

 [IP: Culture, Death, and Loss by Louis Hoffman](#) by Louise S. [2014, Mar 28]

Colleagues,

I am working on developing a course on culture, death, and loss to be offered at Saybrook University and want to include as many resources on indigenous perspectives as possible. I am inquiring if anyone has recommendations for good resources for this course, particularly journal articles and book chapters that could be included in the required reading. Any suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

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Respected Prof,

You may contact Prof Niel Lutsky, Psychology Dept, Carleton College...He may be able to provide some insights/resources to you..

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Regards,
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Hi Louis,

I chair a symposium on a relevant topic, to be conducted at the APA Convention 2014, Washington DC, August 7-10:

Beyond Trauma: Ethnic Minority Groups on Death and Dying.

All the experts on this panel are IP members. You may contact them for details.

See attached.

Louise

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Concerning the APA Symposium on Ethnic Minority Groups on Death and Dying

Wow it sounds like a great get together. I could add The Jewish perspective. IT is one of my roles in the community to be one of the Tahara Ladies, we prepare the bodies for burial. The Jewish practice includes sacred practices that have been passed down orally since the time of Moses death, and mourning practices that include a life time of awareness after a family member, a parent, sibling or child has passed away.

But I cant go to Canada so I will just say that these practices all create a sense of belonging in the community and opportunity to see life not just as a physical manifestation but to be brought close to the spiritual reality that is awakened upon the passing on of a life.

Even this morning I went to carry out my role and one of the ladies told a story how she was recently in one of the Eastern block countries, where there are not many Jewish people, and whilst visiting a cemetary to 'see' her ancestors she was asked to help with a burial. In that experience she could see the threads of tradition, some difference in rituals but the threads of what is sacred and continued down all over the world despite the county customs. This is to me what is so interesting. That there is a significant difference between cultures customs and unbroken threads of spiritual laws that exist between groups of people.

kind regards Michelle

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Thanks everyone for the many great suggestions! This is helping me fill out the syllabus.

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Goodmorning!

Can check this book:

Mishra, Trinath. (2010). The Hindu book of the Dead. ND: Vitasta Publishing.

Have a great Day!

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