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News from CDAS

CDAS Conference 2016, 'Survival' open for booking

18-19 June 2016

Chancellors' Building, University of Bath

Survival can be among the very best, or the very worst, of human experiences.

It can mean: surviving disaster, accident, illness, HIV, war, genocide, rape, domestic or child abuse, or loss of any kind. It can lead to survivor guilt, post-traumatic stress, 'surviving' yet life no longer feels worth living; but also to resilience & post-traumatic growth, living more authentically after surviving a near-death experience or life-threatening illness, choosing to present oneself as survivor rather than victim. It can also mean life after death: post-mortem survival.

Social scientists, psychologists, social workers, philosophers, ethicists, theologians, political scientists, NDE researchers, all have their own understandings of and research into survival.

The 2016 CDAS annual conference will bring together research and knowledge on survival that has hitherto been fragmented.

About CDAS Conferences

CDAS conferences aim to bring together research and knowledge in ways which have not been explored before. Themes are usually set to bring together fragmented research from across a number of disciplines, highlight new and emerging research and ideas, and give a forum to researchers who often struggle to 'fit' their work into more conventional conference topics.

We encourage people at all stages of their careers and from all disciplines to attend and participate, including non-academics in relevant fields. The conference is open to everyone, not just those presenting papers, and plenty of time is set aside over the course of the weekend to allow for networking and continuation of the discussions begun in the sessions. We aim to keep the costs as low as we can so as to encourage attendance from as many people as possible.

Delegates have previously commented on the friendly and open nature of CDAS conferences, where scholars have made connections to other fields they were not previously aware of. Previous conferences have led to special journal issues, writing collaborations, new research groups and networks, and successful research funding applications.

Further information and a booking link for the conference can be found on the CDAS website: http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0107.html

GW4 Doctoral Student Workshop: Surviving your data

20 June 2016

University of Bath

This one day workshop will bring together doctoral students in the fields of death, dying and ageing from the GW4 network of Universities; Bath, Bristol, Cardiff and Exeter.

Skills courses on wellbeing in research often tend to focus on the research participants. This day will address the emotional impact of doing research in the areas of death and dying on the researcher. In this workshop day, practitioners, early career and senior academics will share their experiences and best practice with current doctoral students. Participants will be asked when booking to submit the 'top 3' issues they would like to see addressed, and the broad issues which are identified will be discussed during the day.

Issues already identified for possible inclusion are:

- participant confidentiality vs legal/criminal/medical/ethical responsibility
- unconscious bias
- adapting methods to the situation in front of you
- developing a researcher 'skin'
- debriefing

Please note that this workshop is **only open to doctoral students registered at a GW4 University**. We will develop a series of resources based on the day and these will be available free of charge after the event via the CDAS website.

Booking is open for this event and places are free but limited.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/surviving-your-data-tickets-22729454410>

Escaping Victimhood Programme

The Escaping Victimhood programme (designed to help individuals overcome grief as a result of murder or manslaughter) is the only programme of this type available in the UK, so it is very important to establish if it works and what works best.

If you have been bereaved through murder or manslaughter and you feel you would be in a position to take part in order to help others in a similar situation to you, please follow the link to find out more: www.HomicidalBereavement.uk.

The aim of this project is to help develop and improve services and support available to individuals who have suffered a loss in this manner. It is therefore important to have the input from people who have been through these experiences to best understand what might be useful and effective.

Everyone who takes part in the study will be offered the chance afterwards to attend an Escaping Victimhood programme, if you wish.

This study is completely confidential and meets all ethical requirements (as approved by the University of Bath).

If you have any questions please contact: F.alves-costa@bath.ac.uk or Research@homicidalbereavement.uk

FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/homicidalbereavement.UK/?fref=ts>
Online questionnaire: www.HomicidalBereavement.uk

Death Studies Community News

Researchers reimagine the future cemetery at Arnos Vale

How will the dead be disposed of and remembered in years to come?

A recent design competition, organised by The Future Cemetery project, which sought to reimagine a future cemetery drawing on architectural and technological innovations has been won by international colleagues at Columbia University for a design that could revolutionise future memorialisation.

The proposal, entitled 'Sylvan Constellation' which was submitted by Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, envisages a network of memorial vessels which would transform biomass into an elegant and perpetually renewing constellation of light which could illuminate pathways.

The team, based in New York, won a £5,000 prize and a month long summer 2016 residency during which they will research the historic 42-acre Arnos Vale Cemetery and work with the University of Bath's Centre for Death and Society as well as the Pervasive Media Studio at the Watershed.

The aim is to work towards a feasible design for a future prototype.

Read the press release: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/news/2016/03/01/future-cemetery/>
More on the project: <http://futurecemetery.org/>

Events, seminars, symposia and conferences

The Cruse Buckinghamshire Annual Seminar

23 April 2016, 10.00 – 15.00

John Hampden Grammar School, High Wycombe

Suggested donation: £75

The Cruse Buckinghamshire seminar, now in its 7th year, is an established event for those engaged in the theory and practice of bereavement counselling.

As service providers and practitioners in the field of bereavement care we face the challenge of distinguishing the need of those who are vulnerable from the needs of the wider bereaved population.

A challenge also comes from funders whose financial support is increasingly dependent upon evidence that services are being offered to those who most need it and that the effectiveness of help can be demonstrated.

In addressing these issues, this study day will look at the background concepts and practice developments of the Adult Attitude to Grief scale and how it can be used to identify different levels of need and as a guide to interventions.

Keynote speaker: Dr Linda Machin, Honorary Research Fellow, Keele University

More information and a booking form:

Web: http://www.crusebucks.org.uk/bereavement_events.htm

Email: tony@tagent.go-plus.net

'Deceased and Bereaved!' Continuity and Innovation in Death Rituals

20–21 May 2016

Zurich, Switzerland

Organised by the Department of Religious Studies, the University of Zurich Research Priority Program Asia and Europe, and the European Research Network on Death Rituals

On the one hand death rituals have often been explained to be expressions of social stability and continuity in the situation of death. On the other hand, changes and innovations in ritual characterise the history of religions. The conference explores the reasons and dynamics of continuity and change in death rituals.

Further info: <http://www.religionswissenschaft.uzh.ch/en/tagungen/bereaved.html>

4th International Conference of the British Association for the Study of Spirituality:

Can spirituality transform our world? New frontiers in understanding and exploring contemporary spiritualities

23 - 26 May 2016

Chancellors Hotel and Conference Centre, Manchester, UK

We have an exciting range of keynote speakers, oral papers, workshops and posters already in place and there are a few slots still available. Please click here for the [conference programme](#) and [parallel sessions programme](#).

In addition to the formal presentations BASS is also facilitating special interest networks and round tables for specific professional groups, areas of study or specialist practice.

The Doctoral Students and Early Career Researchers Support Network will meet just prior to the conference on Monday 23 May 16.30-17.30. If you are interested in joining the network please contact the convenors, Alex Pimor (a.pimor@ljmu.ac.uk) and Melanie Rogers (m.rogers@hud.ac.uk).

If you might be interested in convening a special interest network or round table, please contact Margaret Holloway (m.l.holloway@hull.ac.uk) for further information. Details of networks/roundtables with convenor contact details will be posted on the conference website as they are set up.

We are looking forward to another stimulating and refreshing conference in May 2016 and very much hope that you will join us. Full details including [booking](#) and [abstract submission](#) forms are available on the [BASS website](#).

Cruse Masterclasses

26 May and 20 September 2016
Holborn Bars, London
£299 per workshop, £520 for both.

Our new masterclasses are on-day events offering expert specialist bereavement training as part of your continuous professional development – attendance certificates will be provided.

Our masterclasses are ideal for those who want to back up their practice or research with in-depth exploration of essential current issues in bereavement care. Each masterclass will include plenary sessions and workshops, and will be hosted by Dr Colin Murray Parkes OBE.

At Cruse, we have over 50 years' experience caring for people when someone has died. Our experts provide work-class training in how to support and communicate with bereaved people, whatever the circumstances. Our new masterclasses are an exciting new addition to our training portfolio.

Working with grief circles

26 May 2016
Dr Lois Tonkin

Shattered dreams and other metaphors of loss

20 September 2016
Ted Bowman

Further info and to book: <http://www.cruse.org.uk/training/masterclass>

Call for papers

Cremation & Burial Communication & Education Event 2016

04-06 July 2016

The Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon, UK

This event aims to promote professional standing and provides a knowledge base intended to improve the abilities and skills for representatives from any size of burial or cremation authority. The programme also provides attendees with an excellent opportunity to discuss and share common issues.

The goal of this year's event is to continue to bring together like-minded individuals and organisations to discuss important issues and developments in the death care industry. The event will be of particular interest to representatives from cremation and burial authorities, whether local authority or private sector, in the UK or from elsewhere in the world, who wish to keep abreast of the latest developments affecting their services and facilities.

Case studies are sought which address issues in cremation, burial, and related topics. Two sessions have been allocated as part of the main sessions for oral presentations; posters will be presented during the refreshment and lunch breaks.

Submissions are encouraged from anyone with an interest in this field who would like to share their research and practice findings with delegates. We welcome submissions from scholars, students, social workers, health care workers, and other professionals within the death care industry. Cross-cultural, historical and comparative work is encouraged, which should be aimed at involving individuals engaged in the provision of cemetery and crematoria services.

Oral presentations should be approximately 20 minutes in duration and the presenter should be willing to participate in a short question and answer at the conclusion of the presentation.

Abstract Submission Closes – Thursday 7 April 2016

Author Notification of Acceptance - Wednesday 27 April 2016

One of the objects of the Cremation Society of Great Britain is to advance public education in the practice and ethics of cremation. To this end it invites applications from individuals for bursaries of £516.00 (inc VAT) being the delegate's fee for this event.

For further information please contact the Cremation Society of Great Britain at info@cremation.org.uk or telephone 01622 688292.

For more information and to book: <http://www.cbce.org.uk/>

Digital Legacy Conference

14 May 2016

London (venue tbc)

Last year's conference brought together a range of international thought leaders from across the globe to UCL Partners, London.

The Digital Legacy Conference 2016 will strive to be even better and once again the conference will be free to attend. The Digital Legacy Conference's aim is to help improve the knowledge and raise awareness around a number of new and increasingly important areas.

Some of the areas to be explored include:

- The world 'before the birth of Facebook' (before Facebook/ BFB)
- Death in today's digital world
- Digital legacy
- Digital grief
- End of life planning
- Utilising technology to deal with death
- Digital memory loss
- Funeral streaming
- Laws around digital assets and digital legacy
- Preparing for our own digital death
- Right to be forgotten
- Death and the media

....and many more

The Digital Legacy Conference is an annual event ran by the Digital Legacy Association. This year's conference will be limited to 100 people (or so) and tickets provided on a first come, first serve basis. The first batch of free tickets will be released soon.

The Digital Legacy Conference will be one of the many events taking place as part of [Dying Matters Awareness Week](#) 2016. This year's Dying Matters Awareness Week theme is the 'The Big Conversation'. The Big Conversation explores the importance of talking about death and our end of life wishes.

The Digital Legacy Association will open the Digital Legacy Conference by exploring 'the big conversation' in the context of the internet and social media. Data attained from the Digital Death Survey 2015 will also be used to explore this area.

If you are interested in speaking or attending the Digital Legacy Conference 2016 [join the Facebook event page](#).

We are now accepting papers in areas relating to digital assets, digital legacy and end of life in today's connected world.

We will stop accepting submissions at 12pm on the 14th April 2016. There will be bonus points for those who submit their papers before the 1st April.

Please email the three requested pieces of information below to:

papers@digitallegacyassociation.org

1. Paper / seminar abstract (no more than 300 words)

2. Add your name, title and speaker bio (100-150 words)
3. Provide photo of the speaker
4. When possible provide examples/proof of previous seminars given

Death and Culture

01-03 September 2016

University of York

How can we, as academics, understand cultural responses to mortality?

Is every response to death – over time and over place - uniquely personal or essentially the same?

This conference focusses on the impact of mortality on culture, and the ways in which the very fact of death has shaped human behaviour, evidenced through thought, action, production and expression. The conference seeks to re-engage with the study of mortality as an academic enterprise, supported by evidence and framed by theoretical engagement. No discipline is excluded and we are encouraging researchers including postgraduates to contribute who might not consider themselves death scholars, with work that overlaps with death and the dead.

We welcome contributions on topics such as but not limited to:

- Death, film and television
- Fame and death
- Historical death
- The dead in place and space
- Law, death and the dead
- Art and death
- Commonplace death

Abstracts should be sent with a 100 word biography to deathandculture2016@york.ac.uk by Friday 1st April 2016

Web: <http://www.york.ac.uk/sociology/about/news-and-events/department/2016/deathandculture/>

Jobs, Education and Training

PhD studentships at The Open University

The Open University Faculty of Health and Social Care is advertising fully funded PhD studentships to start in October 2016.

Achieving good health and supporting effective social care for all is essential to achieving social justice, and this lies at the heart of the Open University's mission. Building on

existing cross-disciplinary intellectual capacity, an evidenced commitment to social justice and existing local, regional, national and international collaborations and networks, the Faculty of Health and Social Care is funding full-time PhD studentships for an October 2016 start.

Studentships include UK-student fees and an annual maintenance grant starting at £14,000 per annum. There are also places for self-funded part-time study. Students will be supported by two supervisors and have their own working area on campus as well as access to training and personal development.

We are keen to attract students to work with us on research that locates the experiences of patients, carers, family members and practitioners at the fore of inquiry. We place value on participatory and inclusive research particularly with individuals that are marginalised, 'hard to reach' or have complex needs. Applications are invited on one or more of the following themes:

- **age, ageing and later life**
- children, young people, parenting and families
- **death, dying and bereavement**
- disability and long-term conditions
- reproductive and sexual health

Closing date: Midday 18 April 2016

Interview date: Late June 2016

More details about the studentships and studying at the OU can be found here:

<http://www3.open.ac.uk/employment/job-details.asp?id=9100>

Master of Public Health, University of Bradford

The University of Bradford is launching a new Master of Public Health degree (MPH). This will provide professional training in health needs assessment, epidemiology, health promotion, research methods and public health theory and policy. There are opportunities to specialise in 4 major areas within the degree - health informatics, health leadership and management, pharmaceutical services, and long-term conditions & end of life care. This is the first MPH in the UK to offer public health training in end of life care.

The course is a one-year full-time degree and does not assume prior knowledge of public health - it is a vocational graduate programme. Backgrounds in the social or biological sciences or other professional backgrounds are welcome. If you have an interest in working in palliative care policy, practice, or education and training this is a unique opportunity to re-train or re-focus your career interests and prospects.

Applications are open now and the first intake will commence in September this year (2016). Enquiries about the course can be made to Professor Allan Kellehear:

a.kellehear@bradford.ac.uk

Further information about the course is available on the University of Bradford's website:
<http://www.bradford.ac.uk/study/courses/view/?c=public-health-mph>

Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Contact/Information
13-16 Apr 2016	ADEC Annual Conference	Minneapolis, USA	http://www.adec.org/adec/default.aspx
23 Apr 2016	The Cruse Buckinghamshire Annual Seminar	John Hampden Grammar School, High Wycombe	http://www.crusebucks.org.uk/bereavement_events.htm
25 Apr 2016	Working with Loss, Sage & Thyme Course	The Rowans Hospice	Grace.ellert@rowanshospice.co.uk
07 May 2016	Good Grief: the loneliness of bereavement	Leominster Priory	j.gibbon@hereford.anglican.org
14 May 2016	Digital Legacy Conference	London	https://www.facebook.com/events/1631936163737680/
09-15 May 2016	Dying Matters Awareness Week	UK wide	http://www.dyingmatters.org
14 May 2016	Digital Legacy Conference	London tba	hello@digitallegacyassociation.org
17-18 May 2016	Corpses, Cadavers and Catalogues	Barts Pathology Museum	https://cccconference2016.wordpress.com/
19-20 May 2016	The Materiality of Mourning	Warwick University	http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/research/seminars/mourning/
20 May 2016	Seventeenth Colloquium on Cemeteries	University of York	Julie.rugg@york.ac.uk
20 May 2016	body ^ space ^ object ^ memory ^ identity Symposium	Coventry University	http://www.coventry.ac.uk/research/research-directories/research-events/2016/body-space-object-memory-identity-Symposium-2016/
20-21 May 2016	Deceased and Bereaved! Continuity and Innovation in Death Rituals	Zurich, Switzerland	http://www.religionswissenschaft.uzh.ch/en/tagungen/bereaved.html

23-26 May 2016	Can Spirituality transform our world?	Manchester, UK	www.bassspirituality.org.uk
26 May 2016	Cruse Masterclass	Holborn Bars, London	http://www.cruse.org.uk/training/masterclass
26-29 May 2016	International Vampire and Arts Festival	Sighisoara, Transylvania, Romania	http://ivfaf.com/
31 May 2016	Narratives of decline: the changing patterns of death and ageing in contemporary Japanese religions	University of Manchester	paulina.kolata@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk
03-06 Jun 2016	Death, Art and Anatomy Conference	University of Winchester	http://carvedcadavers.wix.com/dacconference
18-19 June 2016	CDAS Conference 2016, 'Survival'	University of Bath	http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0107.html
20 June 2016	Surviving your data	University of Bath	http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/events/news_0124.html
23-25 Jun 2016	"In the Midst of Life we are in Death"	University College Dublin	www.ucd.ie/music/conferences
27 Jun 2016	Deconstructing Donation Study Group Conference	Lancaster University	http://www.britsoc.co.uk/media/8815/Deconstructing_Donation_270616.pdf?1443538970835
04-06 July 2016	Cremation & Burial Communication and Education Event 2016	Stratford-upon-Avon	http://www.cbce.org.uk/
29-31 July 2016	Is Heaven for Real?	University of Winchester	http://store.winchester.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&catid=94&prodid=298
08-12 Aug 2016	Death & Meaning Making in Europe	Radboud University, The Netherlands	http://www.ru.nl/radboudsummer-school/courses/history-philosophy-religion/vm-more-courses/death-and-meaning-making-europe/

01-03 Sept 2016	Death and Culture	University of York	http://www.york.ac.uk/sociology/about/news-and-events/department/2016/deathandculture/
16 Sept 2016	Dark Leisure and Music	Leeds Beckett University	http://darkleisureandmusic.mseli.myavuz.com/
20 Sept 2016	Cruse Masterclass	Holborn Bars, London	http://www.cruse.org.uk/training/masterclass

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