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Women Scholars' Speaker Series to examine issues related to death in four-part virtual series

The Women Scholars' Speaker Series (WSSS) will tackle an especially prominent, albeit difficult, theme in 2021-2022, examining issues related to death throughout a four-part virtual series.

The series of online panels and presentations will engage participants with the latest research around pressing and multifaceted topics including discrimination, equity, death and labour.



The opening event is Tuesday, October 19, 2021, when a panel presents, *Transdisciplinary Perspectives on Death, Dying & Grief*, inviting researchers, artists and educators to discuss various topics including memorialization, the materiality of death, ecological approaches to death and dying, death in popular culture and performance.

“Bringing together a multitude of insights and perspectives on death, dying and grief feels all the more urgent in this time of COVID-19,” says Mia van Leeuwen (Faculty of Fine Arts, drama), WSSS co-Chair and one of the presenters, along with Rebecca Many Grey Horses (Educator, MA in Jurisprudence in Indian Law) and Dr. Jennifer Otto (Department of Religious Studies).

In November, Dr. Tara Mehrabi of Karlstad University, Sweden, will present *Queer Ecologies of Death in the Lab*.

Two more talks follow in the new year, including a January presentation, *Death in the Age of Rationality: Playing with Death in Popular Amusement*, and a concluding talk in March, *Transdisciplinary Perspectives on Death, Dying and Grief: Closing Panel*.

The Women Scholars' Speaker Series was initiated in 2002 and is dedicated to engaging the community with female scholars and their exceptional contributions to academic research.

For more about the Women Scholars' Speaker Series, visit the [web page](#).

Women Scholars' Speaker Series Event Lineup 2021-2022

Tuesday October 19, 2021

7 to 8:30 p.m. (via Zoom)

<https://uleth.zoom.us/j/92722112562>

Transdisciplinary Perspectives on Death, Dying & Grief: Opening Panel

Rebecca Many Grey Horses

Dr. Jennifer Otto

Mia van Leeuwen

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

12:15 to 1:15 p.m. (via Zoom)

<https://uleth.zoom.us/j/91338149041>

Queer Ecologies of Death in the Lab

Dr. Tara Mehrabi, Karlstad University, Sweden

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

6 to 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)

<https://uleth.zoom.us/j/97307656022>

Death in the Age of Rationality: Playing with Death in Popular Amusement

Joanna Ebenstein, Creative Director of Morbid Anatomy

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

6 to 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)

<https://uleth.zoom.us/s/95751335357>

Transdisciplinary Perspectives on Death, Dying and Grief: Closing Panel

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