

News From Campuses Across the State (continued)

Diversity and End-of-Life Care Teleconference

By Debra Sheets, RN-BC, PhD, MSN

The Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) will be holding its 16th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference, "Diversity and End-of-Life Care," moderated by Frank Sesno, professor of media and public affairs at The George Washington University and special correspondent with CNN. The program will be broadcast Wednesday, April 29, 2009 from 10:00am-1:30pm.

HFA's 2009 teleconference will examine how diversity influences end-of-life decision making, and the impact that culture has at the time of death and during bereavement. One of the goals of the teleconference is to increase sensitivity by helping professionals acknowledge how their own cultural values and assumptions influence the delivery of care. Challenges that may occur when culture considerations cause ethical concerns or moral distress will also be discussed.

Mr. Sesno will lead a panel of noted authorities that includes: Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope Hospice and Community Services; Sandy Chen Stokes, executive director, Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care; Kenneth J. Doka, professor of gerontology, Graduate School of the College of New Rochelle; Wanda H. Jenkins, bereavement services manager, Vitas; Richard Payne, director, Institute on Care at the End of Life, Duke University; Paul Rosenblatt, professor, College of Education and Human Development,

University of Minnesota; and Carlos Sandoval-Cros, reverend, St. Simon's Episcopal Church and psychiatrist, private practice.

Continuing education credits are available for a wide range of professions. To learn more about this satellite and webcast teleconference, visit the Hospice Foundation of America web site at www.hospicefoundation.org

For more local information about the teleconference in your community, contact Dr. Debra Sheets at debra.sheets@csun.edu or call (818) 677-2344].

Jumpstarting Your Career in Aging

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A Careers in Aging (Re)Boot Camp will be held at CSU Northridge on Saturday, May 2, 2009. The goal of the workshop is to provide students who are stuck in their career development efforts with practical guidance to reboot and discover how to translate a passion for older adults into a successful career in the field of aging. The all-day workshop will provide students with a toolkit for managing their careers in aging and identifying a niche. A career management model will be used to help students inventory their assets; narrow their job search; do market research to identify wages, demand and other crucial issues; and identify campus resources that support their employment efforts.

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Stanford GEC Webinar Series in Ethnogeriatrics

By Gwen Yeo, PhD

Stanford Geriatric Education Center (GEC) is presenting a webinar series in ethnogeriatrics this spring. One webinar per month for six months is included in the series. Each webinar is 90 minutes long and carries continuing education units (CEUs) for nursing, LCSWs, and marriage and family therapists.

The following is a calendar of remaining topics in the series:

Emergency Preparedness: Cultural Considerations when Working with Older Adults with Sensory and Motor Disabilities, presented by Melen McBride, RN, PhD and Jon Rose, PhD on April 24, 12-1:30 p.m.

Centenarians, Palliative Care and End of Life by Leonard Poon, PhD, Ann Glass, RN, Marita Grudzen, MHS, and Melen McBride, RN, PhD on May 20, 10-11:30 a.m.

Aging and Spirituality Among Chinese and Japanese Americans by Ron Nakasone, PhD and Edmond Yee, PhD on June 17, 12-1:30 p.m.

Cost for each webinar is \$15 without CEUs and \$25 with CEUs. For more information about the series and enrollment, please go to <http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html>.