

Handbook Of Thanatology The Essential Body Of Knowledge For The Study Of Death Dying And Bereavement Author David K Meagher Published On June 2013

This two-volume book offers extensive interviews with persons who have made significant contributions to thanatology, the study of dying, death, loss, and grief. The book's in-depth conversations provide compelling life stories of interest to clinicians, researchers, and educated lay persons, and to specialists interested in oral history as a means of gaining rich understandings of persons' lives. Several disciplines that contribute to thanatology are represented in this book, such as psychology, religious studies, art, literature, history, social work, nursing, theology, education, psychiatry, sociology, philosophy, and anthropology. The book is unique; no other text offers such a comprehensive, insightful, and personal review of work in the thanatology field. The salience of thanatology is obvious when we consider several topics, including the aging demographics of most countries, the leading causes of death, the devastation of COVID-19, the realities of how most persons die, the growth both of hospice and of efforts within medicine to ensure that a good death becomes the norm of medical practice, and increases in the number of countries and states permitting physician-assisted suicide. This second volume includes conversations with 16 thanatologists, a rich, extensive bibliography, an index of names and subjects, and a biographical sketch of the author. The experts interviewed in this volume include Danai Papadatou, Holly Prigerson, Jack Jordan, Illene Cupit, Heather Servaty-Seib, Irwin Sandler, Simon Shimshon Rubin, Carla Sofka, Harold Ivan Smith, and Phyllis Kosminsky.

Delivers the collective wisdom of foremost scholars and practitioners in the death and dying movement from its inception to the present. Written by luminaries who have shaped the field, this capstone book distills the collective wisdom of foremost scholars and practitioners who together have nearly a millennium of experience in the death and dying movement. The book bears witness to the evolution of the movement and presents the insights of its pioneers, eyewitnesses, and major contributors past and present. Its chapters address contemporary intellectual, institutional, and practice developments in thanatology: hospice and palliative care; funeral practice; death education; and caring of the dying, suicidal, bereaved, and traumatized. With a breadth and depth found in no other text on death, dying, and bereavement, the book disseminates the thinking of prominent authors William Worden, David Clark, Tony Walter, Robert Neimeyer, Charles Corr, Phyllis Silverman, Betty Davies, Therese A. Rando, Colin Murray Parkes, Kenneth Doka, Allan Kellehear, Sandra Bertman, Stephen Connor, Linda Goldman, Mary Vachon, and others. Their chapters discuss the most significant facets of early development, review important current work, and assess major challenges and hopes for the future in the areas of their expertise. A substantial chronology of important milestones in the contemporary movement introduces the book, frames the chapters to follow, and provides guidance for further, in-depth reading. The book first focuses on the interdisciplinary intellectual achievements that have formed the foundation of the field of thanatology. The section on institutional innovations encompasses contributions in hospice and palliative care of the dying and their families; funeral service; and death education. The section on practices addresses approaches to counseling and providing support for individuals, families, and communities on issues related to dying, bereavement, suicide, trauma, disaster, and caregiving. An Afterword identifies challenges and looks toward future developments that promise to sustain, further enrich, and strengthen the movement. KEY FEATURES: Distills the wisdom of pioneers in and major contributors to the contemporary death, dying, and bereavement movement Includes living witness accounts of the movement's evolution and important milestones Presents the best contemporary thinking in thanatology Describes contemporary institutional developments in hospice and palliative care, funeral practice, and death education Illuminates best practices in care of the dying, suicidal, bereaved, and traumatized "More than 100 scholars contributed to this carefully researched, well-organized, informative, and multi-disciplinary source on death studies. Volume 1, "The Presence of Death," examines the cultural, historical, and societal frameworks of death, such as the universal fear of death, spirituality and various religions, the legal definition of death, suicide, and capital punishment. Volume 2, "The Response to Death," covers such topics as rites and ceremonies, grief and bereavement, and legal matters after death."--"The Top 20 Reference Titles of the Year," American Libraries, May 2004.

This core, introductory textbook for undergraduate and graduate-level courses is the first to combine the knowledge and skills of counseling psychology with current theory and research in grief and bereavement. The second edition has been updated to reflect important new research and changes in the field, including insights on complicated grief, resilience after adverse life experiences, and compassion-based approaches to death, loss, and grief. It discusses the implications of the DSM-5's omission of the bereavement exclusion for the diagnosis of a major depressive disorder. A completely new chapter on the social context of loss addresses social messages, grieving rules, workplace policies, and the disenfranchisement of many aspects of normal, health grief. The text also touches upon three new therapies for complicated grief that have been developed by major researchers in the field. New case scenarios further enrich the second edition.

This streamlined, readable account of human development gives you the conceptual foundations that enable you to become an educated and critical interpreter of developmental information. ESSENTIALS OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: A LIFE-SPAN VIEW also offers an introduction to relevant research and its application to important issues in life-span development. In addition, the book emphasizes the application of human development research across diverse professional settings. If you're pursuing a career related not just to psychology but to education, health, or human sciences--be it as a nurse, physician, educator, psychologist, social worker, or others--this text will show you how human development research can allow you to work more effectively with future patients, students, or clients. Succinct and filled with real-life examples that aid your understanding, it will capture your interest while introducing you to the essential issues, forces, and outcomes that make us who we are. Available with InfoTrac Student Collections <http://goengage.com/infotrac>. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The academic study of death rose to prominence during the 1960s. Courses on some aspect of death and dying can now be found at most institutions of higher learning. These courses tend to stress the psycho-social aspects of grief and bereavement, however, ignoring the religious elements inherent to the subject. This collection is the first to address the teaching of courses on death and dying from a religious-studies perspective. The book is divided into seven sections. The hope is that this volume will not only assist teachers in religious studies departments to prepare to teach unfamiliar and emotionally charged material, but also help to unify a field that is now widely scattered across several disciplines.

"This new edition has many new and enhanced features while it continues to rely heavily on the integration of visuals to elucidate concepts to solidify an understanding of them. Examples throughout show how to use psychology in the workplace and in personal relationships, while demonstrating the role psychology plays in other practical everyday issues. This book helps examine personal studying and learning styles with several new pedagogical aids -- encouraging readers to apply what they are learning to their everyday lives"--

The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Family Studies presents a comprehensive, interdisciplinary collection of the key concepts, trends, and processes relating to the study of families and family patterns throughout the world. Offers more than 550 entries arranged A-Z Includes contributions from hundreds of family scholars in various academic disciplines from around the world Covers issues ranging from changing birth rates, fertility, and an aging world population to human trafficking, homelessness, famine, and genocide Features entries that approach families, households, and kin networks from a macro-level and micro-level perspective Covers basic demographic concepts and long-term trends across various nations, the impact of globalization on families, global family problems, and many more Features in-

dying, this timely book is filled with clinical illustrations, guidance, tips for practice, and encouragement. Written to equip mental health professionals with the information they need to guide families and others caring for the needs of individuals with life-threatening and terminal illnesses, End-of-Life Issues, Grief, and Bereavement presents a rich resource for caregivers for the psychological, sociocultural, interpersonal, and spiritual aspects of care at the end of life. Also in the Wiley Series in Clinical Geropsychology Psychotherapy for Depression in Older Adults Changes in Decision-Making Capacity in Older Adults: Assessment and Intervention Aging Families and Caregiving Available online, or as a 5-volume print set, The Encyclopedia of Clinical Psychology includes well over 500 A-Z entries covering the main topics, key concepts, and influential figures in this field. Serves as a comprehensive reference with particular emphasis on the scientific basis of the field; philosophical and historical issues; cultural considerations; and conflicts and controversies Offers an historiographical overview, demonstrating how concepts have developed over time and the ways in which research influences practice Cites the best and most up-to-date scientific evidence for each topic and encourages readers to think critically when evaluating the validity of various scientific claims, theories, and techniques Available on Wiley Online Library with interactive cross-referencing links and powerful searching and browsing capabilities within the work, or as a five-volume print set

"Gamino and Ritter do an excellent job of providing cogent advice and helpful suggestions for how professionals can manage ethical dilemmas that arise from the practice of grief counseling." -J. William Worden, PhD, ABPP Clinical Psychologist Laguna Niguel, California Author, Grief Counseling and Grief Therapy, 4th Edition (From the Foreword) Essential reading for grief counselors, mental health clinicians, death educators, hospice workers, clergy, funeral directors, and social workers. Grief counselors are confronted daily with a host of serious ethical dilemmas, some so critical that they can drastically change the course of a counselor's practice and career. This practical and authoritative guide serves as a comprehensive handbook for navigating the difficult ethical issues grief counselors confront daily with clients. These include confidentiality, end-of-life issues, intimacies with clients, challenges posed by unnatural deaths, spiritual and cultural considerations, and many more. To tackle these issues head on, Gamino and Ritter present the Five P Model, a customized process for ethical decision-making that will help counselors outline a specific, step-by-step course of action to respond to the ethical dilemma at hand. The book is also rich with case examples, both hypothetical and real-life, to demonstrate how to implement the Five P Model in practice, and apply it to various ethical dilemmas. Among the key topics discussed: How to address ethical problems posed by Internet counseling, such as authenticating identity, securing confidentiality, and intervening in a crisis Death competence on the part of the counselor and how the counselor's own experience of grieving can inform counseling practice Guidance on how to report a colleague or face a complaint How to meet ethical obligations towards clients when moving or closing a practice

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The problematic field of investigation for this study was for the care of bereaved human beings in the context of significant cultural shifts now shaping the twenty-first century. Deritualization was identified as a significant interdisciplinary concern that contributes to potential distress in processes of grieving. The objective of the research was the development of a practical theology of compassionate caregiving for the bereaved with deference to the problem of deritualization. The theoretical framework was guided by the Oxford Interdisciplinary Research model and the Loyola Institute of Ministries model of practical theology. The study was designed for applied research for funeral directors and vocational pastors utilizing qualitative research methods. Hermeneutical and empirical components addressed six research questions through two domains of inquiry: disciplinary perspectives and educational dynamics of bereavement caregiving. Using the method of hermeneutics to critically evaluate the first two research questions, three disciplinary fields of knowledge were examined and integrated from the perspective of pastoral care: funeral service, bereavement psychology, and practical theology. Each discipline individually converged upon meaningful caregiving, meaning-reconstruction, and meaning-reframing as significant modes of bereavement care. Using ethnographic semi-structured interviews to critically evaluate the remaining four research questions, data were collected from a Christian university and a mortuary college. The interview questionnaire included twenty-five main questions organized in four parts: Philosophy of Education, Hermeneutics of Bereaved Families, Care of Bereaved Families, and Encounter of Bereaved Families. The study utilized two cycles of qualitative coding techniques to report the findings of each participating school. A hybrid form of in vivo and holistic coding as well as a second cycle of pattern coding distilled the interview responses into actionable statements that reinforced bereavement caregiving. By synthesizing all of the findings, a compelling case was made for a paradigm of comforting presence supported by principles from a Louwian perspective of practical theology, including theological anthropology, promissiotherapy, bipolarity, and hermeneutics. The study connected a philosophy of meaning-reframing and a paradigm of comforting presence to a meta-theoretical framework within a narrative approach to care. The research elucidated an interdisciplinary understanding that contributed toward a compassionate practical theology of caregiving for the bereaved.

"Capturing from the start that 'Childhood is, and always has been, a vulnerable time,' we have a rich in gathering of contributed pieces that bring us into the raw, fragile arena of children traumatized by life events and behaviors..." --Illness, Crisis, and Loss "Balk and Corr again have edited a book that will set the direction of the field for yet another decade....Caregivers can count on this book...for insight and intervention." --From the Foreword by Kenneth J. Doka, PhD Professor, The Graduate School, The College of New Rochelle Author, Counseling Individuals With Life-Threatening Illness Over a decade has passed since the publication of Balk and Corr's groundbreaking Handbook of Adolescent Death and Bereavement. This new book, Adolescent Encounters With Death, Bereavement, and Coping, analyzes the challenges faced by adolescents coping with death, dying, and bereavement, and examines the new, unique circumstances and advances that have transpired over the last decade. These include: Grief and coping with HIV/AIDS Adolescents, humor, and death Technology and the Internet: coping with loss in the digital world Bereavement over the deaths of celebrities The book also explores critical, imaginative conceptual frameworks and models that have emerged on the scene, including: The dual process model for understanding loss Ideas about assumptive worlds Debates about the benefit and harm of grief counseling New research on recovery and resilience following bereavement Written from the interdisciplinary perspectives of expert sociologists, psychologists, educators, social workers, nurses, and anthropologists, this book offers a breadth and depth of insight into the complex nature of adolescent bereavement. Nurses, counselors, social workers, and educators will find this book to be an invaluable resource when they try to understand and help adolescents coping with death-related issues.

Death is a part of life. We used to understand this, and in the past, loved ones generally died at home with family around them. But in just a few generations, death has become a medical event, and we have lost the ability to make this last part of life more personal and meaningful. Today people want to regain control over health-care decisions for themselves and their loved ones. Talking About Death Won't Kill You is the essential handbook to help Canadians navigate personal and medical decisions for the best quality of life for the end of our lives. Noted palliative-care educator and researcher Kathy Kortez-Miller shows readers how to identify and reframe limiting beliefs about dying with humor and compassion.

This title takes a comprehensive approach, exploring the physical, social, psychological, and spiritual dimensions of death, dying, and bereavement. Through personal stories from real people, Death, Dying, and Bereavement provides readers with a context for understanding their changing encounters with such difficult concepts.

This book investigates death as part of contemporary everyday experience and practices. Through a cultural sociological lens, it studies death as it remains constantly at the edge of our consciousness, shaping the ways in which we move through social reality. As such, Death Matters is a significant contribution to death studies, going beyond traditional parameters of the field by addressing the cultural omnipresence of death. The contributions analyse several death-related meaning-making processes, arguing that meanings emerging from culturally shared narratives, social institutions, and material conditions, are just as important as 'death practices' in understanding the role of death in society. Drawing on the related themes of places of absence and presence, disease and bodies, and persons and non-persons, the authors explore a variety of areas of social life, from haunting to celebrity deaths, to move the notion of death from the margins of social reality to ongoing everyday life. This far-reaching collection will be of use to scholars and students across death studies, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, culture, media and communication studies.

"Children's Encounters with Death, Bereavement, and Coping is a very well researched document and well written by an impressive cadre of scholars....The book is a must read for marriage and family therapists, clergy, and pediatric care givers whose work intersects the lives of children and the social and environmental systems in which they live."--NCFR's Certified Family Life Educators Newsletter "[F]or the resource that offers one of the best bibliographies and guides to resources, for the book that contains theory, definitions, treatment modalities, helps, warnings, integration of people and programs, cultural diversity...when it comes to all of this, we turn to Charles A. Corr and David E. Balk, editors of Children's Encounters with Death, Bereavement and Coping. It is a book you must have on your shelf, but don't let it sit there for too long without making good use of it."--Illness, Crisis and Loss "Current, filled with sound theory, wise clinical acumen, sound research, terrific resources, and a multicultural perspective, this book will be a necessary resource for clinicians and educators..."--Kenneth J. Doka, PhD Senior Consultant, The Hospice Foundation of America "Corr and Balk's book will help adults find many ways to lead bereaved children to a hopeful belief in their future, despite their considerable losses. This book is a real contribution to the growing literature in this field." --Nancy Boyd Webb, DSW, LICSW, RPT-S

Distinguished Professor of Social Work Emerita, Fordham University Children struggling with death-related issues require care and competent assistance from the adults around them. This book serves as a guide for care providers, including counselors, social workers, nurses, educators, clergy, and parents who seek to understand and help children as they attempt to cope with loss. This book comprehensively discusses death and grieving within the context of the physical, emotional, social, behavioral, spiritual, and cognitive changes that children experience while coping with death. The chapters also explore new critical, imaginative conceptual models and interventions, including expressive arts therapy, resilience-based approaches, new psychotherapeutic approaches, and more. Key features: Presents guidelines for assisting children coping with the loss of parents, siblings, friends, or pets Discusses ethical issues in counseling bereaved and seriously ill children Provides guidelines for helping children manage their emerging awareness and understanding of death Emphasizes research-based, culturally sensitive, and global implications as well as current insights in thanatology

" This text provides current information about thanatechnology, the communication technology used in providing death education, grief counseling, and thanatology research. It offers a broad overview of how the communication technology revolution affects individuals coping with end-of-life issues, death-related and non-death loss and grief, and implications of the digital divide between those who have access to modern technology and those who do not. It describes the proliferation of online support groups and social network sites to cope with loss, and mechanisms for its commemoration. It also highlights blogging as a means of storytelling and SKYPE as a communication tool during times of loss and grief. The issue of disenfranchised grief experienced by online community members is also explored along with ethical issues. "

If ever there was an area requiring that the research-practice gap be bridged, surely it occurs where thanatologists engage with people dealing with human mortality and loss. The field of thanatology—the study of death and dying—is a complex, multidisciplinary area that encompasses the range of human experiences, emotions, expectations, and realities. The Handbook of Thanatology is the most authoritative volume in the field, providing a single source of up-to-date scholarship, research, and practice implications. The handbook is the recommended resource for preparation for the prestigious certificate in thanatology (CT) and fellow in thanatology (FT) credentials, which are administered and granted by ADEC.

Stepped care provides the least intrusive intervention to individuals seeking treatment by providing a range of treatment intensities. In the past two decades, computers and the internet have provided a new and efficient medium that lends well to adding steps in a stepped-care model. While there is ample evidence to support the positive effects of bibliotherapy or self-help books, computer-aided therapy (also known as e-health) has the potential to take these effects even further. This volume will be of interest to practitioners and organizations attempting to serve rural and underserved communities. The book focuses on evidence-based treatment, making it consistent with quality improvement initiatives.

This unique book is a first-of-its-kind resource that comprehensively covers each facet and challenge of providing optimal perinatal palliative care. Designed for a wide and multi-disciplinary audience, the subjects covered range from theoretical to the clinical and the practically relevant, and all chapters include case studies that provide real-world scenarios as additional teaching tools for the reader. Perinatal Palliative Care: A Clinical Guide is divided into four sections. Part One provides the foundation, covering an overview of the field, key theories that guide the practice of perinatal palliative care, and includes a discussion of perinatal ethics and parental experiences and needs upon receiving a life-limiting fetal diagnosis. Part Two delves further into practical clinical care, guiding readers through issues of obstetrical management, genetic counseling, neonatal pain management, non-pain symptom management, spiritual care, and perinatal bereavement care. Part Three discusses models of perinatal palliative care, closely examining evidence for different types of PPC programs: from hospital-based programs, to community-based care, and examines issues of interdisciplinary PPC care coordination, birth planning, and team support. Finally, Part Four concludes the book with a close look at special considerations in the field. In this section, racial, ethnic, and cultural perspectives and implications for PPC are discussed, along with lessons in how to provide PPC for a wide-range of clinical and other healthcare workers. The book closes with a look to the future of the field of perinatal palliative care. Thorough and practical, Perinatal Palliative Care: A Clinical Guide is an ideal resource for any healthcare practitioner working with these vulnerable patient populations, from palliative care specialists, to obstetricians, midwives, neonatologists, hospice providers, nurses, doulas, social workers, chaplains, therapists, ethicists, and child life specialists.

The Handbook of Traumatic Loss adopts a broad, holistic approach that recognizes traumatic loss much more fully as a multidimensional human phenomenon, not simply a medical condition. Initial chapters build a foundation for understanding traumatic loss and explore the many ways we respond to trauma. Later chapters counterbalance the individualistic focus of dominant approaches to traumatic loss by highlighting a number of thought-provoking social dimensions of traumatic loss. Each chapter emphasizes different aspects of traumatic loss and argues for ways in which clinicians can help deal with its many and varied impacts.

Assessment of Trauma in Youths: Understanding issues of age, complexity, and associated variables is a collection of articles by well-known specialists in the field of childhood trauma. The articles describe developmental issues in addition to others that are important to the assessment of trauma-exposed youth, to the ongoing refinement of trauma-related diagnoses for children, and to understanding PTSD and

Maintaining quality and improving cancer care does not occur in a vacuum. It requires a coordinated effort among many team members to whom this book is directed. Cancer care in the United States is in crisis as per a recent National Institute of Health publication. Much of this has to do with the complexity of the cancer care, its delivery systems, the aging population and the diminishing workforce. We need to be smarter and more efficient to de-escalate this crisis and improve the survival and survivorship of our cancer patients. Improved survivorship of families and caregivers will be included as well. The book will follow the continuum of cancer care model as its outline vide infra. It will provide many concrete instances of successful practices and programs which improve survivorship. Initially it will discuss the current crisis on a global and then national platform. There will be a discussion about disability adjusted life years lost, lost productivity, loss of life and its impact upon the nation and communities. The financial impact of cancer on society and government will be included in this. Population health management as regards cancer will then look at communities served, community health needs assessments and social determinants of health. How prevention and screening programs can be formulated from the above will be illustrated. Compliance with treatments as promulgated by the Commission on Cancer's Cancer Program Practice Performance Reports (CP3R) will be reviewed. The relationship between compliance and improved survival will be highlighted. Navigation and distress management to assure patients complete planned treatments will be included in this section. Quality of survivorship will review the four domains of life- spiritual, social, psychological and physical. How these can be maximized through system improvement and program development will be illustrated. Financial issues and legal protections will also be included in this section. Survivorship care planning i.e. surveillance for recurrent cancer, prevention of related and new cancers will be an integral part of this section. Palliative, end of life care and bereavement care will complete the continuum cycle. Identifying hospitalized patients in need of palliative needs will be refreshed. How to establish an in-patient palliative care team and creating a seamless transition from in-patient to out-patient palliative care will be presented. Intended AudienceAdministrative and clinical staff involved in the delivery of cancer care including: hospital executives, physicians, nurses, radiation therapists, psychology counselors, social workers, physical therapists, occupation therapists, nutritionists, government, healthcare insurance representatives, etc.

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