

Thursday, August 7, 2003

Session #1198

Symposium: **Research Developments in Geriatric Suicide**

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Meeting Room 715B

Chair: Marnin J. Heisel, PhD, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Denistry

Participants: Paul R. Duberstein, PhD, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.
“New Findings on the Psychosocial Context of Suicide in Middle and Older Age”
Kenneth R. Conner, PsyD, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
“Aggression in Suicide Among Adults Ages 50 and Over”

Discussant: James R. Rogers, PhD, University of Akron

Session #1202

Poster Session: **Cognition, Depression, and Functional Abilities**

Time: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Exhibit Hall

Select

Participants: *“ISDB and Older Adult Suicide: Psychologists’ Assessment of Risk Factors”*
Nancy J. Osgood, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University; Lisa M. Brown, PhD, James A. Haley VA Medical Center, Tampa, FL; and Bruce Bongar, PhD, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology

“Older Adult Cancer Patient Disability and Spousal Depression”

Kristie L. Earnheart, BA, and Charles A. Guarnaccia, PhD, University of North Texas

Friday, August 8, 2003

Session #2014

Symposium: **Our Ecological Crisis and the Role of Psychology**

Time: 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Reception Hall 104D

Chair: Will W. Adams, PhD, David & Elkins College

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Participant: Will W. Adams, PhD

“Extinction: Death Awareness and Denial in Humankind’s Relationship With Nature”

Session #2147

Poster Session: **Poster Session**

Time: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Exhibit Hall

Select

Participants: ***“Religiosity: A Resource for Care Giving Spouses of the Terminally Ill?”***

Sheindy Pretter, PhD, Victoria H. Raveis, PhD, and Daniel Karus, MS, Columbia University, New York

“Intercorrelation Between Religiosity, Death Anxiety, and NEO Five Factors”

J.A. Beshai, PhD, VA Medical Center, Lebanon, PA; and Teresa R. Beshai, Lebanon Valley College

Session #2197

Poster Session: **Personality, Psychopathology, Psychotherapy, and Professional Issues**

Time: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Exhibit Hall

Chair: Nicole J. Siegfried, PhD, Stanford University

Select

Participants: ***“Personality and Attempted Suicide in Depressed Older Adults”***

J. David Useda, PhD, Paul R. Duberstein, PhD, Kenneth R. Conner, PsyD, and Yeates Conwell, MD, University of Rochester Medical Center

“To Be or Not to Be: The Issue of the Prolife/No Suicide Contract”

Doreen Schultz, MA, Gregory L. Brack, PhD, Catherine J. Brack, PhD, Marolyn Wells, PhD, and Michele B. Hill, PhD, Georgia State University

Session #2224

Poster Session: **Poster Session**

Time: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Exhibit Hall

Cochairs: Martha S. Zlokovich, PhD, Southeast Missouri State University, and John M. Davis, PhD, Southwest Texas State University

Select

Participants: ***“Effects of Bereavement on Postsurgical Outcomes in Knee-Replacement Surgery”***
Brian J. Hall, BA, and Jennifer Ann Druley, PhD, Cleveland State University; and Mary Ann P. Stephens, PhD, and Erin Fekete, MA, Kent State University

Session #2245

Poster Session: **General Health Psychology**

Time: 2:00 - 3:50 p.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Exhibit Hall

Select

Participants: ***“Terminal Illness, Assisted Suicide, and Care Giving: Risk for Psychological Distress”***
Marie A. Achille, PhD, Stéphanie Fournier, MA, and Amélie Ouellette, BA, University of Montreal, PQ Canada; and James R.P. Ogloff, PhD, JD, University of Melbourne, Australia

Session #2312

Symposium: **Training Residents to Think Systemically—Stories From Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Oncology**

Time: 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Meeting Room 205C

Cochairs: William H. Watson, PhD, University of Rochester; and Mark Stanton, PhD, Azusa Pacific University

Select

Participant: Steve G. Simms, PhD
“Helping Residents Talk With Families About Death and Dying”

Discussant: Nadine J. Kaslow, PhD, Grady Health System, Atlanta, GA

Session # 2330

Symposium: **Loss, Grief, Death, and Dying—Enhancing Patients’ Quality of Life**

CANCELED

Saturday, August 9, 2003

Session #3024

Symposium: **End-of-Life Care—An Emergent Field for Psychology**
Time: 8:00 - 9:50 a.m.
Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Meeting Room 713B

Chair: Julia E. Kasl-Godley, PhD, VA Health Care System, Palo Alto, CA
Participants: Dale G. Larson, PhD, Santa Clara University.
“Roles for Psychology in End-of-Life Care”
William E. Haley, PhD, University of South Florida.
“End-of-Life Issues in Older Adults”
Julia E. Kasl-Godley, PhD, and Antonette M. Zeiss, PhD, VA Health Care System, Palo Alto, CA
“Education and Training Issues in End-of-Life Care”
James Breckenridge, PhD, VA Health Care System, Palo Alto, CA
“Access to End-of-Life Care: A VA Example”
Discussant: Paula Hartman-Stein, PhD, Center for Healthy Aging, Kent, OH

Session #3066

Symposium: **Important Group Treatment Findings**
Time: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Meeting Room 205C

Chair: Catherine Classen, PhD
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Participants: Laury K. Paul, BA; and Alexa M. Mislowack, BA, Tracey-Ann E. Coley, BA, and Eric C. Chen, PhD, New York, NY
“Group Therapy With Chronically Ill Elderly Individuals: Benefits and Challenges”

Session #3112

Poster Session: **Adult Development and Aging—Personality, Families, and Wisdom**
Time: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Exhibit Hall

Select

Participants: ***“Cognitive Adaptation and the Well-Being of Widowed Women”***
Norm O'Rourke, PhD, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre, Vancouver, BC, Canada
“Proximal and Distal Antecedents of Funeral Attitudes: A Multidimensional Analysis”
Bert Hayslip, Jr., PhD, Russell Riddle, MA, and Charles A. Guarnaccia, PhD, University of North Texas
“Social Support Predicting Intraindividual Variability in the Adjustment to Widowhood”
Toni L. Bisconti, PhD, University of New Hampshire; Cindy S. Bergeman, PhD; and Steven M. Boker, PhD
“Examination of the Associations Among Socioeconomic Status, Relationships, and Mortality”
Kira S. Birditt, PhD, Toni C. Antonucci, PhD, and Hiroko S. Akiyama, PhD, Survey Research Center, Ann Arbor, MI
“Factors Influencing Health Care Professionals' Distancing From the Dying”
Nancy J. Thompson, PhD, Emory University; and Jennie P. Perryman, PhD, Emory Health Care System, Atlanta, GA

Sunday, August 10, 2003

Session #4037

Workshop: **Continuing Education Workshop #156: Psychosocial Issues Near the End-of-Life—Considerations for Psychologists**

CANCELED

Session #4075

Poster Session: **Teaching Pedagogy**

Time: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Exhibit Hall

Cochairs: Matthew Hertenstein, PhD, DePaul University; and Cynthia Lausberg, PhD, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Select

Participant: ***“Framing Human Development by Looking at Death”***
Cathy E. Lawrence, PhD, Johnson County Community College

Session #4095

Poster Session: **Poster Session IV**

Time: 10:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Exhibit Hall

Select

Participant: ***“Locus of Control and Helplessness: Gender Differences Among Bereaved Parents”***
Gidi Rubinstein, PhD, Tel-Aviv, Israel

Session #4115

Paper Session: **Suicidality and End-of-Life Issues**

Time: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre Meeting Room 716A

Chair: Marnin J. Heisel, PhD, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

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Participants: ***“Reasons for Living and Suicide Ideation in Older Adults”***
Marnin J. Heisel, PhD, and Paul R. Duberstein, PhD, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

“Psychological Services in the Hospice Environment: A 10-Year Follow-Up”
Rudy V. Nydegger, PhD, Union College

Ad Hoc Committee on End-of-Life Issues

In August of 2000, the APA Council of Representatives (COR) voted to establish the Ad Hoc Committee on End-of-Life Issues and charged it with providing oversight and leadership in implementing the recommendations outlined in the final Report to the Board from the APA Working Group on Assisted Suicide and End-of-Life Decisions. The Ad Hoc Committee on End-of-Life Issues was also directed to explore and apply for external funding to support the implementation of recommendations contained in the Report to the Board. The following individuals were selected to participate as members of the committee:

JUDITH M. STILLION, PhD (Chair)
Kennesaw State University

WILLIAM E. HALEY, PhD
University of South Florida

DONNA M. KWILOSZ, PhD
University Hospitals of Cleveland

ROBERT A. NEIMEYER, PhD
University of Memphis

SHARON M. VALENTE, PhD
University of Southern California

JAMES L. WERTH, Jr. PhD
University of Akron

Accomplishments of the Ad Hoc Committee on End-Of- Life Issues

- Development of organizational linkages with major organizations involved in end-of-life care such as the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), Last Acts: A Partnership for Caring, Inc., and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO);
- Development, implementation, and promotion of a Congressional briefing on psychological and psychosocial aspects of end-of-life care;
- Creation of an APA web site that contains extensive information related to psychology and end-of-life issues (see <http://www.apa.org/pi/eol/>);
- Development and publication of an APA Monitor article on the role of psychologists in end-of-life care;
- Development of a review article for journal publication on the role of psychologists in end-of-life care;
- Development, production, and dissemination of fact sheets on end-of-life care based on behavioral and social science research findings;
- Appointment of a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on End-of-Life Issues to a governing committee of Last Acts®;
- Completion of a report that analyzes barriers to reimbursement for psychological services for individuals covered under the hospice benefit of Medicare;
- Establishment of an agreement with PsycINFO® to publish a book of abstracts on end-of-life issues which will include a comprehensive and integrative overview article on the state of the science;
- Development and implementation of the first international conference dealing exclusively with psychological and psychosocial issues associated with end-of-life care; and,
- Development of six, web-based surveys designed to assess the extent and types of end-of-life activities conducted in conjunction with psychology departments, state associations, and APA divisions.

For Additional Information

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