

Candi Cann, Ph.D.

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Biography

Dr. Candi K. Cann teaches World Cultures, Social World, World Religions, Death and Dying in World Religions, and Buddhism at Baylor University, and teaches in both the BIC and the Religion department. She received both her A.M. and Ph.D. in Comparative Religion from Harvard University, an M.A. in Asian Religions from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and a B.A. in Asian Studies and English from St. Andrews in North Carolina.

Dr. Cann's research focuses on death and dying, and the impact of remembering (and forgetting) in shaping how lives are recalled, remembered and celebrated. She examined this theme through martyrdom in her early scholarship, but more recently has shifted to "virtual" memorials, specifically examining internet memorials and social network sites as a way for remembering the dead. Dr. Cann's last book, *Virtual Afterlives: Grieving the Dead in the Twenty-first Century* with the University Press of Kentucky (2014), centered on grief and memorialization in the contemporary world. She has also written various chapters and articles on digital death and grief. Her next book, *Dying to Eat: Cross Cultural Perspectives on Food, Death and the Afterlife* (also with University Press of Kentucky, 2017), is an edited collection on the intersection of food in death and grief. For her newest book, *WhiteOut* (Indiana University Press, anticipated 2018), Dr. Cann is researching diversity in death, examining the whitening of the funeral industry and death studies, and arguing that the field of death and grief has been heavily influenced by white and Protestant worldviews.

Dr. Cann's own fieldwork has largely occurred in China and Argentina. She has lived and worked in various regions of China, first working for the Amity Foundation in China, and later helping write the first *Let's Go* travel guide for China. Additionally, she has lived and worked in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in addition to studying at the Departamento Ecuménico de Investigaciones (DEI) in San Jose, Costa Rica, and heading the Latino Cultural Center (as GA) for two years at MIT. Currently, she heads the Baylor in Hawaii Program, slated to start the summer of 2018.

Dr. Cann regularly blogs for the Huffington Post on issues related to death and dying, and actively tweets on the subject as well. When she is not thinking about and writing on death, Dr. Cann attempts to live well, pursuing her love of travel, reading, surfing, and writing poetry.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

World Religions, Buddhism, Death and Dying, Digital Afterlife, Modern Mourning Practices, World Cultures, Hispanic Bereavement Customs

Education

Harvard University
Ph.D. Comparative Religion

Harvard University
A.M. Comparative Religion

University of Hawaii at Manoa
M.A. Asian Religions

St. Andrew's Presbyterian College
B.A. English

Accomplishments

Princeton University Visiting Scholar
2015

Princeton Theological Seminary, Visiting Scholar
2015

NEH/ALA Muslim Journeys Bookshelf Grant (Co-PI)
2013

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