



DIGITAL DEATH:

GRIEVING THE DEAD IN THE
CONTEMPORARY WORLD

PRESENTED BY:

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In this presentation, Dr. Cann examines different types of virtual memorials--funeral industry virtual memorials offered as part of burial packages, community-driven bereavement sites, and spontaneous social network memorial sites-- examining how they are being used to mourn and interact with the dead. Particular attention is paid to how the language utilized by the bereaved in these memorial sites contributes to the shifting of mourning from a fixed physical location to a virtual and public sphere. Dr. Cann posits that the internet, social media and phone apps ultimately function to democratize dying, death and grief.

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