



Teaching Death, Grief and Bereavement

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Taking a holistic approach, Neil Thompson and Gerry R. Cox propose a rich variety of methods for teaching death, grief and bereavement. Recognizing the sensitivity and complexity of these issues, the authors have developed this guide to help teachers in higher and further education provide high-quality teaching and training around death and mortality, dying and end-of-life care and grief and bereavement.

Thompson and Cox address the key challenges of teaching in these areas as well as the complex relationship between theory and practice, putting forward a 'theorizing practice' approach. Analysing the role of sociopolitical factors, such as gender and culture, the authors explore the differences between personal and collective responses to death and loss. The book also provides extensive practical guidance in the form of over 80 exercises, tips, advice on pitfalls to avoid, and handouts to be used in class.

Teaching Death, Grief and Bereavement is a valuable resource for teachers and lecturers specializing in death, grief and bereavement, as well as educators in social work, social care, healthcare, nursing and counselling

This volume is an exemplary contribution to the fields of thanatology and bereavement studies. It offers clear and accessible guidance on a challenging subject. One of the most commendable features of the book is its practical orientation. The authors bridge the gap between theoretical insights and real-world application by including chapters on reflective practice, the sociological imagination, and applied exercises. This integration ensures that educators can understand the content and effectively translate it into meaningful learning experiences. The authors' extensive expertise shines through, providing readers with a rich blend of personal reflections, academic rigour, and practical advice. This text is a must-read for social work, psychology, and palliative care education professionals. It equips educators with the knowledge and confidence needed to navigate the complexities of grief education with integrity and compassion.'

– Christopher Hall, CEO, Grief Australia, Australia

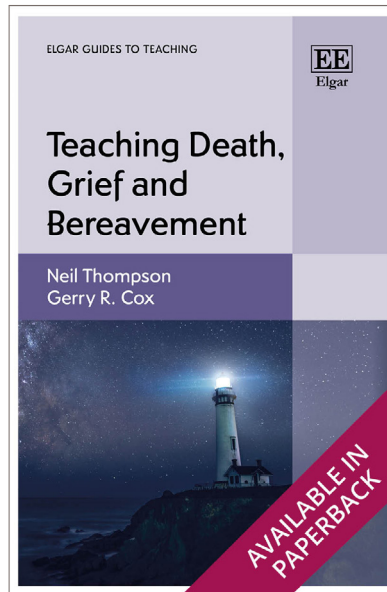
'Informed by a rich lifetime of work and years of experience as classroom-based educators, this book will serve as a valuable resource for instructors—whether new or more established—in the field of death, dying and bereavement. It is replete with a bounty of classroom exercises and practical guidance on delivering sessions from some of the world's leading authorities in the field. I only wish it had existed when I first set out on my teaching journey!'

– Michael Brennan, Liverpool Hope University, UK

'This is a unique book. In nearly 50 years of teaching and writing in the field of death, dying, and bereavement, I do not believe I have seen a book with the distinctive qualities of this one.'

– From the Foreword by Charles A. Corr, Professor Emeritus, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, USA

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