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News from CDAS

Dying Matters Week from CDAS

12-18 May 2014

Bath, various locations

Dying Matters; and this year the Centre for Death & Society are hosting a series of events to get you talking about it.

Dying Matters Week - bookable events

['Death in Bath: A sometimes surprising stroll exploring dying in the city'](#), with the Bread, Print and Roses Collective

Tuesday 13th May, 12.30 – 13.45

Walking tour starting in Widcombe, Bath

['A great way to go'](#), Funeral planning workshop with celebrant Su Chard

Wednesday 14th May, 13.45 – 15.45

Manvers Street Baptist Church, Bath

['Everything you ever wanted to know about death & dying but were too afraid to ask'](#)

Thursday 15th May, 12.15 – 13.45

University of Bath, 6E 2.1

['Everything you ever wanted to know about death & dying but were too afraid to ask'](#)

Thursday 15th May, 19.30 – 21.00

Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, Queen's Square, Bath

Get involved

Come to one of our events - all are free, everyone is welcome and you can ask us anything. Can't make it? Ask a question in advance. Bookings and questions to cdas@bath.ac.uk

Visit us on the Parade at the University of Bath over lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday; we want to hear what you would have played at your funeral #BathFuneralMusic. Take our digital afterlife quiz, pick up some information on organ donation, or write down the five things you best want to be remembered for.

Tweet #YODO @DyingMatters. This national campaign by Dying Matters, You Only Die Once, aims to raise awareness about how important it is for people to talk about these issues. You can follow CDAS on twitter @cendeathsociety

Organisations are welcome to send literature for distribution at our various events, please contact cdas@bath.ac.uk for details. You are also welcome to send a representative to the panel events – please contact us to discuss further. More information at http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/news/news_0021.html

CDAS Conference 2014: Social Death

07-08 June 2014

Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, Bath

£100 weekend, £55 single day

Our call for papers has resulted in an excellent response and packed programme for this year's CDAS conference on Social Death. A draft programme is now available on our website. Unfortunately, the number of abstracts we have received does mean that there is no space for late papers, but we are happy to consider ideas for posters.

If you would like to submit a poster for the conference, please contact us at cdas@bath.ac.uk with a short (250 word) abstract by the end of April for consideration.

Booking for the conference is now open, and as with all CDAS events, it is open to anyone to attend. Further information about the conference and a link to the booking form can be found on the CDAS website:

http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0010.html

New CDAS Associate Sam Carr

CDAS are pleased to welcome Dr Sam Carr, a lecturer in the Department of Education at the University of Bath, as an Associate.

Sam has a particular interest in exploring human relationships and their role in shaping our psychological experiences through the lifespan. To this end, attachment theory (as a way of thinking about and understanding relationships) is one of his favoured frameworks. He is equally intrigued by (a) the impacts of our close attachments on our existence and (b) the impacts of broader social and political structures upon our attachment bond formation and psychological experiences.

He is currently working (with [Professor Malcolm Johnson](#)) on projects (a) using attachment theory as a tool for understanding the notion of biographical pain in later life, and (b) linking attachment theory to dementia.

To read more about Sam, visit his [full staff profile](#).

Death & Dying in the Media, Print and Internet

Where next for funerals?

Kate Woodthorpe was asked to write a guest blog post for the International Longevity Centre-UK following our successful joint event in January. Below is an excerpt, you can read and comment on the full post at <http://blog.ilcuk.org.uk/2014/04/23/guest-blog-kate-woodthorpe-where-next-for-funerals/>

'Following our successful [event](#) in January with the ILC I have been reflecting on how we can elevate funerals up the social and political agenda. One issue that I return to again and again is the universality of some kind of ritual after someone has died, and the need to dispose of the body. My colleague, Dr John Troyer, has recently argued [here](#) that peoples' unwillingness to talk about what they want to happen after they have died is not because it is taboo, but because they are not encouraged to talk about it enough. Certainly, this is what I regularly encounter in my day job: when I tell people what I research and ask for their opinion they are typically more than able and willing to discuss funerals they have been to and what they would like to happen at their own.'

You can read more about [Kate on her staff page](#), and about this research in particular on [our research pages](#). You can contact Kate at k.v.woodthorpe@bath.ac.uk

Death isn't taboo, we're just not encouraged to talk about it

Our Deputy Director, Dr John Troyer, contributed a piece to The Conversation this month looking again ideas of 'taboo'.

'Contrary to the popular wisdom that it's a taboo subject, we love discussing death. Dead bodies fascinate us and some of our favourite television shows have been about death and forensic pathology.'

Read the full article and join the conversation at: <http://theconversation.com/death-isnt-taboo-were-just-not-encouraged-to-talk-about-it-25001>

You can read more about [John and his research](#) on our website.

Law Society urges people to leave instructions for their digital legacy

This solicitors' organisation warns that too much valuable, intellectual property is in danger of being lost when we die.

As technology evolves, so does the way in which we store our information. Failing to keep records of your accounts and how you want the contents dealt with after you die are adding to the difficult job of families who are left to make sense of what is left behind.

Two past CDAS Annual Conferences have dealt with this very issue: see the [past events](#) section on our website for details.

To read the full article: <http://www.theguardian.com/money/2014/apr/16/law-society-instructions-digital-legacy>

Events, seminars, symposia and conferences

The Commercial and Moral Economies of Death and Dying in Working-Class Victorian England

02 May 2014

Centre for Employment Studies Research, UWE, Frenchay Campus, Bristol

We are delighted to host a special CESR seminar with Dr Helen Frisby. From its Seventeenth Century roots, 'the dismal trade' witnessed exponential growth during the Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries – often, it has been widely assumed, at the expense of the so-called 'moral economy' of customary relationships between the living and with the newly dead. In this talk, however, Helen will argue that the commercial and moral economies of death, dying and disposal were in fact by no means mutually exclusive during this period; rather, their interaction helped create positive spaces for the exercise of working-class social and emotional agency.

Dr Helen Frisby is an internationally recognised authority on the history of death, dying and disposal in Victorian England. She is an Associate Lecturer in History at UWE, Bristol, and a Teaching Fellow at the University of Bath. She is presently writing a monograph on the moral economy of the Victorian working-class funeral.

Attendance is free, but places are limited. To reserve your place, e-mail cesr@uwe.ac.uk or call +44 (0) 117 32 83435. For more information:

<http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/bl/bbs/research/cesr/cesrseminars.aspx>

Before I Die: A Festival for the Living about Dying

12-18 May 2014

Various locations around the University and City of York

Professor Celia Kitzinger, Festival Curator - "It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 'Before I Die' Festival – a festival for the living about dying. We will include music, art, poetry, theatre, public lectures, debates, expert panels, and "death café" conversations over tea and cake."

The festival is sponsored by the University of York and organised as part of the 'Dying Matters' coalition Dying Awareness Week. It is part of a growing social movement to reflect on how we manage death and dying.

Events include:

- *An Instinct for Kindness* – a solo-show telling the true story of Chris Lerner's journey to Dignitas, the assisted suicide clinic in Switzerland, with his chronically ill ex-wife.
- *For Their Own Good* (United Artists) - a play which combines beautiful puppetry, new writing and documentary material to tell a moving and darkly comic tale

which explores whether the way we kill animals teaches us anything about our own demise.

- *Music and Poetry to Die For* – Soloist Alison Wray and Chanticleer Singers, with poetry from James Nash.
- Memorials in the Minster - Tours of the Minster focusing on artefacts associated with memorial.
- Expert Panel on Advance Decisions for end-of-life planning. Convened by Celia Kitzinger - includes experts in law, medicine, ethics and more to answer your questions.
- Advance Decision Writing 'Clinic': One-on-one sessions on writing your own Advance Decision – information & support from people involved with the charity Compassion in Dying.
- The Sociology of Death and Dying – an afternoon of workshops and seminars with members of the Sociology Department at the University of York.
- Dying to Live: Preparing yourself and your loved ones for death – a talk by the Revd Canon Dr Christopher Collingwood (Chancellor of York Minster) & Rev'd Dr David Eford (Philosophy Dept, University of York) about the spirituality of dying.
- Death Café - an opportunity to discuss thoughts, attitudes and questions about death and dying in a welcoming and open environment.
- Expert Panel – Should we legalise assisted dying?

For full details visit the website: www.beforeidiefestival.co.uk

Natural Death Salon – with Josefine Speyer

18 May 2014
London

The young, award winning funeral director Poppy Mardall will be our special guest in this Salon to talk about her work of family-led funerals. Poppy launched Poppy's Funerals in 2012 to help people take creative control of their funerals. She wanted to create simple and affordable choices for families looking for an alternative to the expense and formality of the traditional funeral.

Josefine will talk about organising funerals with the help from family and friends, burials on private land, without the use of a funeral director.

Poppy and Josefine hope to inspire you, to think about what kind of funeral you might wish for yourself, inform you about possibilities and how to create something that is meaningful and beautiful and within your budget. There is plenty of time for sharing of experiences and lively discussion. There will be a small buffet to accompany teas and coffee during the break.

For more information and to book please contact Josefine: josefine@josefinespeyer.com

“Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) orders: current practice and problems – and a possible solution”.

Thursday 12 June 2014, 12:30 – 14:30
Room C1071, Medical School, QMC

This seminar is presented by The Sue Ryder Care Centre for the Study of Supportive, Palliative and End of Life Care and will be convened by Zoe Fritz, Consultant Physician Cambridge University Hospitals and Wellcome Fellow in Bioethics.

DNACPR orders are common, with around 80% of those who die in hospital dying with one in place. They are, however, associated with several problems: they are completed on an *'ad hoc'* basis; there are national and regional variations in their use and remit; neither doctors nor patients like initiating conversations about resuscitation decisions; DNACPR orders are often misunderstood to mean that other treatments should be withheld; patients with DNACPR orders often get fewer potentially beneficial treatments than those without them.

In this seminar, I will review the literature associated with DNACPR orders, and discuss the development and evaluation of an alternative approach, the Universal Form of Treatment Options (UFTO).

We will start with light refreshments at 12:30, presentation will commence at 13:00.

The event is free of charge but please express your interest in attending the lecture via e-mail: julie.corden@nottingham.ac.uk or telephone: 0115 8230878.

The 10th International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society (10th ICBG)

ICGB is a tri-annual event where global leaders in Thanatology and experts in various death-related disciplines meet to share their work and insights on issues of loss, trauma and mortality. Themed "East Meets West: Expanding Frontiers and Diversity", the 10th ICBG will come to Asia for the very first time, aiming to serve as a focal point of intellectual and academic endeavor for Hong Kong, China, and Southeast Asia, while acting as a gateway and forum for scholarship with the rest of the world.

Full details including workshops, speakers and a full schedule are now available on the website; early bird registration closes at the end of April.

Web: <http://www.socsc.hku.hk/icgb2014/index.html>

Call for papers

Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement (DDB) Study Group

14 November 2014

BSA London Meeting Room, Imperial Wharf

Venue details can be found at: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/meetingroom.htm>

Theme: Death, Inequality and Social Difference

Death and bereavement are considered universal experiences. Death is one of the few certainties in life and something which will inevitably affect us all. But this common adage can also mislead. Whilst many might expect to experience loss and we all face our own eventual demise, we do so in diverse cultural, societal, institutional, political and material contexts. We die differently, and in some cases with inequity as a defining feature of this experience. This year's symposium will critically explore this diversity and ask timely and pertinent questions about a range of issues related to social divisions at the end of life.

We invite papers that theoretically and empirically engage with the theme of this year's symposium. It is anticipated that topics covered by this call could include, but are not limited to: how groups experience disadvantage, on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, social class, disability and/ or circumstances such as imprisonment, homelessness, drug use, poverty and disease/ condition 'status'; identity and intersectionality; implications for, and the implications of, social policy decisions relating to end of life; challenges for practice and service provision, including equity of access and organisational structures; global perspectives on and experiences of death and social difference; austerity and neo-liberalism; attitudes, prejudice and assumptions; concepts of stigma, vulnerability and marginality; and ethical and/or methodological issues of studying these areas.

Please send 250 word abstracts for 20 minute presentations to Erica Borgstrom, Julie Ellis and Kate Woodthorpe (BSADDB@gmail.com). Deadline for abstract submission is 17.00 Friday 19 September 2014.

Please visit the event website http://www.britsoc.co.uk/specialisms/DDB.htm#_activity to register and for further symposium details.

Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Contact/Information
02 May 2013	The Commercial and Moral Economies of Death and Dying in Working-Class Victorian England	UWE, Frenchay Campus, Bristol	http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/bl/bbs/research/cesr/cesrseminars.aspx
12-18 May 2013	Dying Matters Awareness Week	UK wide	http://dyingmatters.org/
12-18 May 2013	Before I Die. A Festival for the Living about Dying.	University and City of York	www.beforeidiefestival.co.uk
12 May 2014	Culture and Diversity in End of Life Care	LOROS Hospice, Leicester	http://www.loros.com/hospice/Default.aspx?id=459726
13 May 2014	Death in Bath: A sometimes surprising stroll exploring dying in the city	Walking tour of Bath	http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0018.html
14 May 2014	A Great Way to Go – funeral planning workshop	Manvers Street Baptist Church, Bath	http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0017.html

15 May 2014	'Everything you ever wanted to know about death & dying but were too afraid to ask'	University of Bath (am) and BRLSI, Bath (pm)	http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0016.html
15 May 2014	What frail older people at the end of their lives have taught me about dying	University of Nottingham	http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/srcc/events/annual-lecture-15-may-2014.aspx
15 May 2014	Engaging the public with the landscapes of death	Kings' Manor, York	Gareth.beale@york.ac.uk
16 May 2014	15 th Annual Cemetery Colloquium	University of York	http://www.york.ac.uk/chp/crg/index.htm
16-17 May 2014	Safeguarding Values of Significant Historical Cemeteries	Cluj-Napoca, Romania	http://www.telekialapitvany.hu/joomla/index.php?lang=hu
18 May 2014	Natural Death Salon	London	For more information and to book please contact Josefine: josefine@josefinespeyer.com
19-21 May 2014	Spirituality in a Challenging World	Ashridge House, Berkhamsted	http://www.basspirituality.org.uk/category/conferences/conference-2014/
20 May 2014	Conversations with grieving people	Sobell Study Centre	http://www.sobell-house.org.uk/Study%20Days.aspx
20 May 2014	Medical Humanities Workshop	University of Bristol	Victoria.bates@bristol.ac.uk
23-25 May 2014	Animal Death: Burials, Cemeteries and Tomb Monuments for Animals	Schwabenakademie Irsee, Germany	http://www.schwabenakademie.de/cms/programm/philosophie-religion/details/artikel//animal-death-burials-cemeteries-and-tomb-monuments-for-animals/
06 Jun 2014	The Glory and the Gore of Death and Horror Through the Ages	University of Wales, Bangor	http://www.medievalists.net/

06-08 Jun 2014	Exploring changing human beliefs about death, mortality and the human body	Durham University	https://www.dur.ac.uk/archaeology/conferences/current/invisibledead/
07-08 Jun 2014	CDAS Conference 2014: Social Death	BRLSI, Bath	http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/index.html
09 Jun 2014	Sage & Thyme Foundation level workshop	The Rowans Hospice, Waterlooville	http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/index.php?id=94
11-14 Jun 2014	10 th International Conference on Grief & Bereavement in Contemporary Society	The University of Hong Kong	http://www.socsc.hku.hk/icqb2014/index.html
12 Jun 2014	DNACPR orders: current practice and problems	University of Nottingham	http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/srcc
19-22 Jun 2014	Designing Death: Fashioning end of life and beyond	Edinburgh	http://www.nomadit.co.uk/asa/asa2014/panels.php5?PanelID=2758
01-02 July 2014	The Cost of Bereavement: is your service fit for purpose?	Leeds Trinity University	http://www.absco.org.uk/Default.aspx?pageId=1810895&eventId=698091&EventViewMode=EventDetails
07-09 July 2014	Cremation & Burial Conference & Exhibition	Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon- Avon	http://www.cbce.org.uk/callforpapers.html
08 Jul 2014	Suicide – the impact on families	Buckingham	http://www.childbereavementuk.org/Training/Ourcourses/SuicideTheimpactonfamilies
20-23 Aug 2014	Corpses, technologies and cultures	Buenos Aires, Argentina	http://www.4sonline.org/meeting
27-29 Aug 2014	Migrant end-of- life care and ritual practices	Madrid, Spain	http://www.imiscoeconferences.org/

04-06 Sep 2014	The Seventh Edition of Dying & Death in 18 th -21 st Century Europe International Conference	Albu Iulia, Romania	www.death-studies.ro
07-09 Sep 2014	Taboo Conference II	Grey College, Durham University	https://www.dur.ac.uk/cim/events/taco/
23 Sep 2014	Dark Tourism Symposium	University of Central Lancashire	http://www.uclan.ac.uk/research/environment/groups/institute_for_dark_tourism_research.php
24-26 Sept 2014	5 th Global Conference; Digital Memories	Mansfield College, Oxford	http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/cyber/digital-memories/call-for-papers/
01-04 Oct 2014	A matter of lifedeath	University of Manitoba, Canada	www.umanitoba.ca/mosaic
22-24 Oct 2014	Images of Afterlife	University of Turku, Finland	http://imagesofafterlife.wordpress.com
20-22 Nov 2014	International Association for the Philosophy of Death & Dying Conference	California State Polytechnic University	http://www.philosophyofdeath.org/call-for-abstracts/
03-07 Dec 2014	The Many Lives of Death: Imagining death and dying through space and time	Washington DC, USA. AAA Conference panel	elucitt@ucla.edu
02-05 Sept 2015	Death, Dying and the Disposal of the Body (DDD12)	"1 December 1918" University of Alba Iulia, Romania	http://death-studies.ro/?page_id=292

Please do let us know of any events you think would be of interest to other subscribers. You can find more details on all of these events, and events featured in previous newsletters, on the CDAS web pages

www.bath.ac.uk/cdas