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Life Transitions Educator | Certified Grief Counselor

Motivated by the desire to mitigate the generational dysfunction that occurs when families put off talking about things that matter until its unavoidable.

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EDUCATION

Ed.D., Adult Education, 2017

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

Research Foci: Death and Dying, Emotion Work, Informal Learning

Dissertation title: *How do Caregivers Learn, Exploring the Informal Learning of Hospice Care Professionals*. Advisor: Karen C. Watkins, Ph.D.

M.S., Instructional Technology, 2005

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

B.S., Electrical Engineering, 1991

Howard University, Washington, District of Columbia

CERTIFICATION

Certified Grief Counselor

The American Institute of Health Care Professionals, Inc | The American Academy of Grief Counseling

Certification expires March 2022

EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE

Seminar Facilitator, Georgia Yellow Dot Program | National Church Residences, Atlanta, Georgia.

July 2020 - Present

The Yellow Dot program is a partnership between the Georgia Department of Public Health and Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention after a medical emergency. I facilitate both educational seminars on the value of advance care planning and activity-based seminars to assist residents with the completion of their Yellow Dot form and Advanced Directives.

Facilitator, Walking the Mourner's Path | St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Atlanta Georgia
Bi-Annually.

Walking the Mourner's Path is a small group, Christ-centered, 8-week grief workshop. As facilitator, I perform assessments of participant readiness for the workshop, as well as develop/modify workshop activities based upon participants' need of grief work.

Presenter - Fulton County Library System | Fulton County, Georgia

November 2017 – March 2020

I present a monthly Life Transition Series designed to educate participants on end-of-life issues and opportunities, while encouraging the participant to take concrete steps that lesson the burden surrounding end-of-life decisions required of their loved ones.

Facilitator - Death & Dying Education Ministry | St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Atlanta Georgia

January 2019 - Present

Using the idea of making the topic of death as comfortable to discuss as the topic of birth, this Ministry is designed to educate and prepare church members to be proactive regarding their end-of-life care. As facilitator I design, develop, implement, and evaluate for effectiveness quarterly workshops on the topics of Advanced Care Planning, Funeral Planning, and Preparing for a Good End of Life.

Facilitator - Death Cafes | Fulton County Library System | Fulton County, Georgia

November 2017 - Present

I facilitate a monthly discussion on death; its objective is to increase the awareness of death through highly interactive conversation with the goal is to help people make the most of their (finite) lives.

PUBLICATIONS

Oliver, L. C. (2018). *Final Wishes: A Workbook for Planning a Funeral*. Amazon Services, LLC ISBN: 1730874193, 9781730874192.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Oliver, Lisa (2016). "The Informal Learning of Hospice Care Professionals." Oral presentation at the 38th Annual Conference of the Association of Death Education and Counseling, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

PRESENTATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- *Wellbeing Inspires Welldoing*. Panel Discussion. Kigali Shared Office | Queen Nyabinghi. Kigali, Rwanda, Africa. Via Zoom. April 2021
- *Virtual Death Café*. Longleaf Hospice and Palliative Care Atlanta, GA. April 2021
- *Grief: A Presentation and Facilitated Discussion*. Federal Defender Services of Eastern TN. Via Zoom. October 2020.
- *Living Well and the Importance of Advance Care Planning*. Chaplains and Residents of the Atlanta region of the National Church Residences, Atlanta, GA, July – August 2020.
- *Life Transitions: Peace and Possibilities*. National Caregivers' Workshop. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Tau Pi Omega Chapter. Lithonia, GA. November 2019.
- *Why We Should Talk About Death and Dying*. End of Life Seminar: Getting Your Affairs in Order. New Horizon Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA. August 2019.
- *Understanding Dementia: Death and Dying*. Faith Village Connections, Fairburn, GA. March 2019.
- *Death and Dying: Peace and Possibilities 1 & 2* Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, January/February 2019.
- *What?! Why Would I Want to Attend a Seminar on DEATH?!* Wesley Woods of Atlanta | Wesley Woods Towers, Atlanta, GA, January 2019.
- *Death Café*. Dementia Caregiver Support Group. Lou Walker Senior Center, Lithonia, GA. Annual engagement, since 2017.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- WCLK-FM – *Life, Love, and Legacy with Dione Traci Duckett*; April 10, 2021
- *Black Parents Aging Podcast* by Nicola Robinson and Olivia Smith Episode #17 – Death Café, March 9, 2021