

31st Annual BON Conference- Virtual Style

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Student Rate: \$150.00

BON Member Rate: \$300.00

Non-Member Rate: \$400.00

Agenda (all content subject to small changes)

Tuesday, Oct 12

- 11:30 am: Welcome with some self-care opportunities to share what the conference will be like
 - Bookstore will be open and available each day (before or after events)
 - Self care space- mindfulness opportunity available each day
 - Wednesday night **Short Film Party**- bring your popcorn and drink of your choice and enjoy learning about some newer film clips that might be useful in your work and of great interest!
- 12:30 pm Session 1: Heather Ervin- ***“Arts as a tool for developing a social network”***
- 2:15 pm Session 2: Maureen Trask- ***“Ambiguous Loss- update in COVID times”***

Thursday, Oct 14

- 9:00 am Session 3: Heather McGuinty- ***“Advancing Illness- Holding on and Letting Go”***
- 10:45 am Session 4: Jill Dombroski- ***“Dying, death and physicians”***
- 12:15 pm Networking over lunch
 - Bookstore- Christine will be available to help you look for any specific resources that might be helpful to you in your work. She will also share some of the great ideas and opportunities available through Robert’s Press.

Monday, October 18

- 9:00 am Session 5: Margarita Rabinovich- ***“The loss of a child: a crisis in meaning. The critical role of redefining purpose”***
- 10:45 am Session 6: Susan McCoy- ***“The Raw Truth- COVID 19 Traumatic Grief”***
- 12:15 pm Mindfulness Opportunity A
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Wed Oct 20

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- 11:30 am Networking Lunch
- 12:30 pm Session 7: Lyne Drolet and Eva Zaleski ***“Writers Club for Grief – Healing through Expressive Writing”***
- 2:15 pm Session 8: Shelly Cory and Maxxine – ***“The Canadian Grief Alliance Experiences and sharing The Organization’s Mandate and Impact”***



7:00 pm Wednesday Night Short Film Party – Let’s get together to review some short grief-related films and talk about their impact on how we see grief. This will be done on Zoom and will be moderated with our panel insights and group conversation! Join us!

Friday October 22

- 9:00 am Session 9: Christine Derner- ***“Dying to Live, Learning from our COVID-19 Challenges During a Pandemic”***
- 10:45 Session 10: Rick Firth, Hospice Palliative Care Ontario- ***“Provincial Recommendations to the Government and It’s Impact on our Sector”***
 - Virtual poster display with poster presenters
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- 12:15 pm Self care space- mindfulness opportunity B

Tuesday, October 26

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- 11:30 am Self care space- Networking lunch on Zoom
- 12:30 pm Session 11: Lesley James- ***“Dancing with Grief”***
- 2:15 pm Session 12: Brenda McIntyre- ***“Decolonizing Traumatic Collective Grief – How to Hold Space for Indigenous People as an Ally and Support”***

Thursday, October 28

- 9:00 am Session 13: Canadian Alliance for Grieving Children, Bereaved Families of Ontario and Lighthouse Centre for Grieving Children- ***“panel discussion- Title TBD”***
- 10:45 am Session 14: Richard Amaral- ***“Breathers- Nine techniques for managing stress and worry in difficult times”***
- ***At the end of Session 14, We will officially close our Conference and our bookstore will close 1 hr later***
 - Book store closes at 1 pm. Last chance to ask questions and order books that will be useful to you and your clientele.