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## **News from CDAS**

### **CDAS seminars now available to download**

The latest CDAS seminars are now available as podcasts on the University of Bath website.

#### **[Post-death control of Digital Assets](#)**

21 February 2014

We all know that we'll eventually die but very few people make plans for the entirety of their assets, especially digital ones. This CDAS seminar on the post-death afterlife of digital assets examined how individuals can manage the full spectrum of 21st century property and the challenges posed by the digital world. The speakers addressed everything from management of estates to controlling a person's post-mortem identity. Whether it's passwords, social networking accounts, or online property, the certainty of death opens up an entirely new world for living next of kin to negotiate after a person dies.

#### **[Living and Dying in the Fourth Age](#)**

24 March 2014

One of the great achievements of advanced industrial societies is that most of their members live to a good age. This moves death into the province of old age, yet most research and innovation around the end of life has focussed on untimely deaths, such as from cancer, suicide or death in childhood. This seminar looked at living and dying, often with dementia and other infirmities, in late old age: the kind of dying many people fear after the long life they hope for.

Details of other previous events can be found on the CDAS website:

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/past-events/>

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 the various events, please contact [cdas@bath.ac.uk](mailto:cdas@bath.ac.uk) for details. More information at [http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/news/news\\_0021.html](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 will be posted to the CDAS website shortly. 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](mailto: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](http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0010.html)

## **Death & Dying in the Media, Print and Internet**

### **Folklore: Virtual Special Issue**

The journal Folklore has published a Virtual Special Issue on Death, Burial and the Afterlife; it includes some free downloads.

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/access/rfol-death.pdf>

### **DDD11: Where Theory Meets Practice**

Highlights available on OU Website

If you were unable to join us for the 11<sup>th</sup> Death, Dying & Disposal Conference back in September last year, don't despair as you can now view highlights on the Open University website:

<http://www.open.ac.uk/health-and-social-care/main/research/research-events/death-dying-and-disposal!>

Highlights include a behind the scenes tour of Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes, a montage of our keynote presentations and guest features from our expert speakers and conference sponsors, Flexmort.

To find out more please visit the OU website.

## **Events, seminars, symposia and conferences**

### **Care and Compassion in Healthcare: Does spirituality have a role?**

27-28 April 2014

Sarum College, Salisbury

The *British Journal of Hospital Medicine* in association with *British Journal of Mental Health Nursing*, *Journal of Health Visitors*, *British Journal of Nursing* and the *International Journal of Palliative Nursing* have come together to announce their new meeting: [Care and Compassion in Healthcare: Does spirituality have a role?](#)

This is a unique event aimed at all specialists working in healthcare to reflect upon their current practice and to consider how care and compassion can be increased in their role and daily routine.

The conference will enable participants the chance to assess their existing practice and to extend their thinking beyond guidelines and routine compliance, so that they can engage with patients more effectively.

Sessions include:

- Setting the scene: Is the healthcare crisis part of a bigger spiritual crisis?  
Reverend Professor Stephen Wright & Dr Larry Day

- How can healthcare professionals incorporate spirituality into practice? Dame Sarah Mullally, Former Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health
- Borderlines: madness & mysticism, Dr Isabel Clarke, Consultant Clinical Psychologist
- Integrating spirituality into cancer care, Michael Connors, Acting Chief Executive, Penny Brohn Cancer Care

This conference has been designed to be interactive so that all participants can engage in discussions about how care and compassion can be improved for the benefit of patients.

Places will be limited so make sure you book early. Book online at: [mahconferences@markallengroup.com](mailto:mahconferences@markallengroup.com)

### **'What frail older people at the end of their lives have taught me about dying'**

The Sue Ryder Care Centre for the Study of Supportive, Palliative and End of Life Care Annual Public Lecture 2014  
15 May 2014  
University of Nottingham

This year the lecturer, Dr Josephine Hockley, OBE, will give a lecture, "What frail older people at the end of their lives have taught me about dying".

The event is free of charge, but please express your interest in attending the lecture via e-mail: [ann.gibbons@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:ann.gibbons@nottingham.ac.uk) or telephone: 0115 8230706

### **Third International Conference of the British Association for the Study of Spirituality: 'Spirituality in a Challenging World'**

19 – 21 May 2014  
Ashridge House, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, UK

The theme of this 3<sup>rd</sup> BASS conference acknowledges the experiences of many academics, practitioners and others who are currently seeking to explore understandings and implications of spirituality in a wide range of research and professional practice settings that are often challenged by an outcomes-based rationality.

#### Keynote Speakers:

- Professor Roger Gill (Durham University)
- Professor Carole Hillenbrand (University of Edinburgh)
- Professor Margaret Holloway (University of Hull)
- Professor Michael King (University College London)
- Professor John Swinton (University of Aberdeen)

Cost (fully inclusive) £550 (£575 after 31st March 2014)  
To book please go to: [www.bassspirituality.org.uk](http://www.bassspirituality.org.uk)

For further information, please contact Georgina Long, BASS Administrator  
Email: [georginaatbass@gmail.com](mailto:georginaatbass@gmail.com)

## **Exploring changing human beliefs about death, mortality and the human body**

[The 'Invisible Dead' Project](#) Conference

06-08 June 2014

Durham University

This event will be hosted by the Department of Archaeology at the Durham University, and attendance will be free of charge. We will be pleased to welcome archaeologists, anthropologists and others with an interest in death and human remains throughout prehistory and into contemporary society. A full provisional programme and registration form is available from the website.

In addition to the academic sessions (07-08 June), there will be two public lectures on the evenings of 06 & 07 June, with a wine reception following the Friday lecture:

*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30 pm*

Prof. Peter Pfälzner, University of Tübingen

"Packed Generations": long-term funerary processes at two royal burial places at Qatna, Syria

*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30 pm*

Prof. Mike Parker Pearson, University College London

Dead and (un)buried – problems and perspectives in funerary archaeology

Registration forms for the conference and lectures alongside a programme and further information are available on the website:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/archaeology/conferences/current/invisibledead/>

## **The Sage & Thyme foundation level workshop**

**'Do you know how to talk to someone who is worried or distressed?'**

09 June 2014, 09.00 – 12.30

The Rowans Hospice, Waterlooville, Hants

£35

This 3 hour workshop teaches,

- A memorable structured approach for getting into and out of a conversation
- How to empower patients/carers who are worried or distressed
- Communication skills that are evidence based

Please get in touch with Grace Ellert in order to attend.

[grace.ellert@rowanshospice.co.uk](mailto:grace.ellert@rowanshospice.co.uk) or direct dial 02392 238535

More details at: <http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/index.php?id=94>

## **Association of Bereavement Service Coordinators Conference 2014** **'The Cost of Bereavement: is your service fit for purpose?'**

Leeds Trinity University  
01 – 02 July 2014

ABSCo members are becoming increasingly aware of the 'total cost' of bereavement, beyond the emotional and psychological, within a changing external environment. This conference will explore some of the socio-economic costs and think broadly and creatively about the range of support our services offer.

We invite members to attend with this question in mind, 'Is your service fit for purpose?'

Keynote speakers include:

- Dr Marilyn Relf, Bereavement Care Lead, Sir Michael Sobell House, Oxford
- Alison Penny, Coordinator, Childhood Bereavement Network and National Bereavement Alliance
- Anne Corden, Senior Research Fellow, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York
- Jan Oyebode, Clinical Psychologist and Professor of Dementia Care at Bradford Dementia Group
- Jan Fish, Bereavement Service Coordinator, St Christopher's Hospice

For further details and information on how to book please use the following link:

<http://www.absco.org.uk/Default.aspx?pageId=1810895&eventId=698091&EventViewMode=EventDetails>

## **2014 Dark Tourism Symposium**

University of Central Lancashire  
23 September 2014

The 2014 Dark Tourism Symposium, a one-day event of presentations and debates, will be hosted by Dr Philip Stone (Institute for Dark Tourism Research).

Keynote Speaker will be Dr Rudi Hartmann from the University of Colorado Denver.

Free of charge to attend, but places will be limited.

Further information on the Institute can be found at:

[http://www.uclan.ac.uk/research/environment/groups/institute\\_for\\_dark\\_tourism\\_research.php](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/research/environment/groups/institute_for_dark_tourism_research.php)

## **Call for papers**

### **Cremation & Burial Conference & Exhibition 2014**

07-09 July 2014

Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon

The Cremation and Burial Conference & Exhibition 2014 invites submissions of academic and practical papers.

CBCE 2014 will be focusing on innovative approaches to improve excellence in all aspects of the provision of burial and cremation services and their development. 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, 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.

All papers should be submitted for review to the Administration Office [info@cbce.org.uk](mailto:info@cbce.org.uk). For any questions please contact the Administration Office by email or tel: 01543 442174

For further information and full guidance, visit the website:  
<http://www.cbce.org.uk/callforpapers.html>

### **2nd Global Conference: Suicide, Self-harm and Assisted Dying**

24-26 September 2014

Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom

This conference brings together discussion of research and practice in three complex areas – Suicide, Self-Harm and Assisted Dying.

Over one million people worldwide die from suicide each year. The incidence of completed suicide is very much higher in males than females, for all age groups and in most societies where recording occurs. A notable exception is China where female suicides equal or exceed male rates. Risk factors highlighted in research into suicide have included poverty, abuse, gender, age, masculinity, sexuality, mental illness, situational trauma, substance misuse, homelessness, unemployment and other adverse life events. Completed suicides leave in their wake a long-lasting trail of guilt, shame and pain.

Self-harm is a direct and deliberate physically damaging form of bodily harm which may or may not be intentionally life-threatening. It is often repetitive in nature and usually socially unacceptable. Self-harm is a risk factor in subsequent attempted suicide.



Patients who deliberately harm themselves have a risk of suicide some 100 times greater than that of the general population. However it may occur as an event or pattern of behaviour with no relation to suicidal intent. The UK is estimated to have one of the highest rates of deliberate self-harm in Europe, at 400 per 100,000 population (Self-poisoning and self-injury in adults, Clinical Medicine, 2002). It is hard, however, to arrive at definitive rates since self-harm is often practised secretly. Like suicide, it carries considerable stigma.

Assisted dying or assisted suicide describes the set of actions by which an individual helps another person voluntarily to bring about his or her own death. Assistance may include the provision of means, such as drugs, or other actions. There is currently intense public debate globally about a person's right to achieve death in this way, with complex legal, religious, cultural, ethical and practical issues involved. Assisted suicide is legal in several jurisdictions, including Luxembourg, Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands and some American states.

We welcome proposals on any of the topics of Suicide, Self-Harm or Assisted Dying from the fields of medicine, psychiatry, nursing, social work, counselling, psychotherapy, philosophy, ethics, psychology, sociology, history, cultural studies, history, law, creative writing, music, art and literature. We also welcome practitioners, not necessarily to submit formal presentations, but to attend and share their experiences of working within the field of care, counselling and coping with all of the above.

For further details of the conference, please visit:

[www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/suicide-self-harm-and-assisted-d...](http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/suicide-self-harm-and-assisted-d...)

## **Events Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact/Information</b>
26 Mar -19 Apr 2014	The Nine-O'Clock Slot	The Red Gallery, Shoreditch, London	<a href="http://www.iceandfire.co.uk">www.iceandfire.co.uk</a>
09-10 Apr 2014	First Death Online Research Symposium	CDALS, Durham University	<a href="http://www.deathonlineresearch.net">www.deathonlineresearch.net</a>
10-12 Apr 2014	Death Salon UK Conference	Barts Pathology Museum, London	<a href="http://deathsalon.org/">http://deathsalon.org/</a>
12 April 2014	'Talk - A Good Death'	Edinburgh International Science Festival	<a href="http://www.sciencefestival.co.uk/whats-on/categories/talk/a-good-death">http://www.sciencefestival.co.uk/whats-on/categories/talk/a-good-death</a>

23-26 Apr 2014	European Social Science History Conference 2014	Vienna	<a href="http://Esshc.socialhistory.org">Esshc.socialhistory.org</a>
25-27 April 2014	Beyond the Grave	Limerick, Ireland	<a href="mailto:Sharon.slater@limerickcity.ie">Sharon.slater@limerickcity.ie</a>
27-28 April 2014	Care and Compassion in Healthcare: Does spirituality have a role?	Sarum College, Salisbury	<a href="mailto:mahconferences@markallengroup.com">mahconferences@markallengroup.com</a>
12-18 May 2013	Dying Matters Awareness Week	UK wide	<a href="http://dyingmatters.org/">http://dyingmatters.org/</a>
12 May 2014	Culture and Diversity in End of Life Care	LOROS Hospice, Leicester	<a href="http://www.loros.com/hospice/Default.aspx?id=459726">http://www.loros.com/hospice/Default.aspx?id=459726</a>
13 May 2014	Death in Bath: A sometimes surprising stroll exploring dying in the city	Walking tour of Bath	<a href="http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0018.html">http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0018.html</a>
14 May 2014	A Great Way to Go	Manvers Street Baptist Church, Bath	<a href="http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0017.html">http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0017.html</a>
15 May 2014	'Everything you ever wanted to know about death & dying but were too afraid to ask'	University of Bath and BRLSI, Bath	<a href="http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0016.html">http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/news_0016.html</a>
15 May 2014	What frail older people at the end of their lives have taught me about dying	University of Nottingham	<a href="http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/srcc/events/annual-lecture-15-may-2014.aspx">http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/srcc/events/annual-lecture-15-may-2014.aspx</a>
15 May 2014	Engaging the public with the landscapes of death	Kings' Manor, York	<a href="mailto:Gareth.beale@york.ac.uk">Gareth.beale@york.ac.uk</a>
16 May 2014	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Cemetery Colloquium	University of York	<a href="http://www.york.ac.uk/chp/crg/index.htm">http://www.york.ac.uk/chp/crg/index.htm</a>
16-17 May 2014	Safeguarding Values of Significant Historical Cemeteries	Cluj-Napoca, Romania	<a href="http://www.telekialapitvany.hu/joomla/index.php?lang=hu">http://www.telekialapitvany.hu/joomla/index.php?lang=hu</a>
19-21 May 2014	Spirituality in a Challenging World	Ashridge House, Berkhamsted	<a href="http://www.bassspirituality.org.uk/category/conferences/conference-2014/">http://www.bassspirituality.org.uk/category/conferences/conference-2014/</a>

20 May 2014	Conversations with grieving people	Sobell Study Centre	<a href="http://www.sobell-house.org.uk/Study%20Days.aspx">http://www.sobell-house.org.uk/Study%20Days.aspx</a>
20 May 2014	Medical Humanities Workshop	University of Bristol	<a href="mailto:Victoria.bates@bristol.ac.uk">Victoria.bates@bristol.ac.uk</a>
23-25 May 2014	Animal Death: Burials, Cemeteries and Tomb Monuments for Animals	Schwabenakademie Irsee, Germany	<a href="http://www.schwabenakademie.de/cms/programm/philosophie-religion/details/artikel//animal-death-burials-cemeteries-and-tomb-monuments-for-animals/">http://www.schwabenakademie.de/cms/programm/philosophie-religion/details/artikel//animal-death-burials-cemeteries-and-tomb-monuments-for-animals/</a>
06 Jun 2014	The Glory and the Gore of Death and Horror Through the Ages	University of Wales, Bangor	<a href="http://www.medievalists.net/">http://www.medievalists.net/</a>
06-08 Jun 2014	Exploring changing human beliefs about death, mortality and the human body	Durham University	<a href="https://www.dur.ac.uk/archaeology/conferences/current/invisibledead/">https://www.dur.ac.uk/archaeology/conferences/current/invisibledead/</a>
07-08 Jun 2014	CDAS Conference 2014: Social Death	BRLSI, Bath	<a href="http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/index.html">http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas/events/index.html</a>
09 Jun 2014	Sage & Thyme Foundation level workshop	The Rowans Hospice, Waterlooville	<a href="http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/index.php?id=94">http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/index.php?id=94</a>
11-14 Jun 2014	10 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Grief & Bereavement in Contemporary Society	The University of Hong Kong	<a href="http://www.socsc.hku.hk/icgb2014/index.html">http://www.socsc.hku.hk/icgb2014/index.html</a>
19-22 June 2014	Designing Death: Fashioning end of life and beyond	Edinburgh	<a href="http://www.nomadit.co.uk/asa/asa2014/panels.php5?PanelID=2758">http://www.nomadit.co.uk/asa/asa2014/panels.php5?PanelID=2758</a>
01-02 July 2014	The Cost of Bereavement: is your service fit for purpose?	Leeds Trinity University	<a href="http://www.absco.org.uk/Default.aspx?pageId=1810895&amp;eventId=698091&amp;EventViewMode=EventDetails">http://www.absco.org.uk/Default.aspx?pageId=1810895&amp;eventId=698091&amp;EventViewMode=EventDetails</a>
07-09 July 2014	Cremation & Burial Conference & Exhibition	Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon	<a href="http://www.cbce.org.uk/callforapers.html">http://www.cbce.org.uk/callforapers.html</a>
08 Jul 2014	Suicide – the impact on families	Buckingham	<a href="http://www.childbereavementuk.org/Training/Ourcourses/SuicideTheimpactonfamilies">http://www.childbereavementuk.org/Training/Ourcourses/SuicideTheimpactonfamilies</a>
20-23 Aug 2014	Corpses, technologies and cultures	Buenos Aires, Argentina	<a href="http://www.4sonline.org/meeting">http://www.4sonline.org/meeting</a>

27-29 Aug 2014	Migrant end-of-life care and ritual practices	Madrid, Spain	<a href="http://www.imiscoeconferences.org/">http://www.imiscoeconferences.org/</a>
04-06 Sep 2014	The Seventh Edition of Dying & Death in 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> Century Europe International Conference	Alba Iulia, Romania	<a href="http://www.death-studies.ro">www.death-studies.ro</a>
07-09 Sep 2014	Taboo Conference II	Grey College, Durham University	<a href="https://www.dur.ac.uk/cim/events/taco/">https://www.dur.ac.uk/cim/events/taco/</a>
23 Sep 2014	Dark Tourism Symposium	University of Central Lancashire	<a href="http://www.uclan.ac.uk/research/environment/groups/institute_for_dark_tourism_research.php">http://www.uclan.ac.uk/research/environment/groups/institute_for_dark_tourism_research.php</a>
24-26 Sept 2014	5 <sup>th</sup> Global Conference; Digital Memories	Mansfield College, Oxford	<a href="http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/cyber/digital-memories/call-for-papers/">http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/cyber/digital-memories/call-for-papers/</a>
01-04 Oct 2014	A matter of lifedeath	University of Manitoba, Canada	<a href="http://www.umanitoba.ca/mosaic">www.umanitoba.ca/mosaic</a>
22-24 Oct 2014	Images of Afterlife	University of Turku, Finland	<a href="http://imagesofafterlife.wordpress.com">http://imagesofafterlife.wordpress.com</a>
20-22 Nov 2014	International Association for the Philosophy of Death & Dying Conference	California State Polytechnic University	<a href="http://www.philosophyofdeath.org/call-for-abstracts/">http://www.philosophyofdeath.org/call-for-abstracts/</a>
03-07 Dec 2014	The Many Lives of Death: Imagining death and dying through space and time	Washington DC, USA. AAA Conference panel	<a href="mailto:elucitt@ucla.edu">elucitt@ucla.edu</a>
02-05 Sept 2015	Death, Dying and the Disposal of the Body (DDD12)	"1 December 1918" University of Alba Iulia, Romania	<a href="http://death-studies.ro/?page_id=292">http://death-studies.ro/?page_id=292</a>

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](http://www.bath.ac.uk/cdas)