



AHEC West, in partnership with the Geriatrics & Gerontology Education & Research (GGEAR) Program and the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the John Hopkins Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (JH GWEP) are proud to present:

Making Peace with End of Life

VIRTUAL GGEAR Conference

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.



General Registration: \$30
3.5 CEUs are available for an additional \$30

Student Registration: \$5 (must use university email and advisor name when registering)

Geri-Ed: No Charge (a code will need to be entered when registering in order to have fee waived)

Scholarships

AHEC West acknowledges that we are facing very challenging times. Because of this, we have a very limited number of scholarships available to waive the general registration fee for any of our possible attendees who are facing financial hardships. Please contact Joy Taylor, jtaylor@ahecwest.org to apply.

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Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 27, 2023



Or scan to register

AGENDA

12:00 - 12:10 p.m.

Welcome and Housekeeping - Joy Taylor, AHEC West

12:10 - 12:40 p.m.

Keynote Address:

"Dying to fall in love: Befriending loss throughout the life cycle prepares for end-of-life grieving" presented by Dr. Thomas Hunt, Clinical Psychologist at Western Maryland Hospital Center

12:40 - 1:40 p.m.

"Making Peace with End-of-Life" Part I, presented by Dr. Terri Daniel

1:40 - 2:10 p.m.

Breakout groups: What did you learn about death growing up?

2:10 - 2:25 p.m.

Break

2:25 - 3:25 p.m.

"Making Peace with End-of-Life" Part II, presented by Dr. Terri Daniel

3:25 - 3:45 p.m.

Interactive Exercise: Deathbed genogram

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Wrap up & Evaluation – Dr. Diane Martin, University of Maryland, GGEAR Program Director

OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this training, participants should be able to:

- Explain the value of end-of-life conversations
- Demonstrate an understanding of hospice and palliative care
- Utilize tools and resources for end-of-life planning

This is an interactive, conversational presentation. Feel free to ask/post questions and comments throughout.

CEUs:

By attending this conference, Social Workers, Psychologists, Counselors and Therapists and ALL Certified Dementia Practitioners and Certified Senior Advisors can earn 3.5 CEUs. **There is a \$30 fee for 3.5 CEUs.**

** AHEC West is authorized by the Board of Social Work Examiners in Maryland to sponsor social work continuing education learning activities and maintains full responsibility for this program. This training qualifies for 3.5 Category I continuing education units and is a live, real-time, **and interactive** learning activity.*

** Hagerstown Community College is an authorized sponsor for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Psychologists, and Category A and B CEUs for Counselors and Therapists.*

**Geriatrics & Gerontology Education & Research (GGEAR) Program is an authorized sponsor for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Certified Dementia Practitioners and Certified Senior Advisors.*

A **Certificate of Attendance** will be provided to all participants.

In this unique workshop you will learn how to create a more positive relationship with death and grief as you face the loss of loved ones and the reality of your own eventual death. In an interactive, experiential group setting, we will explore these topics and more:

- Death and grief practices from a variety of cultural and religious perspectives
- How death is addressed in our modern medical system
- What is hospice, and how does it differ from palliative care?
- Family dynamics in end-of-life and bereavement
- The process of dying
- Body disposition options
- Creative rituals and ceremonies for death, dying and grieving

SPEAKERS



Thomas J. Hunt, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist providing 23 years of psychological care to older adults in a variety of living and clinical settings.



Dr. Terri Daniel, CT, FFGT is an inter-spiritual hospice chaplain, end-of-life educator, and grief counselor certified in death, dying and bereavement by the Association of Death Education and Counseling and in trauma support by the International Association of Trauma Professionals. She conducts workshops throughout the U.S. and is an adjunct Instructor in thanatology and chaplaincy at Marian University, the University of Maryland and the Graduate Theological Union. She is also founder of The Conference on Death, Grief and Belief, and the Ask Doctor Death podcast.

Over the years Terri has helped hundreds of people learn to live, die and grieve more consciously. Her work is acclaimed by hospice professionals, spiritual seekers, counselors, theologians, and academics worldwide. She is also the author of four books on death, grief and the afterlife.

Terri has a BA in Religious Studies from Maryhurst University, an MA in Pastoral Care from Fordham University, and a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling from the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

GGEAR Planning Committee Members:

- Joy Taylor, AHEC West Program Coordinator
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