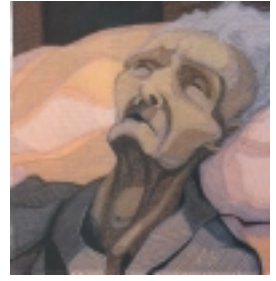




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# End of Life Issues of the 2002 APA Convention

## August 22-25 Chicago, IL

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### **Special Event: End-of-Life Issues Discussion and Reception**

**Time:** 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, August 24, 2002

**Location:** Hyatt McCormick Place, 2233 South Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, IL  
(Please check with hotel front desk or concierge staff for the exact location of the suite).

The American Psychological Association (APA) Ad Hoc Committee on End-Of-Life Issues is pleased to announce a discussion session and reception for individuals interested in end-of-life issues.

To learn more about the Ad Hoc Committee, please refer to the last pages of this document, or visit: [www.apa.org/pi/eol](http://www.apa.org/pi/eol)

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**Thursday, August 22, 2002**

Symposium: **Death, Dying and Bereavement—Issues in Psychotherapy**  
Time: 8:00 - 9:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place, south Building-Level 5, Meeting Room S502b  
Chair: Irene M. Deitch, PhD, College of Staten Island of the City University of  
New York

Participants: Lisa A. Firestone, PhD, Glendon Association, Santa Barbara, CA  
*“Issues of Life and Death: Life Affirming, Death Awareness”*

Rochelle Balter, PhD, Independent Practice, New York, NY  
*“Do No Harm: Bereavement Therapy—How Not to Do It”*

Laura Barbanel, EdD, Brooklyn College of the City University of New York  
*“Working With Grieving Children”*

Margot Tallmer, PhD, Independent Practice, New York, NY  
*“Unsanctioned Grief: Issues in WTC Attack”*

Helen Strauss, PhD, Independent Practice, West Orange, NJ  
*“Aging Therapist’s View of Death and Dying”*

Discussant: Peter C. Shabad, PhD, Northwestern University Medical School

Symposium: **Pediatric End-of-Life Issues**  
Time: 9:00 - 10:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 4, Meeting Room E450a  
Chair: John R. Anderson, PhD, Director, APA Office on AIDS & Staff Liaison for the  
APA Ad Hoc Committee on End of Life Issues

Participant: Judith M. Stillion, PhD, Caring Center, Kennesaw State University,  
Kennesaw, GA  
*“Development Issues Regarding Children and Death”*

Participant: Mary Ann McCabe, PhD, Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, DC  
*“Involving Children, Adolescents and their Families in End of Life Decisions”*

Participant: Maureen E. Lyon, PhD, ABPP, Children’s National Medical Center,  
Washington, DC  
*“What Makes Working with Dying Children and Their Families Different”*

Participant: Michelle New, PhD, Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, DC  
*“The Role of Psychologists in Pediatric End of Life Care”*

Poster Session: **Counseling Psychology Training, Ethics, Assessment, and Interventions**

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

Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 3, Hall D1

Participant: ***“Bereaved Adolescents’ Ratings of Support-Intended Statements”***  
Heather L. Servaty, PhD, Purdue University (I-5)

Symposium: **You Think You Have Problems? Humor and Psychotherapy**

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

Location: McCormick Place South Building-Level 5, Meeting Room S501d

Chair: Irene M. Deitch, PhD, College of Staten Island of the City University of New York

Select Participant: Joseph Richman, PhD, Independent Practice, Bronx, NY  
***“Humor Changes With Death”***

Poster Session: **Stress, Cardiovascular Disease, and Women’s Health**

Time: 3:00 - 4:50 p.m.

Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 3, Hall D1

Participants: ***“Predictors of Health Care Use Among End-Stage Renal Disease Patients”***  
Cynthia J. Gomes, PhD, San Diego, CA; and Perry M. Nicassio, PhD, Alliant International University, San Diego (J-4)

Film Program  
and Discussion:

***“Lantana”***

Time: 3:00 - 6:50 p.m.

Location: McCormick Place North Building-Level 2, Meeting Room N227b

Chair: Debbie Then, PhD, Independent Practice, Palo Alto, CA

Discussants: Frank Farley, PhD, Temple University; and Shirley P. Glass, PhD,  
Independent Practice, Owings Mills, MD

This film is a brilliant Australian gem starring Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Rush, and Barbara Hershey. It explores what happens to a couple after the death of an only child and provides a sobering look into what happens to marriages and marriage partners heading into midlife crises. It deserved an Oscar nomination even more than *In The Bedroom*. A must see! Produced by Jan Chapman and directed by Ray Lawrence for Lions Gate Films.

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**Friday, August 23, 2002**

Film Program: ***“How I Coped When Mommy Died”***  
Time: 9:00 - 10:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place North Building-Level 2, Meeting Room N227b  
Sponsor: APA ad hoc Committee on Films and Other Media

This film portrays the personal journey of a 10-year-old boy as he copes with his mother’s death from breast cancer. It is an outstanding look into emotional coping as the boy openly discusses his feelings and grief. Coproduced by his adoptive mother, the film offers support for how others can navigate tragic events. Produced by Brett Hardy Blake and Lori Hope and distributed by Fanlight Productions.

Poster Session: **Cognition, Neuropsychology, Depression, and Psychosocial Interventions**  
Time: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 3, Hall D1

***“Firearms and Older Adult Suicide: Psychologists’ Assessment of Risk Factors”***  
Participants: Lisa M. Brown, MS, James A. Haley VA Medical Center, Tampa, FL; and Bruce Bongar, PhD, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology (E-9)

***“Religion and Suicide in Older Adults”***  
Participants: Paul R. Duberstein, PhD, and Yeates Conwell, MD, University of Rochester Medical Center (E-10)

***“Verbal Support Strategies in Interactions With the Bereaved”***  
Participant: Robert R. Rodriguez, MA, University of Notre Dame (E-12)

***“Elder Suicide Risk: Testing a Comprehensive Model”***  
Participants: James R. Rogers, PhD, University of Akron; Mary M. Lewis, PhD, Senior Life Consultants, Dublin, OH; and Kimberly L. Oney, MA, University of Akron (E-13)

Poster Session: **Multicultural Issues in Counseling Psychology**  
Time: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 3, Hall D1

***“Mexican American Family Bereavement After the Death of a Child”***  
Participants: Gerry Doran, PhD, and Nancy Hansen, PhD, Fielding Graduate Institute (B-5)

Symposium: **Empirical Investigations of Humanistic Concepts**  
Time: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place South Building-Level 5, Meeting Room S505b

Chair: George Howard, PhD, University of Notre Dame

Select Participant: Prem Fry, PhD, Trinity Western University, Langley, BC, Canada  
*“Appreciative Inquiry Approach to the Study of Widowhood”*

Poster Session: **Topics in the Psychology of Religion**  
Time: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.  
Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 3, Hall D1

Participant: *“Religiousness and Coping With Loss”*  
Traci A. Cipriano, JD, and Crystal L. Park, PhD, University of Connecticut  
(F-15)

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***Saturday, August 24, 2002***

Thematic  
Programming: **Invited Address**  
Time: 8:00 – 8:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place, Lakeside Center-Level 3,  
Meeting Room E350  
Chair: Janis Sanchez-Hucles, PhD, Old Dominion University

Participant: Melba J.T. Vasquez, PhD, Independent Practice, Austin, TX  
*“Understanding Grief and Loss From a Multicultural Perspective”*

Poster Session: **Poster Session**  
Time: 9:00 - 10:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 3, Hall D1  
Chair: Michelle K. Williams, PhD, University of Connecticut

Participants: *“Physicians’ and Psychologists’ Attitudes Toward an Individual’s  
Right-to-Die”*  
Alyson R. Miller, PhD, and Liora P. Schmelkin, PhD, Hofstra University (A-3)

Thematic  
Programming  
Discussion:

**Understanding and Intervening Around Trauma, Grief, and Loss—An  
Intergender Perspective**

Time: 9:00 – 10:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place, Lakeside Center-Level 3, Meeting Room E350  
Chair: Fred E. Rabinowitz, PhD, University of Redlands

Participants: Sam V. Cochran, PhD, University of Iowa  
*“Big Boys Must Cry: Undoing Prohibitions Against Male Sadness”*

Constance J. Dalenberg, PhD, Alliant International University, San Diego.  
*“The Only Whole Heart Is a Broken One: Women’s Stories of Trauma,  
Loss, and Healing”*

Thematic  
Programming  
Discussion:

**Understanding and Intervening Around Trauma, Grief, and Loss—  
The Impact of Sexual Orientation**

Time: 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place, Lakeside Center-Level 3  
Meeting Room E350  
Chair: Douglas C. Haldeman, PhD, Independent Practice, Seattle, WA

Participant: Laura S. Brown, PhD, Independent Practice, Seattle, WA  
*“Can Trauma Be Queer Too?”*

Poster Session: **Well-Being, Personality and Coping, Stereotypes, Families, and  
Education**

Time: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.  
Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 3, Hall D1

Participants: *“Historical Shifts in Attitudes Toward Death, Dying, and Bereavement”*  
Bert Hayslip, Jr., PhD, University of North Texas; and Cynthia Peveto, PhD,  
Denton, TX (F-16)

Participants: *“Emotional Disclosure and Death of an Adult Child: A Pilot Study”*  
J. Travis Garland, BA, and Daniel L. Segal, PhD, University of Colorado at  
Colorado Springs (G-6)

*Poster Session continued on following page.*

Poster Session continued: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m., McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 3, Hall D1

***“Adjustment to Widowhood: A Dynamical Systems Approach to Emotion Regulation”***

Participants: Toni L. Bisconti, PhD, University of New Hampshire; and Cindy S. Bergeman, PhD, and Steven M. Boker, PhD, University of Notre Dame (G-12)

***“Changes in Health in Older Adults Following Death of the Spouse”***

Participants: Erika M. McElroy, MS, Carla J. Reyes, PhD, and Robert Hill, PhD, University of Utah (G-13)

***“Negative Emotions in a Midlife Sample of the Conjugally Bereaved”***

Participants: Mina Oak, PhD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; and Nigel P. Field, PhD, Penn Barbosa, PhD, and Jenny Kaupp, PhD, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology (G-14)

Symposium: **Reducing Health Disparities—The Problems and Approaches to Solving Them**

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

Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 2, Meeting Room E262

Chair: James Jones, PhD, APA Minority Fellowship Program, Washington, DC

Select Participant: Norman B. Anderson, PhD, Harvard School of Public Health  
***“Inequalities in Illness and Death: Discovering the Sources, Creating the Solutions”***

Thematic  
Programming  
Discussion:

**Understanding and Intervening Around Trauma, Grief, and Loss—The Impact of Race and Ethnicity**

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

Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 3, Meeting Room E350

Chair: Derald W. Sue, PhD, Teachers College, Columbia University

Participants: Gayle Y. Iwamasa, PhD, University of Indianapolis  
Linda James Myers, PhD, Ohio State University  
Andres Barona, PhD, Arizona State University  
Carolyn Barcus, EdD, Utah State University

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- Symposium: **Psychologists' Death and Disability—State and Provincial Psychological Associations' Assistance**
- Time: 1:00 - 2:50 p.m.
- Location: McCormick Place South Building-Level 5,  
Meeting Room S503b
- Chair: Gary R. Schoener, BA, Walk-In Counseling Center,  
Minneapolis, MN
- Participant: Thomas F. McGee, PhD, Alliant International University,  
San Diego  
*“Psychologist Incapacitation or Death: Professional Wills and Other Association Guidance”*
- Participant: Felix Salomon, PhD, Independent Practice, Phoenix, AZ  
*“Anticipating Psychologists' Death or Disability: How State Associations Can Assist”*
- Participant: Ruth Berman, PhD, Ontario Psychological Association, Toronto, ON, Canada  
*“How Professional Associations Can Assist With Posthumous Duties: Canadian Examples”*
- Participant: Sandra Nye, MSW, JD, Chicago, IL  
*“Until Death Do Us Part: Protecting Your Family While Serving Clients”*
- Address: **Invited Address**
- Time: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
- Location: McCormick Place North Building-Level 2,  
Meeting Room N227a
- Chair: Fred E. Rabinowitz, PhD, University of Redlands
- Participant: Neil Chethik, BS, University of Kentucky  
*“Father Loss: How Men Grieve, How Others Help”*
- Discussion and Reception: **End-of-Life Care Discussion Session**
- Time: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Location: The Public Interest Directorate Suite, Hyatt McCormick Place,  
2233 South Martin Luther King Drive. (Check with hotel front desk or concierge staff for the exact location of the suite).
- Discussion: John R. Anderson, PhD, Director, APA Office on AIDS & Staff Liaison for  
the APA Ad Hoc Committee on End-of-Life Issues  
*Please see front page of this booklet for more information.*
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**Sunday, August 25, 2002**

Paper Session: **Cancer, HIV, and AIDS**  
Time: 8:00 - 9:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 2,  
Meeting Room E265

Participants: ***“Life Threatening Illness As a Precursor to Posttraumatic Growth”***  
Lawrence G. Calhoun, PhD, and Tzipi Weiss, DSW, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Jay Azarow, PhD Stanford University; Joel Millam, PhD, University of Southern California; and Richard G. Tedeschi, PhD, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Film Program: ***“Till Death Do Us Part”***  
Time: 8:40 - 8:55 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place North Building-Level 2, Meeting Room N227b  
Sponsor: APA ad hoc Committee on Films and Other Media

This is a frank and moving film that shows women dealing with the loss of a spouse. It touches on the way the women cope with emotions, aging, finances, family, and moving to a retirement village. It is a wonderful film for anyone dealing with widows and aging women. Produced by Blair Foster and distributed by Aquarius Health Care Video.

Symposium: **Disaster Recovery—Oklahoma City, Texas A&M, OSU, and Ground Zero**  
Time: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.  
Location: McCormick Place South Building-Level 4, Meeting Room S403b

Chair: Alfred F. Carlozzi, EdD, Oklahoma State University

Participants: Alfred F. Carlozzi, EdD, and Teresa M. Bear, PhD, Oklahoma State University  
***“Reflections on Death Notification Teamwork in Oklahoma City”***

Participants: Anna M. Satterfield, PhD, and Ted Stachowiak, PhD,  
Texas A&M University  
***“Texas A&M Bonfire Collapse: Psychologists’ Roles Examined”***

Participants: David Campbell, MEd, University of Georgia; and Iverson Eicken, MEd,  
Oklahoma State University  
***“Athletic Team Plane Crash: Response of University Counseling Services”***

Participant: Kathy H. Thomas, PhD, Independent Practice, Stillwater, OK  
***“Heroes Are Human: Responding to the Responders”***

Discussant: Sue C. Jacobs, PhD, University of North Dakota

Continuing  
Education  
Workshop:

**Psychosocial Issues Near the End-of-Life—Considerations for  
Psychologists**

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:50 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel Conference Center-Second Floor,  
Room CC23A and B

Leaders: James L. Werth, Jr., PhD, University of Akron; and  
John R. Anderson, PhD, APA Office on AIDS, Washington, DC

Fees: Member—Advance \$175, On-site \$245  
Nonmember—Advance \$245, On-site \$315

CE Credits: 7 hours

Limited enrollment. (Enrollment information and description of workshop available from APA Continuing Education Office in Washington, DC. On-site enrollment details on page 1viii of the Convention Program book.)

Symposium: **Creative Moments in Therapy—Treatment Outside the Box**

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

Location: McCormick Place South Building-Level 5, Meeting Room S503b

Chair: Alice C. Lawler, PhD, Independent Practice, Austin, TX

Select Participant: Alice C. Lawler, PhD, Independent Practice, Austin, TX  
*“Boundaries: Do the Rules Change When a Client Is Dying?”*

Discussants: Judith Jordan, PhD, Independent Practice, Boston, MA; and Peggy E.  
Bradley, PhD, Independent Practice, Austin, TX

Film Program: **Common Heroes—Choices in Hospice Care**

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

Place: McCormick Place North Building-Level 2, Meeting Room N227b

This is a very powerful film about the stages terminally ill patients and their families pass through in accepting palliative care. It follows a hospice team of health and social workers to demonstrate how they collaborate to help families develop care plans that maximize quality of life during the end stages of illness, while providing family support and grief counseling. There are poignant scenes depicting the struggles and gradual acceptance of terminally ill patients' loss of independence by both patient and family. Produced by Robert Ruvkun and distributed by Fanlight Productions.

Symposium: *Inspired by Winnicott*  
Time: 12:00 - 1:50 p.m.  
Location: McCormick Place Lakeside Center-Level 2, Meeting Room E258  
Chair: James W. Anderson, PhD, Northwestern University  
Medical School

Select Participant: Peter C. Shabad, PhD  
*Mental Magic: Loss and Mourning in the Area of Omnipotence*

Discussant: James W. Anderson, PhD

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### **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

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## 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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