



MCDDES Fall 2019 Conference

Friday, October 4, 2019

Speaker: Kenneth J Doka, PhD
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Graduate School of The College of New Rochelle

Topic: *Living with Grief in the Aftermath of Natural and/or Human Caused Tragedy*

Location: Radisson, Brooklyn Center
I-694 and Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, MN
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This program, *Living with Grief in the Aftermath of Natural and/or Human Caused Tragedy*, is designed to assist health care and mental health professionals in knowing effective ways to respond to public tragedies and disasters—whether the result of natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, or tornadoes, horrific accidents, or malevolent events such as random shootings or terrorist attacks. Participants can learn the impact of such factors on individuals and communities and can find effective ways to partner with other organizations in preparing responses to such events as well as to consider preventive plans should disaster strike their community.

Biography

Kenneth J Doka, PhD, is a Professor of Gerontology at the Graduate School of The College of New Rochelle and Senior Consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America. Dr. Doka was elected President of the Association for Death Education and Counseling in 1993. In 1995, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Work Group on Dying, Death and Bereavement and served as chair from 1997-1999. The Association for Death Education and Counseling presented him with an Award for Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Death Education in 1998 and Significant Contributions to the Field of Thanatology in 2014. In 2000 Scott and White presented him an award for Outstanding Contributions to Thanatology and Hospice. His Alma Mater Concordia College presented him with their first Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is a recipient of the Caring Hands Award as well as the Dr. Robert Fulton CDEB Founder's Award. In 2006, Dr. Doka was grandfathered in as a Mental Health Counselor under NY State's first licensure of counselors. He has published numerous books, and is the editor of both *Omega: The Journal of Death* and *Dying and Journeys: A Newsletter to Help in Bereavement*. His website is www.drkendoka.com.

Registration

Print conference brochures and online registration (www.mcdes.org) will be available by August 1, 2019. As is the case with all MCDDES conferences, seating is limited to 175 registrants. CEU's will be available for professionals in Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy, Social Work, Behavior Health and Therapy, and MN Nurses.