

9-10:30 a.m.



### **Multicultural Perspectives on The Language of Grief and the Art of Consolation - Room 339**

*Sandra L. Bertman, Ph.D., F.T., Distinguished Professor of Thanatology and Arts, National Center for Death Education, Newton, Mass.*

Enormous differences in attitudes towards illness, death and the understanding of grief and bereavement exist in the cultures and affiliations of those assigned to our care. Although it is politically correct to encourage multicultural sensitivity, our reality too often falls short of our rhetoric. This presentation defines spirituality, hope and grace in ways that transcend religious or ethnic affiliation, and illuminates insights and healing possibilities articulated in the universal language of art. More importantly, it demonstrates how the arts challenge, instruct, and literally buttress us in our endeavor to stay present with another's suffering and to better understand our own.

10:30-11 a.m.

Break - Room 337

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

### **Concurrent Sessions (choose one)**

#### **Living Well and Dying Well: Role of Religion in a Person Living With HIV in a Thai Context - Room 257**

*Quantar Balthip, Ph.D. candidate, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand*

People living with AIDS are faced with an intensity of suffering such as loss of hope, loss of life, and loss of a significant person that can lead to spiritual distress. However, some of them could live with happiness in this circumstance. The study on "the journey of finding a peaceful life in living with HIV/AIDS in a Thai context" with the Grounded Theory methodology with thirty three participants, depicts that religion plays a vital role in the coping process of a person living with

HIV/AIDS in a Thai context to deal with his/her traumatic experience. Particularly, religious doctrines that teach people to understand the truth about life can help them to find a harmony in life while living with serious disease.

**Grief and Loss in Family Systems as Viewed Through the Lens of Family & Individual Mottos - Room 326**

*Janet Buntrock, M.A., L.P.C., C.T., Licensed Professional Counselor, Certified Thanatologist, Pastor, Meadow Hills Church, Aurora, Colo., Private Practice, Candlelight Counseling, Littleton, Colo.*

Every family has a motto - spoken or unspoken. A family's motto serves as a guide as to what is appropriate in any given situation. At no time is the impact of a motto more noticeable than in a time of loss and death. The motto dictates acceptable mourning styles, public displays of grief and if mourning is acceptable at all. This presentation will be based on both research and practice. Join me in this interactive workshop as we study mottos in general, as well as our own personal and family mottos.

**Cross Cultural Connections at the Sociological Crossroads - Room 259**

*Laurel Burnett, M.A., NCC, Spiritual & Bereavement Care Center, Hospice of the Chesapeake, Annapolis, MD and Laurel Hilliker, M.A., Doctoral Candidate, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.*

Death is a cross cultural common denominator. The need to “make meaning” from death is influenced by the interconnectivity of cultures. In an increasingly diverse and interdependent world, individuals (and nations) grapple with death. The causes of death are influenced by age, illness, accidents, poverty, war, economics, terrorism, political upheaval, and environmental imbalance. Both an individual grief process and public mourning are central to the human experience. In our mourning avoidant culture, the use of rituals and memorials provide opportunities for both personal and public expression of grief. Cross cultural dynamics influence ways in which ritual and memorials are woven into our diverse communities as a means of “bearing witness.” Grief rituals and memorials will be explored from a sociological perspective using continuing bonds theory, case studies, and creative interventions with cross cultural applications. The sociological framework provides a foundation for understanding use of contemporary cross cultural rituals and memorials as tools for grief expression.

**Ancestral Grief: Discovering the Unique Grief that African Americans Bear - Room 339**

*Barbara Ridley, B.A., M.A., M.A., D.Min., Minister of Comfort, Ebenezer AME Church, Fort Washington, Md.*

There are common factors associated with the grief process no matter who we are. At the same time, grief is an extremely individual process, with everyone responding in his or her own unique way. African Americans have a particular cross to bear in needing to work through the effects of centuries of slavery on the population. The result is an Ancestral grief process, which is unique to this population, and must be addressed in moving grieving individuals and families from a state of mourning and despair to the morning light of a new day.

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch - Ward Room, 1st floor

1:30-3 p.m.

**AIDS = ? Death - Room 339**

*Inge Corless, R.N., B.S.N., M.A., Ph.D., FAAN, MGH Institute of Health*



*Professions, Boston, Mass.*

An unusual new illness was first reported in 1981, although its' cause was not identified until several years later. At that time and for many years in the United States and elsewhere, AIDS equaled death for most of those infected. Such is not the case any longer for those who utilize prevention methods pre or post infection and for those with access to antiretroviral therapy. The issues presented at the International AIDS meeting in Mexico City in 2008 for a variety of countries mirror those experienced in the United States many years earlier. What are those issues? Do they exist any longer in the U. S.? Does AIDS = ? Death? If so, why? How is the death of a person with AIDS handled in different countries? What would be needed to change the equation to AIDS ≠ Death?

3-3:15 p.m.

Break - Room 337

3:15-4:45 p.m.

### **Concurrent Sessions (choose one)**

#### **Jewish Mourning Customs: Making Order Out of Chaos - Room 339**

*Daniel A. Roberts, D.Min., D.D., F.T., Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu El, Cleveland, Ohio*

Rabbi Roberts has been working on the concept of The Comfort Source for years as a result of his work as a clergyman and not knowing the proper place to refer congregants who were struggling with grief issues. Rabbi Roberts' most recent adventure as part of the Comfort Source is: "And So the Story Continues..." Life after Loss. This is an interfaith program to help the bereaved to figure out the meaning and purpose of their life after the loss of a significant person. The concept is to use people's faith background to help them find new direction for life.

#### **Women in Prison - Room 259**

*Kathaleen Krueger, M.F.T., Ed.S., Bereavement Coordinator, Hospice of Kankakee Valley, Bourbonnais, Ill.*

Entering the prison culture includes a variety of possibilities for women. Their crime is a significant factor for the length of incarceration, how they are treated by other inmates, officers etc. And will they survive in this culture? One inmate shared with this writer that her children's father would beat her and the kids all the time. "Once he beat my son until he died." This inmate took "the rap" out of desperation and now (her) children are separated; One with her husband's mother and one with her mother. Because of this separation the children do not see each other or their mother and live with the knowledge that their brother had been killed by their own father. The death, grief, losses and bereavement this shattered family was experiencing demonstrate a real need for bereavement support. This research and more specifically the 30 personal interviews demonstrate unattended grief, loss and bereavement.

#### **'Mum Came to Me Today...' Ways of Being: The Alchemy of Bereavement, Grief & Post-Death Contact - Room 257**

*Michele Knight, Executive Officer, Higher Education Colloquium, Faculty of Education and Social Work, the University of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia*

Bereavement, or the 'loss of a loved one by death' (Centre for the Advancement of Health, 2003, p. 8), grief resulting from bereavement and the needs of bereaved individuals are not well understood within the general community (Department of Human Services, 2004, p. 9). In particular, the phenomenon of experiencing a sense of the presence of the deceased or post-death

contact (Kalish & Reynolds, 1973) by bereaved individuals is an aspect of grief which is viewed from a range of diverse perspectives (Lindstrom 1995; LaGrand 1999; Barbato et al., 1999; Irwin 2001). Historically, such experiences have tended to be ignored or de-emphasised in many areas of Western culture because of their ‘anomalous nature’ (Palmer & Braud, 2002, p. 4). Indeed White has argued that unless these experiences are attended to more fully, honoured, encouraged and worked with, ‘they may continually be treated as curious, transient experiences’ and ‘flukes of functioning to be explained away’ (1997, p. 89).

**Grief Counseling at National Community Colleges - Room 326**

*Gregory Bocchino, University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.*

Nearly half of all undergraduate students are enrolled in U.S. community colleges. Among them are millions of full-time students, many from low-income families, and many from diverse backgrounds. Counseling services at community colleges have historically been marginalized, under-funded and under-researched. Results of this national survey of 610 counselors at community colleges will be discussed and presented. Only about 30% of these schools offer services or programs specifically related to issues of grief and loss.

6-8 p.m.

**Edland Art Gallery**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2009**

**Time**

**Activity**

8-9 a.m.

Registration - Levy Lounge, 3rd floor  
Continental Breakfast - Room 337

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Exhibits - Room 337  
Bookstore - Room 337  
*Hosted by Centering Corporation*

8:45-9 a.m.

Opening Ceremony - Room 339  
*Barbara Martin-Stanley, guest soloist*

9-10:30 a.m.



**The Christian Karen of Tee Mae Ker Lah Village and Christian Karen Funeral of Musikhee - Room 339**

*Michael Leming, Ph.D., Professor, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, Professor and Director, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand*

Change (or impermanence) is inevitable. The Karen of Tee Mae Ker Lah, like all other ethnic groups, are confronted with social change. The modifications in Karen culture which has created the contemporary Christian Karen funeral which I observed is only one such change in the traditional culture of the Karen of Musikhee. As much as they want to maintain their Karen ethnic identity within the country of Thailand, they are being pressured to assimilate into the larger society. Some of the social changes promote what Karen consider to be a better life for their families—they have greater access to education, health care, food, transportation, communication, a new form of religion which they believe will meet their needs, better housing, ample water, warm clothing, and energy to light their homes and cook their food. Many of these improvements have come from greater access to services offered by the Thai government and from contacts with Christian missionaries from the west. Yet, such benefits may come at the cost of losing their essential Karen culture.

10:30-11 a.m.

Break - Room 337

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

**Concurrent Sessions (choose one)**

**A Christian Chaplain's Adjustments to Care for a Hindu Patient who was Dying!**

- Room 257

*Dan Festa, B.A., M.L., D.Min., Chaplain, St. Francis Hospital, Charleston, W.Va.*

Many times as Chaplain's and other caregivers we find ourselves placed in the position of working with those outside of our own faith traditions. This is my experience of having worked with a Hindu patient who was dying in the Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit; the explanations I had to do with staff; the ways in which the family had to educate me, and my own places of growth and learning in the process.

**Enduring Grief: The Process of Death with Grief in the African American Community**

- Room 326

*Roger Givens, M.Div., MACC, MAM, Pastor at Shekinah Ministries International, McDonough, Ga.*

Every ethnic group within society must face the phenomenon of grief. This paper investigates how grief is handled by individuals in the African American community and develops a model for helping them to endure grief rather than embrace it. This paper explores current empirical research related to grief and bereavement and provides a definition for grief based on this research.

**LGBT Community and Grief - Room 259**

*Bev Hardesty, B.A., M.S., Director, Hippensteel Grief Center, Lafayette, Ind.*

Heterosexual, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered individuals share many commonalities in their grief but there are significant differences as well. These differences are not always publicly recognized and can compound the grief of LGBT individuals. Death of a life partner and the subsequent bereavement are profound experiences for the LGBT community. Education must be brought to the forefront to promote understanding and acceptance of these differences.

**Does Hell Have a Zip Code? Belief in Eternal Damnation as a Complicating Influence in Bereavement - Room 339**

*Harold Ivan Smith, D.Min., Kansas City, Mo.*

"Go to hell!" is more than an expletive for grievers who believe in, or fear, damnation. In multicultural societies belief in eternal damnation may significantly complicate grief. Hell, for some, is the ultimate inescapable judgment. How does hell negate hope for eventual "reunion" with the dead? How does one's understanding of hell complicate Worden's task of "locating" the deceased in order to construct a life without the deceased? How can clinicians who do not believe in hell or an afterlife "receive" the hell-tinted grief narratives?

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch - Ward Room, 1st floor

1:30-3 p.m.



**Asian View of the Bereavement following the Death of a Child - Room 339**

*Ida M. Martinson, R.N., Ph.D., University of California-San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif.*

Purpose of this session is to provide insight into the bereavement experience of various family members in the Asian area of the world in the death of a child with some comparison to the situation in the United States. Session includes: historical review of society's expectations in various countries; examples from Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Japan and South Korea; mother, father and siblings.

3-3:15 p.m.

Break - Room 337

3:15-4:45 p.m.

**Concurrent Sessions (choose one)**

**The Presence of Absence: The Bereavement Experiences of Long-Term Survivors of**

### **Multiple AIDS-related Losses - Room 339**

*Yvette Perreault, M.A., Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

This workshop will examine the bereavement experiences of a distinct population of loss survivors within AIDS-impacted communities in Ontario: those who had expected to die of AIDS but have not. Advances in anti-retroviral therapies have resulted in a prolonged life for many infected with HIV. However, attending this prolongation of life is a series of psychosocial concerns. The emerging group of long-term survivors is exploring uncharted territory, including the navigation of new attachment and loss terrain. Accompanying this HIV+ population is a corresponding group, the network of HIV-individuals who have also lived through waves of dying friends and experienced catastrophic losses in their community-of-meaning. Their journey with attachment and loss is also largely uncharted.

### **Burial and Funeral Customs and Traditions of the Winnebago Native American People**

- Room 257

*Carole McGinley Edland, D.Min., M.A., B.S.N., R.N., La Crosse, Wis.*

This session will describe the history, funeral and burial systems of the Winnebago Native American people, now known as the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Winnebago people have experienced many changes through time and are still changing today. A brief look at their history from 500 years ago up to the present will show many difficulties they endured and will give us an understanding why they are survivors. The burial customs reflect their various traditions over the years and how they have kept many of these traditions, which still apply in the 21st Century. All tribes have their own particular customs and we will touch on some of them. An understanding and appreciation of these strong indigenous people can add to our better understanding of their present day culture and way of life.

### **Ritual as a Means of Comfort During a Crisis - Room 259**

*Peter Ford, Director, Pastor Care Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, Va.*

Diverse communities experience such community disasters as school shootings, airplane or bus crashes, tornadoes, fires, building or bridge collapses, bombings, racial killings or immigrant raids. In the midst of such a disaster, there is little time to help people process grief or to deal with the outpouring of overwhelming grief. Yet the initial grief reaction is so raw and intense that it needs a quick and effective intervention in a "First Responder" kind of spiritual care. This concurrent session will present some examples of brief, focused ritual specific to some of the major faith and cultural traditions, as a means of providing quick spiritual comfort to persons of diverse cultural backgrounds in the chaos of a disaster situation. These will include prayer rituals, death and grief rituals, and brief forms of general rituals significant to adherents of the major world religions and ethnic traditions.



### **Genocide: When Will We Learn? - Room 326**

*Kriss Kevorkian, M.S.W., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Eau Claire, Wis. Kristin Allen, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, social work student*

We are living in a time of economic, environmental and ethnic crisis in the United States. So when do we have the time, energy and financial support to help the millions who are attempting to survive yet another genocide? And how does the genocide in Darfur affect survivors of the first genocide of the 20th Century? I write, of course, of the Armenian Genocide when between 1915-1917, 1.5 million Armenians were exterminated by the Ottoman Empire. To this day, the

Armenian Genocide is not acknowledged in the United States due to attempts at maintaining an alliance with Turkey for military purposes. How do the surviving loved ones of the Armenian Genocide survivors cope with a genocide taking place now where it appears there is little interest in helping people, and certainly no lessons learned from our past?

**Wednesday, June 3, 2009**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7:30-9 a.m.	Registration - Levy Lounge, 3rd floor Continental Breakfast - Room 337
8-8:45 a.m.	Memorial Service - Room 339
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Exhibits - Room 337 Bookstore - Room 337 <i>Hosted by Centering Corporation</i>
8:45-9 a.m.	Opening Ceremony - Room 339 <i>Barbara Martin-Stanley, guest soloist</i>
9-10:30 a.m.	 <b>"Emerging Trends in Contemporary Urban Memorials: Some Universals &amp; Some Innovative Trends"</b> - Room 339 <i>Ronald Barrett, Ph.D., F.T., Professor of Psychology, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, Calif.</i> This workshop will challenge participants to examine traditional notions about the construction and location of memorials. In addition participants will be asked to think about the function and psychological meaning of memorials in the course of loss, bereavement and mourning. Elements of universals in memorials will also be addressed. Utilizing a collection of select graphics participants will visually explore some traditional and universal examples of memorials. In addition participants will consider some emerging trends in Urban environments and attempt to identify features of contemporary urban innovations.
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break - Room 337
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	 <b>Helping Jewish Clients in Their Grief</b> - Room 339 <i>Rabbi Earl A. Grollman D.H.L., D.D., Belmont, Mass.</i> Now that your Jewish patient has died, you may have many questions. Should you attend the funeral? Send flowers? Visit the family? This discussion will help you to understand the traditions and customs that have sustained the Jewish people throughout the centuries. At the same time, you will learn how to respond meaningfully to clients' unique feelings, interpretations and thoughts. Hopefully, you will also gain fresh insights into your own beliefs of your faith community.
12:15-12:30 p.m.	Closing ceremony - Room 339



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## Evening Events 2009

Event:

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**Sunday, May 31, 2009**

Time	Activity
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4:30-7 p.m.

**Taste of La Crosse!** Wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres will highlight this get-together event. Hosted by the [Wine Guyz of La Crosse](#), participants will receive six two ounce wine samples (three white and three red) along with hor d'oeuvres. Join old friends and make new as you sample and taste some of the best of La Crosse.

- Cost is **\$20 per person** and includes wine, hor d'oeuvres and transportation.
- The **bus will depart campus at 4:30 pm** and will return to the Radisson Hotel and the UW-L Reuter Hall at approximately 7 pm.



**Monday, June 1, 2009**

Time	Activity
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6-8 p.m.

**Edland Art Gallery** (*Transportation on your own. Map available at registration table.*)

“A Special Opening” at the downtown Edland Art Gallery at 115 5th South Ave, Suite 525, for all the participants of the 2009 International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference. Director/Artist Carole Edland will be on hand to show you the gallery with its numerous paintings, books, collectibles and jewelry. She will also be happy to direct you to local restaurants for dinner and other places to see.



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## 2010 Call for Papers and Additional Information:

**I N T E R N A T I O N A L** Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference

June 7-9, 2010 (Pre-conference Workshops June 6, 2010)

La Crosse, Wis., U.S.A.

## Medical, Legal and Ethical Issues

*Center for Death Education & Bioethics*

*Continuing Education and Extension*

Paper proposals for concurrent sessions (1 1/2 hours each) will be accepted based on the 2010 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](mailto:olson.jani@uwlax.edu).

For additional questions contact Gerry Cox at [cox.gerr@uwlax.edu](mailto:cox.gerr@uwlax.edu).

### Suggested topics for paper proposals include:

- Aids
- Assisted Suicide
- Cremation
- Definition of Death
- Donation of Organs
- Emergency care/Trauma situations
- Ethical treatment of a person dying
- Euthansia
- Hospice
- Traditional legal standards/New standards

**Call for Papers Deadline: November 1, 2009**



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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):

May 31 pre-conference workshop	.6 CEUs
June 1 conference	.6 CEUs
June 2 conference	.6 CEUs
June 3 conference	.3 CEUs
<b>Total pre-conference CEUs</b>	<b>.6 CEUs</b>
<b>Total conference CEUs</b>	<b>1.5 CEUs (15 hours)</b>
<b>Total pre-conference and conference CEUs</b>	<b>2.1 CEUs (21 hours)</b>

### Nursing Contact Hours:

Gundersen Lutheran, Inc., is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Wisconsin Nurses Association Continuing

Education Approval Program Committee, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, provider #12245. Credits are as follows:

May 31 pre-conference workshop	6 contact hours
June 1 conference	6 contact hours
June 2 conference	6 contact hours
June 3 conference	3 contact hours
<b>Total pre-conference workshop contact hours</b>	<b>6 contact hours</b>
<b>Total conference contact hours</b>	<b>15 contact hours</b>
<b>Total pre-conference and conference contact hours</b>	<b>21 contact hours</b>

**Social Work CEHs:**

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May 31 pre-conference workshop	6 CEHs
June 1 conference	6 CEHs
June 2 conference	6 CEHs
June 3 conference	3 CEHs
<b>Total pre-conference and conference CEHs</b>	<b>21 CEHs</b>

(Certificates will be presented at conference)

**Wisconsin Funeral Director CEUs:**

(For approved category visit: [WI Dept of Regulations & Licensing](http://WI Dept of Regulations & Licensing))

May 31 pre-conference workshop	6 CEUs
June 1 conference	6 CEUs
June 2 conference	6 CEUs
June 3 conference	3 CEUs
<b>Total pre-conference CEUs</b>	<b>6 CEUs</b>
<b>Total pre-conference and conference CEUs</b>	<b>21 CEUs</b>

**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.

May 31 pre-conference	6 units (hours)
June 1 conference	6 units (hours)
June 2 conference	6 units (hours)
June 3 conference	3 units (hours)
<b>Total pre-conference:</b>	<b>6 units (hours)</b>
<b>Total pre-conference and conference:</b>	<b>21 units (hours)</b>

**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.

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June 1 conference	6 CEUs
June 2 conference	6 CEUs
June 3 conference	3 CEUs
<b>Total pre-conference CEUs</b>	<b>6 CEUs</b>
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**June 1-3, 2009 (Pre-conference Workshops: May 31, 2009)**

### **Registration Information:**

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

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

**\$329, on or before April 17**

**\$397, starting April 18**

**(one day registration also available)**

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#### 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 **2009 International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference** held for the seventh year in La Crosse, Wisconsin. For many years prior to that, the conference was held at King's College, London Ontario. The conference at UW-La Crosse will be held once again.

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 2009 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](mailto: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 conference registration form](#) (1 page PDF) or you can register online in April.

To obtain an exhibitor's space: [download an exhibitor registration form](#) (1 page PDF).

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](mailto:olson.jani@uwlax.edu).

On behalf of this longstanding conference, **THANK YOU!**



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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)
- \$100 double (per night)
- \$110 triple (per night)
- \$120 quad (per night)

Rates do not include sales or room tax. The Radisson Hotel provides a complimentary airport shuttle. Cut off date for reservations is **April 30, 2009**.

Please call **608.784.6680** to make reservations.

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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:

- \$34 (per night/per person)

*Please indicate your reservation on the conference registration form.*



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