

The Center for Folklore Studies Presents

Talking Toward the End of Life:

Language and Interaction in Advance Care Planning and Palliative Care

Friday, February 7

8:30-4:15 PM

The Ohio Union Senate Chamber

**Co-sponsored by the College of Nursing Center of Excellence in Critical and Complex Care,
the Division of General Internal Medicine, and the Humanities Institute**

End-of-life planning and practices, including Advance Care Planning (ACP), hospice, and palliative care, bring together a range of social actors. Patients, loved ones, doctors, nurses, social workers, clergy, and other engaged parties differ in their perspectives, relationship to the patient's care, and degrees of comfort with questions of death and dying. Institutional, cultural, and emotional divides can create conflicts of understanding or the simple lack of a vocabulary with which to address end-of-life planning. How can we ensure that patient wishes are voiced, heard, and respected?

This one-day symposium presents new collaborative interdisciplinary research, bringing medical practitioners, caregivers, and patients together with ethnographers of language and social interaction. Together, we will work to imagine holistic approaches for talking toward and through the end of life.

Register for lunch with Cristina Benedetti <benedetti.6@osu.edu>

Schedule of Events

8:00-8:30 Registration (with caffeine and carbohydrates)

8:30-8:45 Welcome/ Introduction (**Dorothy Noyes**, Director, The Center for Folklore Studies)

8:45-10:15 **Talk in End-of-Life Settings**

- **Janine Overcash**, OSU College of Nursing. The use of narrative for patients and families at end-of-life.
- **David Jennings Gramling**, Department of German Studies, University of Arizona. Face-work at the end of life: why palliative care differs from other sociolinguistic encounters

10:15-10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30-11:45 **Collaboration in Research and Practice**

- **Robert Gramling**, Department of Family Medicine, University of Rochester. End of life: Are we there yet?
- **Gabriella Modan**, Department of English, OSU, and **Seuli Bose Brill**, General Internal Medicine, OSUMC . Speaking of Death: Reported speech in ACP-based narratives

11:45-12:45 *Lunch*

12:45 – 2:15 **In Sickness and in Health: The Patient Experience of Advance Care Planning**

- **Seuli Bose Brill**, **Andrew Schamess**, and **Megan Buller**, OSUMC, mediators.
 - Clinical ACP discussion with a physician and a healthy patient
 - Reflection by an ill patient on his experience with end-of-life conversations
- **Dana Schroeder**, Director of the Department of Chaplaincy, OSUMC. Pastoral Care.

2:15-2:30 *Coffee break*

2:30-3:30 **Roundtable discussion: Evidence and Practice**

3:30-4:15 **Wrap Up/ Future Directions**