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**Scholarly impact:** h-index (Google Scholar)= 50, total citations 10,030  
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## AREAS OF RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

Traumatic death and grief including: etiology, epidemiology, culturally appropriate interventions and care, perinatal and pediatric death, homicide, suicide, vicarious traumatic stress, coping, social support, care farming and ecotherapy, meditation and mindfulness-based approaches, critical psychiatry, decolonizing traumatic grief care

## EDUCATION

PhD	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Child, Youth, and Family Sciences <i>Trauma and death studies</i>	2007
MSW	Arizona State University, College of Human Services	2004
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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor, Arizona State University School of Social Work	2022 - Current
Associate Professor, Arizona State University School of Social Work	2014 to 2022
Assistant Professor, Arizona State University School of Social Work	2008 to 2013

## SCHOLARSHIP

Note: Authors are generally listed in decreasing order of contribution. The first author is usually the person who conducted most of the work and wrote the main contents of the manuscript. Depending upon the discipline in which the work is published, the senior author responsible for securing funding may be listed the 2nd or last position, especially when mentoring students and/or co-investigators. These papers are noted with an "\*" when appropriate to

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### Books

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- Cacciatore, J.** (2022). *Understanding and Coping with Grief*. The Great Courses. Audible Books.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2020). *Grieving is Loving*. Simon and Schuster, Wisdom Publications.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2017). *Bearing the Unbearable: Love, loss, and the heartbreaking path of grief*. Simon and Schuster, *Wisdom Publications best-seller*. Translated in Chinese, Spanish, German, Italian, Korean, and Vietnamese Recognition: *Indies Book of the Year, Self Help: One of New York Magazine's Best Books About Grief*
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### Book Chapters

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17. **Cacciatore, J.**, & Thieleman, K. (2023). Prolonged Grief Disorder: Grief is complicated, but it's not a disorder. In K. Doka and A. Tucci (Eds). *Prolonged Grief Disorder*. Hospice Foundation of America.
16. **Cacciatore, J.** (2019). Foreword. *Animal Sutras* (pp. 11-16). Monkfish Publishing.
15. **Cacciatore, J.** (2019). Descending into the canyon. In W. Tuttle (Ed). *Buddhism and Veganism: Essays Connecting Spiritual Awakening and Animal Liberation* (pp. 109-117). Vegan Publishing.
14. **Cacciatore, J.**, & Wieber Lens, J. (2019). The ultimate in women's labor: Stillbirth and grieving. In Ussher, J.M., Chrisler, J.C., & Perz, J. (Eds). *Routledge International Handbook of Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health* (pp. 308-319). Routledge Press.
13. **Cacciatore, J.** (2019). Traumatic grief. In J.J. Ponzetti (Ed). *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Families, Marriages, and Intimate Relationships* (pp. 889-892). Macmillan Library Reference.
12. **Cacciatore, J.**, & DeFrain, J. (2015). "I remember your hand in mine:" An introduction to the world of bereavement. In J. Cacciatore & J. DeFrain (Eds). *The World of Bereavement* (pp. 5-11). Springer Publishing.
11. **Cacciatore, J.**, & Rubin, J. (2015). The last of human desire: Grief, death, and mindfulness. In E. Y. Shonin, W. Van Gordon and M. D. Griffiths (Eds). *Mindfulness and other Buddhist-Derived Approaches in*

*Mental Health and Addiction: Advances in mental health and addiction series* (pp. 247-257). Springer Publishing.

10. **Cacciatore, J.** (2015). When the unthinkable happens: A mindfulness-based approach to perinatal and pediatric death. In B. Black, T. Wright, and R. Limbo (Eds). *Perinatal and Pediatric Bereavement* (pp. 97-110). Springer Publishing. *American Journal of Nursing's Book of the Year 2016.*
9. Devine, M., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2015). To love or not to love: To grieve or not to grieve. In G. Warburton and H. Martins (Eds). *Heartful: Psychologies about the nature and nurture of love.* Portfolio Publishing.
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7. **Cacciatore, J.** (2013). Untitled. In S. Paige Cole & C. Bayly (Eds). *To Linger on Hot Coals: Collected poetic works from grieving women writers* (pp. 6-10). Routledge Press.
6. **Cacciatore, J.** (2012). Selah: A mindfulness-based grief model. In R. Neimeyer (Ed). *Techniques in Grief Therapy: Creative strategies for counseling the bereaved* (pp. 36-39). Routledge Press.
5. **Cacciatore, J.** (2012). The Kindness Project. In R. Neimeyer (Ed). *Techniques in Grief Therapy: Creative strategies for counseling the bereaved* (pp. 349-351). Routledge Press.
4. **Cacciatore, J.** (2012). The barefoot walkabout. In R. Neimeyer (Ed). *Techniques in Grief Therapy: Creative strategies for counseling the bereaved* (pp. 364-366). Routledge Press.
3. **Cacciatore, J.** (2011). Psychosocial care. In C. Spong (Ed). *Stillbirth: Prediction, prevention, and management, 1e* (pp. 203-228). Wiley Blackwell Publishing.
2. **Cacciatore, J.** (2011). The traumatic contradiction: When birth and death collide. In J. Atlas, (Ed). *They Were Still Born* (pp. 19-29). Rowman & Littlefield Publishing.
1. DeFrain, J., **Cacciatore, J.**, & DeFrain, A. (2005). Death. *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas.* (pp. 539-544). Charles Scribner and Sons, Thomson Gale Publishing.

### *Government and Foundation Reports, Papers, and Meetings*

- (2024). Working Group Contributor, *Working to address the tragedy of stillbirth: Implementation and recommendations.* Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health.
- (2023). Working Group Contributor, *Working to address the tragedy of stillbirth.* Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health.
- (2022). Presenter, *Psychological impact and treatment for mothers following stillbirth*  
*Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development*  
National Institutes of Health
- (2016). HealthCare Chaplaincy Network. Spirituality and traumatic grief. *Standards of Practice Paper.*
- (2012). Gratitude as the antidote to grief. *Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors Magazine*, 18(4), 3.
- (2011). Caring for families experiencing a child's death: A unified position statement on contact with the baby, an international collaboration. Available online: nationalshare.org.
- (2011). Closed meeting by invitation only: *Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Scientific Vision Meeting: The next decade.* June 23-24, Frederiksburg, Va.
- (2006). *Emergency Medical Technician and First Responder Guidelines: SIDS And Other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths.* Arizona Department of Health Services. Unexplained Infant Death Advisory Council.
- (2003). Contributor: *A Phenomenological Approach to Child Death.* Manuscript submitted to the National Academies of Science, Institute of Medicine, 2002 as a report for *When Children Die:*

*Improving Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Children and their Families.* Institute of Medicine: National Academies of Science Press. Washington D.C.

### *Grants and External Funding*

- Cacciatore, J., & Wallinger, C.** (2025). Multi-year *Selah Carefarm support grant*. Halle Family Foundation. \$300,000. Funded.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). *Selah Carefarm*. Emily Franciose community-based care fund. \$350,000. Funded.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). *Selah Carefarm*. Emily Franciose community-based care fund. \$25,000. Funded.
- Cacciatore, J., & Wallinger, C.** (2024). *Selah Carefarm*. Halle Family Foundation. \$100,000. Funded.
- Cacciatore, J., & Thieleman, K.** (2022). *Grief counseling by peers and providers: Does the setting and do the people matter?* National Institutes of Health, Confirmatory Efficacy Clinical Trials of Non-Pharmacological Interventions for Mental Disorders (R01 Clinical Trial Required), Principal Investigator. \$827,249.00. Withdrawn, pending resubmission.
- Cacciatore, J., & Thieleman, K.** (2022). *Companion Animals in Traumatic Grief: Do they improve health outcomes?* Waltham Pet Care Science Institute. Principal Investigator. \$254,492.00. Not funded.
- Cacciatore, J., & Gorman, R.** (2019). *Restorative spaces and therapeutic communities: The intentional and uninintial effects of a carefarming intervention.* Arizona State University, Research Support and Advancement Plan, Principal investigator. \$50,000.00: 25,000.00 funded with a \$25,000.00 match.
- Huberty, J., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2015-2019). *Interconception care to prevent PTSD symptoms after stillbirth.* Grant submission to the National Institute of Health's National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, Co-principal investigator. \$693,793.00. Funded.
- Cacciatore, J., Lietz, C., & Latham, T.** (2010). *Home visitation as an intervention strategy: Maternal bereavement and attachment in subsequent births.* Grant submitted to the National Institute of Health, Principal investigator. Unfunded.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Effects of social support on maternal grief after a baby's death.* Daniel's Star Foundation Community Grant. Principal investigator. Funded: \$12,000.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2003). *Posttraumatic stress responses and social support.* Mixed- collected data on 47 bereaved mothers, SIDS Foundation. Principal investigator. Funded: \$2500.

## **TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITY**

### *Undergraduate Courses*

- SWU420: Research Methods  
SWU 301: Human Behavior I  
SWU 498: Death & Dying  
SWU 402: Human Behavior II  
SWU 291: Social Service Delivery  
SWU 171: Introduction to Social Work

SWU 415: Field Seminar II

SWU 494: Restorative Spaces and Therapeutic Communities: Ecological care of humans, animals, and the earth

### *Graduate Courses*

SWG501: Human Behavior I

SWG502: Human Behavior II

SWG690: Readings in Death Studies

SWG577/591: Traumatic Death: Practice, Theory, and Research

SWG510: Social Work Foundation Practice I

SWG511: Social Work Foundation Practice II

SWG603: Social Work Practice in Healthcare Settings

SWG640: Professional Seminar

SWG591: War and Disaster

SWG591: War and Disaster, online

SWG591: Grief During the Covid-19 Pandemic

SWG693: Applied Project

SWG598: Restorative Spaces and Therapeutic Communities: Ecological care of humans, animals, and the earth

### *Development of New Courses*

(2020) SWG591: Grief During the Covid-19 Pandemic

(2020) SWU494/SWG498/CRD598: Restorative Spaces and Therapeutic Communities: Ecological care of humans, animals, and the earth

(2018) SWG591: War and Disaster, online format.

(2009) SWG591: War and Disaster.

(2005) SWG577: Traumatic Death

### *Doctoral Committees*

(2022-2025) Doctoral committee, Vincent Mangiapane, Doctorate in Psychology

(2019-2021) Doctoral committee, Elisabeth Zoë Lacey, Doctorate in Gender Studies

(2019-present) Doctoral committee, Mariah Sullivan, Doctorate in Nutrition and Health Promotion  
College of Health Solutions, Arizona State University

(2019) Doctoral committee, Livia Sani, doctorante en psychologie clinique.

Dissertation: *The psychological consequences of perinatal death: A longitudinal, mixed methods study. Les conséquences et le soutien psychologique après une perte périnatale. Etude longitudinale mixte de dix-huit mois menée auprès de vingt-neuf parents endeuillés.*

Department of Clinical Psychology, University of Strasbourg, Alsace, France

(2012-2019) Committee Chair, Kara Theileman, Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Work

Dissertation: *Selah: A mixed-methods investigation of the impact of a mindfulness-based retreat on parents mourning a child*

School of Social Work, Arizona State University

*Invited Keynote*

- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). *The relationship between substance use and suppressed bereavement experiences*. Erase the Stigma Educational Day on Behavioral Health and Addiction. Steps to Recovery Homes.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). Bereavement and Trauma. Keynote for Evermore Training Program.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). Caring for those enduring traumatic grief. Keynote, Yavapai County Community Health Program.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). *Grief care through a sustainable and equitable lens*. Adelphi University School of Social Work Conference on ecological justice and social work.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). When grief is traumatic. INELDA Annual Conference.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2023). *Good grief interventions and support: Novel interventions that really help*. Low Country Mental Health Conference, South Carolina Department of Mental Health. Charleston, South Carolina.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2022). *What is good grief support*. Brigham Young University, School of Social Work Annual Conference. Provo, Utah.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2022). *Good grief intervention when a baby dies*. PLIDA National Association Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2020). *Bearing the unbearable: The heartbreaking path of grief*. National Association of Social Workers. NASW Arizona Chapter Annual Conference. Phoenix, Arizona [Online].
- Cacciatore, J.** (2020). *Helping clients with traumatic grief*. National Association of Social Workers. Sioux Falls, South Dakota Chapter [Online].
- Cacciatore, J.** (2016). *I, thou, and we: Evidence based practice with traumatic grief*. International Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death (PLIDA) Annual Conference. Scottsdale, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2015). *Medicalizing grief: The indignity of pathologizing loss*. International Society of Ethical Psychiatry and Psychology (ISEPP) Annual Conference. Boston, Massachusetts.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2014). *When the unthinkable happens: Families facing traumatic grief*. Jewish Family and Children's Services. Scottsdale, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2013). *The body bears the burden: The biophysiological effects of trauma and grief*. Four Corners Indian Country Conference. Scottsdale, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2013). *When a baby dies: The changing landscape of perinatal death*. University of British Columbia/Still Life Canada. Vancouver British Columbia, Canada.
- Cacciatore, J., & Thieleman, K.** (2012). *Is it bereavement or mental illness: Dilemmas in the DSM-5*. Mental Health Tomorrow: Advancing the Paradigm Shift. University of Texas Pan-American. San Padre Island, Texas.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2012). *The grief journey: Body, mind, and spirit*. National Parents of Murdered Children Annual Conference. Tempe, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2012). *How learning about death teaches about life*. Northern Arizona University, Associated Students for Women's Issues Annual Conference. Flagstaff, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2012). *Mindfulness and caring during human suffering: A critical examination of psychopharmacological interventions for traumatic bereavement*. Empathic Therapy National Conference. Syracuse, New York.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2011). *Mindfully caring for suffering families*. SANDS New Zealand National Conference. Wanganui, New Zealand.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2011). *Of the soul and suffering: Loss and legacy*. Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Gathering of the Titans Conference. Boston, Massachusetts.

- Cacciatore, J.** (2010). *Suicide and traumatic death: Psychosocial care following traumatic death*. Kara's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Caregiver's Conference. Palo Alto, California.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2008). *When a child dies: Helping families facing the death of a child*. University of California at Davis, made possible by a grant from Children's Miracle Network. Davis, California.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *When a baby dies*. Arizona Department of Economic Security Annual State Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *Psychosocial intervention in perinatal death*. Arizona Perinatal Regional System Annual Meeting. Flagstaff, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2004). *Grieving children*. Tu Nidito Conference: Seasons of Grief. Tucson, Arizona.

### *Grand Rounds*

- Cacciatore, J.** (2020). Children's Hospital of Orange County: *Mindfulness in psychosocial care after the death or impending death of a child*. Los Angeles, California.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2015). Harvard Medical School at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center: *Death at life's beginning: The paradox of perinatal death*. Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2015). Tufts Medical School: *Vicarious trauma in providers and self-care as intervention*. Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2014). Cook Children's Healthcare System, pediatrics unit: *Attending to grief: The gift of full presence*. Fort Worth, Texas.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2014). Cook Children's Healthcare System, hematology/oncology: *The neuroscience of traumatic loss*. Fort Worth, Texas.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2012). Cook Children's Healthcare System, obstetrics, neonatal, pediatric, and oncology: *Mindfulness, psychosocial care, and bereaved parents*. Fort Worth, Texas.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2008). University of California at Davis, obstetrics: *Perinatal death: Social, emotional, and historic considerations*. Davis, California.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2008). University of California at Davis, oncology: *Helping families when a child is dying*. Davis, California.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2005). Phoenix Children's Hospital, pediatrics: *Perinatal death: Intervention, etiology, and pathology*. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2005). Orange County Children's Hospital, pediatrics: *Transcultural responses in mourning*. Los Angeles, California.

### *Refereed Presentations and Posters*

- Hvidtjørn, D., Hindsbak, N., Prinds, C., Mørk, S., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2024). *Social and professional support after termination of pregnancy due to fetal anomaly*. Abstract from Technodeath. Reproductive technologies and the remaking of life and death. Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Hvidtjørn, D., Hindsbak, N., Prinds, C., Mørk, S., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2023). *How bereaved parents experience support from health care professionals, friends, and family*. Abstract from 33rd ICM Triennial Congress, Bali, Indonesia.
- Huberty, J., Sullivan, M., Green, J., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2020). *Perceptions of social support in a small sample of women who participated in an online yoga intervention after stillbirth*. Society of Behavioral Medicine, Annals of Behavioral Medicine, 54, S666 [Canceled due to Covid 19 pandemic].

- Huberty, J., Matthews, J., Leiferman, J.L., Mitchell, J., **Cacciatore, J.**, & Gold, K. (2018, April 11-14). *Study protocol and phase one findings for a feasibility trial of an online yoga intervention for mothers after stillbirth* [Conference presentation]. Society of Behavioral Medicine. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Burden, C., Bradley, S., Storey, C., Ellis, A., Heazell, A., Downe, S., **Cacciatore, J.**, Siassakos, D. (2016, June 20-22). *From grief, guilt, pain, and stigma to hope and pride - a systematic review and meta-analysis of mixed-method research of the psychosocial impact of stillbirth* [Poster presentation]. Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecology World Congress. Birmingham, U.K.
- Farrales, L., Boshoff, L., Nanson, J., Farrales, M., Klein, M., Dharamsi, S., Simpson, C., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2015, October 2-4). *Canadian parents uncover gaps in care and build a community of support through community-based participatory research* [Conference presentation]. International Stillbirth Alliance Conference. Vancouver British Columbia, Canada.
- Farrales, L., Nanson, J., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2014, November 21-25). *Breaking the silence: Community-based participatory research project* [Conference presentation]. North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting. New York, N.Y.
- Cacciatore, J.**, & Thieleman, K. (2014, February 10-11). *Braving human suffering: Death education and its relationship to mindfulness and empathy*. American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Cacciatore, J.**, & Umphrey, L. (2013, April 24-27). *Sex and death: Intimacy and relationships after the death of a child* [Conference presentation]. Association for Death Education and Counseling. Los Angeles, California.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2012, February 22-25). *Through the touch of God: Child death and sustenance on a Hutterian colony* [Conference presentation]. Society for Cross-Cultural Research. Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Wonch, T., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2012, February 23-26). *Silent No More: Reproductive justice and recognizing stillbirth* [Conference presentation]. Eastern Sociological Society. New York, New York.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2011, October 28-29). *The Zen of death: A mindfulness-based bereavement care model* [Conference presentation]. International Society for Ethical Psychiatry and Psychology Annual Conference. Los Angeles, California.
- Umphrey, L., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2011, May 13-14). *Coping with the ultimate deprivation: Narrative themes in a bereavement support group* [Conference presentation]. Health Communication Division of the Eastern Communication Association Conference. Washington, D.C.
- Killian, M., **Cacciatore, J.**, & Lacasse, J. (2011, January 12-16). *The effects of self-blame on anxious and depressive symptoms among women who have experienced stillbirth* [Conference presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research. Tampa, Florida.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2010, October 7-9). *Beauty from pain: The paradox of suffering* [Conference presentation]. Arizona State University New College's New Approaches to Trauma: Bridging Theory and Practice. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2010, July 20-24). *Transforming suffering into human achievement* [Conference presentation]. Pan-African Family Strengths International Conference. Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Hill, T., Shreffler, K., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2009, August 7-9). *The effect of perinatal loss on marital dissolution* [Conference presentation]. Society for the Study of Social Problems. San Francisco, California.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2008, May 10-11). *Effects of support group participation on mothers after the death of a baby* [Conference presentation]. International Conference of Social Stress Research, University of New Hampshire. Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Froen, J.F., **Cacciatore, J.**, & Radestad, I. (2006, May 6-10). *Should stillbirth mothers see and hold their stillborn baby?* [Conference presentation]. National Conference of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists. Washington, D.C.

DeFraim, J., **Cacciatore, J.**, & Jones, K. (2005). *When a baby dies: Ambiguity and sudden intrauterine infant death* [Poster presentation]. University of Minnesota: Ambiguous Loss and Boundary Ambiguity Symposium. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### *Professional and Community Presentations*

- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). *Helping the Helpers in Wartime*. Ukrainian Mental Health Provider Group.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). *HOPE mentor training*. MISS Foundation.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). *Coping with catastrophic loss*. Center for Contemplative Consciousness.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). *Animals as healers*. Harvard University, Animal Law and Policy.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2025). *Read, learn, and grow: The hereafter*. Mayo Clinic.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2024). *Supporting those facing tragic loss*. Roots and Roads Hospice of Tucson.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2024). *Widowhood in America*. Modern Widows Club.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2023). *Grief and stress in medical providers*. Northern Arizona Healthcare.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2023). *Left alone: Finding support when your partner dies*. The Modern Widow Club National Conference.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2023). *Women's meeting about traumatic grief at the Perryville Prison*. Arizona State University.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2022). *Healing Through Grief: Alternative, Holistic & Creative Approaches Series*. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2022). *Good Grief Support: Why Mary Lincoln wasn't "crazy"*. Lincoln Ideas Series Lincoln Cottage.
- Cacciatore, J., & Thieleman, K.** (2022). *The medicalization of grief: Problems with Prolonged Grief Disorder*. The MISS Foundation provider and volunteer training.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2022). *How families bear the unbearable*. Arizona Child and Adolescent Survivor Initiative, community training.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2021). *Self care for grief counselors and hospice workers*. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross Foundation Brazil, provider training.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2020). *Helping clients facing catastrophic loss*. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross Foundation Brazil, provider training.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2020). *When a child dies: The duty of community*. Children's Hospital of Orange County, open community workshop.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2019). *Trauma and grief in first responders*. Chandler Fire Department and Crisis Response Team. Chandler, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2017). *The wounded healer: Vicarious trauma in obstetrical practice*. American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Conference, San Diego, California.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2017). *Carefarming: An alternative treatment for psychological care*. ISEPP Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2017). *The nature of intergenerational trauma*. Meeting of the Gila River Indian Reservation. Sacaton, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2017). *Context in traumatic grief*. Seminar series for the Global Alliance for Nursing and Midwifery. Online series.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2016). *I, thou, & we: Attending to the needs of the traumatically bereaved*. Aspen Valley Hospital and Pathfinders Conference. Aspen, Colorado.

- Cacciatore, J.** (2016). *I, thou, & we: Attending to the needs of the traumatically bereaved*. Valley View Hospital conference. Glenwood Springs, Colorado.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2016). *Yes, I love me! Vicarious trauma and self-compassion amongst medical care providers*. International PLIDA Annual Conference. Scottsdale, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2015). *Vicarious trauma in providers and self-care as intervention*. Tufts University School of Medicine at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Newton, Massachusetts.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2015). *Compassionate bereavement care*. Zen Garland. Stony Point, New York.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2014). *When children die: Individual, familial, and provider effects*. Medical Bereavement Symposium at the Cook Children's Healthcare System. Fort Worth, Texas.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2014). *When your patient dies: The inevitable pain of provider loss*. Hematology/oncology Retreat, at the Cook Children's Healthcare System. Fort Worth, Texas.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2013). *Crisis intervention with grieving families*. Maricopa County Medical Examiner's Office. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2013). *Grief: What is normal, vicarious, complicated, and otherwise*. Flagstaff Medical Center. Flagstaff, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2013). *The psychosocial effects of perinatal death*. *Still Life Canada*. Vancouver British Columbia, Canada.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2012). *The neuroscience of traumatic loss: Effects of trauma on the brain*. National Parents of Murdered Children Annual Conference. Tempe, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2011). *Mindfulness-based bereavement and self care for medical professionals: a two-day workshop*. Flagstaff Medical Center. Flagstaff, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2011). *Conversations about death*. Pennsylvania State University. York, Pennsylvania.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2011). *Posttraumatic growth in bereaved parents*. Sweet Pea Community Outreach Project at the Mulberry Arts Studio. Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2011). *ATTEND Model of psychosocial intervention: A lecture to psychology students*. University of Memphis. Memphis, Tennessee.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2010). *The dying child: Helping families facing a fatal diagnosis*. Arizona Bereavement Alliance. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2010). *Trauma narratives in the lives of foster children*. Sunshine Residential Homes training. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2010). *From heartbreak to hope: Perinatal and pediatric hospice*. Arizona Bereavement Alliance. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2010). *Parents of Murdered Children. Traumatic loss*. Meeting presentation. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2009). *Working with families in crisis*. Valle de Sol. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2009). *Ethical and spiritual dilemmas in hospice end-of-life care*. Arizona State University West. Glendale, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2008). *When children die: Psychosocial care in pediatric ICU*. John C. Lincoln Hospital. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2008). *Helping families facing loss*. Phoenix Police Department, Homicide Unit. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2008). *Trauma and loss in Child Protective Services involved families*. Presentation to family therapists. Tempe, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Hospital social work after traumatic deaths*. Flagstaff Medical Center, an open meeting. Flagstaff, Arizona.

- Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Grief and attachment in the lives of foster children*. Sunshine Residential Homes employee training. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Neonatal Intensive Care Units: Psychosocial care*. Phoenix Children's Hospital. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *The grieving family: Empirical evidence for psychosocial intervention*. Prevent Child Abuse Arizona Conference. Chandler, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Stillbirth: The symbiotic nature of love and traumatic grief*. Los Angeles Children's Hospital's Third Annual Grief Symposium. Los Angeles, California.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Reproductive losses in the hospital setting: Providing non-intrusive care for women*. Sun Health Hospital Women's Center. Sun City West, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Facilitator training: Culturally sensitive bereavement interventions*. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2006). *Understanding and facilitating familial mourning*. Healthy Families Arizona Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2006). *Stillbirth and early infant death: Working compassionately with families*. Phoenix Baptist Hospital. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2006). *Trauma in children and adolescents*. Free Arts Day at Sunshine Residential Homes. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2006). *The symbiotic nature of love and grief*. Prevent Child Abuse Arizona State Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *Cultural competency and mourning*. National Association of Death Education and Counseling Annual Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *The microculture of the grieving family*. Prevent Child Abuse Arizona State Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *The effects of perinatal death on the family system*. University of Arizona Medical School. Tucson, Arizona.
- Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *The effects of support group participation on traumatic grief*. Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Women's and Children's Health, High Risk Perinatal Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.

## SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

### *School of Social Work*

- (2006-Present) Director of the Graduate Certificate in Trauma and Bereavement Program
- (2025) Advanced Generalist Committee
- (2025) Promotion and Tenure Committee, co-chair
- (2025) *Bereavement*: Lunch presentation for PhD students
- (2024) Carefarming host, Jinyeong Bae, Ph.D, Fulbright Visiting Scholar, School of Social Work, Arizona State University, along with 10 students from Korea
- (2024) Co-chair, Promotion and Committee
- (2024) Keynote presentation, *The surveillance of grief and grievers: A sustainable alternative to the pathologization of bereavement*. Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- (2008- Present) Lead instructor, SWG577 Trauma and Death; SWG591 War & Disaster; SWG626 Crisis Intervention; Restorative Spaces and Therapeutic Communities (2022)

- (2023) School of Social Work's Lunch and Learn, *Navigating grief and stress through the holidays*
- (2022-2023) School of Social Work, Promotion and Tenure Committee
- (2022) Seminar for the Family Violence Center, Arizona Child and Adolescent Survivor Initiative: *Traumatic Grief in Families*.
- (2018-2022) School of Social Work, Scholarship Review Committee
- (2021-2022) School of Social Work, Search Committee
- (2019-2020) School of Social Work, Promotion and Tenure Committee
- (2017-2018) Co-chair, School of Social Work, Promotion and Tenure Committee
- (2011-2016) Advanced Direct Practice Committee
- (2009 to 2016) Arizona State University BSW Committee
- (2016) Community event with Rich Gorman, University of Cardiff, Wales, *Health, place, and animals: Toward more than human therapeutic practices and spaces*.
- (2011-2013) Faculty advisor for mindfulness meditation student group
- (2011) Socratic Lunch and Learn Series, Arizona State University School of Social Work: *A Box Full of Darkness: Traumatic grief and mindfulness practice*
- (2011) Lead faculty, BSW Practice Series
- (2009 to 2010) Arizona State University MSW Foundation Committee
- (2008-2009) Lead faculty, Arizona State University, Masters of Social Work Human Behavior in the Social Environment series
- (2006) Developed the Graduate Certificate in Trauma and Bereavement Program

### *Independent Studies and Mentoring*

- (2024) Mentor, PhD student, Patricia Turner, F31 NIH grant, *Growing Peer Relationships for the Negative Symptoms of Psychosis*
- (2024) Consultant, MSW student Jackie Spencer, Florida State University "On Grief and AP"
- (2022-2023) Mentor and field supervisor, MSW student, Brooke Heare
- (2021) Field supervisor, CTB student, Lori Barnes, N.D.
- (2021) Field supervisor, CTB student, Jessica Mairose
- (2021) Field supervisor, MSW student, Kawoni Davis
- (2020-2021) Field supervisor, MSW student, Johanna Fierstein
- (2020-2021) Mentor, Community Resources and Development student, Virginia Miller
- (2020) Independent Study, PhD student, Mariah Sullivan
- (2020) Independent Study, CTB student, Lori Barnes, N.D.
- (2018-2019) Field supervisor, MSW student, Emma Jones
- (2018-2019) Mentor, MSW student, Andrea Sierra Torres
- (2019) Mentor, MSW student, Jamie Novotny
- (2018-2020) Mentor, Masters student in Community Resources and Development, Virginia Miller
- (2017-2019) Field supervisor, MSW student, Angela DeBenedetto

- (2017-2019) Mentor, MSW student, Tim Rogers
- (2019) Independent Study, MSW student, Annee Jenks
- (2017) Independent Study, MSW student, Andrea Sierra Torres
- (2014-2016) Mentor, MSW student, Keiran Vitek
- (2014) Independent Study, MSW student, Valeria Littlejohn
- (2014) Independent Study, MSW student, Anne Charlotte Williams
- (2014) Independent Study, MSW student, Brea Guadalupe Barajas
- (2013) Independent Study, MSW student, Patricia Keough
- (2013) Independent Study, MSW student, Angela Lieber
- (2012) Mentor, Barrett Honors College BSW student, Kristyn McLeod
- (2012) Mentor, Barrett Honors College BSW student, Emilie Doering
- (2012) Mentor, Barrett Honors College BSW student, Carissa Pappas
- (2011) Independent Study, MSW student, Sam Chates
- (2011) Independent Study, MSW student, Cybele Blood
- (2011) Independent Study, PhD student, Suzanne Pullen
- (2010-2011) Independent Study, MSW student, Rebecca Ong
- (2010-2011) Field supervisor, MSW student, Kara Theieleman
- (2011) Field supervisor, MSW student, Bianca Mera
- (2010-2011) Independent Study, MSW student, Kelly Orłowski
- (2010-2011) Independent Study, MSW student, Roxanna Tieling
- (2010-2011) Independent Study, BSW student, Lori Salyer
- (2008) Independent Study, MSW student, Zulma Raffo

*Arizona State University*

- (2022) Selah Carefarm host for Young Southeast Asian Leader Initiative
- (2018-present) Wrigley Institute of Sustainability Scholar
- (2013-present) Member, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Family Communication Consortium
- (2015) Presenter, College of Public Programs speaker series: *Why death and grief are necessary for life and joy*
- (2015) Presenter on trauma and grief to ASU's Mandela Washington Fellows
- (2013) Lecture on traumatic bereavement in School of Letters and Sciences, Dr. Rajni Nair
- (2010) Planning committee: Arizona State University New College's Fall conference: *New Approaches to Trauma: Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Practice*

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

- (2025) Evermore, Expert Committee Member, *Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)*, Eugene Washington Engagement Award Program, Accelerating the Bereavement Field Toward Patient-Centered CER Contract #EACB-38968
- (2024) Subject Matter Expert Panelist, *Quality Bereavement Care*: Sponsored by Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) meeting, Rockville, Maryland, June 10-11.
- (2023-2024) Technical Expert, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Evidence Reports: *Interventions to Improve Care of Bereaved Persons*, Rockville, Maryland
- (2023-2024) Member, *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and National Institutes of Health (NIH), Stillbirth Working Group of Council
- (2022) Presenter, *Psychological impact and treatment for mothers following stillbirth*  
*Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
National Institutes of Health
- (2021) Grant proposal reviewer, Israel Science Foundation, Humanities and Social Science
- (2011-present) Editorial Board, *Journal of Loss and Trauma*
- (2011-2013) Consultant, Society for Humanistic Psychology, Division 32 American Psychological Association

#### *Ad Hoc Reviews*

- (2025) Reviewer for *Death Studies* (2)
- (2025) Reviewer for *Journal for Loss and Trauma* (2)
- (2025) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying* (2)
- (2025) Reviewer for *Journal of Humanistic Psychology* (2)
- (2024) Reviewer for *Journal for Loss and Trauma* (2)
- (2024) Reviewer for *European Journal of Psychotraumatology*
- (2024) Reviewer for *Journal for Loss and Trauma*
- (2024) Reviewer for *Text Matters: A Journal of Literature, Theory and Culture*, Vol. 14:  
Dwelling and Belonging: Reimaginings and Redescriptions
- (2022) Reviewer for *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry*
- (2022) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2022) Reviewer for *Mortality*
- (2022) Reviewer for *Death Studies*
- (2022) Reviewer for *Psychological Trauma: Theory, research, practice, and policy*
- (2022) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2022) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2021) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2021) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2021) Reviewer for *Death Studies*
- (2020) Reviewer for *Death Studies*
- (2020) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2019) Reviewer for *Comprehensive Psychiatry*
- (2019) Reviewer for *Mortality*
- (2019) Reviewer for *Death Studies*
- (2019) Reviewer for *Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology*

- (2018) Reviewer for *Death Studies*
- (2018) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2018) Reviewer for *PLOS One*
- (2017) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2017) Reviewer for *PLOS One*
- (2017) Reviewer for *Journal of Genetics Counseling*
- (2017) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2016) Reviewer for *Woman's Studies International Forum*
- (2016) Reviewer for *Journal of Loss and Trauma*
- (2015) Reviewer for *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*
- (2015) Reviewer for *Psychology of Women Quarterly*
- (2015) Reviewer for *Death Studies*
- (2014) Reviewer for *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*
- (2014) Reviewer for *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*
- (2014) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2013) Reviewer for *Psychiatric Research*
- (2013) Reviewer for *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2013) Reviewer for *General Hospital Psychiatry*
- (2013) Reviewer for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
- (2012) Reviewer for *British Medical Journal*
- (2012) Reviewer for *International Journal for Religious Studies*
- (2012) Reviewer for *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*
- (2012) Reviewer for *British Journal of Social Work*
- (2012) Reviewer for *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2011) Reviewer for *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*
- (2011) Reviewer for *Western Journal of Nursing Research*
- (2011) Reviewer for *Death Studies*
- (2011) Reviewer for *Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare*
- (2010) Reviewer for *International Journal of Stress Management*
- (2010) Reviewer for *Death Studies*
- (2009) Reviewer for *Death Studies*
- (2009) Reviewer for *International Journal of Stress Management*
- (2008) Reviewer for *Journal of Marriage and Family Therapy*

#### *Other Service*

- (2024) *Bearing the Unbearable Fireside Author Discussion*, NAACP, New York
- (2024) *Conversations that Matter* video series, Bearing the Unbearable cards
- (2024) Consultant, Calm app, new grief series
- (2024) Consultant, Dona Dona and Magnolia Harbor Carefarm mentor and consultant
- (2024) Featured appearance, *Rescued Hearts* documentary
- (2023) Instructor, Grief Tending Educational Series, Hummingbird House, Queensland, Australia

- (2023) Operations Manual, Selah Carefarm, lead author and editor
- (2022) Israeli Science Foundation, Humanities and Social Science, grant proposal reviewer
- (2020) Tenure reviewer, Rutgers School of Social Work
- (2016) Training on *Cultural perspectives on psychosocial support after perinatal death*. Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, Maryland.
- (2013) Presenter, MOOC on the bereavement exclusion in the DSM-5. Sponsored by the California School of Professional Psychology
- (2010) Teaching partner, Grief and Bereavement Team, *Global Consortium for Education in Family Studies*, Graduate Program in International Family Studies
- (2009) Content Editor for Western School. Course in Grief, Trauma, & Bereavement

### *Publisher Book Reviews*

- Yalom, I. & Yalom, M. (2020). *A Matter of Death and Life*. Redwood Publishing.
- Helbert, K. (2019). *Yoga for Grief and Loss*. Kingsley Publishing.
- Starr, M. (2018). *Wild Mercies*. Sounds True.
- Helbert, K. (2016). *Yoga for Grief and Loss*. Kingsley Publishing.
- Weller, F. (2015). *The Wild Edge of Sorrow*. North Atlantic Books.
- Starr, M. (2015). *Caravan of No Despair*. Sounds True.
- Helbert, K. (2012). *Finding Your Own Way to Grieve: A creative activity workbook for kids and teens on the autism spectrum*. Kingsley Publishing.
- Breggin, P. (2012) *Psychiatric Drug Withdrawal*. Springer Publishing.
- Olson, D. H., DeFrain, J., & Skogrand, L. (2008). *Marriages and families: Intimacy, diversity and strengths* (6th ed.). McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

## **SELECT COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ADVOCACY**

### *Expert Witness*

- (2012) State of Arizona v. Martinson
- (2011) Amicus Curiae, Legal Voice, expert authority, Indiana Court of Appeals  
State of Indiana, Appellee, v. Bei Bei Shuai, Appellant
- (2010) Amicus Brief, expert authority in the Supreme Court of the State of Mississippi.  
State of Mississippi, Appellee, v. Rennie T. Gibbs, Appellant
- (2007) Expert witness. Wisconsin Supreme Court. Pierce v. Physicians Insurance Company of Wisconsin, Inc. No. 01-2710

### *Boards and Consulting*

- (2025) Founder, Compassionate Carefarm Coalition
- (2019-2021) Harpo Production's Mental Health Advisory Board

*One of fourteen invited advisors for multi-part, mental health series by executive producers, Oprah Winfrey and Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, in coordination with Apple TV and Radical Media titled 'The Me You Can't See'*

- (2024) Hartford HealthCare, Adult Psychiatry  
*Consultant to Raja Ramis Akhtar, MD*
- (2024) Designer and writer, Cards for Bearing the Unbearable. Simon and Schuster.
- (2023-2024) Stillbirth Working Group of the International Stillbirth Alliance
- (2022) Designer, writer, and narrator of the *Grieving* meditation series for the Calm app.
- (2021-2023) Global Majority Caucus member, Encompass Movement
- (2020) Consultant, Abraham Lincoln's Cottage, "Reflections on grief and child loss" exhibit  
*"A first of its kind exhibit that bridges the Lincolns' experience of the death of their children with modern families whose children have died inexplicably or from illness, disease, physical and gun violence and identify themes and ideas to bring light to the experience of child loss across time and experience. The exhibit will remain open for at least two years."*  
[www.lincolncottage.org/event/exhibit-on-grief/](http://www.lincolncottage.org/event/exhibit-on-grief/)
- (1996-present) Founder and Chief Executive Officer, *MISS Foundation*  
*The MISS Foundation is a 501 (c) 3, volunteer based organization committed to providing crisis support and long term aid to families after the death of a child from any cause. MISS also participates in legislative and advocacy work, community engagement and volunteerism, and culturally competent, multidisciplinary, education opportunities. There are currently more than 70 chapters around the world, including Romania, Mexico, and Canada. More information*  
[www.MISSFoundation.org](http://www.MISSFoundation.org)
- (2017-present) Founder, Selah Carefarm, volunteer crisis intervention counselor  
*The first sustainable carefarm in the world serving families suffering traumatic grief while bringing them together in a rural natural setting with more than 40 rescued domestic and farm animals. Provide emergency and crisis counseling on weekends to high suicide risk clients and clients involved in heavily publicized traumatic deaths such as school shootings and mass disasters. More information:* [www.SelahCarefarm.com](http://www.SelahCarefarm.com)
- (2006- present) Advisory Board of Directors, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation
- (2012- present) Auxiliary Board of Directors, Ronan Thompson Foundation for Pediatric Cancer
- (2014-present) International Stillbirth Alliance, Scientific Advisory Committee
- (2014-present) Volunteer facilitator, MISS Foundation bereaved parent support group (in person and virtual)
- (2017-2023) Graduate intern supervisor for the Selah Carefarm
- (2010-2020) Teacher's Circle, Zen Garland Spiritual Community
- (2014-2019) Volunteer clinician and leader, Selah: traumatic grief 4-day meditation retreat (suspended due to Covid-19)
- (2014-2020) Director, MISS Foundation's "wounded healer" two-day retreat
- (2001 to 2019) Consultant, HB2416; SB1003 Tax exemption Bill; SB1203: Unexplained Infant Death Advisory Council; and legislation in 40 other states
- (2016-2018) Board Member, International Society for Ethical Psychiatry and Psychology

- (2016-2017) HealthCare Chaplaincy Network, Director of Professional and Community Education
- (2016) HealthCare Chaplaincy Network, Standards of Practice Committee
- (2015) Organizer, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director's Award Ceremony
- (2015-2016) Writer, *Mad in America*
- (2012) Co-Chair, MISS Foundation's International Conference: The Transformative Nature of Grief
- (2012) Speaker, The Compassionate Friends *Worldwide Remembrance Day*
- (2011) Chair, *International Kindness Project Day*
- (2010) Chair, *Community Barefoot Walkabout to Remember*, Sedona, Arizona
- (2006-2010) Member, Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Women and Children's Health. *Unexplained Infant Death Advisory Council*
- (2010) Development of two new family services programs within the MISS Foundation's clinical practice: 1) *Native American Bereaved Parent Support Group Outreach* and 2) *Perinatal Hospice Support Program*
- (2010) Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board
- (2010) Co-chair, MISS Foundation's International conference: *Exploring Mindful Grief*, Fall of 2010
- (2010) Clinician, pro bono, *Center for Loss and Trauma*, Phoenix, Arizona
- (2009) Chair, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, *Bereavement Center Planning Committee*
- (2007) Consultant, *Daniel's STAR* to the New York State Legislature
- (2007) Director of MISS Foundation's advocacy program, NIH federal funding program for perinatal death research
- (1998-2004) Family Liaison, Maricopa County Medical Examiner's Office, Phoenix, AZ  
*Volunteer* of individual counseling services and debriefing to physicians, investigators, and families; liaison for death notification and postmortem family support; inservice training on culturally sensitive psychosocial care.

## SELECT MEDIA

Dunn, J. (2024, October 10). *One thing never to say to a grieving friend*. New York Times.

Brodie, M. (2024, May 22). *Start ups are using AI to help connect people with loved ones who died*. NPR Here and Now.

Kiley, B. (2023, November 24). *Seattle area groups bring mourning into the light*. The Seattle Times.

Agarwal, M. (2023, November 21). *The race to optimize grief*. Vox.

Dodd, J. (2023, August 2). *After Daughter's Death, Mom Creates Carefarm — with Rescued Animals — to Help Others Suffering from Loss*. People Magazine.

- O’Callaghan, H. (2023, May 19). *The anatomy of grief: How loss and loneliness can affect your physical health*. The Irish Examiner.
- Innes, C. (2023, March 1). *The biology of bereavement*. Women’s Health UK.
- Hensius, R. (2022, December 5). *The Selah Carefarm harnesses the power of nature to help cope with grief*. NPR All Things Considered.
- Baccaus, D. (2022, December 5). *Arizona farm helps heal pain*. CBS National News.
- Sedensky, M. (2022, October 20). *Arizona farm gives refuge from pain, for man and beast alike*. Associated Press.
- Khan, A. (2022, April 21). *Prolonged grief is now labelled a disorder: Not all psychiatrists agree*. Vice.
- Barry, E. (2022, March 18). *How long should it take to grieve? Psychiatry has come up with an answer*. The New York Times.
- Cacciatore, J. (2022, February 11). *When my child died, every cell in my body hurt: She was worth every tear I shed*. A series on women’s reclamation led by V, formerly Eve Ensler. The Guardian.
- Dastagir, A. (2022, February 11). *When someone is grieving, is an emoji really enough?* USA Today.
- Reilly, K.C. (2021, August 3). *It’s time to change the toxic narrative around grief*. Newsweek. [Link](#).
- NPR Radiolab. (2021, July 23). *The Queen of Dying: A year long nuanced look at the work of Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross*. [Link](#).
- Oprah Winfrey and Prince Harry. (2021, May 17). *The Me You Can’t See: We need each other* (episode 4). Series expert, the Selah Carefarm. Apple TV.
- McGreevy, N. (2021, May 14). *Why historians should re-evaluate Mary Todd Lincoln’s oft-misunderstood grief*. Smithsonian Magazine.
- Brockell, G. (2021, May 1). *Mary Lincoln wasn’t ‘crazy.’ She was a bereaved mother, new exhibit says*. Washington Post. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2021/05/01/mary-lincoln-bereaved-mother/?fbclid=IwAR3PzCLMrLYvWu03wNGDU-IdO\\_XMR6PcWvahhFwGj7wAWhcs5BJkHfh6nRY](https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2021/05/01/mary-lincoln-bereaved-mother/?fbclid=IwAR3PzCLMrLYvWu03wNGDU-IdO_XMR6PcWvahhFwGj7wAWhcs5BJkHfh6nRY)
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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- (2025) Inducted as a Fellow of The American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare (AASWSW) recognizing distinguished accomplishments of scholars, practice, and/or policy leaders dedicated to achieving excellence in high-impact work to advance social good.
- (2025) Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) Research Recognition Award honors an individual with expertise in the field of thanatology who is actively conducting or who has conducted research in the last 25 years that adds/contributes significantly to the ADEC Body of Knowledge in studies concerning death and loss.
- (2023) Woman's Philanthropy Leader Award, Sedona Chamber of Commerce, for International Women's Leadership Day
- (2022) Behavioral Health Legacy Award, Arizona State University  
*Given to individuals and agencies throughout the state for their significant contributions to the improvement, access, and impact of behavioral health care*
- (2021) Transformational Educator of the Year, NASW-Az Chapter
- (2017) Indies Book of the Year Award, Self Help, submitted by Simon and Schuster, Wisdom Publications
- (2014) Distinguished Service Award, International Society for Ethical Psychology and Psychiatry
- (2012) Father Ken Czillinger Award, National Organization of the Parents of Murdered Children  
*For work on the behalf of survivors of homicide and in recognition of outstanding contribution, dedication and sensitivity to victims of violent crime*
- (2012) Empathic Therapist of the Year Award, Center for the Study of Empathic Therapy and Education  
*For scholarly contributions and practice in the field of trauma and bereavement*
- (2012) Women Who Move the Valley Award, Arizona Foothills Magazine  
*For women who contribute to the well-being of Arizona's citizens*
- (2007) Hon Kachina Volunteer Award  
*The Hon Kachina Volunteer Award is given by the Hon Kachina Council to honor people making significant volunteer contributions to the healthcare field. This program is an extension of the rich*

*heritage of volunteerism provided by St. Luke's Medical Center in Phoenix for nearly 100 years. It is a highly prestigious and competitive award designed to both recognize the achievement of outstanding Arizona volunteers and to increase public awareness about volunteerism.*

- (2007) Sr Teresa Compassionate Care Award, *Hospice of Arizona*
- (2004) Arizona Woman of Influence, *Hospice of the Valley*
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