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# Director's Note

March 2020

Many thanks to everyone who submitted an abstract for the CDAS 2020 conference. We received a large number of proposals and we'll do our best to send out responses to everyone as soon as possible. I'm also aware that many colleagues will want to know if the conference is still happening given the ever-changing Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation and the answer is Yes.



Full steam ahead with the June 2020 conference! If anything changes then we'll notify everyone ASAP.

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And now an extra special note this month from Kate Woodthorpe and myself.

This month we want to say a special thank you and bon voyage to CDAS member, colleague and friend Dr. Hannah Rumble, who has worked with us for over nearly a decade on projects associated with funeral costs and practice. You probably know her best for the fantastic [Dead and Buried project](#). Hannah is about to set down her academic tools and embark on the adventure of a lifetime, racing in the global Clipper sailing race (see below). We are extremely proud of Hannah and want to thank her for all she has contributed to CDAS over the years. We will miss you Hannah and look forward to hearing about your life on the high seas when you return to the UK later in the year. Safe travels!

# CDAS NEWS

## Changing Tack: from CDAS researcher to ocean racer

Dear friends and colleagues,

I write this within 8 weeks of embarking in the Clipper round-the-world yacht race, sailing the last 12,000 nautical miles of the Pacific and North Atlantic from Seattle to Panama, New York, Bermuda, Derry/Londonderry and finally, crossing the finish line in London three and a-half months later. I have been in preparation for this race for the last 30 months (almost as long as my PhD!); a huge physical and emotional undertaking that is a radical departure from death studies and academia, but very much informed by working intensively on matters related to death and dying. I have always held a fascination with exploration and adventure and have long-held an ambition to experience an expanse of ocean.

Prior to applying to the race in 2017, I had done little sailing, so I have been trying to balance research and teaching with sail training and this month I take two exams to hopefully qualify for my RYA Day Skipper. What I lack in physical fitness or technical knowledge and skill, I hope I more than compensate for by being a reliable and considerate team mate to my fellow crew. There are 69 of us representing our Uruguayan yacht sponsors – Yacht Club Punta del Este. I am proud to be in this team as it is Uruguay's debut in the round-the-world yacht race, as well as my own debut in sailing/ocean racing and our Skipper, Jermonimo Gonzalez, is the first Spanish skipper in the history of the race. Our oldest team member is 76, the youngest 20 and we represent 19 different nations; a bit like DDD conference stats!

I hope you will follow the race and even better, see you on the dockside at the Albert Dock in London on the 8th August 2020! So far, our team have been holding on to a respectable 3rd place podium position overall in the race; long may that continue! To say I am not a little bit scared or intimidated with what I am about to embark on would be an understatement, but I have been blessed with the support of CDAS colleagues - Kate Woodthorpe is an enthusiastic official crew supporter! - and some generous sponsorship from Dignity via Simon Cox, which has recently helped me buy some technical sailing gear: merino base layers, ocean racing boots, prescription sailing goggles and lots of watertight bags for stowage.

Please do follow the race and get in touch with words of encouragement, questions or requests. The live race viewer (gets updated hourly – we're the yellow boat!): <https://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/race/standings>

My personal blog (will only get updated when I am in race stopovers, as I have no wifi whilst at sea): <https://changingtack.blog/>

Twitter: @NoviceSailor

## [Early Careers Visiting Fellowship](#)

Applications have been coming in for the NEW CDAS Early Career Visiting Fellow's Programme. This opportunity extends our programme of welcoming visiting scholars from around the world. Applicants must be an ECR in Death Studies (broadly defined) **without permanent employment** in a University.

To apply please send a one-page research proposal (no more) and a current CV to [cdas@bath.ac.uk](mailto:cdas@bath.ac.uk).

## [CDAS Community News](#)

### [Death in the Modern World – a new book by Tony Walters, CDAS](#)

Death comes to all humans, but how death is managed, symbolised and experienced varies widely, not only between individuals but also between groups. What then shapes how a society manages death, dying and bereavement today? Are all modern countries similar? How important are culture, the physical environment, national histories, national laws and institutions, and globalization? This is the first book to look at how all these different factors shape death and dying in the modern world.

Written by an internationally renowned scholar in death studies, and drawing on examples from around the world, including the UK, USA, China and Japan, The Netherlands, Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. This book investigates how key factors such as money, communication technologies, the family, religion, and war, interact in complex ways to shape people's experiences of dying and grief, The book is available to purchase [here](#).

### [Good Death Week 2020](#)

Good Death Week runs each year in May across Scotland. Led by [Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief](#) the week gives individuals and organisations the opportunity to promote the positives of living in a society where people can be open about dying, death and bereavement.

In 2020 it runs May 11-17. More information can be found here: <https://www.goodlifedeathgrief.org.uk/content/awareness-week/>

# Events

## Awareness of Trauma & Dissociation Continued Professional Development (CPD) Course

28 March 2020

The day will cover:

The link between trauma, attachment & dissociation

- Understanding the spectrum of dissociation & dissociative disorders (incl. Dissociative Identity Disorder)
- Identifying & responding to dissociation when it happens in the room
- Working with trauma related-dissociation
- Understanding the perspective of someone who experiences dissociation/DID
- How we can help in counselling

For who: Counsellors/therapists & other mental health practitioners who want to develop their understanding of trauma & dissociation & how to work most effectively with people affected by it. When: March 28th 2020 10 am – 4 pm

Where: All CPD courses are held at GCS, Alma House, Stroud, Glos, GL5 1AP \* We require proof of your volunteer work & role at application stage.

Fees: Trainee/Volunteer\*: £60, GCS staff: £70, External: £110, Groups of 3 or more: £95 per delegate

For more information visit: [www.gloscounselling.org.uk/product/cpd-workshops-and-short-courses](http://www.gloscounselling.org.uk/product/cpd-workshops-and-short-courses)

## Quaker Social Action - Funeral training for end of life professionals

### **Making charity applications for individuals workshop – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

Help your clients make a successful application to a charity for something they need. 2½ hour workshop. Last chance at reduced rate of £40. [Book now >](#)

### **Funeral funding, costs and legalities, a professional's guide – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

A day course that will enable you to better support clients to avoid the debt and distress of high funeral costs. A collaboration with the National Bereavement

Service, who will bring their expertise of the legalities around a death such as wills, executors, probate and legal representation. [Find out more >](#)

### [The Good Grief Conference](#)

11 – 17 May 2020

Join our multidisciplinary three-day Conference at the University of Bristol and learn about the many facets of grief and bereavement.

Come to listen to cutting-edge scientific research, fresh perspectives from literature and music, and the voices of those who have become expert through personal experience.

The Good Grief Conference is accompanied by Loved+Lost, a photographic exhibition from Simon Bray. Reserve your tickets online from 27 February.

For more information take a look at the programme [here](#).

### [Dying Matters Awareness Week 2020 – Dying to be Heard](#)

11 – 13 May 2020

The 2020 theme of **Dying To Be Heard** will focus on how to help by listening. How many people want to talk about death, but feel they have no one to talk to about it? How many people are Dying To Be Heard?

We'll have some tips on active listening, and reassure people that you don't need to be an expert on wills, funerals or advance care planning: [the Dying Matters website](#) has signposts to all the relevant information.

### [Active Grief Weekend](#)

15 – 17 May 2020, Manifold Farm, Derbyshire

Registrations for our next ACTIVE GRIEF WEEKEND are now open.

Run by and for the bereaved, these retreats are available to all who have suffered the death of a child of any age, from any cause and no matter how long ago. They are also extremely popular and we recommend early booking.

For more information, please visit: <https://thegoodgriefproject.co.uk/active/>



Evidence-based Suicide  
Bereavement Training

Evidence-based • Evaluated • Engaging • Effective

## **New dates just released for May & July 2020 in Manchester**

PABBS evidence-based and evaluated suicide bereavement training, has been informed by a three-year study, conducted by Dr. Sharon McDonnell and her team, at the University of Manchester, funded (£243K) by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the first of its kind internationally.

### **This training will help those implementing:**

- the suicide prevention strategy (locally, regionally and nationally);
- developing postvention services;
- NICE postvention guidelines in the community and custodial settings; and
- key objectives in the NHS Long term plan etc

### **NEW dates released for PABBS one day training:**

- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The research team have recently published three papers, which are directly associated with the PABBS training and are noted below (please click [on blue text](#) to take you to the article).

1. [GPs' Experiences](#) - GP's experiences responding to parents bereaved by suicide. This paper was used as evidence in NICE guidelines (NICE, 2018)
2. [Parents' Experiences](#) - Parents bereaved by suicide experiences of support received from primary care
3. [Evaluation](#) - Evaluation of PABBS Suicide Bereavement Training

Our fourth PABBS paper, focuses on ambulance staff perspective of responding to suicide, and will be published later this year.

**Cost:** £299 +VAT per person

**Over 150 testimonials:** <https://suicidebereavementuk.com/testimonials>

Please note, we also deliver in-house training across the UK.

To book a place, contact Paul Higham, on 07850 710555 or email [paul.higham@suicidebereavementuk.com](mailto:paul.higham@suicidebereavementuk.com) and visit: <https://suicidebereavementuk.com/pabbs-training> for more information

## Cremation and Burial Communication Education (CBCE)

29 June – 1 July 2020

The Cremation and Burial Communication and Education (CBCE) event is the national forum which brings together local councils and Private companies from across the UK. CBCE is jointly organised by The Cremation Society of Great Britain and the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities.

As the bereavement sector continues to grow, this key annual event provides a unique opportunity to acquire the most up-to-date and relevant information. Keynote speakers will equip you with insights into the issues facing your services, exhibitors will show you the latest services and products available and networking opportunities will provide the space to engage with fellow professionals.

### **Who should attend?**

- Managers and staff of local authority cemeteries and crematoria.
- Owners and operators of private sector cemeteries and crematoria.
- Funeral directors, bereavement related charities and representatives from other kindred organisations wishing to have a better understanding of the services provided at cemeteries and crematoria.

### **Why should you attend?**

- **Learn** - Hear about new legislation that will bring about **Death Certification** changes and amendments to the **Cremation Regulations** that are to be introduced. These legislative changes will impact upon all local authority service providers and the private sector and we want you to be fully prepared.
- **Connect** - Network with industry-leading practitioners, share views with the most experienced service providers in the UK to learn from their insights and forge new partnerships.
- **Discover** - Explore the most effective way of providing your service by seeing and discussing the most up-to-date technology and tools available within the sector
- **Professional Development** - The Cremation and Burial Communication and Education 2018 Event offered all attendees evidence of **Continuous Professional Development**, with certificates from the CPD Certification Service awarded to all attendees.

For more information, please visit: <http://cbce.org.uk/>

## [12th International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society](#)

13-17 July 2020

Every three years, the International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society acts to foster international and multidisciplinary collaboration in research and clinical and community practice, across cultural and geographical boundaries. In July 2020, the conference will be hosted in Melbourne, Australia and will offer an opportunity to share the latest developments in grief, research, clinical and community work. More information at [www.icgb2020.com](http://www.icgb2020.com)

## [Suicide Bereavement UK's 9th International Conference 'Suicide Bereavement: Using Our Collective Voice'](#)

24 September 2020, Manchester

Suicide Bereavement UK and Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust are collaborating for the 9th year running to host Suicide Bereavement UK's International Conference. This conference will focus on vulnerable subgroups amongst those bereaved by suicide and taboo issues directly associated with such deaths. Please note, over 400 people from 9 countries usually attend this annual event and it is always over-subscribed.

Registration is now open for the 2020 Conference. Programme and Speakers: TBC

Cost - £140 + Booking Fee + VAT – To book, please visit

<https://suicidebereavementuk.com/suicide-bereavement-conference>

## [Call for Papers](#)

### [Death and Dying: Medical, Cultural and Environmental Perspectives](#)

**Jagiellonian University Medical College. Kraków, Poland, May 15-16, 2020**

Please submit your abstract to Marta Szabat at [marta.szabat@uj.edu.pl](mailto:marta.szabat@uj.edu.pl) or [mszab@poczta.fm](mailto:mszab@poczta.fm). Abstract submissions will be accepted until April 15, 2020. The abstract should not exceed 250 words. Please add a bio note of max. 100 words including your name, e-mail and affiliation. For more information on the themes of the conference please visit the conference website [here](#).

## 21<sup>st</sup> Colloquium on Cemeteries

**University of York, UK, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020**

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

This event takes place in York every year and comprises a day meeting between scholars with an interest in cemeteries, burial and disposal of the dead more generally. Disciplines that are routinely represented include historians, art historians, sociologists, anthropologists, cultural geographers, historical archaeologists, conservators and policy analysts. The Colloquium generally draws international speakers. A key aspect of the meeting is its informality and the time dedicated to question and discussion. *This is a highly valuable forum in which to present new and emerging research.*

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be sent by the 30<sup>th</sup> April to: Dr Julie Rugg, Cemetery Research Group, email: [jr10@york.ac.uk](mailto:jr10@york.ac.uk). Please ensure that the abstract is in Word format. Queries about the event should in the first instance be directed by email to the address given.

## Deconstructing Donation Study Group Conference

19 June 2020, City, University of London

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Dr Laura Machin is inviting abstract submissions for this interdisciplinary conference which aims to deconstruct 'donation'. Presentations that provide insight into the relationships that donation produce, with people, technology, body parts, fluids and tissue are particularly welcomed. Theoretical, methodological, and empirical papers will all be considered. Presentations can draw on the concepts and theories within the social sciences and/or humanities and can refer to all types of bodily, tissue, and fluid donations for a variety of purposes such as education, treatment, art, and research. The conference will have a number of themed sessions, which we invite potential speakers to consider.

### **THEMED SESSIONS**

**Contextualising Donation** We are inviting contributions which critically address the contexts, politics and practices which both construct and transform donation. Donation does not happen in a social vacuum and contributors are asked to consider how various forms of donation are shaped, maintained and developed in particular contexts and at particular times, through, for example, considerations of political, economic, socio-cultural and policy concerns.

**Researching Donation: Methodological Considerations and Contingencies** We are interested in papers which address the particular methodological and ethical

approaches and challenges to researching donation. Contributors may wish to consider the particular issues involved in gaining access to and studying donation in the 'field', and the research relationships that shape and make these activities possible.

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

Please email abstracts of up to 300 words by 27th March 2020 to the Deconstructing Donation Study Group Convenor, Dr Laura Machin: [l.machin@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:l.machin@lancaster.ac.uk) . You will be notified out of the outcome of your submission by 24th April 2020. In the abstract, please include your name, institution, title of presentation, and email address. Abstracts significantly over the word count will not be accepted. Abstracts significantly over the word count will not be accepted. Abstracts will be reviewed, taking into account the suitability of the topic, the stage of research process (if appropriate), and the significance of the findings or arguments proposed to the Group.

### **PLENARY SPEAKER AND PANEL EVENT**

The plenary speaker for the fourth Deconstructing Donation conference will be Rosamund Scott, Professor of Medical Law and Ethics at the Dickinson Poon School of Law, Kings College, London. Rosamund's research centres on ethical, legal and policy issues in reproduction, with an emphasis on new reproductive technologies.

We will also be hosting a panel event with speakers working on donation from diverse perspectives. The panel will be addressing the question: 'What does donation mean to you?' Confirmed Panel Members include:

- Rachael Buchanan: Science and health journalist at BBC News
- Alexa Wright: Artist who has produced works on the psycho-social effects of heart transplantation
- Katie Morley: Lead nurse – Recipient coordinator at NHS Blood and Transplant

### **CONFERENCE DETAILS**

The conference will take place in the Tait Building at City, University of London, Northampton Square, Clerkenwell, EC1V 0HB and is being hosted by Dr Jessie Cooper, Lecturer in the Sociology of Health.

Delegates and speakers will be welcome to join Laura and Jessie for drinks and/or dinner at a local restaurant on Thursday, 18 and/or Friday, 19 June. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Nearby accommodation within walking distance of the conference is available at: Travelodge London Farringdon

### **REGISTRATION FEES**

- Student BSA Member: £35

- Student Non-BSA Member: £40
- BSA Member: £45
- Non-BSA Member: £50

### Death and Culture III

3-4<sup>th</sup> September 2020, University of York

#### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

DaCNet is pleased to invite abstracts for Death & Culture III. This interdisciplinary and international research network welcomes a broad range of papers, whether rooted in empirical studies or in conceptual and theoretical engagements which focus on cultural responses to mortality.

Death & Culture III promotes continuing engagement with the study of death, and acts as a forum for networking and the sharing of multidisciplinary death scholarship.

We welcome contributions on topics including, but not limited to:

- Death and the popular imagination
- Work in death and death-adjacent industries
- Governance of mortality
- Death in the digital age
- Mass death in the age of individualism
- Artistic approaches to mortality

Abstracts of 300 words should be submitted via the online portal [here](#) by 31 March 2020.

Book your place by visiting: <https://www.yorks.ac.uk/events-calendar/events/business/death-and-culture-conference-iii.html>

### Public Health Research in Palliative Care: Towards Solutions for Global Challenges, 2<sup>nd</sup> International Seminar of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) Research Network and the EAPC Reference Group on Public Health and Palliative Care

15-16 October 2020

This research seminar will take place in the Titanic Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland. It is organised by All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIHPC), the

EAPC Research Network and the EAPC Reference Group on Public Health and Palliative Care.

The call for abstracts is open until Monday 1 June 2020. Please visit [www.professionalpalliativehub.com/research/events/seminar2020](http://www.professionalpalliativehub.com/research/events/seminar2020) for further information including the seminar's research themes and guidance on submitting abstracts. Please note the early bird rate for registration is available until 4 September 2020.

This international seminar will bring together an audience of researchers, policy makers and clinicians from academic institutions, hospice and palliative care providers, government and health agencies and people with palliative care needs and their family carers; all focused on developing solutions to inform and improve the delivery of palliative care globally.

The invited speakers for the research seminar include:

Mark Hazelwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care

- Rebecca Patterson, Director of Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
- Prof Sonja McIlpatrick, Head of School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing and Palliative Care, Ulster University
- Sally Paul, Lecturer in the School of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow
- Prof Samar Aoun, Professor of Palliative Care, La Trobe University, Australia
- Prof Joachim Cohen, Professor of Public Health and Palliative Care, End-of-Life Care Research Group of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Ghent University

### **[Palliative Care, Women's Health and Gynecology – Building Patient Care for Prolonging the Life Span of Individuals](#)**

Rome, Italy – November 23-25, 2020

The Conference will be organized around the theme "Building Patient Care for Prolonging the Life Span of Individuals" Palliative Care 2020 anticipates more than 500 participants around the globe to experience thought provoking Keynote lectures, Oral & Poster presentations. This year conference will offer ample opportunities for all stakeholders working on Palliative Care to expose their research work. Our conference aims to gather the Researchers, principal investigators, experts, Professors and researchers working on Palliative Care from both academia and health care industry, Business Delegates, Scientists and students across the globe to provide an international forum for the dissemination of original research results, new ideas and practical development experiences.

## **Goals**

- The conference program emphasizes evidence-based practice, educational innovation, practical application, and peer to peer networking and collaboration.
- The goals of the conference is to provide a transformative professional development experience through
- Bringing together the world's scientific experts to catalyze and advance scientific knowledge about Palliative Care to present the most recent research findings, and promote and enhance scientific collaborations around the world.
- Bringing together community leaders, scientists, and policy leaders to promote and enhance programmatic collaborations to more effectively address Palliative Care Research and Quality in Healthcare and overcome barriers that limit access to care and services.

## **Objectives**

After participating in this meeting, attendees should be able to

- Discuss emerging issues in Palliative Care;
- Discuss and apply recent research findings related to Palliative Care;
- Disseminate the diverse voices of breakthrough innovators with visionary and practical solutions.

For more information please visit: <https://palliative.alliedacademies.com/>

Visit the [CDAS website](#) to view a full calendar of events

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