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Director's Note

April 2019

A break this month from all things DDD14 to talk about an important upcoming event.

On **15 May**, at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution (BRLSI) in Bath, the Centre for Death and Society is hosting the inaugural **Beatrice Godwin Memorial Lecture** as part of the 2019 Dying Matters Awareness Week events. The lecture is presented by Professor Richard Cheston from the University of the West of England and is titled: ***"It ain't what you do, but the way that you do it": Memory, awareness and threat in dementia.***



You can register for this free public lecture here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-inaugural-beatrice-godwin-memorial-lecture-it-aint-what-you-do-but-the-way-that-you-do-it-tickets-59045625054>

As the invitation explains:

Beatrice started her studies at Bath in 2003 completing a Masters of Research in European Studies. She then continued her studies and began a PhD in 2005, which focused on the experiences of people living with dementia in the United Kingdom. Beatrice had an interest in the communication and insight of people with advanced dementia.

Shortly after starting of her doctoral studies, Beatrice was diagnosed with lymphoma and her ill health resulted in a number of admissions to hospital and suspensions of her study. In 2014, she was in remission and resumed work on her doctoral project.

Unfortunately early in 2015 Beatrice became unwell again and the return of lymphoma was diagnosed as terminal. She had started her fieldwork and was interviewing people with dementia in residential homes across the South West. She undertook these interviews alongside intensive medical treatments whilst continuing to write about her research.

Beatrice was blessed with great personal intellectual qualities, an unfailing tenacity and commitment to her research despite illness and discomfort.

In memory of Beatrice's work, personality and contribution to the [Centre for Death and Society \(CDAS\)](#) community, we are hosting the inaugural Beatrice Godwin Memorial Lecture. This will become an annual event in the CDAS calendar.

I met Beatrice many times over the years and remember how supportive she was of everyone researching all aspects of death, dying, grief and bereavement.

Please join us for this inaugural lecture to remember Beatrice on 15 May 2019 @ 7:00pm at the BRLSI (16-18 Queen Square Bath BA1 2HN United Kingdom).

THE 14TH
INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON THE
SOCIAL CONTEXT OF

**DEATH,
DYING &
DISPOSAL**

WED 04 – SAT 07 SEPTEMBER 2019
UNIVERSITY OF BATH, UK

THEME:
**ENGAGEMENT &
EDUCATION**



LAST CALL FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION!

Early Bird Tickets only available until 30 April 2019. To register please visit us [here](#).

Special rates are also available for:

- Post Graduate Researchers
- ASDS members
- Financial assistance may be available to those without institutional financial support. Please contact infoddd@bath.ac.uk for further information. All applications must be received by **30 April 2019** and applicants will be notified of any available assistance as soon as possible after this date.

Call for Papers Update

The Call for Papers closed earlier this month and all those who submitted should now have heard whether their proposal was accepted. If you have not heard then please contact the organisers on infoddd@bath.ac.uk.

Exhibitor Opportunities

We are now able to take bookings for exhibitors. The exhibitor rates include ONE full delegate pass as well as an exhibitor space and a listing in the Conference programme. Early Bird rates available until 30 April so book your space soon! To find out more and apply for a space please click [here](#).

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are still seeking sponsors in order to support attendance by Early Career Researchers and PhD students, so please contact us at infoddd@bath.ac.uk if you or an organization you work with are interested in financially backing DDD14 activities. Any sponsorships of any size are welcome.

CDAS NEWS

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.

CDAS Community News

Events

Psychological Therapy in the Presence of Death

25 April 2019, 9.30 – 4, £100, Dorothy House, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon

Working with clients who face a life-limiting illness can challenge the boundaries of a therapeutic relationship, and expose the counsellor / psychotherapist to their own vulnerabilities about death and dying. This course explores how the nature of counselling and therapeutic work is challenged and changed by the realities of a client's life limiting illness. We will encourage transparent thinking and discussion about the practical and transformative nature of working with a client who is dying.

Suitability - Registered and trainee counsellors, psychotherapists, psychological practitioners, mental health & social workers.

Further information is available [here](#).

Oxford Centre for Education and Research in Palliative Care Seminar Series

Culturally Sensitive palliative care: Meeting the needs of gender and sexual minorities, 26 April 2019, Oxford, cost £120. Despite the considerable social change that the UK has witnessed in relation to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) rights, significant evidence indicates that LGBT people face additional challenges when accessing palliative and end-of-life care services. This study day explores the issues and needs of LGBT people, with a specific emphasis on those needing and receiving palliative and end-of-life care. It provides participants with the opportunity to reflect on, and identify ways of providing, culturally sensitive care for LGBT people, their partners and families and within a palliative care context.

For further information on these and other seminars please contact ssc@ouh.nhs.uk

[Unleashing Compassion Conference: Communities innovating and supporting through death, dying and bereavement](#)

2 May 2019

Unleashing Compassion is a national conference being organised by Scottish alliance Good Life Good Death Good Grief to explore how to encourage open and supportive attitudes and behaviours relating to death, dying and bereavement. It takes place at Renfield St Stephen's in Glasgow on 2 May.

Keynote speaker will be Dame Barbara Monroe, who will draw on 40 years' experience as a social worker, and 14 years as Chief Executive of St Christopher's Hospice, to provide a thought-provoking exploration of some of the current issues and challenges facing those wishing to 'unleash' the compassion within themselves and their communities.

There will be opportunities for people to learn from and be motivated by each other, to hear about new initiatives, and to find out about practical ideas and tools that might be of use.

Full details and tickets, priced £40, can be found on the Good Life Good Death Good Grief website:

https://www.goodlifedeathgrief.org.uk/content/compassionate_conference_2019/

[End-of-life planning](#)

4-5 May 2019, Warrior & Wild Yoga Studio, Nailsworth GL6 0BL

Weekend workshop with Jane Diamond, licensed facilitator of the Before I Go Method. For further information please contact jane.e.diamond@hotmail.com or on 07989 931913.

[Dying Matters 2019: Are We Ready?](#)

The Dying Matters Awareness Week 2019 runs 13 – 19 May.

This year's Dying Matters Awareness Week will ask: **Are We Ready?** It's a question that challenges each of us on several levels. Are We Ready for our own deaths, or the deaths of those we care about? This is a practical question – wills, funeral planning and more – but of course it's also emotional, even spiritual for some of us. For many of us, the answer will not be 'yes'. We know from the research we've done that most people haven't taken care of the practical aspects, which include deciding on organ donation, and planning our future care. And even for those that have, the emotional aspect of being ready for death is challenging. Who is ever really ready to die?

Such questions are best faced with the help of others, which is why we're asking 'Are We Ready?' To face death and dying is a challenge greater than any one of us can face alone, and it is all of our responsibility. We're in this life together, so our question is asking much more of us than you might think. More information on Dying Awareness Week can be found [here](#).

Events this week:

[Conversations with writers about death and dying](#)

18 May, 10.30 – 12.30, hosted by Family Tree Funeral Company at their premises on 1 Middle Street, Stroud GL5 1DZ

[Pop-up Death Café](#)

18 May, 2.00 – 3.30, hosted by Family Tree Funeral Company at their premises on 1 Middle Street, Stroud GL5 1DZ

[Beatrice Godwin Memorial Lecture: “It ain’t what you do, but the way that you do it”: memory, awareness and threat in dementia](#)

15 May 2019, University of Bath, at the BRLSI, Bath. Presented by Richard Cheston, Professor of Dementia Research at the University of West of England.

FREE to all. For further details and to register please click [here](#).

In this inaugural Beatrice Godwin Memorial lecture Richard Cheston looks at how traditional approaches to memory and cognition in psychology emphasise the impact of neurological processes in reducing capacity. The memory of people living with dementia is therefore framed in terms of the deficits affecting both short-term memory and autobiographical memory.

However, while autobiographical memories may be diminished with reminiscences containing conflated or factually incorrect material, nevertheless these memories are clearly highly valued and important. This may be because recalling the past is an important way of adapting to the present: more specifically, memory acts to enhance self-continuity, restore self-esteem and provide life with meaning and purpose.

In this way, the recounting of autobiographical memories functions to protect the self from threat. This talk will draw on evidence from quantitative, laboratory based research and qualitative analysis of narratives from clinical research to argue that nostalgic autobiographical memories play an important part in protecting people with dementia from the existential distress of living with this dreadful condition.

[PABBS Suicide Bereavement Training](#)

Essential training for those who come into contact with or responsible for the care of those bereaved or affected by suicide, in a professional capacity.

The training is also key to those who are responsible for addressing the key objectives in the following:

- National and local Suicide Prevention Strategies;
- Self-harm and Suicide Prevention Competence Framework (NHS Health Education England, 2018);
- NICE suicide prevention guidelines in the community and custodial settings (NICE 2018);
- The NHS Long Term Plan (DH, 2019)

Forthcoming dates:

15 May 2019; 4 June 2019; 9 July 2019; 10 September 2019; 25 September 2019
Further information is available here: <https://suicidebereavementuk.com/pabbs-training>.

Cemeteries Colloquium

Friday 17 May 2019, University of York

The Cemeteries Colloquium is the annual event for academics across all disciplines to meet and discuss new emerging research on the places of burial.

The call for papers is now open. **Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted to Julie.rugg@york.ac.uk by 15 April 2019.**

International Summit on Aging and Gerontology, 2019

27-28 May, 2019, Rome, Italy

The main theme for this conference is "Understanding Mechanisms & Compressing Morbidity in Aging Humans". For further information please click [here](#).

Raising Money and reducing costs for the bereaved

4 Jun 2019, 9.30 – 16.30, Quaker Social Action, Bethnal Green E2 9PJ

Gain skills and knowledge to better support your clients in this practical and interactive workshop.

For further information please visit [here](#).

Circles of Impact: funerals, bereavement and communities

7 & 8 June 2019, National Funeral Exhibition, NAEC Stoneleigh, Warwickshire

This Church of England conference, offered over two days, draws on the expertise and experience of a wide-range of practitioners to help us think about how churches are there for those who are affected by a death, whether recent or long ago.

Topics include:

- Schools grieving
- The impact of tragedy
- Graveyards and grief
- Death in rural communities
- Communication, connection and presence

Cost (excluding VAT): £60 or £105 for both days (please arrange your own overnight accommodation)

Early bird rate of £50 for one day or £90 for both days if booked before 20th May

Further information can be found [here](#).

Mastering the Social Fund Funeral Expenses Payment

11 Jun 2019, 10.00 – 12.30, Quaker Social Action, Bethnal Green E2 9PJ

Help your clients successfully apply for the Social Fund Funeral Expenses Payment to help them pay for a funeral.

For further information please visit [here](#).

Death & dying in an age of denial

13 June 2019, Anglican Chapel, Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol BS4 3EW

The University of Bristol Palliative and End of Life Care Research Group presents this public lecture by Dr Kathryn Mannix, followed by group discussion and introduction to the Centre's research.

Kathryn Mannix's first book, 'With the End in Mind', was published in 2017 to critical acclaim. Shortlisted for the Wellcome Prize in 2018, it has become widely recognised text for aiding our understanding of death.

This event is FREE to attend. Please sign up [here](#).

Night of Grief & Mystery

13 June 2019, St George's Bristol

This unique performance — and the larger project from which it emerges — is an endeavour to engage space and conversation around mortality — doing so in a way which allows us to touch upon the majesty, mystery and wonder of existence. This work is an outgrowth of the philosophy of Stephen Jenkinson and his Orphan Wisdom School (<https://orphanwisdom.com>).

About Stephen Jenkinson: Stephen is a cultural activist, teacher, and author, with Master's degrees from Harvard University (Theology) and the University of Toronto (Social Work). His work strives to reframe understandings around grief and dying — by redefining what it means to live, and die well. He is former programme director for a major Canadian hospital, former assistant professor in a prominent Canadian medical school, consultant to palliative care and hospice organizations, and educator and advocate in the helping professions. Stephen teaches internationally and is the creator and principal instructor for the Orphan Wisdom School, founded in 2010.

As performative event, the "Night of Grief & Mystery" expands through Stephen's readings, the music of Gregory Hoskins and collaborators keyboard/vocalist Lisa Hodgson and bass/vocalist Colleen Hodgson -- and through the participation of those who gather with them to create such 'nights'. Tickets for the Night are now available: <https://www.facebook.com/events/253973125484338/>.

[Cremation & Burial Communication & Education \(CBCE\) 2019](#)

1 – 3 July 2019, Hilton at the Ageas Bowl, Southampton

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. Bookings now open! For further information and to book your space please visit www.cbce.org.uk.

Cruse Bereavement Care – Conference 2019

“Bereavement Care – Past, Present and Future: Celebrating 60 years of Cruse”

4- 5 July 2019 - Birmingham

Celebrate our 60th anniversary with us by attending our two-day grief and bereavement conference. This special event will feature keynote speeches from world-class speakers, as well as seminars, workshops and networking opportunities.

Speakers include:

- **Robert A Neimeyer:** ‘Intervening in meaning - New directions in grief therapy’
- **Chris Hall:** ‘Technology and bereavement care: Opportunities and challenges of providing a telehealth bereavement service’
- **Carl Becker:** ‘Death, dying, bereavement, and end of life care: Measurement, counselling, and experiential grounding’
- **Henk Schut:** ‘Practitioners and researchers working together in an intervention efficacy study’
- **Caroline Lloyd:** ‘The Lloyd & McGuckin multidimensional theory of bereavement’

Tickets are now on sale here: <https://www.cruse.org.uk/conference-2019>

Early bird discount of 15% is available until 31 May 2019.

We look forward to celebrating with you in July.

[Whose voice is it anyway? An approach to end of life care for people with learning disabilities \(LD\)](#)

18th July 2019, 9.30 – 4 , £100, Dorothy House, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon

This course has been designed specifically for front line LD staff as an introduction to the principles and practice of end of life care to support their service users and service users’ families.

Suitability - All health & social care professionals with responsibility for individual service users with a learning disability.

Further information is available [here](#).

End of Life and People with Intellectual Disabilities: How to manage the discussion

5 August 2019, International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IASSIDD) Academy on Education, Teaching and Research, in Glasgow, Scotland.

This workshop will feature the online resource [Talking End of Life with People with Intellectual Disability \(TEL\)](#). Further information can be found at the IASSIDD 2019 Pre-Congress Academy Workshops site: <http://www.iassidd2019.com/academy-workshop/> (please scroll down to workshop 8).

2019 Celebrants Convention and National Celebrant Awards Gala Dinner

15 August 2019, Highgate House, Creaton, Northamptonshire

All details on www.celebrantsconvention.co.uk

A full day of speakers, workshops, demonstrations plus exhibition.

The awards for the winners in the National Celebrant Awards will be presented at a gala dinner in the evening. Entries are free, see details on the convention website or call 01480 276080.

Call for Papers

Dying and Death in 18th – 21st Century Europe, International Conference (ABDD11)

26 – 28 September 2019, "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia, Romania

With its unique friendly atmosphere, our interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary conference offers an excellent opportunity for academics, experts and practitioners from diverse fields such as history, sociology, anthropology, psychology, medicine, literary studies, theology, or architecture to network and to share knowledge, experiences and research findings on a variety of themes concerning death and dying, such as the followings:

- challenges of grieving in a digital age
- old and contemporary meanings of the 'good' death
- ageing well, dying well and their reverses
- death, dying and the postmodern search for meaning
- the great equaliser and the socioeconomic inequalities in dying
- death and dying within the entertainment industry
- dreaming, theorising and designing immortality today
- the rise of the undead in movies and game industry
- the art and rituals of photographing the dead nowadays
- (not so) changing attitudes towards death
- new theories and ideologies of death
- cultural memory and the landscapes of death
- death anxiety and the promises of new age movement
- the dying brain: mind, identity, agency

- medicalization and de-medicalization of death
- suicide and capital punishment in times of 'happiology'
- enduring ethical challenges of organ donation
- personal narratives of death and dying

Those interested are invited to submit a proposal of roughly 250-300 words, followed by 3-5 key-words, no later than **August 1, 2019** to both mrotar2000@yahoo.com and adriana.teodorescu@gmail.com. Please include also a short bio of yourself, indicating your academic title/affiliation, research interests, significant publications etc. Authors will be notified of the abstract acceptance by **August 10, 2019**.

Special Issue "Chronic Illness and Death in Childhood" for 'Children'

Death and dying have often been treated as experiences distant from childhood, both in policy and practice. Often, in conversations and policy documents, death appears to be a subject pertinent to older age or chronic illness, specifically cancer. However, this Special Issue contributes to a different discourse, which suggests that children may also be confronted with death, not simply as grievors but also dying themselves.

Public debates have only engaged with child death since the 2000s, but with vast differences across nations. This Special Issue seeks to acknowledge such discussions, both empirical and theoretical, and bring together current knowledge about the following areas, without being restrictive: childhood death, sibling death, impact of child death, migration and child death, chronic illness in children, terminal stages of illnesses and death, family bereavement following child death, and the professional response to child death. This Special Issue seeks to engage various disciplines, offering a wider view of the subject that will benefit a wider audience. Hence, authors from disciplines like medicine, social care, the social sciences and more are invited to submit manuscripts.

Manuscripts should be submitted online at www.mdpi.com by [registering](#) and [logging in to this website](#). Once you are registered, [click here to go to the submission form](#).

The deadline for submissions is 31 August 2019.

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

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