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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Specialty Workshops – Full Day
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Professional Development Courses
8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Specialty Workshops – Half Day AM
1:30 – 5 p.m. Specialty Workshops – Half Day PM
5:15 – 5:45 p.m. New Member/First Time Attendee gathering
5:45 – 7:15 p.m. Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, APRIL 26
7 – 7:45 a.m. Yoga for Grief Relief
8 – 8:40 a.m. President’s Welcome/ Awards Presentation
8:40 – 9:40 a.m. Keynote Session - Dr. Alison Salloum
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Contemplation/Reflection Room
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Ritual Archives Project Room
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Artful Grief: Open Art Studio
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Exhibits Open
9:40 – 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break / Poster Presentation II
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Session I
11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch on your own
1 – 2 p.m. Concurrent Session II
2:15 – 3:15 p.m. Concurrent Session III
2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Highmark Caring Place Open House
3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Refreshment Break / Poster Presentation II/ Authors Fair
4:15 – 5:45 p.m. Concurrent Session IV
6 – 6:50 p.m. ADEC In Conversation
7 – 8 p.m. Pet Remembrance Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 27
6:45 – 7:30 a.m. Living Legacy Circle Breakfast (invitation only)
7 – 7:45 a.m. Yoga for Grief Relief
8 – 9:40 a.m. Awards Presentation / Keynote Session - Dr. Carl Becker
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Contemplation Reflection Room
9:40 – 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break / Poster Presentation II
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Session V
11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch on your own
12 – 1 p.m. Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting (open to all)
1 – 2 p.m. Concurrent Session VI
2:15 – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Session VII
3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Refreshment Break / Poster Presentation II / Networking Groups
4:45 – 6:15 p.m. Concurrent Session VIII
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Service of Remembrance

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
7 – 7:30 a.m. Yoga for Grief Relief
7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Business Meeting
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Session IX
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Contemplation Reflection Room
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Ritual Archives Project Room
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Exhibits Open
9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Session X
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Refreshment Break
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Session XI
12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Own
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Session XII
2:45 – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Session XIII
4 – 5:25 p.m. Closing Keynote Session - Dr. Anne Balsamo
President’s Letter

Dear Conference Attendees,

On behalf of the ADEC Board of Directors, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 40th ADEC Annual Conference in the beautiful city of Pittsburgh USA.

The ADEC annual conference is the premiere international educational, interdisciplinary meeting for professionals working in the field of death, dying and bereavement and attracts delegates both locally and internationally.

As in years past, this year’s conference program is a rich array of stimulating papers, posters, keynote sessions, displays and workshops which reflects the broad interests and concerns of thanatologists. With more than 70 concurrent sessions, professional development courses and workshops, research posters and plenary sessions addressing the dying process, end-of-life decision-making, assessment and intervention, traumatic death I am sure that there will be more than plenty to fill up your professional basket and still have plenty more that you wished you could attend. I have often paired up with a colleague to cover more ground and compare notes in the mutual sharing over coffee or wine and connection.

If this is your first opportunity to attend an ADEC conference you are in for a treat. Not only do the scientific program and exhibitors have much to offer but you will find other attendees only too keen to speak with you. I still remember my first conference and being in awe that the ADEC community took time to sit down and have a coffee, introduce me to other thanatologists and the impromptu encounters that grew into friendships over many years since.

It seems that at an ADEC conference, all you need to do to connect is wear your ADEC badge, and the community will embrace you with warmth. I leave each conference feeling renewed professionally and in depth of gratitude for this global professional community.

If this is your first conference, I encourage you to reach out to others and to make connections. If you are a frequent visitor to the conference or a long-time member of ADEC, I would also encourage you to reach out and extend an ADEC welcome to others. ADEC is renowned for its warmth.

A number of social events will provide opportunities to renew old friendships and to create new ones. In particular, please join us for the Welcome Reception and the ADEC-in-Conversation events.

The quality of the meeting, and the existence of the conference itself, is a result of the hard work of both ADEC staff and the ADEC conference committee. I want to express my appreciation in particular, to Jon Reid who chairs the conference committee as well as all its members. I would also like to acknowledge the incoming Conference Committee Chair, Fay Green who has been instrumental already in laying down the success for future conferences. I thank Jon for his many years of service and wisdom in chairing this committee.

I would like to put a shout out to our ADEC staff and management company. Ashley Driste has been a tireless force behind the scenes as well as our Executive Director Steve Thomas. I would also like to acknowledge Tammy, Lisa, Rhianna, Dara and Kevin for all their extra hands of deck to bring this conference together in a hectic year of transition.

I am excited for you to meet them in person in Pittsburgh and get to know them in person.

Safe Travel and see you in Pittsburgh!

Dr. Ramona Fernandez
ADEC President 2017-2018
Conference Chair Letter

Welcome to ADEC’s 40th Annual Conference.

As chair of the Conference Planning Committee (CPC), I am happy to welcome you to our 40th Annual Conference in historic Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

We are excited to introduce you to our three Keynote Presenters: Alison Salloum, PhD, LCSW will share practical applications of her research on bereaved and traumatized children and adolescents. Dr. Salloum is a faculty member in the School of Social Work at the University of South Florida.

The Ira Nerkin International keynote speaker Carl Becker, PhD, DLitt is on the faculty at the School of Medicine at Kyoto University (Japan) and will share insights from his 40 years working in Japan, with a focus on Japanese spiritual practices related to elder care and bereavement.

Our closing keynote speaker is Anne Balsamo, PhD who will share the latest information on the Design of Digital Memorial Experiences. Dr. Balsamo is the Dean of the School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication at the University of Texas at Dallas.

While enjoying twice-daily break-times, also enjoy a leisurely walk through the exhibit hall! Our Exhibit Hall features exhibit booths filled with resources with appeal to a wide variety of attendees. And please thank our exhibitors and sponsors who help make this conference possible.

Year after year, conference evaluations highlight that the most valued aspect of our annual conference is the opportunity for professional networking. Take advantage of the numerous opportunities to meet and greet authors, practitioners, and scholars.

The nature of a conference on the many facets of loss can be heavy at times; for those who would like a quiet space for reflection, please make your way to our Contemplation/Reflection Room. You can also engage your creativity at the Artful Grief Studio, open for attendees to drop-in and stay as long as desired while creating hands-on artistic creations. Feeling stressed? Yoga instructor Antonio Sausys of “Yoga for Grief Relief” will offer yoga sessions each morning of the conference to help get your day started.

Many thanks to the members of our Conference Planning Committee: Elissa Berman, Fay Green, Bill Hoy, Jill Harrington-Lamorie, Rebecca Morse, Becky Lomaka, Louis Gamino, Sheri Goldstrohm, and Peggy Whiting. Each brings experience of being a past conference co-chair and/or considerable experience with ADEC. The committee has worked well together with guidance from Ashley Driste of our management company. It has been a pleasure for me to serve the association and to work with this gifted and dedicated committee. I will be rotating off of the CPC and am confident in handing over the keys to the CPC to incoming chair: Fay Green.

As always, we invite you to complete the conference evaluation which will be sent to you immediately after the conference. The evaluations are carefully reviewed by the Conference Planning Committee and our management company, helping us in future conference planning.

Best wishes for a great conference!

Jon K. Reid
Conference Planning Committee Chair
About ADEC

In 1976, an interdisciplinary group of educators and clinicians organized the Forum for Death Education and Counseling. Over the years, the organization grew to become the internationally respected Association for Death Education and Counseling® (ADEC), the Thanatology Association®.

ADEC is one of the oldest organizations in the field of dying, death and bereavement. ADEC’s membership consists of educators, psychologists, counselors, nurses, physicians, hospital and hospice personnel, mental health professionals, clergy, funeral directors, social workers, philosophers, sociologists, health and well-being specialists. Everyone is welcome to join and participate regardless of color, national origin, creed, gender or sexual orientation. ADEC promotes and facilitates the sharing of research, theories and practice in dying, death and bereavement.

ADEC’s primary goal is to help professionals meet the needs of those with whom they work in death education and grief counseling.

Membership benefits include:

- The ADEC Forum, a quarterly online publication for members
- ADEC Connects, an electronic, bi-monthly update on association goings-on
- The Thanatology NewsBrief, a biweekly digest of headlines and news related to death, dying and loss
- Complimentary subscriptions to Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying, Death Studies and Grief Matters, the journal of the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement; as well as the lowest discounted subscription rates for several journals: Journal of Loss and Trauma, Mortality Journal and Living with Loss
- Significantly discounted fees for conference registrations, certification, recertification and distance education offerings
- Opportunities to network with leaders of the diverse thanatological professions by participating on committees, task forces and networking groups
- Inclusion in the Find a Specialist directory, which allows members of the public to locate service providers among our membership

ADEC’s Role and Mission

Vision Statement

The Association for Death Education and Counseling® envisions a world in which dying, death and bereavement are recognized as fundamental and significant aspects of the human experience. Therefore, the Association, ever committed to being on the forefront of thanatology (the study of death and dying), will provide a home for professionals from diverse backgrounds to advance the body of knowledge and to promote practical applications of research and theory.

Mission Statement

The Association for Death Education and Counseling® is a professional organization dedicated to promoting excellence and recognizing diversity in death education, care of the dying, grief counseling and research in thanatology. Based on quality research and theory, the Association provides information, support and resources to its international, multicultural, multidisciplinary membership and through it, to the public.

ADEC strives to:

1. Provide quality education, training and certification opportunities for professionals working with dying, death, end-of-life issues, grief and bereavement.
2. Increase the membership while improving the quality of the individual membership experience.
3. Promote awareness of ADEC as an authoritative voice in the field of dying, death and bereavement. Audiences to be reached include the general public, private and public corporations, the national media, governmental bodies and other professional organizations.
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2018 Awards

Thursday, April 26

Clinical Practice Award
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Research Recognition Award
Dr. Stephen Robert Connor

Ron K Barret Award
Grief and Coping among African American Female College Students
Tashel Bordere, PhD, CT
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Graduate Paper
Rachael Nolan

Friday, April 27

Academic Educator Award
Dr. Andy Hau Yan Ho

Community Educator Award
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Keynote Presentations

Thursday, April 26
Community-Based Research on Interventions for Bereaved and Traumatized Children
Presented by: Alison Salloum, PhD, LCSW
Evidence-based practices (EBP) that have been tested in real-world settings with bereaved and traumatized children remain limited. There are challenges to conducting research with children and their families in community-based settings, and once interventions are empirically-supported clinicians are faced with bridging research and practice. Dr. Salloum will discuss the lessons learned from developing the Grief and Trauma Intervention (GTI) for Children, an EBP for bereaved and traumatized children that was tested in an urban community setting. The theoretical foundation of GTI for Children will be discussed as well as practical applications in community-based settings.

Friday, April 27
Japanese Spiritual Practices Facing Elder Care & Bereavement
Presented by: Carl Becker, PhD, DLitt
Japan has the world’s most elderly population. This makes both the elderly and their caregivers more conscious of death. The elderly worry about becoming too much burden on their families and society, while their caregivers risk burnout in the process of caring for their elders.

Aging populations present challenges to health care systems too. (a) Families and hospitals must care for growing numbers of invalid or demented elders. This is an exhausting job for families and nurses, often leading to burnout, neglect, or even abuse. (b) Dying people themselves face problems of pain, fear, and loneliness. Drugs alone are not enough to heal these psychological problems. (c) Bereaved families suffer feelings of loss, grief, guilt, or meaninglessness. If not addressed, these can lead to additional diseases, accidents, depression, even suicide.

Yet Japanese culture has many hints for avoiding burnout while facing death. This presentation presents five aspects of Japanese spiritual practices: aspiration, perspiration, respiration, expiration, and inspiration. We shall see how tools for measuring meaningfulness can identify burnout before it becomes severe, and prevent elder abuse before it happens. We shall see how meditation can reduce the stress of both caregivers and people who are themselves dying. We shall also see how an East Asian understanding of life and death can reduce the pain and fear of death, and help to heal the grief of bereaved families.

Saturday, April 28
The AIDS Memorial Quilt and the Design of Digital Memorial Experiences
Presented by: Anne Balsamo, PhD
The AIDS Memorial Quilt was created 25 years ago as a work of community activism to protest the appalling lack of attention by the US health agencies to what was then, in 1987, an increase in improbable fatalities among previously healthy gay men in the United States. Its first inception unfolded in October 1987 on the National Mall in Washington DC as part of the March for Gay Rights; it included 1,920 Quilt panels. Now 25 years later, the Quilt encompasses more than 48,000 panels, representing 60 countries and commemorating more than 93,000 names. It is the largest living memorial of its kind in the world.

This presentation discusses the creation of an interactive memorial that was designed to augment the viewing of the textile Quilt. I will demonstrate three digital experiences: 1) an open-source mobile web application called AIDS QUILT TOUCH; 2) a tangible tabletop interactive that enables viewers to SEARCH the database of Quilt images to find a specific image and to BROWSE the archive of Quilt panel images; and 3) a community sourcing application that engages people in analyzing and archiving information about the Quilt.
Professional Development Courses

Tuesday, April 24 and Wednesday, April 25 • 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.

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

Separate registration and tuition are required.

Essentials of Thanatology: Dying, Death, and Bereavement

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

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

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

About Your Instructors:

Darcy L. Harris, PhD, RSW, FT, is an Associate Professor and the Thanatology Coordinator in the Department of Interdisciplinary Programs at King’s University College at Western University in London, Ontario, Canada, where she also maintains a private clinical practice specializing in issues related to change, loss, and transition. She developed the undergraduate degree program in Thanatology at King’s University College, and she serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Western University. She has served on the board of directors of the Association for Death Education and Counseling and is a current member of the International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement. She currently serves on the board of directors for St. Joseph’s Health Care in London, Ontario and has served as the series editor for the Death, Value, and Meaning Series with Baywood Publishing Company in New York. She has written many articles and book chapters, including Counting our Losses: Reflecting on Change, Loss, and Transition in Everyday Life (2010, Routledge), Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society: Bridging Research and Practice (2011, Routledge), Principles and Practice of Grief Counseling (2nd edition, 2016, Springer), and the Handbook of Social Justice in Loss and Grief: Exploring Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2016, Routledge).

Andy Ho, PhD, EdD, FT, is Assistant Professor of Psychology in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in Thanatology from the University of Hong Kong in 2013, and his Doctor of Education in Lifelong Learning from the University of Nottingham in 2016. He is an elected member of the prestigious International Work Group on Death Dying and Bereavement, a Fellow in Thanatology, a Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Mindfulness Practitioner. Andy specializes in the research and teaching of dignified and compassionate end of life care, life and death education, psychosocial gerontology, holistic therapy and community empowerment. Based on this body of work, he has produced many acclaimed public health campaigns and short film documentaries, authored over 50 books, chapters, and articles in prominent academic and professional journals, as well as presented over 100 keynotes, invited, and conference presentations across the globe. Andy’s social and scholarly contributions have been recognized with distinction by the Association of Death Education and Counseling, the International Palliative Care Network, the International Academy of the Visual Arts, the Hong Kong Hospital Authority, and the Hong Kong International Cancer Congress.
Professional Development Courses

Tuesday, April 24 and Wednesday, April 25 • 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Intermediate Course: Grief Counseling
Faculty: Jane Vair Bissler, PhD, LPCC-S, FT

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

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

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

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

About Your Instructor:

Jane Vair Bissler, PhD, LPCC-S, FT, is a clinical counselor, teacher, writer and speaker specializing in grief and bereavement. Over the past 30 years, she has counseled hundreds of grieving individuals, couples, families and groups through Counseling for Wellness in Kent, OH. Dr. Bissler taught at Kent State University for seventeen years in the Master’s and Ph.D. clinical counseling programs. She has co-written three books on grief and one about clients having loving connections with their deceased loved ones. For the past 28 years, she has written a weekly grief question and answer newspaper column and has keynoted and spoken at numerous international, national, state and local conferences.
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Advanced Course: Complicated Bereavement and Grief Therapy
Faculty: Robert A. Neimeyer, PhD

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

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

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

Required readings:
2018 Specialty Workshops

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

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

Wednesday, April 25
Full Day Workshops • 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Catching Your Breath in Grief: Lessons for the Bereaved, Thinkers, and Caregivers

Presented by: Thomas Attig, PhD
This workshop embeds the presenter’s well-known thinking on grieving as relearning the world in further reflections on learning how to live, learning to carry sorrow, engaging with life’s mysteries, and grieving as soulful and spiritual. It leads participants through reflections and dialogue on grief in general, the presenter’s grieving following the death of his life-long friend, and participants' own grieving experiences. Along the way, it discusses descriptive and interpretative limitations of theories about loss of assumptive world, emotion, meaning-making, dual-processing, intuitive vs. instrumental grieving, disenfranchisement, attachment (vs. love), remembering, and needs for wisdom vs. science in grieving, theory-building, and counseling.

Contemporary Neuroscience and Attachment Theory: Implications for an Attachment Informed Approach to Grief Therapy

Presented by: Phyllis Kosminsky, PhD, LCSW, FT and John R. (Jack) Jordan, PhD
In this clinically oriented workshop, we will review recent research and theory in neuroscience that has direct implications for understanding the bereaved, particularly the phenomenon of “complicated grief”. We will do likewise with contemporary research and theory in the field of attachment studies. We will then discuss the emerging view of therapy as a process of right brain to right brain communication, and the central importance of the therapeutic relationship in work with the bereaved. We will outline the principles of this approach and illustrate these principles with clinical vignettes and video presentation. Throughout the day, there will be ample opportunity for discussion of the concepts and their application to actual therapeutic work with bereaved clients.
2018 Specialty Workshops

Wednesday, April 25
Half Day Morning Workshops • 8:30 a.m. – Noon

How To Survive Such Horror and Splendor?

Presented by: Rob Zucker, MA, LCSW, FT

Double Eye
By Jalal-ud-Din Rumi (translated by Andrew Harvey)

You've given me your terrible Double Eye
That sees all things as empty and as You.
You scathe all flesh to bone, flame bone to Light
How could I survive such horror, and splendor?

In this half-day, experiential writing/sharing workshop participants will consider how they as death educators and counselors manage the extraordinary challenge of remaining open-hearted, vulnerable and professional while working to establish appropriately intimate relationships with those who suffer. The model for writing and sharing in this workshop offers a safe and powerful format for professional and personal growth.

Nuts and Bolts of Setting Up and Maintaining Bereavement Support Groups in Urban and Rural Settings

Presented by: Ben Wolfe, MEd, LICSW, FT

This interactive workshop is designed to teach participants not only how to develop, set up and maintain adult bereavement support groups, but more importantly, explore the challenges which occur while facilitating a group. Participants will learn how to develop and organize grief support groups, necessary facilitation skills, and appreciate group process. The significant amount of time will be spent learning how to interact with group attendees who may fit the “creepy factor,” “dominators,” etc. categories. This workshop is appropriate for professionals or laypersons with limited or extensive group facilitative experience working within hospitals, hospices, religious institutions, agencies, community groups or organizations.

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Wednesday, April 25
Half Day Afternoon Workshops • 1:30 – 5 p.m.

Beyond Burnout—Finding Balance, Transforming Stress

Presented by: Dale Larson, PhD

Burnout, moral distress, and compassion fatigue are well-documented risks we encounter in our work with people facing grief, loss, and trauma. That’s the bad news. The good news is that we can—and often do—wrest personal and professional growth from this challenging and deeply rewarding work. In this interactive workshop you will learn strategies and practice techniques for managing and transforming stress, enhancing meaning, and increasing your clinical effectiveness. Topics include helper secrets and social support; exquisite empathy and the helper’s pit; mindfulness in clinical practice; cognitive-affective stress management techniques; self-compassion; growth through adversity; and eudaimonia and great moments in helping.

Creating Inclusion and Well-being for Grieving Children in Today’s World

Presented by: Linda Goldman, MS, LCPC, FT

Working with children and grief in contemporary society is a monumental task, considering the groundswell of disasters, mass killings, disease, poverty, etc. that acts as an overlay for everyday grief and loss events in a young person’s life. This course develops an understanding of a child’s journey through grief and traumatic events, and offers participant’s practical concepts and tools to help these youngsters become resilient. Participant learning focuses on children’s grief and loss issues and techniques for working with these issues: with special consideration for complex issues (ex. suicide, homicide, terrorism, violence, disasters). Resources, theory, and practical case studies will be presented and discussed.
Continuing Education Information

Continuing education credit for this event is co-sponsored, in part, by the Association for Death Education and Counseling and Amedco. Continuing education credit is offered as listed below. The Conference offers a total of 30.50 contact hours, subject to change. Credit is awarded on a session-by-session basis, with full attendance required at the sessions attended. CEU Tracking forms will be available on site. If you have questions regarding continuing education, the program, grievance issues, or for a listing of learning objectives for sessions, contact education@adec.org.

Note: Learning objectives for all educational sessions at the presentation level for concurrent sessions are available on the ADEC website in the Abstract Book.

Nurses

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Amedco LLC and Association of Death Education. Amedco LLC is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Credit Designation Statement – Amedco LLC designates this live activity for a maximum of 31.25 contact hours for nurses. Learners should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

CA Nurses

Amedco is approved by the CA Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #CEP13683, for 31.25 contact hours.

Psychologists

This course is co-sponsored by Amedco and Association for Death Education. Amedco is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Amedco maintains responsibility for this program and its content. 31.25 hours.

The following boards accept courses from APA providers for Counselors: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, KS, ME, MO, NC, ND, NH, NE, NJ, NM, NV, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, WY

AL / Counselors: Activities not providing NBCC approval may be approved by the Board for individual licensees upon receipt of acceptable documentation prior to the activity. Please send course details to your licensing board for approval BEFORE the event. No approvals afterward by the board.

The following state boards accept courses from APA providers for MFTs: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IN, KS, ME, MO, NC, NE, NH, NM, NJ, NV, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WI, WY

The following boards accept courses from APA providers for Addictions Professionals: AK, AR, CO, CT, DE, GA, IA, IN, KS, LA, MO, MT, NE, NM, NC, ND, NJ, NV, NY (outstate held), OK, OR, SC, UT, WA, WI, WY

The following state boards accept courses from APA providers for Social Workers: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, ID, IN, KY, ME, MN, MO, NE, NH, NM, OR, PA, VT, WI, WY

Social Workers

Amedco, #1346, is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) www.aswb.org, through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Amedco maintains responsibility for the program. ASWB Approval Period: 6/24/2016 to 6/24/2019. Social workers should contact their regulatory board to determine course approval for continuing education credits.

Social workers participating in this course may receive up to 31.25 clinical continuing education clock hours.

The following boards accept courses from ASWB providers for Counselors: AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, ME, MO, ND, NE, NM, NH, NV, OK, PA, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, WY

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The following state board accept courses from ASWB providers for Addictions Professionals: AK, CA, CO, CT, GA, IA, IN, KS, LA, MO, MT, ND, NM, NV, OK, OR, SC, WA, WI, WY
Continuing Education Information, continued

FL BBS
Amedco is approved by the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling. Provider BAP#39-Exp.3-31-2019. 31.25 Hours

Illinois Marriage and Family Therapists
Illinois Dept. of Professional Regulation, Approved Continuing Education Sponsor, #168-000197. 31.25 hours.

North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy
North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board for 31.25 hours of credit.

West Virginia Board of Counseling
This activity has been approved for up to 30.5 LPC Contact hours. The CE approval number is WVBE-0425-2818.

Massachusetts Association for Marriage & Family Therapy
This activity has been certified by the Massachusetts Association for Marriage & Family Therapy, Inc. for professional continuing education. 31.0 contact hours. Certification #PD-033990.

Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy
The activity is approved for a total of 31.25 continuing education hours for licensed professional counselor and licensed professional clinical counselors. Activity approval number 2018.CE.084

Montana Social Worker & Marriage Family Therapist

Louisiana Counseling Association
This program has been approved for 31.25 continuing education clock hours by the Louisiana Counseling Association as authorized by the Louisiana Professional Counselor Licensing Board of Examiners.

Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
This activity has been approved for up to 31.25 CEU Hours.

Massachusetts MHCA
This activity has been approved for up to 31.25

Minnesota Marriage and Family Therapist
This program has been submitted to The Minnesota Marriage and Family Therapist board for review.

Ohio LPC & MFT
This program has been submitted to The Ohio Marriage and Family Therapist board for review.

Georgia MFT
This program has been submitted to The George Marriage and Family Therapist board for review.

Vermont LPC & MFT
This program has been submitted to The Vermont Marriage and Family Therapist board for review.

West Virginia Social Worker
This program has been submitted to The West Virginia Social Worker board for review.

Mississippi Marriage and Family Therapist
This program has been submitted to The Mississippi Marriage and Family Therapist board for review.

Additional Accreditations

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

Chaplains:
This educational event will provide continuing education hours required by the Association of Professional Chaplains.
Continuing Education Registration Requirements

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

To receive continuing education credit, attendees must:

- Register for CE ($60 members, $75 nonmembers)
- Track attendee sessions daily
- Complete the online CE submission. Instructions will be sent to CE participants 7-10 business days after the conference.

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

Breakdown of credit hours available: (Subject to change)

- Professional Development Courses 6.5 per day
- Full-Day Specialty Workshops 6.5
- Half-Day Specialty Workshops 3.0
- Thursday Conference (all sessions) 5.5
- Friday Conference (all sessions) 6.0
- Saturday Conference (all sessions) 6.0

Continuing Education Registration Requirements
Certification for Thanatology Professionals

In today’s competitive and challenging markets, it is important to identify individuals with qualified knowledge and advanced professional competency in thanatology.

The Association for Death Education and Counseling offers a two-level certification program for thanatology professionals, Certified in Thanatology®, the CT®, and Fellow in Thanatology®, the FT®. The certification program aims to protect the public by creating a standard for thanatology practice, while helping professionals develop and demonstrate their mastery of knowledge of issues related to death, dying and bereavement.

ADEC certificants are recognized across disciplines as leaders in their respected fields, in many countries around the world. The next certification exam will take place on November 3, 2018. Applications must be in by September 7, 2018.

Certification in Thanatology (CT®) is a foundation certification that is designed to enhance professional knowledge and promote excellence in the field of thanatology. It recognizes a specific educational background in dying, death and bereavement, combined with experience in the field.

The Fellow in Thanatology (FT®) is an advanced professional certification for thanatology professionals. It recognizes practitioners and educators in the discipline of death, dying, and bereavement who have met specified knowledge requirements measured through a standardized testing process and who demonstrate advanced levels of competency in teaching, research and/or clinical practice through a professional portfolio.

What’s the value of earning Certification in Thanatology?

- Recognition by Peers: Certification sets you apart from other individuals in the field, offering greater professional prestige among peers.
- Recognition by Administrators: In a survey of employers in the field, more than half of responders said that certification is strongly considered in hiring and promotion decisions; a quarter indicated that credentialed employees earn a higher wage and have a wider scope of duties.
- Recognition by the Public: Certification in industry-related fields leads to overall greater distinguished professionals in the chosen field.

For more information, visit the ADEC website at www.adec.org or contact adec@adec.org. Applications are now available online.

Certification Information Meeting

Friday, April 27 from 7:15 – 7:45 a.m.
Room: Cambria E, Floor 2

Learn more about earning ADEC’s Certification in Thanatology (CT®) or the Fellow in Thanatology (FT®).
Congratulations to the individuals who earned Certification or Fellow status in 2017:

2017 Fellows in Thanatology
Ahn Yong-Mo
Carrie Arnold
Simone E. Brock
Claudia Coenen
Marla Mercer Cole
Lark D’Helen
Alissa Drescher
Elizabeth Farnsworth
Ivan Fung
Aubrie Hills
Hong Seongman
Tresa Marie Hooks
Hyeon Joo Kim
Veronica M. Ibara
Jin Jong Park
Jung Hae Sook
Jung Hwan Jong
Kang Hyo Ryung
Kim Ki Gon
Amy Kitsembel
Geok Ling Lee
Jennifer R. Levin
Mi-yeon Park
Diane McDonald
Raman Kaur Mohabir
Brianne Overton
Michelle Ramirez
Maria Roman Vega
Rashida D. Sanchez
Sung Chul Shin
Lynn Snyder
Brittany Trauthwein
Yang Soo Na
Yoo Eun Joo

2017 Certification in Thanatology
Kimberly M Green
Ryu Gwiseon
Stephanie F. Hall
Sim Heungsig
Rachael E. Hill
Kristen Huber
Kim Hyun Hee
Joseph A. Immordino, Jr.
Kim In Sook
Le Ann Jackson
Per Jackyoung
Patricia Jauchler
Lee Jeongmin
Rutha L. Johnson
Kim Jung Yea
Kim Jung
An Junghee
Megan M. Kale-Cheever
Kelly Karavousanos
Amy Keiper-Shaw
Melissa Kennedy Panto
Anne West Kesner
Melissa Ann Klebs
Adam Koenig
Kyung Koh Soo
Tsui Lai Man
Kavitha Lakshmanan
Jean M. Ligocki
Eileen Litchfield
Lo Yiu Man
Sandra D. Mantsch
Pamela Cloud Mason
Stephanie Matonkek
Michaela Erin McLean
Kathy McRill
Ariane Maris Medero
Emily Eliot Miller
Melissa Minkley
Kim Nanhee
Mary Ann Nook-Krystosik
Daisy Nuñez
Maria Teresa Nussbacher
Julie A. Olds
David Parry
Jennifer A. Perez
Deanna Porter
Lisa Quibodeaux
Loretta Gail Rivers
Chantelle T.C. Schofield
Ko Seogsun
Don Kim Seung
Samantha Snellgrove
Gina Stein Scharf
James L. Stewart
Cheung Suk Wai
Meghan Szafran
Lee Taeja
Kwon Taeyun
Maria Torres
Howard F. Travers, Jr.
Kory Trinrud
Wendy S. Vargo
Kellie Andrea Webster
Ee Wee Lin Vivien
Sonja B. Williams
Megyn Amber Wirkus
Bryan E. Wright
Lee Yongbeom
Jeon Youngsuk
Danielle Marie Younts-Pennington
Ann Yung Sook
Anna Zanardi
Artful Grief studio

The Artful Grief: Open Art Studio will serve two functions:

**First: As an educational resource.** Four specific art therapy techniques will be presented, that are appropriate for use with clients who have experienced traumatic loss. There will be case presentations, articles, displays of client art work and opportunities for hands on exploration of: Collage, Dreamscaping, Handmade Books and Healing Sticks.

**Second: As a richly appointed “art making” sanctuary.** All are welcome, from novices curious about grief and the expressive arts to seasoned “artists” longing to relax into a creative process, for pure delight and self soothing. You are invited to spend a few minutes or a few hours... “a picture is worth a thousand words!”

Yoga for Grief Relief

Yoga for Grief Relief (YGR) is a somatic psychotherapeutic protocol using Yoga techniques to address the physical, mental and spiritual symptoms of grief towards the re-identification process that follows an important loss.

Start your mornings at the Conference with a gentle Yoga for Grief Relief (YGR) practice. While preparing for the exciting conference program ahead, get a taste of how Yoga addresses grief and practice some of the techniques included in the YGR practice. The activity is appropriate for everyone, towels will be provided as mats and no previous experience is needed.

Highmark Caring Place Open House

Tour the Highmark Caring Place, A Center for Grieving Children, Adolescents and Their Families on Thursday, April 26; 2:30-5:30pm. Learn how grieving children and families are supported and share some refreshments while you tour and network.

**How To Get To The Caring Place:**

- Westin Hotel guests can contact Guest Services to arrange a free shuttle
- A quick Uber ride to 620 Stanwix Street
- An easy 10-minute walk straight down Penn Ave to 620 Stanwix Street:

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As part of our ongoing sustainability efforts and to reduce overall conference costs, we will not be printing conference guides for the Annual Conference. This year’s app is sponsored by Marian University and has all the information you could need including: conference schedule, presentation descriptions and handouts and networking opportunities with other attendees. Download the mobile app to your mobile device and build your personal schedule today! Please note local data charges may apply when using the application. Check with your carrier for more information on charges that may apply.

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- Access the 40th Annual Conference main page
- The app will take you to your event page automatically
- If the event doesn’t show up automatically, search for ADEC 40th Annual Conference. Then, click the join button on the bottom of the event page, and enter the event invitation code: ILOVEADEC.

Already used the Whova app in the past? Double-check that it is installed on your phone and log in using your existing account email and password.

Mobile App User Tutorial is accessible here and extremely helpful with screenshots included! Or, watch this 3 minute video.
Concurrent Session Information

Indicates session will be webcast live.

Courses, workshops and presentations throughout the ADEC conference are classified by the following categories:

- **Dying:** the physical, behavioral, cognitive, and emotional experience of living with life threatening/life limiting illness, caring for the terminally ill, the dying process, and the experience of death.
- **End-of-Life Decision-Making:** The medical, legal, ethical and interpersonal choices, decisions and behaviors of individuals, families and professionals as life nears its end that are often associated with a terminal illness.
- **Loss, Grief and Mourning:** The physical, behavioral, cognitive, and emotional experience of and reactions to loss, the grief process, as well as rituals and practices surrounding grief.
- **Assessment and Intervention:** Information gathered, decisions made and actions taken by professional caregivers to determine and/or provide for the needs of persons who are dying, their loved ones and bereaved individuals.
- **Traumatic Death:** A death that occurs in a manner that is unanticipated, shocking or violent; may be inflicted, self-inflicted or unintentional.
- **Death Education:** Formal and informal methods for acquiring and disseminating knowledge about dying, death and bereavement.

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

All concurrent sessions comprise the following presentation types:

- **Bridging Research and Practice:** A presentation translating theoretical research content into practice, or practice into research questions, to promote dialogue between the two entities. Session will utilize two presenters, one oriented toward research and the other oriented toward practice.
- **Experiential Workshop:** A presentation designed to actively involve attendees in small or large group processes, simulation and/or other training components.
- **Panel Discussion:** A single topic is presented by a moderator for discussion by a panel of 3-5 experts on the topic addressed. Panel members will share their knowledge through discussion on the validity, value and applicability of the topic.
- **Personal Story:** An anecdotal account having practice or educational applications explicitly related to the ADEC Body of Knowledge.
- **Poster Presentation:** A visual presentation of projects, interests and research-in-progress, aided by appropriate handouts and informal personal interaction with the presenter. Presentations will be grouped by topic.
- **Practice Report:** An analytical description of a promising new and innovative intervention in a counseling or institutional setting, including the underlying theory and/or research model.
- **Professional Case Presentation:** Presentation of a case study related to the presenter’s own professional experience which relates to the ADEC Body of Knowledge.
- **Research Report:** A presentation of original research which offers a new perspective in thanatology and the relationship of this new information to existing research and theory.
- **Scholarly Paper:** A theory-based discussion focused on exploring and analyzing new and current issues, trends, perspectives and models in the field of thanatology.
- **Symposium:** A short essay or papers on a particular subject that will be submitted to be combined with other presenters on the same or similar topic or subject.
Concurrency Session Information

Presentation Level

Each presentation identifies the knowledge/skill level required of the participant.

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

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

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

Courses, workshops and presentations throughout the ADEC conference are classified by the following indicators:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Ethical/Legal** pertains to the aspects of dying, death or bereavement that concerns the principles of justice, fairness, and the determination of ethically appropriate options. Legal issues refer to the articulated laws of a society that pertain to thanatology.
Tuesday, April 24, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  Floor 3
ADEC Registration Open*

Professional Development Courses
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Somerset, Floor 2
Introductory Course:
Essentials of Thanatology: Dying, Death and Bereavement
Darcy Harris, PhD, RSW, FT and Any Ho, PhD, EdD, FT

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Washington, Floor 2
Intermediate Course: Grief Counseling
Jane Bissler, PhD, LPCC-S, FT

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Westmoreland, Floor 2
Advanced Course: Complicated Bereavement and Grief Therapy
Robert A. Neimeyer, PhD

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  Floor 3
ADEC Registration Open*

Professional Development Courses
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Somerset, Floor 2
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Specialty Workshops
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Cambria E, Floor 2
Contemporary Neuroscience and Attachment Theory: Implications for an Attachment Informed Approach to Grief Therapy
Phyllis Kosminsky, PhD, LCSW and John R. (Jack) Jordan, PhD

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Catching Your Breath in Grief: Lessons for the Bereaved, Thinkers, and Caregivers
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8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Fayette, Floor 2
Nuts and Bolts of Setting Up and Maintaining Bereavement Support Groups in Urban and Rural Settings
Ben Wolfe, MEd, LICSW, FT

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Butler, Floor 2
How To Survive Such Horror and Splendor?
Rob Zucker, MA, LCSW, FT

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Fayette, Floor 2
Beyond Burnout—Finding Balance, Transforming Stress
Dale Larson, PhD

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Butler, Floor 2
Creating Inclusion and Well-being for Grieving Children in Today’s World
Linda Goldman, MS, LCPC, FT

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.  Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3
New Member and First-Time Attendee Gathering*

5:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.  Allegheny Foyer, Floor 3
Welcome Reception*

Thursday, April 26, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  Floor 3
ADEC Registration Open*

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.  Allegheny Foyer, Floor 3
Yoga for Grief Relief*
Start your morning off right with yoga. Welcome to all bodies, no previous experience needed, yoga clothing not a requirement, come as you are, mat and chairs provided

8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.  Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3
President’s Welcome/Awards Presentation*

8:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.  Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3
Keynote Speaker: Community-Based Research on Interventions for Bereaved and Traumatized Children
Alison Salloum, PhD, LCSW

9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  Pennsylvania, Floor 2
Refreshment Break / Poster Presentation I / Authors Fair*
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**Concurrent Session I**

**10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**

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Butler, Floor 2

**Staff Impact on Parents’ Grief After their Children Die of Cancer**
Carlos Torres, PhD; Lindsay Blazin, MD; Justin Baker, PhD; Robert A Neimeyer, PhD

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Institutional/Societal
Presentation Level: Introductory

Research Report – 30 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2

**Training Medical Students for End-of-Life Care**
Teresa Vincent, MPA

Category: Death Education
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Introductory

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch on your own*
Authors Fair*  
Pennsylvania, Floor 3

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## Concurrent Session II
1 – 2 p.m.

### Personal Story
**Cambria E, Floor 2**

**Difficult Conversations: The Aftermath of Sibling Loss**
Mary Jane Gandour, PhD; Molly Gandour, MFA candidate  
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning  
Indicator: Family and Individual  
Presentation Level: Intermediate

### Scholarly Paper
**Cambria W, Floor 2**

**Examining Theories of Loss for Live Discharge from Hospice**
Stephanie P Wladkowski, PhD; Cara L. Wallace, PhD; Allison Gibson, PhD  
Category: Non-death-related Loss  
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives  
Presentation Level: Intermediate

### Research Report – 60 minutes
**Somerset W, Floor 2**

**Exploring Childhood Sibling Bereavement Through Arts-Based Methods**
Tiffany T Hill, MA  
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning  
Indicator: Resources and Research  
Presentation Level: Intermediate

### Research Report – 60 minutes
**Somerset E, Floor 2**

**God’s Model of Grieving**
Sharon M Fox, BS  
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning  
Indicator: Religious/Spiritual  
Presentation Level: Introductory

### Practice Report
**Westmoreland E, Floor 2**

**How Community Tragedies Impact Grief**
Patti Anewalt, PhD  
Category: Traumatic Death  
Indicator: Institutional/Social  
Presentation Level: Intermediate

### Practice Report
**Westmoreland W & C, Floor 2**

**Reconstructing the Continuing Bond: Meaning Making in Grief Therapy**
Robert A Neimeyer, PhD; An Hooghe, PhD  
Category: Assessment and Intervention  
Indicator: Family and Individual  
Presentation Level: Advanced

### Bridging Research and Practice
**Allegheny Grand Ballroom, Floor 3**

**Research That Matters 2018: Suicide Bereavement**
David Balk, PhD; John R Jordan, PhD; Ann M Mitchell, PhD; Melinda Moore, PhD  
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning  
Indicator: Resources and Research  
Presentation Level: Intermediate

### Practice Report
**Butler, Floor 2**

**What Kind of Cupcake are You? Using Creative Interventions for Grief**
Timothy “T.J.” Schoonover, MS; Mary Boboweic, BA  
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning  
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives  
Presentation Level: Introductory

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Concurrent Session III
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Research Report – 60 minutes
Cambria W, Floor 2

Bereavement Leave Policy: College Students’ Feedback
Chye Hong Liew, MSEd; Heather L Servaty-Seib, PhD
Category: Assessment and Intervention
Indicator: Institutional/Societal
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Practice Report
Fayette, Floor 2

Changing Views on Cemeteries: Building Understanding Online
Jane Moore, EdD, FT; Lydia R Smith
Category: Death Education
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Scholarly Paper
Westmoreland E, Floor 2

It Takes a Village: The Nonprofessional Mental Health Worker Movement
Janet McCord, PhD; Michael Kral, PhD; Rebecca Morse, PhD
Category: Traumatic Death
Indicator: Historical Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Professional Case Presentation
Butler, Floor 2

Mindfulness & Grief: Reengaging With Life After Loss
Heather Stang, MA, C-IAYT
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Religious/Spiritual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Bridging Research and Practice
Westmoreland W & C, Floor 2

Dignity Care: A Way to Bridge Gaps Between Death & Dying
Timothy J. Copeland, BA, MS
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Research Report – 60 minutes
Somerset W, Floor 2

Family Strengths and Bereaved Children’s Resilience Across Two Years
Rhonda A Richardson, PhD; Pamela Ferguson, MA; Susan Maxymiv, MA
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Research Report – 30 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2

Parent-Child Communication Following the Loss of a Parent to Cancer
Megan M Weber, MS
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Introductory

Research Report – 30 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2

The Effects of Childhood Traumatic Loss on College Students
Susan Trace Lawrence, M Ed
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Introductory

Personal Story
Cambria E, Floor 2

The Insiders View: Online Support in a Bereaved Mother’s Only Group
Janice Bell Meisenhelder, DNSc
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Institutional/Societal
Presentation Level: Intermediate

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2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Practice Report
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3

**The Tri-Dimensional Competency Model of Supervision**

Pamela A Malone, PhD; Mark de St. Aubin, LCSW

Category: Death Education
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Intermediate

2:30 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.  
Highmark Caring Place Open House*

3:15 p.m.– 4:15 p.m.  
Pennsylvania, Floor 3
Refreshment Break
Poster Presentation I
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Panel Discussion
Butler, Floor 2
Ways of Thinking in People with Complicated Grief
Bonnie Gorscak, PhD; Natalia A Skritskaya, PhD; Valerie Richards, PhD; Nancy Turret, LCSW
Category: Assessment and Intervention
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Intermediate

5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3
ADEC In Conversation*

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Washington, Floor 2
Pet Remembrance Service*

Friday, April 27
7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Floor 3
ADEC Registration Open*

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Allegheny Foyer, Floor 3
Yoga for Grief Relief*
Start your morning off right with yoga. Welcome to all bodies, no previous experience needed, yoga clothing not a requirement, come as you are, mat and chairs provided.

7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
• Student and New Professionals Meeting*
• Certification Informational Meeting*

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Westmoreland E, Floor 2

8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3
Awards Presentation*

8:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3
Keynote Speaker: Japanese Spiritual Practices Facing Elder Care & Bereavement
Carl Becker, PhD, DLitt

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contemplation/
Crawford E, Floor 3
Reflection Room Open*

9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Pennsylvania, Floor 2
Refreshment Break

Poster Presentation II
Networking Groups*
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Concurrent Session V
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Professional Case Presentation
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3

**A Family Grieves After Death by Drug Overdose: A Case Study**
Sarah S Montgomery, MSW, LCSW-C; Joy L McCrady, MS, LGPC
Category: Traumatic Death
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

The Artful Grief: Open Art Studio
Lawrence, Floor 2

Collage...Integrating the Torn Pieces
Sharon Strouse, MA, ATR-BC, LCPAT

Bridging Research and Practice
Westmoreland W & C, Floor 2

**Continuing Bonds On Steroids: Linking Theory and Practice**
Jane Vair Bissler, PhD; Phyllis Kosminsky, PhD
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Religious/Spiritual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Research Report – 60 minutes
Somerset W, Floor 2

**Dreams and Visions: Promoting Post Traumatic Growth at the End of Life**
Pei C Grant, PhD
Category: Dying
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Introductory

Research Report – 30 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2

**Families of the Missing: Communication with Police & Ambiguous Loss**
Crystal Dea Moore, PhD
Category: Non-death-related Loss
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Professional Case Presentation
Westmoreland E, Floor 2

**Grief Complicated or Complicated Grief**
Fay H Green, MA
Category: Assessment and Intervention
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Personal Story
Cambria E, Floor 2

**Grieving the Dream: 40, Female, Childless, and Single**
Alua Arthur, JD
Category: Non-death-related Loss
Indicator: Cultural/Socialization
Presentation Level: Introductory

Research Report – 60 minutes
Butler, Floor 21

**Inventory of Complicated Spiritual Grief 2.0: Introducing a New Scale**
Laurie A Burke, PhD; Robert A Neimeyer, PhD; A. Elizabeth Crunk, PhD
Category: Assessment and Intervention
Indicator: Religious/Spiritual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Practice Report
Fayette, Floor 2

**Lessons of Death: Development of a University Postvention Framework**
Lara Schultz, PhD; Ann Laverty, PhD
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Institutional/Societal
Presentation Level: Introductory

Research Report – 30 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2

**Spiritual Religious Coping on Quality of Life of Parents After Loss**
Natasha Torlay Parente, MHD
Category: Traumatic Death
Indicator: Religious/Spiritual
Presentation Level: Introductory

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Scholarly Paper
Cambria W, Floor 2

Teaching Ideas and Methods for Pre-Med and Medical Students
Ben S Wolfe, MEd, LICSW, FT; William G Hoy, DMin, FT

Category:  Death Education
Indicator:  Professional Issues
Presentation Level:  Advanced

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own*
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Washington, Floor 2

Diversity & Inclusion Meeting*

Concurrent Session VI
1 – 2 p.m

Practice Report
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3

A Variation of EMDR to Facilitate Grief and After Death Communications
John R Jordan, PhD; César Valdez, LMSW

Category:  Assessment and Intervention
Indicator:  Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level:  Advanced

Research Report – 30 minutes
Butler, Floor 2

Complicated Grief and Violent Loss: The Mediating Role of Meaning
Evgenia (Jane) Milman, MA; Robert A Neimeyer, PhD

Category:  Traumatic Death
Indicator:  Resources and Research
Presentation Level:  Intermediate

Professional Case Presentation
Somerset E, Floor 2

God as the Perpetrator: Faith as an Impediment to Healthy Grieving
Galen Goben, M Div, CT

Category:  Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator:  Religious/Spiritual
Presentation Level:  Intermediate

Research Report – 60 minutes:
Somerset W, Floor 2

Intuitive and Instrumental Grief: A Study of Reliability and Validity
Louis A Gamino, PhD; Kenneth W Sewell, PhD; Lisa Prosser-Dodds, PhD; Nancy S Hogan, PhD

Category:  Assessment and Intervention
Indicator:  Resources and Research
Presentation Level:  Intermediate

Personal Story
Cambria E, Floor 2

Lessons on Grief and Mourning in Cartoons
Gail Rubin, CT

Category:  Non-death-related Loss
Indicator:  Family and Individual
Presentation Level:  Introductory

Research Report – 30 minutes
Butler, Floor 2

Making Meaning of Changes in Meaning-Centered Grief Therapy
Wendy G. Lichtenthal, PhD

Category:  Assessment and Intervention
Indicator:  Family and Individual
Presentation Level:  Intermediate

Bridging Research and Practice
Westmoreland W & C, Floor 2

Moving Research Into Practice in Child Bereavement Services
Irwin Sandler, PhD; Maria Collins, MSW; Darcy Walker Krause, JD, LSW; Crystal Wortham, LSW

Category:  Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator:  Resources and Research
Presentation Level:  Intermediate
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Practice Report
Fayette, Floor 2
Sexuality and Intimacy Amidst Grief and Loss
Carrie Arnold, PhD Candidate
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Life Span
Presentation Level: Introductory

Research Report – 60 minutes
Westmoreland E, Floor 2
The Bereavement Experiences of African American Females
Denise Hall Brown Rollins, PhD
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Cultural/Socialization
Presentation Level: Introductory

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

Research Report – 30 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2
A Good Death: Dignity Therapy for Dying Patients
Ashley C Overman-Goldsmith, LPC, NCC
Category: Dying
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Experiential Workshop
Fayette, Floor 2
Beyond Words: Moving Toward Wholeness After Traumatic Loss
Christine M Linnehan, MS, LCPC, BC-DMT, FT;
Amanda Lopez, MA, LPC, R-DMT
Category: Traumatic Death
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Research Report – 30 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2
Caring During Serious Illness: Advice from Clinicians
Jim Hoefler, PhD
Category: End-of-Life Decision-Making
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Introductory

Panel Discussion
Westmoreland W & C, Floor 2
Continuing Bonds: from Revolutionary Roots to Mainstream Model?
Edith Maria Steffen, PsychD/Dr.; Amy YM Chow, PhD;
Elaine PR Kasket, C.Psychol.; David E Balk, PhD;
Dennis E. Klass, PhD
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Research Report – 30 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2
Exploring Religious Literacy in Hospice and Palliative Care
Panagiotis Pentaris, PhD
Category: Dying
Indicator: Religious/Spiritual
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Concurrent Session VII
2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Panel Discussion
Butler, Floor 2

**Grieving Children: the Forgotten Voices in the Opioid Crisis**
Terri L Bowling, MS; Michael Yantis, MA; Jason Snyder; Stuart Fisk; Ashley Potts, MSW; Amanda Primrose, LPC

Category: **Loss, Grief and Mourning**  
Indicator: **Institutional/Societal**  
Presentation Level: **Introductory**

Experiential Workshop
Somerset W, Floor 2

**Listening at the Threshold: Music in End-of-Life Care**
Kate Dean-Haidet, PhD, RN, PMH-CNS; John Florian, M Div

Category: **Dying**  
Indicator: **Religious/Spiritual**  
Presentation Level: **Intermediate**

Panel Discussion
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3

**SuperHero Grief Explored By a Super Grief Panel: The Origin of Batman**
Jill Harrington-LaMorie, DSW, LCSW; Christopher Hall, MA, BEd, Grad Dip Adol & ChildPsych; Robert A Neimeyer, PhD; M. Katherine Shear, MD; Irwin Sandler, PhD; Phyllis Kosminsky, PhD, LCSW

Category: **Traumatic Death**  
Indicator: **Contemporary Perspectives**  
Presentation Level: **Advanced**

Panel Discussion
Westmoreland E, Floor 2

**Teaching That Matters: Balancing the Academic and Personal**
Ilene N Cupit, PhD; Heather L Servaty-Seib, PhD; Mary Alice Varga, PhD; Laura Shannon Wheat, PhD

Category: **Death Education**  
Indicator: **Professional Issues**  
Presentation Level: **Intermediate**

Experiential Workshop
Cambria E, Floor 2

**Using Theatre to Start the Conversation**
Elizabeth A Coplan, BA; Claudia Coenen, CT, MTP

Category: **Loss, Grief and Mourning**  
Indicator: **Contemporary Perspectives**  
Presentation Level: **Intermediate**

Experiential Workshop
Cambria W, Floor 2

**Yoga for Grief Relief**
Antonio Sausys, MA, IGT, CMT, RYT

Category: **Loss, Grief and Mourning**  
Indicator: **Professional Issues**  
Presentation Level: **Introductory**

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Pennsylvania, Floor 2

Refreshment Break
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Networking*

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### Concurrent Session VIII

**4:45 – 6:15 p.m.**

**Panel Discussion**

**Butler, Floor 2**

**Nurturing Adaptive Continuing Bonds: Innovative Bereavement Groups**

Kate Dean-Haidet PhD, RN, PMH-CNS; Pamela Gomph, MSW; Faith Kennedy, MSW; Teresa Neill-Green, MA; Christie Echard-McBride, MSW; Sarah K Phillips, MSW

**Category:** Loss, Grief and Mourning  
**Indicator:** Contemporary Perspectives  
**Presentation Level:** Intermediate

**Experiential Workshop**

**Cambria E, Floor 2**

**Psychometrics of The Grief Recovery Method® Outcome Instrument**

Rachael Nolan, PhD; Jeffrey Hallam, PhD

**Category:** Loss, Grief and Mourning  
**Indicator:** Resources and Research  
**Presentation Level:** Advanced

**Panel Discussion**

**Westmoreland W & C, Floor 2**

**Tough Cases: Bereaved Parents’ Voices Informing Our Practice**

Joyal Mulheron, MS; Laurie Burke, PhD; Wendy Lichtenthal, PhD; Michelle Palmer, MSW

**Category:** Loss, Grief and Mourning  
**Indicator:** Family and Individual  
**Presentation Level:** Intermediate

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Indicates session will be webcast live.
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7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

ADEC Registration Open*

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

Yoga for Grief Relief*

Start your morning off right with yoga. Welcome to all bodies, no previous experience needed, yoga clothing not a requirement, come as you are, mat and chairs provided.

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

Research Report – 30 minutes
Butler, Floor 2

Bereavement Rumination Process and Its Role in Adjustment to Loss
Suqin Tang, MS; Amy Y. M. Chow
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Experiential Workshop
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3

Healing the Helpers: Releasing Vicarious Trauma to Prevent Burnout
Claudia Coenen, CT, MTP
Category: Assessment and Intervention
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Research Report – 60 minutes
Cambria E, Floor 2

Clinician Communication and Language Use in Hospice
Kelly E Tenzek, PhD; Kathryn Levy, MSW; Pei C Grant, PhD; Rachel Depner, MS
Category: Death Education
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Practice Report
Fayette, Floor 2

Parent and Child Adaptive Tasks After a Death in the Family
Andy McNiel, MA; Pamela Gabby, EdD, FT
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Research Report – 60 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2

Grieving for Strangers: Rubbernecking or Experiential Empathy?
Carla J. Sofka, PhD
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Introductory

Practice Report
Westmoreland E, Floor 2

Priming Physician Assistants in Palliative Care
Mari Nardolillo Dias, EdD
Category: Dying
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Introductory

Research Report – 60 minutes
Cambria W, Floor 2

Professional Quality of Life and Self-Care in Palliative Care Staff
Rachel M Depner, MS; Catherine P Cook-Cottone, PhD; Pei C Grant, PhD; Kathryn Levy, MS
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Intermediate
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Concurrent Session IX
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Research Report – 30 minutes
Butler, Floor 2

**Relationship Quality to the Deceased and Grief Severity**
Jamison S Bottomley, MS; Melissa A Smigelsky, MA, MS; Mae-Lynn Germany, MS; Mazen Istanbouli, BS; Jessica Hammerton-Sawyer, BS; Paige Schriefels, BS; Robert A Neimeyer, PhD

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Introductory

Scholarly Paper
Westmoreland W & C, Floor 2

**Using Nature Based Rituals with Bereaved Clients**
Christina Zampitella, PsyD

Category: Assessment and Intervention
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Personal Story
Somerset W, Floor 2

**Shame Born in Silence: Disenfranchised Loss Following Sexual Assault**
Jessica Miller, PsyD; Sarah Dietz, PsyD

Category: Non-death-related Loss
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Intermediate

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

Personal Story
Cambria E, Floor 2

**Disenfranchised Grief as the Result of Marital Infidelity**
Donna Kane, MA; Rachael Abrams, LCSW-C

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Practice Report
Fayette, Floor 2

**Effective Partnering in End of Life Discussions**
Lara Krawchuk, MSW, MPH

Category: End-of-Life Decision-Making
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Practice Report
Westmoreland E, Floor 2

**Effects of Trauma and Non-Death Losses with ACOA**
Michelle L. Hall, MEd,CT, LPC-S

Category: Non-death-related Loss
Indicator: Life Span
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Scholarly Paper
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3

**How Dying is Under Siege and What Can Be Done**
Helen S. Chapple, PhD

Category: Dying
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

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

Research Report – 30 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2

**Literary, Cultural, and Therapeutic Aspects of Bereavement Memoirs**
Katarzyna Malecka, PhD

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

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Research Report – 60 minutes
Somerset W, Floor 2

**Validation of Microaggressions and Same-Gender Partner Loss Survey**
Jodi Flesner, PhD, LPC; Marti Baricevic, PhD, LPC; Briane L Overton, PhD ABD, LPC, NCC

Category: Assessment and Intervention
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Advanced

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Professional Case Presentation
Cambria W, Floor 2

**When Ancestors Weep: Healing the Soul From Intergenerational Trauma**
James A Houck, PhD

Category: Traumatic Death
Indicator: Religious/Spiritual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

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Research Report – 30 minutes
Somerset E, Floor 2

**Residential Homes for the Dying: Unique Training in End-Of-Life Care**
Kelly A Melekis, PhD; Carol Weisse, PhD; Crystal Dea Moore, PhD; Eun-sil Lee, PhD

Category: Death Education
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Introductory

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Scholarly Paper
Butler, Floor 2

**The Year They Ran out of Coffins – The 1918 Influenza Pandemic**
Harold Ivan Smith, DMin, FT

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Historical Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

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10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Pennsylvania, Floor 2

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

**Professional Case Presentation**
Cambria W, Floor 2

“Stay’n Alive” Lessons from a Lively Long Running Death Cafe
Lynda Shand, RN, PhD, CHPN; Nancy Gershman, BA

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

**Scholarly Paper**
Butler, Floor 2

A Dozen Good Things About Grieving
Thomas Attig, PhD

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

**Research Report – 60 minutes**
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3

A Word Scaffold: the Use of Bereavement Memoirs in Grief Therapy
Katarzyna Malecka, PhD; Jamison S Bottomley, MS; Neimeyer A Robert, PhD

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Intermediate

**Scholarly Paper**
Somerset W, Floor 2

How Might Differential Susceptibility Influence Complicated Grief?
Ashley Harvey, PhD, LMFT

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Introductory

**Research Report – 30 minutes**
Somerset E, Floor 2

Defining Legacy: A Study of Providers, Parents, & Pediatric Patients
Angelia C Davis, BS; Jessica Cook, BS; Lauren E Smith, BA; Jessika C Boles, PhD; Kristen N Brady, BS

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

**Bridging Research and Practice**
Westmoreland W & C, Floor 2

Near-Death Experience Research and Narrative Medicine
David Royse, PhD; Rob Slocum, PhD

Category: Dying
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Introductory

**Scholarly Paper**
Westmoreland E, Floor 2

Online Grief Support: Considerations for Hospice Providers
Allison Gibson, PhD; Stephanie P Wladkowski, PhD; Cara L Wallace, PhD; Andrew P Keppler, MPA

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Introductory

**Personal Story**
Cambria E, Floor 2

Uncomplicating Grief: Journeying with CGT—A Client’s Perspective
John A Barba, PhD

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Introductory

**Practice Report**
Fayette, Floor 2

Understanding and Supporting the Latino Bereaved Community
Flor A Guevara, LCSW; Cristina M Flores, LCSW

Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Cultural/Socialization
Presentation Level: Introductory

**Research Report – 30 minutes**
Somerset E, Floor 2

What Do People Really Think About Grief Counseling?
Lauren J. Breen, PhD, FT

Category: Assessment and Intervention
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Introductory
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12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lunch on own*

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

Professional Case Presentation
Westmoreland E, Floor 2

Call Security! Cultural Competency and the ICU Grief Police
Kate Grossman, MD; Tashel C Bordere, PhD
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Cultural/Socialization
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Scholarly Paper
Westmoreland W & C, Floor 2

Helping Refugees Cope with Loss and Grief in Turkey
Fuat Tanhan, PhD; Fırat Ünsal, MA; Ömer ÇİFTÇİ, PhD
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Cultural/Socialization
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Practice Report
Somerset E, Floor 2

Journey to Crescent Cove: Children’s Hospice and Respite Care in MN
Kathryn Ann Markell, PhD; Marc A Markell, PhD
Category: Dying
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Introductory

Research Report – 60 minutes
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3

Parental Bereavement Experience of Child Loss: A Systemic Review
Andy Hau Yan Ho, PhD, EdD, FT; Geraldine Tan-Ho, MSocSci, CT; Ping Ying Choo, MA; Oindrila Dutta, MA
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Introductory

Research Report – 60 minutes
Somerset W, Floor 2

Preparing for the Unthinkable: Educating Students About Suicide
Aisling Del Quest, PhD
Category: Death Education
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Scholarly Paper
Cambria W, Floor 2

The Salience of Death and Dying into Public Health Discourse
Rachael D Nolan, PhD Candidate
Category: Dying
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Advanced

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

Practice Report
Westmoreland E, Floor 2
Alethes - Healing the Soul at the End of Life
John M Schluep, D Min
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Religious/Spiritual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Bridging Research and Practice
Cambria W, Floor 2
Male vs. Female Grief - When Jack and Jill Collide
R. Glenn Kelly, BS
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Cultural/Socialization
Presentation Level: Introductory

Scholarly Paper
Westmoreland W & C, Floor 2
Caregivers: Understanding Loss and Grief: A Paradox
Lillian L. Meyers, PhD
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Professional Issues
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Research Report – 60 minutes
Somerset W, Floor 2
Social Media Intervention for Primary Caregivers of Sick Children
Kathryn Levy, MSW; Pei C Grant, PhD; Rachel M Depner, MS; Kelly E Tenzek, PhD
Category: Dying
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Introductory

Professional Case Presentation
Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3
HOPE Lives On: Giving Voice to the Pain and Finding Hope Through Art
Krista A Ball, MS
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Introductory

Research Report – 60 minutes
Butler, Floor 2
The Pain of Perinatal Grief, Depression, and Personality Disorders
Lisa Burke, DpsyT
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

Research Report – 60 minutes
Fayette, Floor 2
Interventions with Bereaved Young People: a Grounded Theory Approach
Shelley B Gilbert, PhD
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Resources and Research
Presentation Level: Advanced

Personal Story
Cambria E, Floor 2
Thoughts That Transform Grief
Jane Williams, PhD
Category: Loss, Grief and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Intermediate

4:00 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. Allegheny Ballroom, Floor 3
Keynote Speaker: The AIDS Memorial Quilt and the Design of Digital Memorial Experiences
Anne Balsamo, PhD

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Poster Presentations • Thursday, April 26

Assessing Bereavement Leave from the Perspective of HR Professionals
Stephanie Adam

Evolving the Role of the Death Doula in End of Life Care
Alua Arthur, JD

Surviving Suicide Loss: Assessing Needs, Support, and Trajectories
Jamison Bottomley, MS; Mae-Lynn Germany, MS; Jessica Hammerton-Sawyer, BS; Robert Neimeyer, PhD

State of Disaster Response Training in Aviation Management Curricula
Andrew Brown, MSEd; Heather Servaty-Seib, PhD

Coping with Death on Campus
Amanda Cabrera; Mary Shelton, PhD

Death Education Class Activities: Implications for Educators
Jessica Clontz, MEd

Death Anxiety in Adolescence: Social and Societal Influences
Danielle Zahn

Production of Informative Materials for Support in Bereavement
MariaHelena Franco

A Therapeutic Perspective of Death and Dying Through Dance & Movement
Jaclyn Gatto, MS

Grieving Non-Death Losses: A Comparison of Responses to Bereavement
Mae-Lynn Germany, MS; Jamison Bottomley, MS; Paige Schreifels, BS; Robert Neimeyer, PhD

Families of the Missing: Communication with Police & Ambiguous Loss
Crystal Dea Moore, PhD

Exploring Professionals’ Attitudes Towards Digital Immortality
Allison Gibson, PhD; Andrew Keppler, MPA; Stephanie Wiadkowski, PhD; Cara Wallace, PhD

I Died Today: An Intimate Encounter with Mortality
Andy Hau Yan Ho, PhD, EdD, FT; Geraldine Tan-Ho, MSocSci, CT

Transformative Online Death Education
Rie Kobayashi, PhD; Mary Ann Clute, PhD

The Experience of Childhood Loss: Survivors’ Memories and Insights
Sue Lawrence, MEd

What Matters for Elderly Suicidal Ideation
Jung-eun Lee, MA

Organizational Satisfaction and ADEC Membership Retention
Chye Hong Liew, MSEd; Mae-Lynn Germany, MS; Brett Boeh, BA

Expressed Needs of Bereaved Parents in End-Of-Life Care
Janice Meisenhelder, DNSc

LGBT* After Loss
Rachael Nolan, PhD Candidate; Ronald Davis, MSW, LSW

Best Practices for Teaching End-of-Life Communication Skills
Karen O’Brien, PnD; Greta Jankauskaite, MA

Legacy Beliefs Across Generations
Brianne Overton, PhD, ABD; Thomas Meuser, PhD; Rebecca Miller

The Night the Clowns Died! 1918 Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus Trainwreck
Harold Ivan Smith, DMIn, FT

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Poster Presentations • Friday, April 27

Exposure to Non-Fatal Suicidal Behavior: Pathways to Suicide Risk
Jamison Bottomley, MS; Melissa Smigelsky, MA/MS; Mazen Istanbouli, MS; Robert Neimeyer, PhD

Talking with Teachers: A Proposal of Death Education in Schools
MariaHelena Franco, PhD

Gains and Losses in Coming out and Trans*itioning: A Mixed Method Study
Mae-Lynn Germany, MS; Anna Pederson, MS; Whitney Shuman, MS; Sara Bridges, PhD

The Existential Experience of Dying Through the Lens of Caregivers
Mark Hodnick, EdD

What Aspects of Mental Wellbeing is Protective for Suicidal Ideation?
Jiyoung Lyu, PhD

Children of Divorce: Grieving the Past, Present, and Future
Ralph Menard, MS

Ask Me Anything Posts and Cancer Discourse in Reddit
Colleen Murray, PhD

Dimensions of Death Anxiety in Reddit Posts of Individuals with Cancer
Colleen Murray, PhD; Jonathan Wilson, MA

Death, Grief and Mourning in Late Twentieth-Century Uganda
Nakanyike Musisi, PhD

Psychometrics of The Grief Recovery Method® Outcome Instrument
Rachael Nolan, PhD; Jeffrey Hallam, PhD

Bibliotherapy as an Approach to Talk About Death with Children
Lucelia Paiva, PhD

A Psycho-Sociological Analysis on Condolence Houses
Suvat Parin, PhD.; Fuat Tanhan, PhD

Bereaved Parents’ Grief and Mental Health 1-5 Years After Loss
Lilian Pohlkamp, MSc

Bereavement, Trauma, & Coping Abilities of HBCU College Students
Mary Shelton, PhD; Amanda Cabrera

July 14, 1918: The Day Quentin Died and Teddy Cried!
Harold Ivan Smith, DMin, FT

The 1918 Romanov Executions: Applications for 2018
Harold Ivan Smith, DMin, FT

Family Feuds: Impact of Family Conflict on Hospice and Palliative Care
Judith Smith, LPCC-S, CT; Christine Scott, LISW-S, FT

Internet Treatment for Insomnia in Bereaved Parents: a Pilot Study.
Josefin Sveen, PhD

Layers of Loss: End of Life Case Studies in Higher Education
Kelly Tenzek, PhD

Exploring Death Fears in the Context of Possible Selves
Christian Terry, BA; John Hollander, BA; Alissa Dark-Freudeman, PhD

Issues with the Death of a Friend
Nancy Yagodich, BA; Gordon Thornton, PhD; Tara Johnson, PhD

Seeking Out Grief and Loss Experiences as a New Counselor
Sara Troupe, MA

A Better-Informed Ending: The D(d)eaf Community and End-Of-Life Care
Tahleen Wright, BA

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Downtown Pittsburgh Dining Options

Walkable Dining Options from Pittsburgh’s David L. Lawrence Convention Center

1. Alihan’s Mediterranean
2. Andy’s at Fairmont
3. August Henry’s City Saloon
4. Backstage Bar at Theater Square
5. Bigelow Grille at DoubleTree
6. Bill’s Bar & Burger
7. Blend Bar & Cigars
8. Bradlock’s American Brasserie
9. Cafe 808
10. Capital Grille of Pittsburgh
11. Carlton Restaurant
12. Christos Mediterranean Grille
13. City Works Eatery & Pour House
14. CobblerWorld
15. Condado Tacos
16. Diamond Market Bar & Grill
17. Eadies’ Market & Catering
18. Eddie Merlot’s
19. Eddie V’s Prime Seafood
20. Elevation
21. Eleven Contemporary Kitchen
22. Fifth Avenue Place Arcade Shops
23. fl.2
24. Harris Grill
25. Hello Bistro
26. Howl at the Moon
27. Jimmy John’s Sandwiches
28. Joe & Pie Cafe
29. Lidia’s Pittsburgh
30. McCormick & Schmick’s
31. Meat & Potatoes
32. Milk Shake Factory
33. Moe’s Homemade Ice Cream
34. Moe’s Southwest Grill
35. Morton’s The Steakhouse
36. Nine on Nine
37. Olive or Twist
38. Ollie’s Gastropub
39. Original Oyster House
40. Palm Court at Omni
41. Penn City Grille at Westin
42. Penn Station East Coast Subs
43. Peter Allen’s Italian
44. Pizzaiolo Primo
45. Primanti Bros. Market Square
46. Redbeard’s on Shiloh
47. Redbeard’s Sports Bar & Grill
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50. Ruth’s Chris Steak House
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52. Scarletto’s Bar and Grill
53. Sammy’s Famous Corned Beef
54. Sammy’s Famous Corned Beef
55. Shab’s Mediterranean Grill
56. Shar Pei Bistro Penn
57. Social House Seven
58. Steelhead Brasserie & Wine Bar
59. Talia Cucina
60. Ten Penny
61. The Commoner
62. United Standard
63. Union Station
64. Vallozzi’s Pittsburgh
65. Veblen’s at Omni
66. Vida’s at Omni
67. Vidal’s at Omni
68. Visuals
69. Walters

North Shore

1. Atria’s at PNC Park
2. Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse
3. Jerome Bettis Grille 36
4. Local Brewhouse
5. Rivers Casino Restaurants
6. Slice on Broadway
7. Steel Cactus PNC Park
8. Tequila Cowboy
9. Trackside
10. Three Rivers Restaurant
11. Union Standard
12. Vallozzi’s Pittsburgh
13. Vida’s at Omni
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16. Visuals
17. Walters

Strip District

1. Enrico Biscotti
2. Gaucho’s
3. Kaya’s
4. Otis & Henry’s
5. Pamela’s Diner
6. Peace, Love and Little Donuts
7. Prima Bros. Strip District
8. Savvy
9. Smallman Street Deli
10. Strip District

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1. Allegheny Station
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3. Bella Vista Restaurant
4. Bigham Tavern
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7. Buca di Beppo
8. Grand Concourse
9. Joe’s Crab Shack
10. Monterey Bay Fish G
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13. Redbeard’s on Shiloh
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Special Activities

**Wednesday, April 25**

**New Member/First-time Attendee Gathering**
**Wednesday, April 25 5:15 – 5:45 p.m.**
Come and meet ADEC’s leaders and Board members and receive helpful information about ADEC membership! Network with other new members and first-time conference attendees. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Welcome Reception**
**Wednesday, April 25 5:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**
Join ADEC President Christopher Hall at the opening of the conference. This event will offer an opportunity for all conference attendees to interact socially in a relaxed environment. Network with committee chairs as they will be available to share insights about volunteering for ADEC.

**Thursday, April 26**

**Yoga for Grief Relief**
**Thursday, April 26 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.**
**Friday, April 27 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.**
**Saturday, April 28 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.**
Start your mornings at the Conference with a gentle Yoga for Grief Relief (YGR) practice. While preparing for the exciting conference program ahead, get a taste of how Yoga addresses grief and practice some of the techniques included in the YGR practice. The activity is appropriate for everyone, towels will be provided as mats and no previous experience is needed. Click here for more detailed information.

**Awards Ceremonies**
**Thursday, April 26 8:00 a.m.**
**Friday, April 27 8:00 a.m.**
**Saturday, April 28 4:00 p.m.**
Help us recognize this year’s award recipients. Everyone is invited to attend the Awards Ceremony, which will take place prior to each day’s keynote address.

**Contemplation/Reflection Room**
**Thursday, April 26 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
**Friday, April 27 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
**Saturday, April 28 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
A special room has been set aside to provide for quiet reflection. As we all know, life is full of changes and transitions, love and loss, but seldom are we given permission and time just to stop and reflect. Take time to do so in the Contemplation/Reflection Room.

**The Rituals Archive Project Room**
**Thursday, April 26 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
**Friday, April 27 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
**Saturday, April 28 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Conference attendees are encouraged to bring a token remembrance of someone deceased and a paragraph or two explaining the meaning of the object for display in the Rituals Archive Project Room. The items and descriptions will serve to connect the legacy of the deceased and tell how it sustains and supports their surviving loved ones. The goal of the Rituals Archive Project is to highlight the cultural and ethnic uniqueness and diversity of ADEC members’ symbols of remembrance.

**Authors Fair**
**Thursday, April 26 9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**
**11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
**Thursday April 26 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**
The Authors Fair is a chance for authors and self-publishers to sell their titles to all attendees, and sign books as well. In addition to larger publishers selling titles in the exhibit hall, the fair will feature space for those who self-publish or can’t exhibit. This event is free to participate. All authors are responsible for delivering their own book supply to the meeting, handling all sales, taxes, etc. The Authors Fair is available all day Thursday, April 14, from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and then 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. The authors can choose to stay at the table all day or just during the hours of 9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Special Activities

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Highmark Caring Place Open House
Thursday, April 26  2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
The Highmark Caring Place, A Center for Grieving Children, Adolescents and Their Families, is a safe place where grieving children and families can come together and be with others who understand what they’re going through. Click here for more information.
• Tour the Highmark Caring Place, A Center for Grieving Children, Adolescents and Their Families
• Learn how grieving children and families are supported
• Share some refreshments

Student Silent Auction
Thursday, April 26  9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, April 27  9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m..
Come and bid on a variety of items in the ADEC Student Silent Auction. All proceeds fund conference scholarships for students to attend the 41st ADEC Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in 2019. The auction will open for bidding on Thursday, April 26. Individuals are encouraged to drop off contributed auction items at the registration desk on Thursday morning. Bidding will close on Friday, April 27, at 4:15 p.m. Members of the Student and New Professionals Division will also be selling conference t-shirts – be sure to pick one up before they sell out!

ADEC - In Conversation
Thursday, April 26  6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.
This one hour forum will provide a brief overview and discussion of the activity of the ADEC board over the past 12 months, with a particular focus on the implementation of the 2014-2017 strategic plan. The strategic plan is available online at http://www.adec.org/adec/ADEC_Main/My_ADEC/ADEC_Strategic_Plan_2014-17.aspx.

Pet Remembrance Service
Thursday, April 26  7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
The loss of a companion pet can be a difficult grief, so come and share it with others who have faced a similar loss. Bring a photo to share and/or a brief story to share with the attendees, if desired.

Friday, April 27

Yoga for Grief Relief
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Saturday, April 28  7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
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Certification Informational Meeting
Friday, April 27  7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Learn about the process and requirements for earning Certification in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement and the Fellow in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement.

Student and New Professionals Meeting
Friday, April 27  7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
All students are welcome to attend this meeting, meet leaders in the field and establish connections

Awards Ceremonies
Thursday, April 26  8:00 a.m.
Friday, April 27  8:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 28  4:00 p.m.
Help us recognize this year’s award recipients. Everyone is invited to attend the Awards Ceremony, which will take place prior to each day’s keynote address.

Contemplation/Reflection Room
Thursday, April 26  9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Saturday, April 28  9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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Special Activities

Friday, April 27 continued

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Service of Remembrance
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Join other attendees in remembering loved ones.

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ADEC Business Meeting
Saturday, April 28 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Don’t miss the ADEC Business Meeting. ADEC leaders will speak about the accomplishments of the past year. Members can learn about the day-to-day work of their association. All are welcome.

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Save the Dates

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April 10 – 13, 2019

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April 9-10, 2019

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