

Experiencing Reproductive Loss: Working Together to Change Practice

Conference Programme

Michael Young Building, Walton Hall, The Open University, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA

9.30 – 10.00	Registration Coffee and Danish pastries	
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome and housekeeping	
10.15 – 11.15	Plenary Linda Layne, Hale Professor of Humanities and Social Studies Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY, USA	
	Morning Sessions	
	<i>Seminar Room 1</i>	<i>Seminar Room 2</i>
	Session 1	
	Session Chair: Kate Woodthorpe	Session Chair: Carol Komaromy
11.20 – 11.50	The liturgical response to stillbirth and pregnancy loss <i>Carolyn Kennedy</i> <i>Uffington Group, Diocese of Lincoln, UK</i>	To see or not to see: Should parents hold their newborn baby? <i>Penelope Turton</i> <i>St George's University London, UK</i>
11.50 – 12.20	Diversity and discretion in experiences related to reproductive loss <i>Ruth Graham</i> <i>Newcastle University, UK</i>	Hiding Babies: Birth professionals making sense of death and grief <i>Jan Bleyen</i> <i>University of Leuven, Belgium</i>
12.20 – 1.15	<i>Lunch</i>	
	Afternoon Sessions	
	Session 2	
	Session Chair: Cathy Lloyd	Session Chair: Ruth Graham
1.15 – 1.45	Irish midwives' needs when providing perinatal bereavement support for parents experiencing perinatal death <i>Siobhan Bourke</i> <i>University College Cork, Ireland</i>	Silent miscarriage and deafening heteronormativity: An experiential and critical feminist account <i>Elizabeth Peel¹ & Ruth Cain²</i> <i>¹Aston University, ²Keele University, UK</i>
1.45 – 2.15	Death at the beginning of life: Stillbirth and perinatal loss – the need for education & training for healthcare professionals <i>June Leishman</i> <i>The University of Abertay Dundee, UK</i>	Searching for wholeness: An autoethnography <i>Valerie M. Sheach Leith</i> <i>The Robert Gordon University, UK</i>

2.15 – 2.45	<i>Coffee and biscuits</i>	
Session 3		
	Session Chair: Jan Bleyen	Session Chair: Pam Foley
2.45 – 3.15	Public spaces, private thoughts: Creating remembrance & identity using graves & newspaper notices Glenys Caswell <i>University of Aberdeen, UK</i>	The disposal of foetal remains Angela Dunn ¹ & Kate Woodthorpe ² ¹ ICCM, ² Open University, UK
3.15 – 3.45	Diversity & pregnancy loss: Implications for policy and practice Joan Cameron <i>University of Dundee, UK</i>	Post mortems after perinatal death: Can we research parental decision-making? Helen Statham ¹ & colleagues ² , <i>University of Cambridge & Addenbrookes Hospital, UK.</i>
3.45	Screening of Motherhood Lost: Reducing the Trauma of Loss through Better Preparation and Care: A Conversation with Denise Cote-Arsenault, Ph.D., R.N., and Pam Scarce, R.N. Introduced by Linda Layne Two nurses describe their second trimester losses, one which occurred in the toilet at work, the other in a toilet at home. Denise shares the findings of her studies on the anxiety-ridden experience of pregnancy after a loss. We discuss how reducing some of the trauma of loss might lessen some of the anxiety which plagues women during subsequent pregnancies.	
4.30	Conference close – have a safe onward journey.	