

EDUCATION OFFERINGS



Local witch's garden in Duwamish & Coast Salish land, photo by @thegoodwitchofcascadia

A Sacred Passing: Death Midwifery & Community Education



Shrouding table & cloth at ASP's Shrouding & Body Washing class in 2021, photo by Native Light Photography

AUTUMN COURSES 2022

August 01

Free Webinar

Curious about learning with ASP? Join us for a no-cost community Death Care 101 webinar, meet teachers, and ask questions!

September 12

Death Care

Comprehensive lessons and discussions surrounding histories and cultures of death care in the U.S., centering themes of choice, access, oppression, and liberation.

Seasonal TBD

Blooming with Grief

Blooming With Grief is an opportunity to engage playfully and fully in grief with us through art, dancing, and kids' space

August 15 & 16

Shrouding & Body Care

This is a hands on training in which participants learn how to wash, shroud, & move the body of a person who has died.

Autumn TBD

Abortion Care

Evidence-based, cultural, socio-historical, and compassionate education on the topic of pregnancy and death, whether there is a birth, miscarriage, stillbirth, fetal anomaly, or abortion.

October 30

Une Bonne Mort

Washington Death & Dying Conference centering conversations about access, systematically marginalized humans, autonomy, and community.



ABOUT

A Sacred Passing

A Sacred Passing's mission is to guide and assist people towards a more conscious dying experience while honoring individual autonomy. In the community, we work to actively dismantle systems of oppression as they present in death and dying through education, care, and advocacy.

ASP offers death and dying education to individuals, community associations, and medical organizations. Our organization educates, collaborates, and shares ways to be supportive nonmedical companions.

The organization's work in community is possible with the super skills of many people and groups, primarily living in traditional Duwamish and Coast Salish land (Seattle, WA).

Together we work in the community to create and sustain authentic partnerships in death care through consent, inclusivity, and active interruption of oppression. As an organization, we center Queer, Trans, Black, and Indigenous people's voices, and those systematically oppressed, as do the people we contract with.



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artwork by Emily Candela McLaughlin,
photography by Shannon Macfarlane at
ASP's Blooming with Grief event in 2022

Join Us Online!



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http://join.slack.com/t/thedeathresou-d215720/shared_invite/zt-rini0a7r-D74KnaOlucTRYiZ_esGYNg

**Death education with A Sacred Passing
is anti-racist and gender-inclusive.
We prioritize learning with resources and
relationships grounded in storytelling,
history and present day realities.**



photo of community mingling and meeting, photography by Shannon
Macfarlane at ASP's Blooming with Grief event in 2022

**Together in community we share stories
of surviving, dying, and the blossoms of
grief that come in the time in between.**



DEATH CARE

8-WEEK COURSE

SEPTEMBER 12TH - NOVEMBER 2ND, 2022



ASP's Shrouding & Body Washing class in 2021, photo by Native Light Photography

Death Care Training is for new and experienced doulas, caretakers, and death workers to learn and broaden their practices to include end-of-life and death care skills. Together engage in comprehensive lessons and discussions surrounding histories and cultures of death care in the United States, highlighting themes of choice, access, oppression, and liberation in death care. All will practice grief care together through artwork, poetry, games, and a two part living funeral ceremony.

Course Topics Include:

- Media Literacy & Death Terminology
- Practice Consent & Non-medical Support
- Practical Skills for Support & Care in End-of-Life and Death
- Share Understandings of Access for Dying People & their Care Network
- Articulate the Role of Lineage and Tradition in Companionship
- Define and Explore Archetypes, including Dominant Cultural Norms
- Advocate for Choices, Options, and Informed-Consent in Death Care

ASP's unique curriculum is offered by a crew of educators and caretakers committed to working toward death care justice. Facilitators, guest teachers, and students learn in cohort with a shared intention to create learning space which is well resourced, shared space for dialogue, and curated for relationship building, understanding, and engagement.



SHROUDING & BODY WASHING

AUGUST 15TH & 16TH, 2022



ASP's Shrouding & Body Washing class in 2021, photo by Native Light Photography

This is a hands on training in which participants learn how to wash, shroud, and move the body of a person who has died. Join ASP to learn and practice how to shroud a body in preparation for a wake, funeral, celebration or disposition.

Course Topics Include:

- History of Shrouding & Body Washing
- Signs from Dying Person when Death is Near
- Common Requests
- Forms & Paperwork
- Materials & Resources for Care
- What Support Person's Might Say
- Shrouding & Washing a Body (Home Care)
- Shrouding & Washing a Body (Funeral Service)

This workshop is open to all death caretakers, such as physicians, funeral directors, midwives, doulas and any professional that works with dying people in any capacity; hosted in-person in Duwamish & Coast Salish land, Seattle, WA.



ABORTION CARE 6-WEEK COURSE

AUTUMN 2022



Photo of Lashanna wearing a shirt that says, "Mind Your Own Uterus" at Blooming with Grief 2022, photo by Shannon Macfarlane

ASP Abortion Care Training offers evidence-based, cultural, socio-historical, and compassionate education on the topic of pregnancy and death, whether there is birth, miscarriage, stillbirth, fetal anomaly, or abortion.

Course Topics Include:

- Body Sovereignty & Somatic Support
- Legal & Historical Landscape
- Barriers to Access
- Medical Process of Abortion
- Herbal Process of Abortion
- Spiritual & Religious Abortion Care
- Community Storytelling & Listening
- Practical Nonmedical Support Skills
- Conflict Holding & Deescalation

Together with Shout Your Abortion, Full-spectrum Doulas, Cedar River Clinic, The Order of Good Death, Sabia Wade, The Womb Room, and Abortion Herbalist, join ASP facilitators to uplift choices and reflect on informed-consent, creating a learning space for dialogue, relationship building, understanding, and engagement.

ASP Abortion Care Training is created to support any person who wants to learn more about support techniques and options available related to choice. The curriculum is accessible online, in-person (eventually), and portions downloadable at no charge. Live, guided lessons and curriculum are offered to both individuals and community groups with reduced-tuition opportunities available as scheduled.



ORGANIZATIONS & SMALL GROUPS



Local witch's garden in Duwamish & Coast Salish land, photo by @thegoodwitchofcascadia

ASP has hosted courses for many local death care organizations including Recompose, End of Life Washington, Bastyr College, and Seattle Public Library!

Course Topics Might Include:

- History of Death Care: How did we get here?
- Power & Gatekeeping: Who has the keys to the gates?
- Power & Accountability: Building Care Work and Care Systems
- Accessibility in Death Care and Sharing Information
- Death and Choice
- Self Care as a Daily Practice
- Living While Grieving
- Capitalism and Death Care Professionals
- Decomposers! History & Science
- The Depths of JOY and Grief
- Interacting with Grieving People

There are limited live options listed in the courses PDF. Most ASP workshops are only available live, we continue growing prerecorded and asynchronous options.



TESTIMONIALS



ASP's Shrouding & Body Washing class in 2021, photo by Native Light Photography

Cristen, Practical Skills for a Death Companion, 2022

"I really appreciated the values put forth by the facilitators and the organization. It was amazing to be in a class about death where there was an understanding and centering of structural oppression. This was just so HUGE and so greatly appreciated! Thank you so much!"

Sea, Death Doula Training, 2021

"There was a real sense of intimacy and engagement in the class...Further, the class did great to cover topics (with multimedia) not generally on the 'syllabus' for death doula training, including not only topics regarding racism, classism, colonialism and ableism but also accountability, consent, healing justice, disability justice, racial justice and gender justice in death work. So crucial!"

Kim*, Death Doula Training, 2020

"The instructors told stories and were vulnerable in ways that normalized our identities and feelings while giving us tools for managing challenging situations."

*All feedback is directly from ASP students. Some student's names have been changed per their request to remain anonymous.



HOW TO SIGN UP

1

STEP

Review the upcoming courses, dates, and curriculum and discern if learning with us is right for you!

2

STEP

Enroll online by registering through eventbrite, check out our slide-up scale if you have the means to pay more.

3

STEP

ASP teaching crew will reach out prior to the first day of class with your course packet, and next steps!

The curriculum will be available to both individuals and community groups, please use the registration form for individuals and email for group scheduling.

Course tuition is offered at a sliding-scale rate. For support through custom payment plans, or if you'd like to discuss our cost-reduction/honorarium for low-income QTBIPOC folks email us at classes@asacredpassing.org.

For more information about ASP educational values, curriculum information, teaching praxis, and details about accessibility visit asacredpassing.org/access



ASP's Shrouding & Body Washing class in 2021, photo by Native Light Photography





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Photography by Shannon Macfarlane at ASP's Blooming with Grief event in 2022

A Sacred Passing hosts free and sliding-scale community education events online and in-person on Duwamish & Coast Salish land.

BLOOMING WITH GRIEF

SEASONAL TBD

Blooming With Grief is an opportunity to engage playfully and fully in grief with us through art, dancing, and kids' space! The night included music, poetry, food, love letter stations, planting seeds, live mural making, burlesque, children's activities, and a closing fire ritual. The evening also featured many local performers and artists, including Claudelle Glasgow, Nadine Meastaes, Whisper DeCorvo, Tout deLou, Ms. Briq House, Shemar, and JM Wong.



Photos of community artists and performers, with photography by Shannon Macfarlane at ASP's Blooming with Grief event in 2022

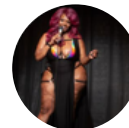
ASP along with our friends and partner organizations cocreated an evening to engage playfully and fully with grief. This is was our first event with people in person since our Art & Death Cafe of Feb 2020!

This event had no fee to participate, and masks are still required at ASP indoor & outdoor events to support the safety of our community.

SOME PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, APRIL 2022



Dalisha Phillips
@love_light_energy
_art_therapy



Goddess Briqhouse
@ms.briqhouse



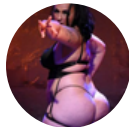
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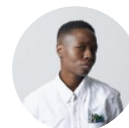
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UNE BONNE MORT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 30TH, 2022

After attending many conferences, seminars, workshops, and classes about death and dying, organizers of Une Bonne Mort identified an absence of conversations about access, systematically marginalized humans, autonomy, and community.

May we learn together and help increase access to care. One conference doesn't increase access – continued work, advocacy, and education does.

UBM brings together many individuals who want to make a change, and together we grow the ability to directly impact the way people in our community die. When we are all working together, we can make meaningful change.

SOME PREVIOUS SPEAKERS: UNE BONNE MORT 2019, 2020, 2021



Davinah Simmons
Maintaining an Authentic Practice:
Supporting Marginalized Identities in Death



Dr. Claudelle Glasgow
Conversations with Shadows:
Seeing the Whole of Another



Shannon MacFarlane
The Art of Seeing:
How Photography Honors Grief



Stefanie Lyn Kaufman-Mthimkhulu
Crippling Death: Aging, Loss, & Grief
from a Disability Justice Lens



Malkia Devich Cyril
Grief in Community



Ahkia-Rayne
Sex, Pleasure, and Dying



DEATH CARE BINGO

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Try Techni Ice or
Reusable Ice
Packs for After
Death Care

Choose Your
Own Health
Advocate

Pack a Travel
Bag that is
Unique to Your
Superskills

Share a
Favorite Book
or Resource



YOU ARE MAGIC

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Grow a Plant
from a Seed

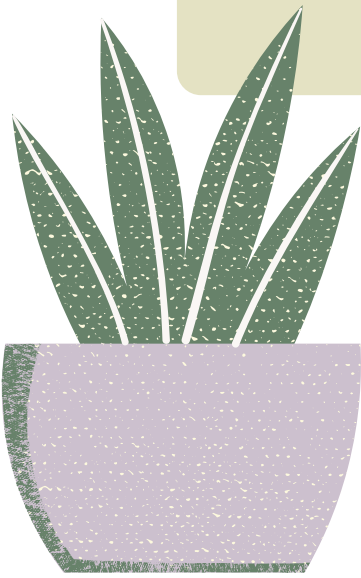
Complete Your
Own Advance
Directive

Collaborate with
a Friend to Share
Something You
Know via Video

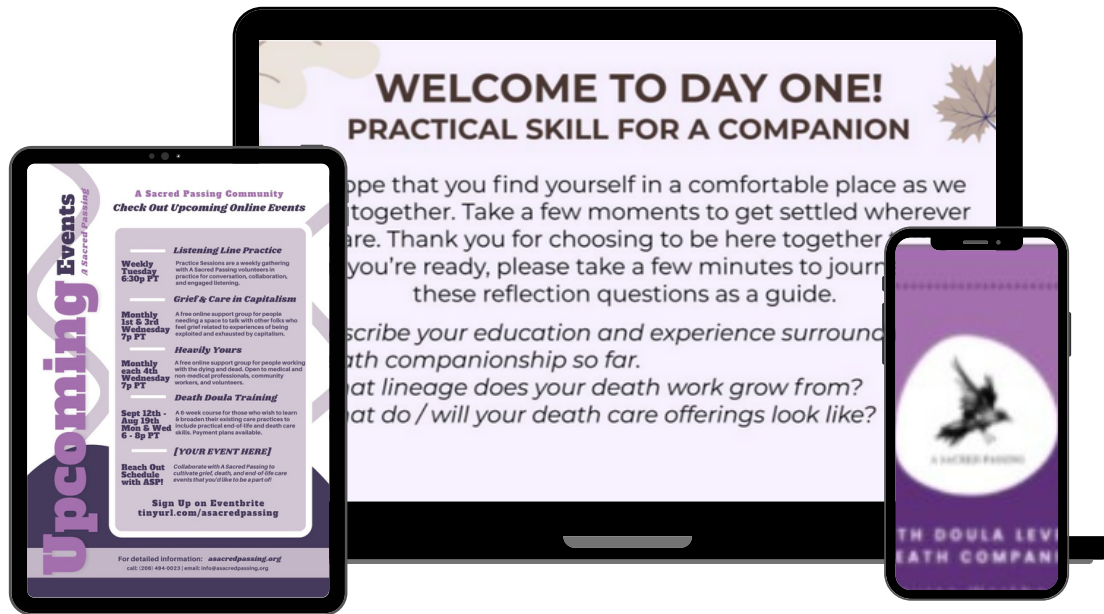
Create a
Resource List of
Death & Grief
Care Referrals
Near You

Did you get all the bingos?

Let's keep caring for our living and dying,
the people, organisms, earth, & environment!



ONLINE COURSES



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SIGN UP TO JOIN US



WANT MORE? GREAT CONTENT

The Shared Drive is a space that we are continuously adding educational tools and content which may help inform death care. This FREE online resource from A Sacred Passing is for collaboration on projects and for shared learning!

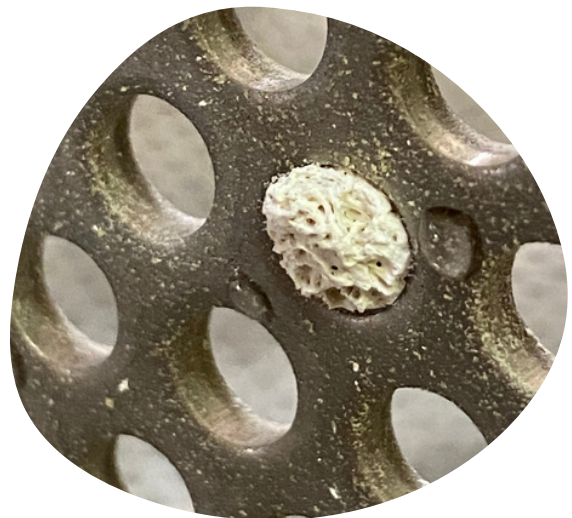
Do you have something you'd like to add to the Shared Drive?
Let us know by email to classes@asacredpassing.org!



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CHECK IT OUT!



Wee bit of bone after alkaline hydrolysis,
photo by @thegoodwitchofcascadia

