

2020 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR SPIRITUAL CARE PRACTITIONERS

Second Wednesday of each month from March 2020 – Nov 2020...with a break in July

2020 Date	Venue	Speaker(s) / Roles	Topic
MARCH 11th	Royal Melbourne Hospital	Panel (Facilitator: David Glenister) Lina Ayoubi -Muslim Father Emmanuel - Orthodox Sharon Mongta - Social Worker (Aboriginal Health) at Royal Melbourne Health	Multifaith Panel on Death and Dying
APRIL 8th	via Zoom	Ilsa Hampton	Reflections on the Royal Commission & COVID-19 impacts on spiritual care in aged care
MAY 13th	via Zoom	Lynn Gillam	Ethical Issues in Pandemic conditions
JUNE 10th	via Zoom	James Godfrey	Social Justice and Spiritual Care
** JULY BREAK **			
AUGUST 12th	via Zoom	Caroline Carroll OAM	Childhood abuse and effects in adulthood and associated problems when in hospital, prison and aged care
SEPTEMBER 9th	via Zoom	Rev'd Glenn Loughrey	Is Being Aboriginal Enough? Aboriginal Spirituality v's Aboriginality
OCTOBER 14th	via Zoom	Rev'd Dr Chris Turner	Moral Stress and Moral Injury in Clinical Spiritual Care Context
NOVEMBER 11th	via Zoom	Margaret O'Connor AM	Voluntary Assisted Dying - 12 months on

TOPIC BLURBS and PRESENTER BIOS

Wednesday March 11, 2020

TOPIC: Multifaith Panel – Rituals in Death and Dying in different faith traditions facilitated by David Glenister.

BIOS:

Lina Ayoubi (Khalto). Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV) Hospital and Prison Pastoral Care Coordinator. ICV Muslim Connect officer (supporting women post release). Interfaith/multicultural representative at the Islamic Council of Victoria. Executive officer for Women and Family issues, Board of Imams Victoria (BOIV). Established BOIV Women and Family Relationships Centre BOIV WFRC 2016. Member of Spiritual Care Australia and SCA (Vic) Executive since 2014. SCA National board member since 2018. Speaker/educator on Islamic practices and spirituality especially in health-related contexts. Background in electrical engineering and international studies (BA)

Rev Emmanuel Lykopandis is a Greek Orthodox priest and has a Bachelor of Theology from St Andrews Theological College in Sydney. In 2003 he was ordained and sent as Assistant Priest to St Dimitrios Moonee Ponds. Since His Ordination Rev Emmanuel Lykopandis has represented the Archdiocese in the following organisations: Royal Melbourne Hospital as Chaplain as well as Chaplain to (RMH) Royal Park, Royal Women's and Children's Hospitals. From 2004- 2015 he contributed to the Victorian Council of Churches by organising the Greek Orthodox Church to be on the executive council and was head of the Eastern Faith Committee as well as part of the State Emergency Ministries. From 2006-2014 Father Emmanuel contributed to the Victorian Multicultural Commission and was part of the Advisory Committee to the Premier of Victoria and he also worked on the Racial and Religious Tolerance Act of Parliament. From 2006-2014 he was part of the Heads of Churches Victoria representing the Greek Orthodox bishops. Father Emmanuel has also been a Victorian Police Chaplain since 2014. From 1999 till 2002 He was employed as a Theatre technician at the Royal Melbourne Hospital Emergency Department.

Sharon Mongta is a Social Worker focusing on (Aboriginal Health) at The Royal Melbourne Hospital. Sharon's background heritage is Aboriginal and Maltese. Sharon's Aboriginality is Monero from the Southern Monero Ngarigo country. These lands and waters lie in the Monero Snowy Mountains, and the Alpine areas of both NSW and Victoria. Her totem is the Bogong Moth. She has a strong passion for making a difference in her community by empowering her Aboriginal community throughout their health care journey. Aboriginal health is dedicated to a holistic understanding of health, referring to the social, emotional, spiritual and cultural wellbeing of the whole community. Encompassing the importance of social justice, equality in health outcomes, traditional healing, cultural knowledge and acknowledging connection to country. Sharon has extensive experience working in identified roles in various settings. Most recently Sharon worked for Forensicare at Ravenhall Correctional Centre as their inaugural Aboriginal Health & Wellbeing Worker. Sharon also has more than a decade of experience providing a culturally sensitive service for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children through her role as a senior Aboriginal Case Manager in paediatrics at Wadja Aboriginal family Place, The Royal Children's Hospital. Sharon previously worked at The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA), a state-wide Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) servicing children, young people, families, and community members. Sharon is an active participant of the Advisory Group 'Exploring the contribution of Indigenous Cultural Practices for Health and Wellbeing in Indigenous young people' which is funded by the Million Minds \$5 m Program Grant led by the University of Melbourne.

Wednesday April 8, 2020

TOPIC: Reflections on the Royal Commission & COVID-19 impacts on spiritual care in aged care. The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety is broadcasting the weaknesses and inequities in the aged care system for all to see. There is an opportunity for spiritual care as more and more people are now talking about the desire to have real relationships with people who are compassionate and caring. This presentation will highlight these opportunities and the ways that Meaningful Ageing Australia is working to make spiritual care part of the national conversation.

BIO: *Ilsa Hampton has over twenty years' experience in health, community services and aged care, and commenced in 2016 as CEO of Meaningful Ageing Australia. Prior to joining Meaningful Ageing, Ilsa worked in strategic and operational leadership in a range of senior roles in aged and community services including research, social policy, sustainability, spiritual care and community engagement. Ilsa has served on the boards of Spiritual Care Australia and Meaningful Ageing; and was chair of Spiritual Health Victoria's aged care working group and chair of the multifaith diploma of pastoral care and ageing sponsorship committee. Ilsa also worked as an accredited supervisor in Clinical Pastoral Education for over ten years in various locations around Melbourne; building on a decade of experience as a spiritual care practitioner in a wide range of settings including acute health, rehabilitation, education, disability and housing services. Ilsa had a parallel career teaching migrants and refugees. She is a strong strategic leader, clear and creative communicator as well as being collaborative and a positive innovator. Ilsa has extensive experience presenting at conferences and forums Australia-wide.*

Wednesday May 13, 2020

TOPIC: Ethical Issues in Pandemic Situations

BIO: *Lynn Gillam is an experienced clinical ethicist, originally trained in philosophy (MA, 1988, Oxon) and bioethics (PhD, Monash, 2000). Lynn is the Academic Director of the Children's Bioethics Centre at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne. She is also Professor in Health Ethics at the University of Melbourne, in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health.*

Lynn works in clinical ethics case consultation at RCH and has been involved in over 200 ethics consultations over the past 12 years. At RCH she also provides policy advice and leads research into a range of issues in paediatric clinical ethics - including end of life decision-making, management of disorders of sex development, information-giving to children, and parental refusal of treatment.

At the University, she teaches ethics in the university's MD course, and supervises research students. She is the Chair of the University's Human Research Ethics Committee. Lynn is a member of a number of state and federal advisory bodies, including the Victorian Independent Medical Advisory Committee on Medicinal Cannabis and the NHMRC Clinical Ethics Working Group.

Wednesday June 10, 2020

TOPIC: Social Justice and Spiritual Care. James Godfrey will share the setting in which he works as a response to the question: How does spiritual care remain distinctive and relevant in a cross-disciplinary, multi-faith setting? He will suggest that the answer begins with a proper engagement with the fullness of being human. This locates spiritual care practitioners not as specialists, but as 'General Practitioners' so to speak, responding to the social, emotional, material and spiritual needs of others. James will also include and discuss the effects of social isolation in the light of COVID-19 and supporting people in this framework.

BIO: *James Godfrey is the Coordinator of Spiritual Care at Thomas Embling Hospital, a secure forensic psychiatric hospital in Melbourne. This facility accommodates people who have been found not guilty under the Crimes and Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried Act (1997). Those who provide this defence represent 1% of criminal cases heard by the Supreme and County Courts. James is particularly interested in the spirituality of stigmatised groups, and the power of faith narratives to recreate identity and hope in custodial settings. Prior to his role at Thomas Embling Hospital, James was an ordained minister of the Uniting Church and has worked as a Chaplain to the Police in the Northern Territory, Prison Chaplain in Melbourne, and for various social justice NGOs.*

***** JULY BREAK *****

Wednesday August 12, 2020

TOPIC: Childhood abuse and effects in adulthood and associated problems when in hospital, prison, and aged care.

BIO: *Caroline Carroll OAM is Community Education Coordinator at Open Place, the Victorian service for Forgotten Australians. Caroline is herself a survivor of abuse in many institutional and foster care placements during her childhood. She was separated as a 14-month-old infant from her family, including her seven siblings. Caroline is the Chair of the national peak body, the Alliance for Forgotten Australians. Caroline has made a number of presentations at conferences and has sat on a number of reference groups for national projects the Australian Government has undertaken: National History Projects, Find and Connect services, Aged Care Education, the Independent Advisory Council on Redress and the Reference Group for the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.*

Wednesday September 9, 2020

TOPIC: Is being Aboriginal enough? Aboriginal Spirituality vs Aboriginality. Explores the idea of Aboriginality as an alternative to Aboriginal spirituality and posits the idea that being born Aboriginal is enough and there is no need for the word spirituality to be used as a descriptor. We are born into country and the universe and our vocation is to live out of that between the two trees of life – birth and death. We do not take on the identity that comes with spirituality, we Aboriginal and that is enough. This topic will be explored through personal story grounded in an Aboriginal way of seeing.

BIO: *Glenn Loughrey is a Wiradjuri man and an Anglican priest at St Oswald's, Glen Iris. He is an artist with a particular interest in exploring identity and story through the visual arts. He is engaged in the dialogue for treaty, sovereignty, reconciliation and self-determination for First Nation peoples and is presently in demand to speak on aboriginal issues and travels extensively to do so. He is responsible for the development of a reconciliation garden in Glen Iris from where he and his team of volunteers develop and distribute educational frameworks for use in state and private schools and community groups. Glenn has worked in many different places and fields including: setting up the youth outreach ministry for the Salvation Army in Brisbane which continues some 35 years later; a decade in business as the director of a company providing services to non-profit organisations; developed a support program for students at a school in a lower socioeconomic environment in Brisbane; setting up the first welfare service within the Royal Australian Navy at HMAS Kuttabul, Garden Island, Sydney and was a chaplain in a school in northern NSW. He has pioneered performance and visual arts as a tool for working with disadvantaged youth having studied at the Marcel Marceau School of Mime in Paris. He has been nominated for Queenslander Father of the Year (1985), Queenslander of the Year (2005) and received the System Commander's Commendation for Service to the Royal Australian Navy (2005/6). Glenn is a published writer, an exhibiting artist and speaker. He has contributed to publications on Thomas Merton, youth work and theology and has contributed art to a number of publications by other authors. He has been a finalist and semi-finalist in the Doug Moran Portrait prize, the richest such prize in Australia in 2017 & 2018 and presently has work in a group exhibition at Hearth Gallery, Healesville; Koorie Heritage Art Exhibition, Federation Square and at the Sourpuss Emporium, Camberwell.*

Wednesday October 14, 2020

TOPIC: Moral Stress and Moral Injury in Clinical Spiritual Care Context will address the nature of moral stress and moral injury as elements of spirituality in the experience of patients and staff in clinical healthcare contexts. Participants will be invited to reflect on the experience of moral stress in the clinical context and the risks of moral injury inherent in the work of clinical spiritual care.

BIO: *Christopher Turner is a Spiritual Care Educator and Lecturer at the University of Divinity. His research focusses on the nature of spirituality, the meaning of dignity, and the practice of critical reflection. Christopher lives in West Gippsland, Victoria, with his family.*

Wednesday November 11, 2020

TOPIC: Decision-making at the end of life - conversations with people requesting voluntary assisted dying.

BIO: *Margaret O'Connor AM is Emeritus Professor of Nursing at Monash University, having previously been Professor of Palliative Care Nursing for 12 years. She has a distinguished career in clinical palliative care; and in establishing home-based palliative care services across Melbourne, for which she received an Order of Australia in 2005. She continues to work at Melbourne City Mission Palliative Care, assisting with research.*

She was appointed to the Ministerial Panel on Voluntary Assisted Dying in 2017, the Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Panel in 2018/19 and is now a member of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board. In 2018 she was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to explore palliative care and the assisted dying journey for people facing the end of life.