

Call for Papers
The Columbia University Seminar on Death*
invites scholars and practitioners to
The Third Austin H. Kutscher Memorial Conference
**Reshaping Our Journey to the End -
Death, Dying and Bereavement in 21st Century America**

Faculty House, Columbia University
Saturday, March 24, 2012
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The Conference Committee welcomes all proposals addressing the theme. Topics may include aspects of - but need not be limited to - the following:

- *Strategies and challenges for life-extension/death postponement*
- *Recent healthcare reform and the terminally ill*
- *Minimizing the suffering of the dying/Advances in hospice and palliative care*
- *New directions and technology in the aesthetic representations of death and dying*
- *New practices and trends in corpse disposal*
- *Forecasting the next major biological killers and pandemics*
- *Terrorist threats/Cyber warfare*
- *Politics and the dignity of death*
- *Ethical issues and recent advances in biomedical science*
- *The rise of atheism and secular humanism - new paths to an ethical end of life*
- *New trends in counseling (suicide prevention, bereavement, etc.)*
- *Changing roles in family/professional care giving and decision making at the end of life*
- *The dying individual vs. communal benefits of research*
- *Spiritual dimensions in the practice of end-of-life medicine*
- *Dealing responsibly with human bio-mass and our natural environment*

Praeger Publishers has expressed an interest in including papers from this conference in a two-volume series:

Death, Dying, and Bereavement in 21st Century America - Reshaping Our Journey to the End

Vol. I Changing Psychosocial and Cultural Context for Dying and Disposal

Vol. II Evolving Concerns and Moral Issues at the End of Life

(Estimated publication date: Spring 2013)

Scholars, clinicians, and policy makers from all disciplines and sectors of society are invited to submit proposals. Please, e-mail 300-word abstracts (for 20-minute conference presentations, 5,000-8,000-word book chapters) with the author's name, contact information and the title of the paper, and a separate one-page CV to ColumbiaUniversityDeathConf@gmail.com by September 25, 2011. Please, write "Proposal" in the subject line.

Notification of acceptance of proposals will be sent in November 2011. The schedule of presenters and panels will be published in January 2012.

To attend the conference without presenting a paper, please e-mail name, affiliation and contact information to ColumbiaUniversityDeathConf@gmail.com and write "Pre-registration" in the subject line.

*The Columbia University Seminar movement has promoted inter-disciplinary and inter-institutional explorations for almost seventy years. Austin H. Kutscher founded the Seminar on Death in 1970. For more information please go to www.columbia.edu/cu/seminars/death