President's Message

Hello, everyone!

The meme about 2020 feeling like a game of Jumanji seems somewhat apropos, as I consider all that should be included in this issue of ADEC Connects. Yet never has the work of our membership been more salient or needed. The threshold between first responders and those “in the trenches” is more amorphous than ever before. Our clinicians and academics are “Zoomed out,” our physical health care workers are standing in the gap for loved ones who are isolated during illness and death, and our funeral directors and those in the ministry are finding creative solutions to help memorialize and honor those who have died over the past several months, regardless of the cause of death.

It has become clear that the face of the funeral industry has changed, and many of those changes will undoubtedly become a part of the new landscape of thanatology, and how we approach death and dying.

We are seeing turmoil across the United States as we mourn the wrongful deaths and mistreatment of so many. Disparities in access to medical and mental health care have increased amidst the Pandemic, and there is an overarching recognition that social distancing and isolation has and will continue to exacerbate underlying mental health disorders. Yet ADEC – the work of our membership – is at the forefront in understanding the complexity of the work to be done. With each headline I read, I repeatedly see the themes so common in the vocations of our professional family: bereavement overload, social disenfranchisement, risk factors for grief maladjustment, the significance of non-death loss, and the experience of phenomenological death(s).

Looking ahead, I see so much promise for ADEC to rise to the occasion of professional leadership. One example was our ADEC in Conversations series, moderated by Jill Harrington. These interviews surrounding the current Pandemic were ground breaking in offering a time critical opportunity for ADEC to fulfill its mission of education and counseling. To maintain this mission oriented focus, the Board of Directors established a new Task Force to address these public outreach opportunities as they arise.

We have repopulated many of our smaller committees with renewed vigor, and I would encourage those seeking to volunteer to reach out to Joy Berger, our Volunteer Coordinator. For those looking
to engage in a leadership role, please reach out to Past President, Phyllis Kosminsky, the new chair of the Leadership Recruitment and Development Committee (previously chaired by Past President, Louis Gamino). Now, more than ever, we need an active membership. Peggy Whiting, our new Vice President, and I are incredibly grateful for those who volunteer. But leadership doesn’t only come through the formality of a designated role; leadership also comes in the informal role of mentor.

Jennifer Matthews, the Board Liaison to our Students and New Professionals Committee, is always seeking ways to connect standing members and Thanatologists with students and those who are new to our field.

Another area of growth for ADEC comes under the careful guidance of our former treasurer, Bill Hoy, and new treasurer Worth Kilcrease. They have worked tirelessly to establish a secure financial base for ADEC’s future and continue to take steps to not only tend what we have, but to be good stewards, and further grow our financial resources – an important distinction between accountability and responsibility. We are especially grateful that Andy McNiel, who recently retired from serving a one-year position on the Board, is bringing his immense talents to help us cultivate new opportunities for professional collaboration and sponsorship.

Our membership continues to grow this year, despite the absence of an in person conference, and we continue to improve the application process for our credentialing exam. Greg Adams served as Credentialing Council chair for many years, and Jolene Formaini is continuing the amazing work.

The Conference Planning Committee, headed by the seemingly indefatigable Fay Green, has worked diligently to retread next year’s conference to preserve and incorporate elements and presentations from this year, and has already started to plan for contingencies in the face of an uncertain future for travel.

The Handbook of Thanatology, edited by ADEC Past Presidents Heather Servaty-Seib and Helen Chapple, continues to move forward, and we are excited to see its fruition through the contributions from the outstanding experts within our ADEC community.

After the overwhelmingly positive response to our first attempt this May, our members can look forward to a mid year Zoom based ADEC Business Meeting update. The attendance numbers this May were unprecedented, and upon the recommendation of Past President Ben Wolf, we intend to start a new precedent, and offer what I will forever more affectionally refer to as “The Wolf Report.” These will be offered each fall (~ November) after the mid year Board Meeting, which is typically in October.

Many of us who are working from home now have new officemates in the form of spouses, parents, children, and pets. Thus, in closing, I look forward to serving ADEC this coming year, and promise that my new “boss” (Cabot, image right) will be sure to keep me on task!

I wish you all good health, peace, and safety,

Rebecca S. Morse, Ph.D
ADEC President
Together We Mourn....

Together we mourn the death of Mr. George Floyd.
Together we mourn the deaths of countless, yet not nameless, others.
Together we mourn the non-death losses others have experienced in the aftermath of Mr. Floyd’s murder.

Together we mourn that the family of Mr. Floyd needed to push their grief aside in an attempt to bring healing and peace to those hurting for what this death represents.

Together we mourn that racism and prejudice is not a thing of the past, but a clear and incredibly present danger in our society, both explicitly and implicitly.

We do not just grieve these deaths and non-death losses, but we mourn. Together. Symbolically, through public rituals and memorials. As each of us is working with our clients, our patients, our students, and our own families – now – more than ever, we may feel or be isolated.

But know this, you are not alone. We are an association, a community, and a professional family, and we stand together. We stand for one another. And we stand for all of humanity. We stand against discrimination, racism, and injustice.

ADEC strives to be inclusive of all, and we seek fairness in how every single person is treated. To this end we have recently focused on rebuilding our Diversity committee, using individual peer-to-peer mentorship whenever possible, and by encouraging participation of members in leadership roles to ensure all voices are represented, and heard.

Diversity and Inclusion

Annually, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee celebrates the diverse make-up of our ADEC membership in the committee’s ritual room at the annual conference. Prior to conference, the committee helps to award a Ronald K. Barrett, Ph.D. Scholarship to a presenter whose presentation brings awareness and attention to end of life caregiving, multicultural rituals, and traditions, or addresses areas of concerns for diverse or underserved populations. Ms. Willow List leads the R.K. Barrett Award Review subcommittee.

At every conference, the committee invites conference attendees to visit the room which houses displays brought by conference attendees reflective of their own cultures’ symbols or mementos of grieving, mourning or funeral practices.

This year, considering the Pandemic, the conference was cancelled – thus cancelling this year’s time together as a committee as well.

In lieu of an article highlighting that room, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee would like to offer a “Call to RE Action”. RE Action in this case, is a call to recommit to ADEC’s commitment to continue to “stand against discrimination, racism and injustice.”

Because ADEC remains dedicated to being inclusive of all, the Diversity and Inclusion committee
continues to find ways of engaging our professional community made up of diverse cultures, races, and ethnic backgrounds, socioeconomic status, religious backgrounds, family status, sexual orientation, educational levels, and gender.

The committee also strives to bring awareness to issues and concerns faced by underserved populations through empowering professionals with educational opportunities to better serve their diverse communities.

The history of the committee is longstanding with ADEC. Founder of the Persons of Color Forum, now the Diversity and Inclusion committee, the late Dr. Ronald Keith Barrett, FT, the namesake of the conference award for diversity and multicultural presentations, desired that as professionals, we be guided by multicultural sensitivity to begin to relate with greater cultural sensitivity in end of life caregiving of those who might be culturally different than ourselves. His legacy remains a driving force in the committee’s mission.

Muriel Williams, Ritual Room subcommittee chair, shares:

“Wouldn’t you agree that this is such an incredible time to become part of the Diversity committee? We, as members of the Diversity and Inclusion committee, can impact lives in a positive way through our care and grief support.”

The COVID 19 Pandemic has crippled countries economically, socially, and spiritually. Chief among the trauma is the unexpected loss of life. She stresses that through this Pandemic, we have suffered the loss of independence, loss of control, loss of jobs and the loss of routines. These losses are common to us all. Also, sadly, Pandemic restrictions have meant that many people have grieved and even died alone. This disruption has affected families, all cultures, and religions worldwide. Individuals have died so fast simultaneously that cemeteries have had challenges with the burials. Burial rituals and religious traditions have been impacted greatly. The Pandemic has increased stress for us all, especially those working within the healthcare sector.

We as Thanatology professionals and grief support caregivers need to be proactive and prepare ourselves, and the diverse communities we serve for the aftermath of COVID 19.

With the uncertainty surrounding this unfamiliar threat, coupled with increased anxiety, it is expected that things will get worse before they get better.

Rev. William T. Martin, Associate Pastor of Visitation, Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church in Philadelphia, offers an Ecumenical Closing Prayer/Blessing for our work during this difficult time in our world:

“God of the Universe, Creator of all, we turn to You for grace, mercy, and peace in this present time. Help us to walk justly; help us to lift up our fellow brothers and sisters who are oppressed, who are hurting, who are alone, and who are grieving various losses. We thank You that You have given us the knowledge, wisdom, understanding, strength, and ability to do this great work in our various communities and spaces. In Your name we pray, Amen.”

If you’re interested in joining or recommitting to be a part of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, please contact Michelle Ramirez. We welcome your support and ideas to assist us in moving this committee forward and continuing to bring awareness to the diverse needs that we serve.

ADEC in Conversation: Coronavirus 2019

Jill Harrington, DSW, LCSW organized the special series of ADEC leaders exploring the impact of the COVID 19 crisis on our work in dying, death, and bereavement. These video
discussions are archived on the ADEC website. ADEC Connects asked Jill, who also serves as Chair of the ADEC Conference Concurrent Programs, a few questions about the efforts to organize the important project. In this enlightening interview Jill explains such things as how and when the idea for creating the series was developed, what her goals were for taping the videos, how the topics and participants were selected, and what the reaction to them has been.

She concludes by noting the selfless service the members of ADEC have shown to those who are dying, grieving, and bereaved during this Pandemic: “The true heart of the mission was exemplified through all our speakers who helped guide us during these difficult, challenging and often painful times of fear, anxiety, loss and transition. It also reminded me why I am part of ADEC as my professional home.”

Click here to read the full interview

Featured Member Profile

So that the ADEC community can get to know its students, Connects is featuring stories on individuals who are ADEC scholarship recipients. Claudia Coenen is a certified grief counselor and Thanatologist with a Masters in Transpersonal Psychology. Her life experience as a performer, mother, chef and widow informs her work. An ADEC member since 2010, Claudia has presented at five conferences and was scheduled to present again in 2020. She has appeared on “Open to Hope TV,” and various podcasts, including “Mindfulness & Grief,” “Conversations with Creative Women” and “End of Life University.” Claudia leads workshops and talks on using creativity for bereavement and was part of the COVID 19 Coalition that produced the “COVID White Paper” (www.covidwhitepapercom) to offer guidance for funerals, dying, and grief during the Pandemic.
Claudia developed “The Karuna Cards”, a deck of creative ideas for grief and difficult life transitions and is the author of Shattered by Grief: Claudia Coenen is a certified grief counselor and Thanatologist with a Masters in Transpersonal Psychology. Her life experience as a performer, mother, chef and widow informs her work. An ADEC member since 2010, Claudia has presented at five conferences and was scheduled to present again in 2020. She has appeared on “Open to Hope TV,” and various podcasts, including “Mindfulness & Grief,” “Conversations with Creative Women” and “End of Life University.” Claudia leads workshops and talks on using creativity for bereavement and was part of the COVID 19 Coalition that produced the “COVID White Paper” to offer guidance for funerals, dying, and grief during the Pandemic. Claudia developed “The Karuna Cards”, a deck of creative ideas for grief and difficult life transitions and is the author of Shattered by Grief: Picking up the Pieces to Become WHOLE Again and The Creative Toolkit for Working with Grief and Bereavement: A Practitioners Guide.

Do you have a mentor/role model who has significantly affected your career path in Thanatology? Tell us why you chose this career path.

I came to Thanatology because of the death of my husband in 2005. I have been a performing artist for most of my life and naturally reach for creative process to get me through difficult times in my life. While I was processing my way through my own grief, I thought I might be able to help others tap into their own inherent skills. The concept of becoming a creative grief counselor was seeded.

I think this career path chose me. It was part of the answer to “what next,” a question that swirled in my head while I was deeply grieving. I felt awakened to the pain of others and learning about death, grief, and growth felt necessary. I went back to school for a degree in transpersonal psychology where my thesis was on coming back to wholeness after the shattering of grief. I also sought out a Thanatology program to add to my education.

The first mentor was Dr. David Balk. I met him at Brooklyn College for an interview when I was applying to his Advanced Grief Counseling Certificate program. He asked me whether I was ready to plunge into death studies, since I was barely three years out from my own loss. I agreed that I perhaps was not, but was going to do it anyway. David encouraged me to join ADEC and to present at conferences. He taught me the basics of Thanatology and set me on right path. I applied to ADEC and presented a personal story: “From Widow to Creative Grief Counselor” in 2011.

The first person who said hello to me when I entered the conference hall was a nice man with red hair. He said, “Hi, I’m Bob,” extending his hand. Dr. Robert Neimeyer has been an inspiration for many years. His own use of creativity in grief counseling has been a guide for me and the depth of his insights as well as his research have informed the way I approach my clients.

ADEC has been a real home for me and every conference I have attended has deepened my understanding and developed my skills. I would say that ADEC itself has mentored me along this career path by connecting me with so many colleagues in our field.

What advice would you offer a more junior professional in the field on growing their career or keeping their work fresh?

It is very important to continue to learn by reading the research, attending lectures, and other opportunities for study. The field of Thanatology is very dynamic. For instance, a group of Thanatologists, professors, funeral directors and end of life professionals recently came together to develop a white paper of resources to assist with virtual funerals rites, dying, and grieving during the Pandemic, which has created a crisis for the bereaved as they are barred from normal ways of being with the dying, attending funerals, and gathering to mourn.

As far as keeping the work fresh, while it is important to continue to learn and grow, the best thing we can do is remain open and present to each client who comes to us for help. Meet each person where they are and listen compassionately. Don’t advise, don’t try to fix their grief. Offer them a safe space in which to navigate their own path.

What do you think the future holds for your work and that of others like you? How will that impact what you do?

My work has been expanding as I continue to write and develop creative activities and tools to use with grieving people. Continuing to promote real conversations about grief and provide creative
solutions is important to me. Collaborating with others in the field is also important.

I was about to teach some workshops in New York City and at some universities in the Spring. The Pandemic has shifted more into virtual space which is a real challenge for me. I enjoy leading experiential workshops in person and find a lot of meaning when helping clients in my office. Working onscreen is harder; as a dancer, I am used to reading the body language of my clients and it is more difficult to pick up on these cues when I am only seeing the shoulders and head of the client! I am currently exploring how to lead virtual workshops that include creative process as part of the “ReImagine: Life, Loss, and Love Worldwide Festival.”

I have a few book projects brewing in my journal and perhaps this may be a good time to dive into the next endeavor. My new book has been released; however, the print version won’t be available until July 23, 2020, due to the Pandemic.

Student Profile

So that the ADEC community can get to know its students, Connects is featuring stories on individuals who are ADEC scholarship recipients.

My name is Kelly Guidry, and I was a recipient of an ADEC student award that provided me the opportunity to attend the ADEC Annual Conference in Atlanta in 2019. I am a middle school counselor and Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor from Fort Worth, Texas. I graduated with my doctoral degree in December 2018 from Texas A & M University Commerce and am currently serving as an adjunct instructor at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth.

My dissertation research was entitled “Secondary School Counselors’ Professional and Personal Perceptions and Experiences of Death Loss,” an area of study I am passionate about because of my own personal experiences with death loss.

During the summer, I work as a group therapist at a Camp El Tesoro de La Vida, a week long therapeutic camp for grieving children and adolescents. I recently started a private counseling practice where I plan to continue my work with individuals experiencing grief and loss.

Do you have a mentor/role model who has significantly affected your career path in Thanatology? Tell us why you chose this career path.

After experiencing the death of my mother while in college, I became very interested in the topic of grief and loss, which actually led me to my career in the counseling field. During my doctoral program, I met two professors from Texas A & M University Commerce who inspired me to make grief and bereavement my life’s work. Dr. Chris Simpson introduced me to Camp El Tesoro de La Vida through my Counseling Children and Adolescents course, and served as a mentor for me when I joined the therapy staff at the camp. His expertise with grieving children and adolescents served as
a catalyst for my love of this work, and we had the opportunity to publish an article together in the ADEC Forum about ambiguous loss and its effects on children. My other professor, Dr. Stephen Freeman, taught an elective course on grief and bereavement during one of my first years in the doctoral program. His expertise in the field of Thanatology was invaluable, and his guidance and leadership led me through the beginning stages of my dissertation research. It was through Dr. Freeman that I learned about ADEC and the Certification in Thanatology, which is my next career goal.

**What advice would you offer a more junior professional in the field on growing their career or keeping their work fresh?**

For those professionals just beginning in this career, or those who are wanting to grow in the field, I would say attend as many conferences, workshops, and other learning opportunities as you can. Take advantage of the expertise of those around you and ask questions, read articles and books, and join organizations such as ADEC. While at the conference last year, I was able to meet and learn from professionals in the field such as Dr. Robert Neimeyer, Dr. William Worden, Dr. Charles Corr, Dr. Darcy Harris, Dr. Bill Hoy, and many others. It was amazing getting to spend time with the authors of many of the articles and books I referenced in my dissertation! I also had the opportunity to meet and network with many new and more experienced professionals in the field from all over the country/world.

**What do you think the future holds for your work and that of others like you? How will that impact what you do?**

I think our work will continue to be a necessity, particularly as people become more comfortable with the topics of death and dying, grief and bereavement. As a school counselor, I see many students throughout the school year who have experienced a loss from death, whether it was recent or in the past, who have not had the opportunity to talk about their emotions, thoughts, or just the experience in general. I feel that as a professional in the field of school counseling with a passion for grief and loss that it is vital for me to be an advocate for those students and families, as well as to work to educate other counselors and school personnel about grief and loss as it relates to students and their emotional, social, and academic well-being. This past year, I had the opportunity to meet and collaborate with an organization in another State that has developed a school based grief support program. In the fall, several counselors in my school district will receive the training from this organization that will allow us to pilot this program on our respective campuses. It is through my participation in organizations such as ADEC and the National Alliance for Grieving Children that allowed me the chance to learn and grow in this life-changing field.

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**What's New: New Books by ADEC Members**

*What's New* has been included in ADEC publications since 1996. It is currently included in each issue of ADEC Connects and previously in The ADEC Forum. It is mostly focused on books, but has also included other items such as video and even a grief board-game.

This column celebrates our members’ considerable contribution to the Thanatological literature by offering a brief review of books and other educational materials written or produced by ADEC members. Each review is run once to provide an opportunity for our membership across the world to be aware of resources in the dying, death and bereavement field.

*The Week I Tore Up My Book. Recognizing Grief Expression*  
Watts has written a small read aloud book for children ages three to seven which covers the first seven days of a young boy’s grief response to his grandfather’s death. It depicts
a range of affective, behavioral, and social reactions that are colorfully illustrated to engage with the narrative. Several pages offer helpful information directly to caregivers to strengthen their understanding of children and grief. It presents all of this in a gentle tone that will make reading to children inviting and encourage the adult child interaction so essential for children to gain perspective and support in grief. This book will serve well as a resource for families at home as well for professionals working with grieving children in a clinical context.

Softcover, unpaginated.

Too Much Loss: Coping with Grief Overload.
Alan D. Wolfelt

Wolfelt offers this guide to those experiencing several significant simultaneous losses. Besides the death of loved ones, he notes other losses such as divorce, illness, job change, and broken relationships that can contribute to grief overload. The small booklet covers the parameters of grief overload, complicated grief, and the range of typical cognitive and emotional responses to loss and applies his concept of the “Six Needs of Mourning” to the situation of multiple concurrent losses. Though released before the twin Pandemics of COVID 19 and revealed racism unfolded, this guide will resonate with many who have experienced multiple and compounding losses due to the realities we all are facing in 2020. Wolfelt encourages intentional, active mourning as the way forward to hope and healing.

Softcover, 53 pages.
Have your publisher send a copy (not just an announcement) of recent material (2016 - present) to:

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Mindfulness Practices for Grieving During the COVID Pandemic

*The recording of this webinar, which was originally held on May 26, is now available on ADEC’s website.*

Because of social isolation, those individuals who are grieving may now be limited in their access to social support networks and unable to engage in many of their self care and coping routines. In addition, social isolation measures are often associated with a host of additional non death losses, including a diminished sense of control and predictability. The mindfulness approach offers mental health professionals a framework for negotiating the trying circumstances of the COVID Pandemic with their grieving clients.
This webinar features Dr. David Zuniga, a psychologist and Zen priest, who was interviewed by Worth Kilcrease, a Licensed Professional Counselor and Thanatologist, on the use of mindfulness as an adjunct to grief therapy practice in the context of COVID. Dr. Zuniga draws on his knowledge of original Buddhist texts, the “Pali Cannon,” to explore how psychologists can use mindfulness to foster contentment with solitude and bolster resilience during the Pandemic. He discusses the manual based approach to the practice of mindfulness that was presented in the “Pali Cannon,” emphasizing its compatibility and popular use within contemporary evidence based interventions.

Dr. David Zuniga is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Austin, and he is also an ordained Zen Buddhist priest. His website is a free, interdisciplinary source of support.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Identify how grieving can be supported by mindfulness practices during the COVID Pandemic
- Recognize how non death losses associated with the COVID Pandemic can be addressed by mindfulness practices
- Discuss the Buddhist foundations of mindfulness as they apply to the practice of grief therapy

**Providing Immediate and Long Term Support to Survivors of a COVID-related Death**

*The recording of this webinar, which was originally held on June 23, will be available soon on ADEC's website.*

Survivors of a sudden, traumatic death are often left with both trauma distress (intrusive thoughts, extreme agitation, and nightmares of the dying) and separation distress (pining and searching for the deceased). Survivors can also be left with overwhelmed feelings of guilt and anxiety, desperate to find clinical resources to help lessen the pain. In the time of COVID, with thousands of deaths in the U.S. alone, the need to support family and friends experiencing death related grief is vital. While survivors generally seek mental health support several weeks to months after their loss, support from other community responders in the initial days of the loss is important to help families feel emotionally cared for. This webinar features an interview with a Seattle based funeral home director, describing her experience with families who have lost a loved one due to exposure to COVID.

This discussion focuses on what has been found to support loved ones in the time of physical distancing and other restrictions survivors are held to. The speaker then introduced “Restorative Retelling,” an intervention designed to support survivors after a sudden, traumatic death. Through
the lens of “Restorative Retelling,” the audience is given practical approaches on how to support clients in their death related grief as well as understand how to foster resilience.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand common responses experienced by survivors of a COVID related death
- Understand useful support provided by non clinical professionals in the initial days after a COVID related death
- Outline the principles of the “Restorative Retelling” model, illustrating clinical techniques to process the death, promoting a continued bond

Laura Takacs  
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Laura Takacs is a 2004 graduate of the University of Washington School of Social Work and School of Public Health. Since graduating, Laura has worked both internationally and domestically, focusing on trauma, loss, and grief. Currently, Laura serves as the Clinical Director at Virginia Mason Medical Center, Grief Services (formerly Separation and Loss Services) where she provides both individual and group therapy to survivors of sudden, traumatic death, utilizing the “Restorative Retelling” model.

E.K. Rynearson, MD

“Ted” Rynearson is a clinical psychiatrist and researcher from Seattle, Washington where he founded the section of psychiatry at the Mason Clinic. In addition to full time clinical practice, he has served on the clinical faculty of the University of Washington as a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry.

Cassandra Engle

Cassandra (KC) Engle is a graduate of Pima Funeral Service Education. Currently, she is the General Manager of Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Cemetery as well as Riverton Crest Cemetery.

Members' Corner

ADEC Members’ Corner is a regular column in ADEC Connects that highlights one or more members’ activity as an ADEC professional. Members’ Corner is open for contributions from all ADEC members; to be included, please send your article to Amanda Brace or Beverly Rollins.
Claudia Coenen, MA PT was recently asked to join the Global COVID 19 Relief Coalition where her subgroup was tasked with exploring all aspects of death, grief, and virtual funerals. You can read the group’s white paper here.

In light of these difficult times, especially for those individuals who lost loved ones and didn't say their final goodbyes due to social distancing, Harlyene D Goss, CEO of HD Merrimack, is generously offering to make 2 memorial bookmarks for your organization’s clients, free of charge. She will help design a bookmark template specific to your organization. A sample of what she has done for other organizations can be seen here.

Dr. Batya L. Ludman, Psy.D., FT recently wrote an article entitled, "COVID 19 and Its Impact on Loss Within the Jewish Community." The article can be found on her website.

Robert A. Neimeyer, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of the Department of Psychology, University of Memphis, maintains an active consulting and coaching practice, and also directs the Portland Institute for Loss and Transition in Portland, Oregon. The Institute offers an online library of training resources including a workshop that Dr. Neimeyer presented in May entitled “When Grief Goes Viral: Psychological Assessment and Intervention in the Coronavirus Pandemic.” Information regarding the Institute can be found at portlandinstitute.org.

Dr. Alan Wolfelt has published a number of articles surrounding the COVID 19 Pandemic and has provided media interviews to the “Today Show,” Rolling Stone magazine, Yahoo.com, and several podcasts. Dr. Wolfelt has also written a new book entitled The Grief of Infertility. To access his articles and podcasts and to purchase his book, go to centerforloss.com.

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