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Director's Note

October 2020

A longtime and very important person in CDAS is retiring. After many years of tireless research and limitless collegiality, Christine Valentine let everyone know in September that she planned to retire this autumn.



I've known Christine since my first visit to Bath as a clueless grad student attending an International Death, Dying, and Disposal Conference. Indeed, Christine is one of the few people I have known since before I ever moved to the UK.

What I think everyone needs to know about Christine and her research is that it really did change peoples' lives. She worked on a massive project around drug overdoses and bereavement in the UK. She also did key research on death and dying attitudes in Japan. But Christine also did some very important research looking at how to improve grief and bereavement support for University of Bath students. Her work was a key reason that the University changed its student support model so that grieving students received more holistic, compassionate care. This is why I have always admired Christine's work so much – it was both global and extremely local.

Christine is also an extremely kind and generous colleague. And now I'm concerned that this Director's Note is sounding a bit like a eulogy(!), but it's not. Trust me. I think we all know that while Christine is "retiring" she will be doing all kinds of high-impact research.

Please join me and everyone in CDAS in wishing Christine all the best in the future.

Back in July I mentioned that two new CDAS Ph.D. students were starting in the autumn, George Gumisiriza and Sam Hooker. Both George and Sam wrote short notes about themselves for this month's newsletter so please take a second and give them a read.

Please join me in Welcoming George and Sam to Team CDAS.

George Gumisiriza

My name is George Gumisiriza. I am an MRes / PhD International Development Studies, ESRC / SWDTP student at Bath University. I moved to the UK about 10 years ago, now living in Newport, South Wales, soon moving to Bath. I became passionate about Afrocentric perspectives into death matters during my MSc in Social and Cultural Theory (2018/19) at the University of Bristol.

My area of interest is Repatriationscapes: death and body repatriation among African diaspora living in the UK. I realised that Western narratives and models of theorising death matters have pigeonholed Afrocentric deaths, grief and losses, only to feature as empirical literature due to the dominant social-cultural atmosphere in the UK. Conversely, the gap in academic literature has perpetuated power, authority, and marginalization by creating homogenized attitudes towards migrant communities in death matters in the UK.

My PhD research aims to draw to the mainstream; foster understanding of Afrocentric perspectives on death, funerary rituals, and practices; their role within multi-cultural structures in shaping social cultural attitudes; policy, and regulations within the dominant discourse in the UK. This will entail moving away from the Western / Eurocentric professionalized, medical, and journalistic description of death to a more diverse Afrocentric creative / narrative approach to explore death, identity, and cultural belonging among African diaspora in the UK. I am very excited to be part of CDAS.

Sam Hooker

Hello, I'm Sam Hooker. I am at the University of Bath studying an MRes/PhD in Social Policy funded by the ESRC. My research will explore the benefits and challenges of caring for a deceased person's body at home, and the extent to which this helps (or hinders) bereaved individuals, families and communities in coming to terms with the death and their grief experience.

My undergraduate degree was Biomedical Science, specialising in Neuroscience and Mental Health, at Imperial College London. It was during anatomy sessions that I first became intrigued by interactions with the body after death and the impact it has on people. In my final year I took a specialist topic, Death, Autopsy and Law, leading to a dissertation on the ethics of storing human remains in museums. Then, between finishing my dissertation and presenting my paper, my grandfather suddenly died. Everything I had been learning about in abstract became suddenly real. Viewing his body at the funeral home had a profoundly different impact on me compared to my previous encounters with dead bodies.

After doing an MSc in Psychology (Conversion) at the University of Reading, I found my interest in interactions with the human body after death remained, leading to this project which stems from the decline in caring for, or even locating, people in their homes after they have died that has occurred over the past 150 years; inspired in part by this Endwell talk by Caitlin Doughty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGyXRG-ELLg&t=1s>.

CDAS COVID-19 Resources, Events and Updates

Our [Centre for Death and Society \(CDAS\) team members](#) curate a monthly collection of resources relating to the effects of Covid-19 on death and society.

We include guidance relating to Covid-19 for:

- grief and bereavement support;
- funeral practices;
- social policy implications.

These resources are both written work produced by CDAS staff and general information on Covid-19 from other organisations. All the resources will be listed on our website [here](#).

October 2020 Covid-19 Information

Publications

Frisby, H., [When circumstances allow ...': funerals in the time of Covid-19](#)

Hanson, L., [We Will All Be Changed: Palliative Care Transformation in the Time of COVID-19](#)

Troyer, J., [In the time of aids in the age of covid-19](#)

Fang, C., Wilson, J., & Smith, P., [End of life care and bereavement support amid COVID-19](#)

Troyer, J., [Five Lessons that Dead Bodies can Teach Us](#)

Vicente da Silva, A., [Funerals during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Teggi, D., [Care homes as hospices: the problem with long-term care provision towards the end of life in England](#)

Event Information

FutureLearn Free Courses

FutureLearn is offering a number of free online courses in themes related to Covid-19. Visit their [website](#) to find out more.

Suicide Bereavement UK's 9th International Conference and Unique Opportunity to attend a half day Covid-19 Seminar

ONE OFF OPPORTUNITY

Due to Government restrictions, Suicide Bereavement UK's 9th international conference will be delivered ONLINE

Date: 18th November, 2020

Time: 9am – 1.30pm (GMT)

Cost: £45 + VAT

The national suicide bereavement survey report will be launched at this event, and will highlight the experiences and perceived needs of over 7,000 people bereaved or affected by suicide (largest suicide bereavement survey internationally). The findings will generate media, national and international interest.

We will also present research, which has informed the development of PABBS and ESPR evidence-based suicide bereavement training, which are first of their kind internationally

18 speakers will also cover the following:

- Personal experiences of being bereaved by suicide
- Findings from the national suicide bereavement report
- Looking at an international window of opportunity
- The memorial quilt stitched by people bereaved by suicide in Greater Manchester
- The importance of signposting after a death by suicide
- The experiences of ambulance staff responding to suicide and bereaved families
- Emergency Service Postvention Response (ESPR) research, which has informed ESPR training (the first of its kind internationally)
- The importance of working with nightmares to help reduce suicide risk
- Who cares for the carer?
- The potential role of pharmacists in suicide prevention
- Helping to reduce suicide in young people



suicidebereavement*

- Suicide in universities: is data protection costing lives?

Last year 420 people from 15 countries attended the face to face conference. We expect the numbers attending and countries represented, to exceed last year!

For more information and to register, click on the following link: <https://suicidebereavementuk.com/suicide-bereavement-conference/>

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Covid-19: Exploring Resilience, Recovery and Lessons Learnt Internationally

Date: November 19th 2020

NOW ONLINE

Choice of TWO sessions

1. 09:00hrs to 12:00hrs
2. 13:00hrs to 16:00hrs

Unique Opportunity to attend a half day Covid-19 Seminar. The seminar will focus on the impact on the following:

- Front line staff who worked during the Covid-19 pandemic;
- Patients who were hospitalised from Covid-19 and survived;
- Those who lost 'significant others' including colleagues to Covid-19; and
- Bereavement and rituals during a time of uncertainty and high risk.

Learning outcomes:

- International good practice associated with covid-19 response;
- Incident management (techniques to help stabilise the workforce, specifically management of staff and their well-being);

- Post Intensive Care Syndrome PICS (impact on the patient and their family); and
- Impact on staff (coping and managing risk, ethical dilemmas, and moral injury etc).

Who should attend this seminar?

- NHS management and policy makers
- Medical and mental health staff
- First responders
- Social workers
- Those working in care homes etc.

Cost per person:

£59.99 +VAT (for those attending the Suicide Bereavement UK (SBUK) conference); and
 £79.99 +VAT for those who do not attend the SBUK conference.

For more information <https://suicidebereavementuk.com/covid-19-seminar>

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Call for Papers, Information & Funding Proposals

[Death and Mourning Processes in the Times of the Coronavirus Pandemic \(COVID-19\)](#)

Frontiers in Psychiatry has launched a new research topic: Death and Mourning Processes in the Times of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). As a leading expert in your field, they would like you to participate by submitting your research. Find out more in our ‘Call for Papers’ section on [page 17](#).

[Death in a time of Corona: Call for Contributions](#)

Do you work in the deathcare sector? Have you recently experienced a death? Help us understand how COVID-19 is changing deathcare, funerals, and memorialisation worldwide by contributing to this collaborative, open research platform. For full information please see the main Call for Papers section on [page 17](#).

Bereavement Network Europe call for information on dealing with bereavement during the Covid-19 pandemic

The Bereavement Network Europe (BNE) sees that the Coronavirus epidemic requires an immediate and continuous response, and we would like to call on you for your support. We have started gathering resources regarding Covid-19 and bereavement and we will update the [BNE website](#) with resources as we receive them.

If you have any information for the bereaved or health professionals on how to deal with bereavement in the current situation from your European country, please do let us know by providing a link to it. All different languages are welcome. Please send it to the following two addresses: info@bereavement.eu and tgo@sorgcenter.dk

National Bereavement Network

The current crisis is rightly stimulating a lot of interest in – and plans for – bereavement research in the UK. The pandemic has highlighted crucial research questions that are directly related to COVID-19 and the impact of lockdown on all bereaved adults and children. There are also opportunities to develop broader projects to fill some of the longstanding gaps in knowledge. At the National Bereavement Alliance and the Childhood Bereavement Network, we have been approached by a number of research teams over the last three months, and are aware of several studies underway and others planned. We are keen to do what we can to help with networking and collaboration, to minimise the risk of duplication and maximise the relevance and robustness of research that comes out of this difficult time. Inspired by the work of the NIHR cross-ARC Palliative and End of Life Care collaboration co-chaired by Professor Irene Higginson and Professor Stephen Barclay, at which bereavement emerged as a key theme at the most recent meeting, we have:

- Set up a [public database](#) for bereavement researchers to list current studies or those that are planned (whether COVID-19 specific or broader) – please do upload details of your current or planned studies here if you are happy for these to be publicly available;
- Published a [discussion paper](#) summarising findings from three projects that have explored bereavement research gaps and priorities in the UK. It's not exhaustive, but we hope it will be a useful prompt for further discussion.

CDAS NEWS

Recent publications

This month sees the publication of a unique book by Nicolas Wheatley, a 2011 graduate of the Uni of Bath's MSc Death & Society. *Final Journey - the Untold Story of Funeral Trains* available on various bookseller websites including [Amazon](#).

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

In September 2020 CDAS member Kate and Associate John Birrell presented their cremation and grief project to the Cabinet Office. The presentation covered the findings from their study and was very well received by attendees from the Cabinet Office and funeral trade representatives. The findings are available [here](#)

Funeral Practices and Grief - in press.

Following the publication of the quantitative results from the Cremation and Grief study in OMEGA my colleagues and I are delighted to have had a more "popular" version of that paper accepted for publication in what we understand may be the final edition of Bereavement Care.

New book: Supporting People Bereaved through a Drug- or Alcohol-Related Death.

It's by Peter Cartwright, who collaborated with CDAS when we and the University of Stirling researched this 2012-2015 <https://www.bath.ac.uk/projects/understanding-and-responding-to-those-bereaved-through-their-family-members-substance-misuse/> Publisher: Jessica Kingsley.

Copies are available from the [publisher](#) - 10% discount code is Y20. It is cheaper from [Foyles](#) and there is an even cheaper [Kindle e-version](#)

Because of covid-19, the book's launch event has been rescheduled to 2-4 pm Saturday 3rd July 2021 at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. Aims: to thank everyone involved in producing the book and to raise awareness of these long-term, severe and complex bereavements and the associated need for support.

If you would like to attend, please email peter@peter-cartwright.co.uk

NIHR Grant Applications Seminar

The next seminar from the NIHR Research Design Service (RDS) will take place online on Tuesday 24th November 2020 from 10.00am - 12.30pm.

The seminar provides an overview of NIHR funding opportunities and research programme remits, requirements and application processes. You will be given top tips for your application and you can ask specific questions to experienced RDS South West advisers.

They will also be joined by Dr Michael Clark, Research Programme Manager from the NIHR School for Social Care Research (SSCR). He will be talking about funding streams available from the SSCR, the landscape for social care research, other possible funding sources, and the interface between health and social care research.

[Find out more and book a place](#)

Events

Dying Matters – I Remember campaign

Upcoming [I Remember campaign](#) running from **26th October to 1st November** that will go back to the original meaning of Halloween, which is to remember dead loved ones. Around the world, different cultures and faiths have ways to remember the dead. At the end of October and start of November we have Halloween, Samhain, All Souls Day, and Mexico's Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead – all different, but all with their roots in remembrance and the importance of not forgetting those we knew.

Taking part is easy. All you need to do is:

- Share a memory of someone you would like to remember - this can be a friend, a family member, a pet or a colleague. You can include a photo, a video or just stick to text if you want
- Post on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) using the hashtag **#IRemember** and tagging **@DyingMatters**

There will also be [a free webinar](#) featuring Dr Kathryn Mannix and Julie New to discuss dying, death and bereavement on 29th October. To register click [here](#).

Good Grief - A Virtual Festival of Love + Loss

30 October – 1 November 2020

A new free online festival exploring the many faces of grief taking place in Bristol from 30th October to 1st November, reaching thousands of people all over the UK. Broadcast from a studio in Bristol, Good Grief will bring over 100 speakers together to help people to better understand and process grief and loss at this time of global crisis.



The festival programme will include panel discussions, talks and workshops with speakers including Robert Webb (Peep Show, That Mitchell + Webb Look), Cariad Lloyd (GriefCast), Julia Samuels (This Too Shall Pass, Grief Works), chef and food writer Valentine Warner (The Consolation of Food), best-selling author Nikesh Shukla (The Good Immigrant, Brown Baby), BBC anthropologist Alice Roberts, illustrator Gary Andrews (Doodle-A-Day) and palliative care doctors Rachel Clarke (Dear Life: A Doctor's Story of Love and Loss) and Kathryn Mannix (With the End in Mind).

Funded by the Wellcome Trust, the festival is a collaboration between the University of Bristol and national charities and bereavement services. Good Grief online events are all free to attend.

To join a session, register in advance [here](#), you'll then be notified as the events open for booking. To find out more visit www.goodgrieffest.com.



Diversity and Inclusion for Funeral Professionals

The funeral profession prides itself on a reputation for tradition, respect and dignity, but in the light of Black Lives Matter, Progress Pride, the drive to improve disability rights, remove the stigma of mental health and see equality for all, is the funeral profession ensuring that they are inclusive and equitable? The online conference has been created to make sure that we are keeping up to date with all of the changes that have been happening.

The super conference is composed of 3 weekend conferences in October 2020, January and April 2021 covering gender, race, sexual orientation, disability, mental health and addiction with an extended programme over eight months offering discussion groups, book clubs, networking and an exclusive online community. Emma Curtis is joined in seminars and discussions by experts with lived experience in each field of diversity, many of whom have working experience within the funeral industry.

The NHS, Department of Education, Armed Forces and Emergency Services all have well publicised declarations of allyship guided by the Equalities Act ensuring that everyone is treated equally with dignity and respect, but there has been no similar move in the funeral industry until now. This conference will be exploring why there has been no visible move to promote inclusion and equity in the funeral industry and will discuss what we can do to change this. Promoting change, we aim to make planning and attending a funeral a far more inclusive and equitable process that embraces diversity. <https://ceremonymatters.org/super-conference/>



Evidence-based Suicide
Bereavement Training

Evidence-based • Evaluated • Engaging • Effective

Postvention Assisting those Bereaved By Suicide

Dates released for September, November and December 2020 in Manchester

Postvention Assisting those Bereaved By Suicide (PABBS), one day training is evidence-based and evaluated suicide bereavement training and 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

Dates released for PABBS one day training:

- 15th September 2020
- 17th November 2020
- 2nd December 2020

The research team have recently published four papers, which are directly associated with the PABBS training and can be viewed at <https://suicidebereavementuk.com/pabbs-training> and are noted below:

1. GPs' Experiences - GP's experiences responding to and dealing with parents bereaved by suicide
2. Parents' Experiences - Parents bereaved by suicide experiences and perceived support from primary care
3. Evaluation - An evaluation of PABBS evidence-based suicide bereavement training
4. Ambulance - Ambulance staff experience in responding to a (suspected) suicide and the bereaved family.

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

Cost: £299 +VAT per person

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

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Public Health Research in Palliative Care: Towards Solutions for Global Challenges

Online, 17 and 18 November 2020

Registration fee: €55

The Scientific Committee for the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) Public Health and Palliative Care Research Seminar planned for October in Belfast, has decided to postpone the event to **17 and 18 November 2020** and to hold this important event online.

The online programme, focussing on public health palliative care research, will be delivered at various time slots on Tuesday 17 November and Wednesday 18 November 2020, rather than two full days online. It will aim to ensure that the identity of the conference is maintained and that there will be plenty of opportunities for exchange, and for learning from each other.

More details on the conference can be found [here](#).

We are looking forward to welcoming you to this important international event. It will be an opportunity for 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, to come together, who are focused on developing solutions to inform and improve the delivery of palliative care globally.

Palliative Care, Women's Health and Gynaecology – 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/>



Attention all active' first responders **Launch of Emergency Services Postvention Response (ESPR)** **Training**

26 November 2020

Andrea Walraven-Thissen and Dr Sharon McDonnell, from Suicide Bereavement UK have now launched an exciting and new evidence-based Emergency Services Postvention Response (ESPR) training. This training is evidence-based, theory-driven one day workshop and has been informed by research, which explored the perceived needs of first responders responding to suicide, in several European countries.

An international study was specifically designed to inform the development of the ESPR training and ESPR is first of its kind internationally.

Aims of the training

- To provide 'active' first responders with knowledge and skills to respond effectively after a (suspected) suicide;
- To assist first responders in effective incident management;
- To empower and enable/promote resilience, when responding after suicide; and
- Improve the quality of both psychosocial and peer support services.

Target audience

- Only 'active duty' first responders are permitted to attend (e.g. police, ambulance, fire, air sea and rescue etc).

Training date: November 26th 2020

Cost per person: £299 + VAT

Venue: Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Square, Manchester, M2 7DH

<https://suicidebereavementuk.com/emergency-services-postvention-response>

ESPR in-house training is delivered upon request.

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Call for Papers

Queer Thanatologies

Themed Section: Queer Thanatologies

Guest editors: Anna Chiara Corradino, Carmen Dell'Aversano, Roberta Langhi, Mattia Petricola

The expression 'queer death' could be said to describe two distinct yet deeply interrelated fields of inquiry. The first one is built around the study of the cultural performances related to death, the end of life, grief, and disposal from the perspective of peripheral, non-normative, and anti-normative identities —among which are those identities that fall within the LGBT+ spectrum. The second field of inquiry is devoted to the theoretical deconstruction of the polarity life/death itself,

considered as one of the most fundamental constructs for the creation of all social entities, no matter how small or simple.

Our themed section seeks to explore both these declinations of queer death, taking into account real-life social constructs and practices as well as the representation of death/dying/grieving/disposal in fiction and the arts. How can queer theories and studies contribute to destabilise the polarity life/death and reshape the endless set of social practices that derive from it? In what sense can life and death be described as performances? How can queer help us deconstruct classical thanatological notions like that, among others, of 'death denial' or the Freudian idea of grief as the 'overcoming' of death?

Raising such questions implies adopting an extremely open, wide-ranging approach to queer death, spanning from the study of eroticised corpses in Renaissance and Baroque painting to the analysis of grief practices in 21st-century LGBT+ communities.

Possible topics include, but are by no means limited to:

- Queering the life/death polarity
- Queering death in fiction (literature, film, comics, theatre, etc.) and the arts
- Queering death in psychology, medical humanities, and the social sciences
- Queering the anthropology of death
- Queer approaches to bereavement and mourning
- Queer death and the post-/non-/a-human
- Queering the corpse
- Death-related forms of desire and aesthetic contemplation

Deadlines and relevant dates

- The deadline for all submissions for issue 4 (general and themed sections alike) is **October, 31, 2020**.
- Revised versions of accepted papers will be due on February, 28, 2021.
- Last proofs will be sent on May, 21, 2021 and corrections are due on May 25, 2021.
- The issue will be published on June, 20, 2021.

Full call for contributions can be found [here](#)

[Death and Mourning Processes in the Times of the Coronavirus Pandemic \(COVID-19\)](#)

Frontiers in Psychiatry has launched a new research topic: Death and Mourning Processes in the Times of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). As a leading expert in your field, they would like you to participate by submitting your research.

This is a great opportunity to have your research published in Frontiers in Psychiatry, the fifth most cited open access journal in its field with an Impact Factor of 3.161. Led by Professor Stefan Borgward, it brings a 'bench-to-bedside' approach to communicate translational progress and innovations to clinicians, scholars and research scientists. The submission deadline is **7 November 2020**. To participate [please visit the website](#).

As a contributing author, you will benefit from:

- high visibility with a freely downloadable e-book
- rigorous, transparent and fast peer review
- advanced impact metrics
- collaboration with other leading researchers around the world.

[The Sustainable Dead](#)

Call for book chapter submissions for The Sustainable Dead by Ruth McManus, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Canterbury, New Zealand. Ruth is happy to have an informal chat with anybody interested in submitting a chapter to this collection – email ruth.mcmanus@canterbury.ac.nz

Abstract

While eco-lightbulbs, tiny homes and bans on single use plastic bags nibble at the edges of our profligate ways, ecological and social sustainability is beginning to profoundly challenge long-standing conventions in end-of-life care, grieving, bodily disposal and memorialisation. This collection brings together scholarship on the different ways that all the aspects of dying, death, and memorialisation are influencing and being influenced by the global turn to ecological and social sustainability.

About the Editor - Ruth McManus is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. She researches on social aspects of death and dying, and is inaugural President of the New Zealand Society for Death Studies. Her current projects include disaster memorialisation and new technologies for body disposal. Her books include *Death in a Global Age* (2012), *Death Down Under* (Cambridge Scholars 2019), and *Exploring Society* (2019).

Keywords

global crisis; ecological sustainability; social sustainability; cadaver disposal; memorialisation; end of life care; green cemeteries; eco-funerals

Chapter submission form

http://cambridgescholars.com/edited_collections/sustainable-dead-chapter-submission.docx

Death in a time of Corona: Call for Contributions

Do you work in the deathcare sector? Have you recently experienced a death? Help us understand how COVID-19 is changing deathcare, funerals, and memorialisation worldwide by contributing to this collaborative, open research platform.

We have established a platform to share accounts of how the COVID-19 pandemic is changing deathcare, including end-of-life and mortuary care, arranging funerals, and ongoing memorialisation. This information is of interest to us as part of research into death and technology in the 21st century led by the DeathTech Research Team at The University of Melbourne. We'd like to know what you are experiencing now – e.g. how are funerals happening, how are bodies being handled, what is different?

Please upload your reflections to the interactive map [here](https://padlet.com/hannahgould/deathduringcorona). (<https://padlet.com/hannahgould/deathduringcorona>). To add a reflection, click on the large plus sign, select a location, and then add your text. You can also email deathtech-research@unimelb.edu.au if you would prefer that we upload your contribution.

We're particularly interested in first-person accounts, reflections on new technologies being use and new rituals, and the emotional, professional, and social impact of these changes. You can include links to news articles, images, or videos. The researchers will also add published articles about death during COVID-19 to the map.

You can choose to upload anonymously if you wish. You can also choose to identify yourself and/or your company in the post. The location you set for the post can be as specific or general as you wish.

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

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