

# **Multicultural Perspectives on Death & Grief:**

## ***A Conference for Caregivers, Researchers, & Educators***

Presented by the

### ***International Workgroup on Death, Dying, & Bereavement***

In cooperation with

*The National Center for Death Education, Mt. Ida College*  
*The Hospice & Palliative Care Federation of MA*  
*The New England AIDS Education Training Center*  
*MGH Institute of Health Professions*

Friday, September 19, 2008

University of Massachusetts Boston - Campus Center

### **Description**

Loss is a universal human experience. Yet the experiences of death, dying and bereavement are profoundly influenced by the culture in which they occur. IWG is an international organization of scholars, researchers, and clinicians in thanatology. IWG is pleased to draw on its multi-cultural membership to present a unique conference for caregivers on the impact of culture on the experience of loss. Presenters from five different countries will discuss the role of culture and ethnicity in shaping the response to death, with special attention to the implications for working with immigrants in the United States. This conference will provide an exceptional opportunity for medical and mental health professionals, clergy, funeral service professionals, educators, and other caregivers to increase their understanding of the experience of loss among people around the world.

### **Schedule**

- 8:00 – 8:45 Registration
- 8:45 - 9:00 **Welcome and Introductions – Sandra Bertman, Ph.D. & John R. Jordan, Ph.D.**
- 9:00 - 10:00 **Cecilia L.W. Chan, Ph.D.** – University of Hong Kong , HK, China
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Mabel Magowe, Ph.D.** - Emory University and the University of Botswana
- 11:00 – 11:15 Morning Break
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Carl Becker, Ph.D.** – Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan
- 12:15 – 1:30 **Breakout Lunch with the Presenters:** A unique opportunity to have an informal lunch discussion with the presenter of your choice. (Lunch included with your registration).
- 1:30 – 2:30 **Ruth Malkinson, Ph.D.** – Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2:30 – 3:30 **Val Maasdorp, B.A.** – Island Hospice and Bereavement Service, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 3:30 – 3:45 Afternoon Break
- 3:45 – 4:45 **Robert Neimeyer, Ph.D.** – University of Memphis, Memphis, TN - Commentary and Panel Discussion with Presenters

-----Registration Form-----

Online Registration also available at: <http://www.neaetc.org/iwg/pre/>

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**Date & Time:** Friday, September 19, 2008 from 8:45 AM - 4:45 PM

**Location:** U Mass Boston Campus Center - 100 Morrissey Blvd. – Boston, MA 02125

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ FirstName \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Profession \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Fee (Includes Lunch):** *Before* Sept 5: Regular - \$125.00 Full Time Student - \$75.00

*After* Sept 5: Regular - \$140.00 Full Time Student - \$100.00

Please enclose a check, money order or PO (no cash) made payable to: **NEAETC/CRI**.

Please return this registration form to: **NEAETC** Att. IWG by the Sea, 23 Miner Street, Boston, MA 02215

**6 Continuing Education Credits: Available for Nurses, Psychologists, Social Workers and LMHC's**

**For More Information:** Please contact Kelly Fattman, NEAETC, ([kfattman@neaetc.org](mailto:kfattman@neaetc.org) or 617-935-9856)

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*By car from the North:*

Take I93 South through Boston to Exit 15 (JFK/South Boston/Dorchester) and follow UMass signs along Columbia Road and Morrissey Blvd to the campus. Once you enter the UMass entrance stay in the far right lane, pass the campus garage. The Campus Center is the large white building, 1/4 mile around the campus drive on your left. Parking: Continue past the circular drive and make an immediate left into the North Parking Lot. Parking is \$6.00

*By car from the South:*

Take I93 North to Exit 14 (JFK Library/Morrissey Blvd) and follow Morrissey Blvd north to the campus. Once you enter the UMass entrance stay in the far right lane, pass the campus garage. The Campus Center is the large white building, 1/4 mile around the campus drive on your left. Parking: Continue past the circular drive and make an immediate left into the North Parking Lot. Parking is \$6.00

*By car from the West:*

Take the Mass Pike (I90) East to I93 South. Then follow directions above from I93 South to the campus.

*By public transportation:*

Take the Red Line outbound to the JFK/UMass stop. Board the Crystal Transportation buses that will take you directly to the Campus Center door front.