



# 2023 CONFERENCE

*In Person + Online Live Streamed*

*Inspired to Loving Action*

***The Transformative Power of  
Near-Death and Related Experiences***

Doubletree by Hilton  
300 Army Navy Dr.  
Arlington, VA 22202

**August 30 - September 3  
WASHINGTON, DC**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A WARM WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON, DC AREA!



Jan Holden, EdD, LPC-S, ACMHP  
IANDS President

Whether you come from within or outside the US, you surely recognize that this is a place to which many individuals over the past several decades have been called to loving action in support of the welfare of people in the US and around the world. Some of these individuals have even been inspired by the kinds of experiences that are the focus of our conference. May the spirit of loving action pervade our time together this weekend as we deepen our understanding and appreciation of near-death and related experiences as well as our connections to each other—and may each of us leave the conference renewed in our inspiration for loving action that enhances both life on Earth and our sense of that which lies beyond.

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# 2023 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**KEYNOTE / DISTINGUISHED**  
**WORKSHOP**  
**PANEL**

**LECTURE / ACTIVITY**  
**MEALS / RECEPTION / PARTY**

Local TIME (EDT)	Location	SPEAKER	TITLE	PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023				
REGISTRATION DESK HOURS: 9:00 am - 10:15 am / Noon - 1:00 pm / 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm / 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm				
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Capital -14th N	Rebecca Austill-Clausen, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, Reiki Master	Reiki Level I - Discover Your Natural Healing Energy and Enhance After-Death Communication	Workshop
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Madison	Peter Panagore, MDiv	HEAD: Mystical Experiences and NDEs: Exploring the Characteristics - \$40	Workshop
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Madison	Peter Panagore, MDiv	HEART: Discover the Power of Kriya Yoga and Centering Practice - \$40	Workshop
1:00 - 5:00 pm	Monroe	Evan Mecham, MA	IANDS Group Leader / Facilitator Meeting / Snacks/Beverages	Meeting
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023				
Local TIME (EDT)	Location	SPEAKER	TITLE	PROGRAM
REGISTRATION DESK HOURS: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm				
8:15 - 8:45 am	Crystal A&B	Felice DiMartino, BFA	Meditation with Music by Evan Premo and Mary Lydia Ryan	Plenary
8:45 - 9:00 am	Crystal A&B	Scott Taylor, EdD, Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K	Welcome & Announcements	Plenary
9:00 - 10:30 am	Victory / Liberty 14th N		Healing Sessions	
9:00 - 10:30 am	Valor - 14th N		Experiencer Lounge	
9:15 - 10:15 am	Crystal A&B	Moderator: Stephanie Bradbury, BA, MDiv: Graham Standish, PhD, Walt Scotson, Roberta Moore, MBA	Spiritual AND Religious: Bridging Mystical Experiences and Christianity	Panel
9:15 - 10:15 am	Washington	Elissa Hope	Hope From Heaven	Lecture
9:15 - 10:15 am	Wilson	William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT, Linda Higdon	How Shared Death Experiences Catalyze Transformational Growth and Enduring Relationships Across the Veil	Lecture
9:15 - 10:15 am	Madison	Ellen Wier, MA	Calling in Angel Messages and Loving Kindness with Singing Bowls, Breathwork, and Journeying Through Music	Lecture
9:15 - 10:15 am	Monroe	Janice Messino, BA	Integrating Near-Death Experiences and General Life Experiences Through the Practice of Qigong	Activity
10:15 - 10:30 am			Break	Break
10:30 - 11:30 am	Crystal A&B	Bruce Greyson, MD	Beyond After: All the News That's Not Fit to Print	Keynote
11:30 am - 12:15 pm			Lunch Break	Break
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Jefferson - 15th S		Lunch With Speakers (separately ticketed)	Speaker Lunches
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Victory / Liberty 14th N		Healing Sessions	
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Valor - 14th N		Experiencer Lounge	
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Crystal A&B	Rev. Amirah Hall, PhD	Awakened by the Afterlife: Amirah Hall's Transformative NDE in Egypt	Lecture
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Washington	Moderator: Angela Willson-Quayle, PhD, Alex Haley, JD, Glory Schneider, MFA	Anomalous NDE Panel	Panel
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Wilson	Kathy Winings, MDiv, EdD	Dying to Experience and Live Authentic Love	Lecture
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Madison	Virginia Chambers, MPH	The Power of Story: An Act of Compassion Across the Veil	Lecture
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Monroe	Jonathan Dinsmore, MS	Mystical Luminosity Experience: An Empirical Exploration of "The Light" in NDEs and Other STEs	Lecture
1:15 - 1:30 pm			Break	Break
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Crystal A&B	Vincent Genna, MSW	But All I Wanted Was a Tony, an Emmy, and an Oscar! How Did I Get Here?	Lecture
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Washington	Steve Weber, MBA	Lessons Learned From the Place Between Here and There: A Spiritual NDE	Lecture
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Wilson	Leena Zafary	Vibrational View of NDE and Life After NDE	Lecture
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Madison	Emilie Thomas, Sky Waterpeace, MA	Brainwave Magic That Unleashes Your Superpowers - \$40 (hour 1)	Workshop (2 hr)

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THURSDAY



1:30 - 2:30 pm	Monroe	Norma Edwards, DDiv	The Amazing Life of a Near-Death Experienter	Lecture
2:30 - 5:30 pm	Victory / Liberty 14th N		Healing Sessions	
2:30 - 5:30 pm	Valor - 14th N		Experienter Lounge	
2:30 - 2:45 pm			Break	Break
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Crystal A&B	Evan Premo, BM	Spiritual Soundings: Seeking the Source of Loving Action	Lecture
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Washington	Vinney Todd Tolman	The Light After Death, My Journey to Heaven and Back	Lecture
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Wilson	Nell Rose Foreman, BS	Peace, Empowerment, and Freedom – The Power of Post-Traumatic Growth and Understanding That Feelings Can Heal	Lecture
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Madison	Emilie Thomas, Sky Waterpeace, MA	Brainwave Magic That Unleashes Your Superpowers - \$40 (hour 2)	Workshop (2 hr)
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Monroe	Shaun Lether, BA	Awakening to My Purpose: How My Near-Death Experience and Other Spiritually Transformative Experiences Changed Everything I Believed About Myself and the World	Lecture
3:45 - 4:00 pm			Break	Break
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Crystal A&B	Scott Drummond	Pronounced Dead for 20 Minutes: What He Saw in Heaven and How it Changed His Life Forever!	Lecture
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Washington	Pamela Nance, MA	My Near Death Experience: Awakening the Divine Source Within	Lecture
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Wilson	Mary Jo Bulbrook, RN, EdD	The Power and Joy of Bringing Angels Into Your Life to Inspire Loving Action	Lecture
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Madison	Jeff Janssen, MS	10 Life-Changing Lessons from Heaven - \$40 (hour 1)	Workshop (2 hr)
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Monroe	Moderator: Victoria Reynolds: Brianna Lafferty, BS, Jayme Tener, MEd, Hillary Hardin, Lisa Arrington, Vicki Werner, BS, Shaun Martin, MA	Insights From NDEs / STEs for Living Our Best Life Discussion Group (hour 1)	Panel (2 hr)
5:00 - 5:15 pm			Break	Break
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Crystal A&B	Rev. Lisamarie Boncek, BSc	Service to Mankind	Lecture
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Washington	Joseph Banks	Pia Domu: The Loving Home (with live acoustic guitar music)	Lecture w/ Music
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Wilson	Tammi Spring, BA	Thank You for Being: 5 Lessons From an NDE	Lecture
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Madison	Jeff Janssen, MS	10 Life-Changing Lessons From Heaven - \$40 (hour 2)	Workshop (2 hr)
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Monroe	Moderator: Victoria Reynolds: Brianna Lafferty, BS, Jayme Tener, MEd, Hillary Hardin, Lisa Arrington, Vicki Werner, BS, Shaun Martin, MA	Insights From NDEs / STEs for Living Our Best Life Discussion Group (hour 2)	Panel (2 hr)
6:15 - 6:30 pm			Break	Break
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Crystal A&B		Meet and Greet: Music and Light Appetizers (Brief remembrance of Diane Corcoran followed by poetry by Neil Gaur)	Social
8:00 - 8:15 pm			Break	Break
8:15 - 9:15 pm	Crystal A&B	Brian D. Smith, BSc	Grief 2 Growth: How the Greatest Tragedy of My Life Inspired Me to Action	Distinguished Speaker
9:15 - 9:30 pm			Break	Break
9:30 - 10:00 pm	Crystal A&B	Tammi Spring, BA, Evan Premo, BM	Full Body Somatic Meditation (with live music)	Activity

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Local TIME (EDT)	Location	SPEAKER	TITLE	PROGRAM
REGISTRATION DESK HOURS: 7:30 am - 6:30 pm				
8:15 - 8:45 am	Crystal A&B	Ishtar Howell, BA, Sundari Howell	Meditation and Music by Evan Premo and Mary Lydia Ryan	Plenary
8:45 - 9:00 am	Crystal A&B	Scott Taylor, EdD, Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K	Welcome & Announcements	Plenary
9:00 - 9:15 am			Break	Break
9:00 - 10:30 am	Victory / Liberty 14th N		Healing Sessions	
9:00 - 10:30 am	Valor - 14th N		Experienter Lounge	
9:15 - 10:15 am	Crystal A&B	Kimberly Clark Sharp, MSW, LICSW	Love and Laughter: The Pursuit of Happiness After a Near-Death Experience	Lecture
9:15 - 10:15 am	Washington	Scott Olsen, PhD	Awakening to Sacred Geometry: Pathway to Teaching Illumination for All	Lecture
9:15 - 10:15 am	Wilson	Archedon	The Experiment	Lecture

9:15 - 10:15 am	Madison	Jim Fisher, MBA, Jen Catlin, MS	Life Between Life Reviews Enhance Love of Self and Love for Others	Panel
9:15 - 10:15 am	Monroe	Dr. Keyaunoosh Kassauei, MD	Inspired to Loving Action by Embodiment Coaching with Emotional and Spiritual Intelligence	Lecture
10:15 - 10:30 am			Break	Break
10:30 - 11:30 am	Crystal A&B	Jeffrey Mishlove, PhD	The Return of the PK (psychokinetic) Man	Keynote
11:30 am - 12:15 pm			Lunch Break	Break
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Jefferson - 15th S		Lunch With Speakers (separately ticketed)	Speaker Lunches
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Victory / Liberty 14th N		Healing Sessions	
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Valor - 14th N		Experiencer Lounge	
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Crystal A&B	Rev. Sue Frederick	How Three Shared-Death Experiences Fast-Tracker My Life Into Loving Action	Lecture
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Washington	Moderator: Bethany Silver, PhD: Diana Marquez Lyons, LCSW, LISW, Jim Bruton	A 12 Step NDE Integration Process: In Service to Experiencers and Their Loved Ones	Panel
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Wilson	Ishtar Howell, BA	The Blissful Freedom of Living as Pure Awareness: The Greatest Gift of the NDE	Lecture
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Monroe	Amber Kasic, MA	Underneath Life's Complications Lies the Discovery That LOVE is All There Is	Lecture
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Van Buren	Rebecca Valla, MD	Case Consultation / Peer Supervision for Professional Mental Health Care Providers	Activity
1:15 - 1:30 pm			Break	Break
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Crystal A&B	Jan Holden, EdD, LPC-S, ACMHP, Abbi O'Leary, BA, Lindsey Warwick, PhD	Positions on Controversial Death-Related Social Issues: The Role of Transpersonal Experiences	Lecture
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Washington	Chrystal Osier, BA	Love Is All That Matters	Lecture
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Wilson	Stacy Natzel	Journey to New Earth	Lecture
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Madison	Brian D. Smith, BSc	Illuminating New Paths: Harnessing Positive Intelligence to Maximize NDE Lessons and Minimize Grief - \$40 (hour 1)	Workshop (2 hr)
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Monroe	Adam Dince, MBA, Betty Guadagno	Back to the Beyond: Exploring Near-Death Experiences Through Hypnosis	Panel
2:30 - 2:45 pm			Break	Break
2:30 - 5:30 pm	Victory / Liberty 14th N		Healing Sessions	
2:30 - 5:30 pm	Valor - 14th N		Experiencer Lounge	
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Crystal A&B	Curtis Childs, BA	The Nature of Love in Heaven According to Swedenborg	Lecture
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Washington	Noelle St. Germain-Sehr, PhD, Amanda St. Germain-Sehr, MA	Helping Grieving Clients: The Healing Power of After-Death Communication (ADC)	Lecture
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Wilson	Becca Waterpeace, BA	Interpretative Dance to Touched by an NDE	Activity
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Madison	Brian D. Smith, BSc	Illuminating New Paths: Harnessing Positive Intelligence to Maximize NDE Lessons and Minimize Grief - \$40 (hour 2)	Workshop (2 hr)
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Monroe	Kara Marlene	How a Childhood NDE Unlocked the Power to Miraculously Heal Generational Breast Cancer and the Power Within	Lecture
3:45 - 4:00 pm			Break	Break
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Crystal A&B	Cathy Gabrielsen, BS	Your Path of Ascension: Messages From Ascended Masters	Lecture
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Washington	Moderator: Marjorie Woollacott, PhD: Bruce Greyson, MD, Natasha Tassell- Matamua, PhD, Karalee Kothe, MA	End of Life Experiences: Evidence for Terminal Lucidity in Children and Adults	Panel
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Wilson	Moderator: Kimberly Braun, MA, CSP: Emilie Spear, BS, CIA, CISA, CRISC, Sharon Milliman	Revealing the Path: Transmuting Challenges Across All Time Through Gentleness and Love	Panel
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Madison	Sarina Baptista, AA	The Divine Feminine Love Experience - \$40 (hour 1)	Workshop (2 hr)
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Monroe	Cassandra Ricks, PhD	Answering the Call to an Extraordinary Life: The Keys to Navigate Life's Toughest Terrain, and Emerge Better Off Than Before	Lecture
5:00 - 5:15 pm			Break	Break
5:15 - 6:30 pm	Jefferson - 15th S		Researchers' Invitational Reception	Social
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Crystal A&B	Krista Gorman, BS, Ainsley Threadgold	Love As Our Guide After Death	Lecture
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Washington	Jessika Jake	Superconscious Leadership	Lecture

5:15 - 6:15 pm	Wilson	Stephanie Bradbury, BA, MDiv	How a Series of Mystical Experiences Called Me to the Priesthood, a Life of Joy With God, and Spiritual Service to Others	Lecture
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Madison	Sarina Baptista, AA	The Divine Feminine Love Experience - \$40 (hour 2)	Workshop (2 hr)
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Monroe	Joe Hehn	Dreams of Antiquity: My Late Wife's Introduction to the Afterlife	Lecture
6:15 - 8:15 pm			Dinner Break	Break
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Jefferson - 15th S		Fundraiser Banquet	Social
8:15 - 9:45 pm	Crystal A&B	Panelists: Johanna Lunn, BA, William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT, Maggie Callanan, RN	Movie Viewing of <i>Architecture of Death: The Inner World of Dying</i> (third movie in the <i>When You Die</i> trilogy) followed by a Panel with Q&A	Movie and Panel

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

Local TIME (EDT)	Location	SPEAKER	TITLE	PROGRAM
REGISTRATION DESK HOURS: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm				
8:15 - 8:45 am	Crystal A&B	Felice DiMartino, BFA	Meditation with Live Music by Evan Premo and Mary Lydia Ryan	Plenary
8:45 - 9:00 am	Crystal A&B	Scott Taylor, EdD, Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K	Welcome & Announcements	Plenary
9:00 - 9:15 am			Break	Break
9:00 - 10:30 am	Victory / Liberty 14th N		Healing Sessions	
9:00 - 10:30 am	Valor - 14th N		Experiencer Lounge	
9:15 - 10:15 am	Crystal A&B	Lorie Ladd	Embracing Your Divine Design	Lecture
9:15 - 10:15 am	Washington	Louisa Peck, MA	Coming Out in 3 Layers—Queer, Alcoholic, Woo-woo Wing-nut—and Why It Matters	Lecture
9:15 - 10:15 am	Wilson	Marieta Pehlivanova, PhD	Physicians and the Near-Death Experience	Lecture
9:15 - 10:15 am	Madison	Alejandro Agudo's film introduced by Angie Willson-Quayle, PhD	Practical Information for Healthcare Personnel: Spanish NDE Film Accounts (with English subtitles)	Movie
9:15 - 10:15 am	Monroe	Susan Dyer	Born Clairvoyant + Unbelieved. Lived in Terror + Self-Hate. Died Joyful, Until "God" Asked Me to Return + Shed My Spiritual Camouflage.	Lecture
10:15 - 10:30 am			Break	Break
10:30 - 11:30 am	Crystal A&B	Eben Alexander, MD, Karen Newell	Love as an Antidote to the Illusion of Separation	Keynote
11:30 am - 12:15 pm			Lunch Break	Break
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Jefferson 15th S		Lunch With Speakers (separately ticketed)	Speaker Lunches
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Victory / Liberty 14th N		Healing Sessions	
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Valor - 14th N		Experiencer Lounge	
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Crystal A&B	Moderator: Maria Lupita Gurule: Ray Catania, MMSc, MCLC, Patricia L'Dara, MA	Transformative Messages from the Other Side: A Mediumship Panel	Panel
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Washington	Betty Guadagno	Dying to Believe – A Life Reinvented	Lecture
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Wilson	Moderator: Rebecca Valla, MD: Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, Rebecca Austill-Clausen, MS, OSTR/L, FAOTA, Reiki Master	Ethical Behavior is Evidence of Loving Intention	Panel
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Madison	James Bonato, AA	Making my Documentary: <i>Peace on Both Sides of the Gate</i>	Lecture
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Monroe	Mary Lydia Ryan	Moving in Grace: Navigating Challenging Life Circumstances	Lecture
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Van Buren	Moderator: Daniel Endy, BS: Brianna Lafferty, BS, Michael Alton Haley, BA	Dispelling the Shame and Fear Accompanying a Distressing Near-Death Experience Discussion Group (hour 1)	Disc. (2 hr)
1:15 - 1:30 pm			Break	Break
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Crystal A&B	Father Nathan Castle, OP, Michael A. Quinn, Linda L. Quinn	It Happened at IANDS: Witnessing a Family's Transformation From Terrifying Death to Afterlife Peace	Panel
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Washington	Greg Pacini, MS	Songs in the Key of Love	Activity
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Wilson	Moderator: Tonda Nampaio-Cardenas: Elizabeth Clark, MT-BC, Loreli Drache, Rebecca Kastl Millsap, MS	Healing Transformations Through Love and Light (hour 1)	Panel (2 hr)
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Madison	William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT, Monica Williams, MD	Explore the Shared Crossing Spectrum of End-of-Life Experiences: What They Are and How You (and your Patients) May Experience Them-\$ 40 (hour 1)	Workshop (2 hr)

1:30 - 2:30 pm	Monroe	Moderators: Venus-Val Tower, Paul Sperry, MS, Chuck Swedrock, MBA	Military / Veteran Experiencers Discussion Group (Military and Veteran Experiencers Only)	Disc. (2 hr).
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Van Buren	Moderator: Daniel Endy, BS: Brianna Lafferty, BS, Michael Alton Haley, BA	Dispelling the Shame and Fear Accompanying a Distressing Near-Death Experience (hour 2)	Disc. (2 hr)
2:30 - 2:45 pm			Break	Break
2:30 - 5:30 pm	Victory / Liberty 14th N		Healing Sessions	
2:30 - 5:30 pm	Valor - 14th N		Experiencer Lounge	
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Crystal A&B	Jennifer Kim Penberthy, PhD, ABPP	Near-Death Experiences and After-Death Communications: A Discussion and Personal Experience of Loving Impact	Lecture
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Washington	Christian Sundberg, BA	From Pre-Birth to Earth: Expressing our True Nature of Love While Human	Lecture
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Wilson	Moderator: Tonda Nampaio-Cardenas: Elizabeth Clark, MT-BC, Loreli Drache, Rebecca Kastl Millsap, MS	Healing Transformations Through Love and Light (hour 2)	Panel (2 hr)
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Madison	William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT, Monica Williams, MD	Explore the Shared Crossing Spectrum of End-of-Life Experiences: What They Are and How You (and your Patients) May Experience Them - \$40 (hour 2)	Workshop (2 hr)
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Monroe	Moderators: Venus-Val Tower, Paul Sperry, MS, Chuck Swedrock, MBA	Military / Veteran Experiencers Discussion Group (Military and Veteran Experiencers Only)	Disc. (2 hr).
3:45 - 4:00 pm			Break	Break
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Crystal A&B	Sarina Baptista, AA	We Are One in Love and Life	Lecture
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Washington	Robert Mays, BSc, Suzanne Mays, AAS	When Does Human Life Begin? Evidence From NDEs and Related Experiences	Lecture
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Wilson	Moderator: Peter Panagore, MDiv: Kristen Adams, MA, Kendall Gilligan, MD, David Ulrich, Shelly Liedtke, BMSc, Ellen Corson, BA, Michele Addino-Colchin, MA, Françoise E. Netter, MA	No Story is Too Small: Transforming Ourselves to Transform the World (hour 1)	Panel (2 hr)
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Madison	Eben Alexander, MD, Karen Newell	Cultivating Purpose and Co-Creating an Ideal World With Love Premier Workshop - \$70 (hour 1)	Workshop (2 hr)
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Monroe	Felice DiMartino, BFA	AWAKEN LIGHT! Activate, Embody, Express Divine Remembrance	Lecture
5:00 - 5:15 pm			Break	Break
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Jefferson - 15th S		Champions' Invitational Reception	Social
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Crystal A&B	Jelani (JClay) Clay	Let Go: From Struggle to Serenity - A Musical Experience	Lecture w/ Music
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Washington	Rev. Angelia LaRue	The Non-Localness of Consciousness: A Colorado University Time-Jump Project and Adventures in the Universe	Lecture
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Wilson	Moderator: Peter Panagore, MDiv: Kristen Adams, MA, Kendall Gilligan, MD, David Ulrich, Shelly Liedtke, BMSc, Ellen Corson, BA, Michele Addino-Colchin, MA, Françoise E. Netter, MA	No Story is Too Small: Transforming Ourselves to Transform the World (hour 2)	Panel (2 hr)
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Madison	Eben Alexander, MD, Karen Newell	Cultivating Purpose and Co-creating an Ideal World With Love Premier Workshop - \$70 (hour 2)	Workshop (2 hr)
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Monroe	Stephanie Saint Claire, BA	"She Goes First" - A Twinless Twin's Story of Death, Rebirth and Relationship Through The Veil	Lecture
6:15 - 7:30 pm			Break	Break
7:30 - 10:00 pm	Jefferson - 15th S		Dance Party with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar	Social

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Local TIME (EDT)	Location	SPEAKER	TITLE	PROGRAM
REGISTRATION DESK HOURS: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm				
8:15 - 8:45 am	Crystal A&B	Leena Zafary, Evan Premo, BM, Mary Lydia Ryan	Vibrational Healing and Heart-Math Meditation with Live Music	Plenary
8:45 - 9:00 am	Crystal A&B	Scott Taylor, EdD, Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K	Welcome & Announcements	Plenary
9:00 - 9:15 am			Break	Break
9:15 - 10:15 am	Crystal A&B	Robert Coppes, PhD	Impressions of Near-Death Experiences	Keynote
10:15 - 10:30 am			Break	Break

10:30 - 11:30 am	Crystal A&B	Cherie Aimée, BA, Jody Long, JD	Transformation From the Darkness to the Light	Lecture
10:30 - 11:30 am	Washington	Sky Waterpeace, MA	1 Mathematician + 2 NDEs = 0 Fear of Death + Infinite Freedom	Lecture
10:30 - 11:30 am	Wilson	Co-Moderators: Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, Vincent DeVice, BSN, RN: Deborah King, PhD, RN, Deborah Snider, ThM	NDE Awakenings to the Joy of Healthcare Service	Panel
10:30 - 11:30 am	Madison	Rev. Sue Frederick	Sacred Numerology as a Portal to Your Soul's Purpose and Your Departed Loved Ones - \$40 (hour 1)	Workshop (2 hr)
10:30 - 11:30 am	Monroe	Michelle Clare	How Three NDEs Led Me To Discover the Super Power of My Soul	Lecture
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Victory / Liberty 14th N		Healing Sessions	
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Valor - 14th N		Experiencer Lounge	
11:30 am - 12:15 pm			Lunch Break	Break
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Crystal A&B	PMH Atwater, LHD	Edge Walker: The Many Lives and Deaths of PMH Atwater	Lecture
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Washington	Jennifer Aurelia, MMed	Dive into the Heart Frequency With Aureliaslight	Lecture
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Wilson	Father Nathan Castle, OP, David Maginley, MDiv	The Evolution of Faith: A Christian Pastor's NDE (David will present virtually.)	Lecture
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	Madison	Rev. Sue Frederick	Sacred Numerology as a Portal to Your Soul's Purpose and Your Departed Loved Ones - \$40 (hour 2)	Workshop (2 hr)
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Monroe	Bridget Cook-Burch, BA	Utilizing and Sharing Your Sacred Experiences: A Writing Workshop That Proves the Power of Your Story to Change the World	Activity
1:15 - 1:30 pm			Break	Break
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Crystal A&B	Kevin Jeffers, MFA	My Spiritual Experiences of Higher Consciousness in Loving Action: The Pattern's Uplift	Lecture
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Washington	Moderator: Cathy Gabrielson, BS: Oshara Waago, Leora Leon, BA, Ritu LeBouef, MA, Keshia Santero	Trauma and Darkness Can Lead Us to Love and Light	Panel
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Wilson	Moderator: Betty Guadagno: The Mystic Chics: Wendy Casey, Audrey Casey Herrick, Mary Casey Bowers	Your Spiritual Experience Contains Your Gift to the World with Music by The Mystic Chics	Panel
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Madison	Roland L. Walters, BS	Energy Cascade of Healing Light - \$40 (hour 1)	Workshop (2 hr)
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Monroe	Caroline Chang, BA	Life Challenges Can Inspire Our Soul's Purpose	Lecture
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Van Buren	Robert Cornett, MTS & Ensemble	Crossing the Veil and Coming Back Again: An Ensemble Theater Performance (hour 1)	Perform. (2 hr)
2:30 - 2:45 pm			Break	Break
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Crystal A&B	Jeffrey Long, MD	Extraordinary Transformation After NDEs: A Survey of 834 NDErs Regarding Changes in Values, Beliefs, Relationships, and Spiritual Practices	Lecture
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Washington	Ray Catania, MMSc, MCLC	BE Limitless! - An Atheist's Guide to Spiritual Awakening	Lecture
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Wilson	David Morris, Nancy Walsh	The Relationship Transformation of a Brother and Sister: His NDE and Her Walk With Him Through the Loss of Her Husband	Lecture
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Madison	Roland L. Walters, BS	Energy Cascade of Healing Light - \$40 (hour 2)	Workshop (2 hr)
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Van Buren	Robert Cornett & Ensemble	Crossing the Veil and Coming Back Again: An Ensemble Theater Performance (hour 2)	Perform. (2 hr)
3:45 - 4:00 pm			Break	Break
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Crystal A&B		CLOSING	Plenary

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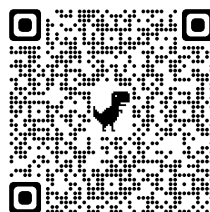
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## FILM NIGHT at the CONFERENCE!

*(Included in your conference registration)*

**Friday evening, Sept. 1st, 8:15 pm - 9:45 pm**

Watch the third film in the *When You Die* trilogy:

## *Architecture of Death: The Inner World of Dying*

Followed by a Panel and Q&A with director Johanna Lunn, BA,  
William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT, and Maggie Callanan, RN

What happens as we are dying? What could the final months, weeks, and days of life look like for the person who is dying and the people who love them?

The *Architecture of Death* explores the physical aspect of dying, as well as the unseen felt experiences that can occur, including the changing roles within a family; the potential to heal old wounds; deathbed visions or dreams; messages to loved ones from the dying or recently passed; and a host of other phenomena. Professionals who have spent their careers at the bedside share extraordinary stories as Director Johanna Lunn takes viewers by the hand to explore what death might look like.



# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS - listed in chronological order



## **Bruce Greyson, MD**

### **Beyond After: All the News That's Not Fit to Print**

**Thursday 10:30 - 11:30 am**

A couple of years ago, Bruce Greyson published a book called *After*, summarizing his half century exploring near-death experiences. Since then, he has received a number of e-mails from people who were disappointed that he didn't discuss in his book a specific topic that they thought he either didn't mention or shortchanged. Many of those topics were specific religious or spiritual traditions, philosophical perspectives, or neurophysiological models that they thought could explain NDEs. In this presentation, Bruce will review some of the many aspects of NDEs that disappointed readers thought he should have included, focusing on the most commonly mentioned

topics: God, animals, reincarnation, the conflict between science and spirituality, and the ultimate meaning of NDEs.

*Dr. Bruce Greyson is the Chester Carlson Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences at the University of Virginia. He co-founded the International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS), and for 27 years edited the Journal of Near-Death Studies, the only scholarly journal dedicated to near-death research. Through his research, he has discovered common and universal themes in near-death experiences that go beyond neurophysiological or cultural interpretations, as well as patterns of consistent aftereffects on individuals' attitudes, beliefs, values, and personalities. He was a co-editor of The Handbook of Near-Death Experiences: Thirty Years of Investigation. His most recent book, After: A Doctor Explores What Near-Death Experiences Reveal About Life and Beyond, is his first trade book bringing his scientific research to a popular audience.*



## **Jeffrey Mishlove, PhD**

### **The Return of the PK (psychokinetic) Man**

**Friday 10:30 - 11:30 am**

Jeffrey Mishlove's book, *The PK Man*, published in 2000, describes a 10-year field investigation of Ted Owens (1920-1987), a man who demonstrated unusual macro-psychokinetic abilities. Owens claimed that UFO contacts were responsible for his ability to mentally influence large-scale weather systems as well as UFO sightings and other events. In December 2022, Jeffrey received a message from a *New Thinking Allowed* viewer in Germany who claimed that Ted Owens had reached out to him from the afterlife while he was meditating. In this session,

Jeffrey will report on the results of that communication.

*Jeffrey Mishlove, PhD, is host and producer of the New Thinking Allowed channel on YouTube. He is author of The Roots of Consciousness, Psi Development Systems, and The PK Man. He is the recipient of the only doctoral diploma in "Parapsychology" ever awarded by an accredited university (University of California, Berkeley, 1980). Between 1986 and 2002 he hosted and co-produced the original Thinking Allowed public television series. He is the Grand Prize winner of the 2021 Bigelow Institute Essay Competition regarding the best evidence for survival of human consciousness after permanent bodily death. His website is [thinkingallowed.com](http://thinkingallowed.com).*



## **Eben Alexander, MD, and Karen Newell**

### **Love as an Antidote to the Illusion of Separation**

**Saturday 10:30 - 11:30 am**

A fundamental lesson of what happens when we die is the understanding that we are all in this together, bound through loving connections here on Earth, into the afterlife, and beyond. The science of entanglement verifies that these interconnections are real and not illusory. The human qualities of empathy and compassion, in their purest sense, are directly derived from that sense of oneness. Altruistic acts provide a feeling of connection, enabling us to transcend the sense that we are separate. This ultimate oneness we share emphasizes why caring for the least, the last, and the lost is vital to our modern society, in order to live up to its spiritual promise.

*Eben Alexander, MD, was an academic neurosurgeon for over 25 years, including 15 years at the Brigham & Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital, and Harvard Medical School in Boston. In 2008, during a week-long coma from an inexplicable brain infection, he experienced a transcendental near-death experience (NDE) that completely transformed his worldview. A pioneering scientist and modern thought leader in the emerging science that acknowledges the primacy of consciousness in the universe, he is the author of the New York Times #1 bestseller Proof of Heaven, The Map of Heaven, and Living in a Mindful Universe. <http://ebenalexander.com/>*

*Karen Newell is an author and specialist in personal development with a diverse body of work that rests upon the foundation of heart-centered consciousness. As an innovator in the emerging field of brainwave entrainment audio meditation, Karen empowers others in their journeys of self-discovery by demonstrating how to connect to inner guidance, achieve inspiration, improve wellness, and develop intuition. She is co-founder of Sacred Acoustics and is co-author with Eben Alexander III, MD, of Living in a Mindful Universe. [www.sacredacoustics.com](http://www.sacredacoustics.com)*



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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Robert (Bob) Coppes, PhD**  
**Impressions of Near-Death Experiences**  
**Sunday 9:15 - 10:15 am**

Based on quotes of more than 100 NDErs one can draw two important conclusions. The first is that LOVE is the most important thing there is and that Unconditional Love awaits us when our body dies and our consciousness is released. The second message is that we are at least very thoroughly INTERCONNECTED with one another, with other animals, with nature, and in fact with all that exists. However, if we take a closer look at what many NDErs say, the conclusion could be more extreme than just this interconnectedness. It should probably be that we are all ONE, seen from another dimension. Love is what seems to bind us. People would see this truth if they

would appreciate the circumstantial evidence in veridical observations. They would then be inspired to more loving actions, and humanity could really take a beneficial next step forward.

*Robert Christophor Coppes holds a PhD in economics. His conviction that NDEs are true spiritual experiences dates back to 1979 after reading Raymond Moody's Life after Life. His most recent book contains hundreds of quotes of more than 100 NDErs, and he says that in fact NDErs are the writers of this book. In 2006, he wrote a book in which he compared the essences of NDEs with those of five world religions. A few years later he wrote Messages from The Light, which was also translated in Dutch and German.*

## Thursday Evening **DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER**



**Brian D. Smith**  
**Grief 2 Growth: How the Greatest Tragedy of My Life Inspired Me to Action**  
**Thursday 8:15 - 9:15 pm**

In this compelling talk, Brian will recount the profoundly transformative journey he embarked upon following the unexpected passing of his 15-year-old daughter, Shayna. Struggling with overwhelming grief, Brian sought solace and understanding in an intensive study of the afterlife, focusing on near-death experiences. His investigation of these deep phenomena offered comfort and drove him towards an attitude of loving action. Brian's story is an inspiring testament to the power of resilience and the capacity to find love, purpose, and understanding in the face of devastating loss. His story shines as a beacon of hope for others grappling with their grief, offering a potential path toward healing, growth, and a deeper understanding of life and death.

*Brian Smith is a certified life coach, grief guide, and small business consultant. Brian's mission is to help others by sharing lessons he has learned from decades of experience and study. Brian began this work shortly after the untimely passing of his 15-year-old daughter Shayna in the summer of 2015. Brian overcame a fear of death prior to Shayna's passing, and believes that he and Shayna are on a mission together to help others heal and overcome fear. Brian is on the boards of the SoulPhone Foundation and Helping Parents Heal. Brian is the author of Grief 2 Growth: Planted. Not Buried. He is the host of the Grief 2 Growth podcast.*

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**Rebecca Austill-Clausen, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, Reiki Master**

**Reiki Level I Certificate-Provided Training WS (6 hrs)  
Discover Your Natural Healing Energy and Enhance  
After-Death Communication**

**Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

*(\$125 member /\$150 non-member separate registration required)*

Rebecca has been using Reiki for 27 years. She has taught thousands of medical professionals and all others the joys of Reiki healing. Reiki can be learned on one day. Experience one-to-one healing sessions as you receive and share Reiki with multiple partners. Learn to give Reiki to yourself, family, friends, clients, colleagues, animals, and even plants. Reiki's unconditional LOVE facilitates communication with those living in the afterlife. Reiki has been taught at every in-person American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference since 2015. Becky is thrilled to provide Reiki training at IANDS's Annual Conference for the third time. Access your self-healing abilities at this highly effective experiential workshop.

*Rebecca is an Occupational Therapist, Fellow of the American OT Association, and Reiki Master. She teaches Reiki at national conferences and universities, along with teaching after-death communication both in-person and online. Becky had a profound spiritually transformative experience and shared death experience when she discovered the ability to communicate with her deceased brother even though she initially had no psychic or spiritual awareness. She has initiated five private practices including one that grew to a staff of 350 therapists. Becky is the Healing Coordinator at IANDS conferences and is honored to serve on the Ethics Committee. Her award-winning book Change Maker, How My Brother's Death Woke Up My Life will be available at the IANDS bookstore.*

**Rev. Peter Panagore, MDiv**

**Head: Mystical Experiences and NDEs: Exploring  
the Characteristics - Session One**

**Wednesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm** (we suggest also attending Session Two)

*(\$40 separate registration required)*



Did you know that half of the human population has had mystical experiences, including NDEs? Join us for an exploration of the four defining characteristics of mystical experiences—ineffable, noetic, transient, and passive—and how they relate to NDEs. Our speaker, Peter Panagore, will draw upon the wisdom of ancient mystics and modern scholars to help you better understand yourself and your experiences. Don't miss this opportunity to delve into the psychology and vitalism of mysticism and deepen your understanding of NDEs.

**Rev. Peter Panagore, MDiv**

**Heart: Discover the Power of Kriya Yoga and  
Centering Practice - Session Two**

**Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 pm** (we suggest also attending Session One)

*(\$40 separate registration required)*

Join us for an enlightening session on the power of Kriya Yoga and centering practice. Our speaker, Peter Panagore, who has personally put Kriya and Centering to the test and found them to be effective, will guide you through the disciplined effort, self-reflection, devotion, and surrender that form the core of Kriya Yoga and centering meditation. Learn how to tap into the Energy Itself, using breath control, muscle utilization, mental focus, and emotional attunement to bring peace to your inner world and daily life. Experience the Energy for yourself, and don't miss this opportunity to discover the power of Kriya Yoga and elevate your spiritual journey to the next level.

*Peter Panagore, MDiv, author of the best-selling book, Heaven Is Beautiful: How Dying Taught Me That Death Is Just the Beginning, experienced two transformative near-death encounters. Following a BA in English Literature, he changed careers from architecture to theology and completed a Master of Divinity at Yale University, specializing in the Classics of Western Mysticism. For more than two decades, Panagore served progressive New England churches. His first book, Two Minutes for God, a best-seller in Maine and now available worldwide, was based on his 15 years as an NBC-TV writer for a daily Maine and New Hampshire broadcast viewed annually by 30 million people. He currently hosts "Not Church: Mysticism, No Doctrine, No Dogma, No Bravo Sierra" on his YouTube channel, offers spiritual counseling through Zoom, and teaches meditation and yoga to a global community.*



**Emilie Thomas, MA, LMFT,  
and Sky Waterpeace, MA**

## **Brainwave Magic That Unleashes Your Superpowers**

**Thursday 1:30 - 3:45 pm**

*(\$40 separate registration required)*

In this two-hour interactive workshop developed by the Monroe Institute, Emilie Thomas and Sky Waterpeace will introduce participants to the power of the Institute's sound technology and its ability to aid them in attaining and holding expanded states of awareness beyond our physical waking reality. Not only will the leaders explain the technology that facilitates such explorations, identifying several states that have been replicated by researchers at the Monroe Institute, but attendees will also have the opportunity to explore such expanded states for themselves through the use of Monroe Sound Science during the workshop. This experiential introduction to developing awareness beyond our physical bodies, performed with consciousness and intention, can serve to follow Institute founder Robert Monroe's advice: "Don't believe what I say—go and find out for yourself."

*Emilie Thomas, MA, LMFT, is a certified Outreach Trainer and Guest Trainer at the Monroe Institute in Virginia. Having explored the endless dimensions of human consciousness through various types of meditation since she was a child, Emilie learned early on that death is a passage and not an end. In her preliminary training to become a licensed psychotherapist in California, Emilie served as a hospital chaplain, where she had the opportunity of midwifing patients' transitions—a privilege that eventually extended into her personal life as well with her own loved ones. Emilie now has a transpersonal psychotherapy practice in Virginia where she practices relationship centered therapy, focusing on finding meaning, connection, and purpose for our sojourns in this life.*

*Sky Pelletier Waterpeace, MA, is a mathematician and former hyper-rational atheist who had two NDEs several years apart. The first one occurred at age 20 in which he experienced a vivid NDE while a pedestrian in a car crash. This experience led ultimately to a complete transformation of his understanding of reality and of the nature of his true self. One result of this understanding has been the elimination of conscious fear of death, along with a willingness to pursue what he believes to be the right path for this human lifetime without fear of judgment. Sky believes this pursuit conveys great freedom in life and earnestly desires to share this experience of freedom with others.*



**Jeff Janssen, MS**

## **10 Life-Changing Lessons from Heaven**

**Thursday 4:00 - 6:15 pm**

*(\$40 separate registration required)*

What important lessons do near-death experiences (NDEs) have in common, and how can those life-changing lessons inspire us to loving action in our daily lives whether we've had an NDE or not? In this inspiring and interactive workshop, Jeff synthesizes and shares the main messages of 5,000 NDE accounts into 10 practical and powerful lessons we can use to live our lives more lovingly, fully, and fearlessly here on Earth.

*After almost suffering a widowmaker heart attack at the young age of 42, author Jeff Janssen sought answers to Life's Biggest Questions, such as, who am I, why are we here, and what happens to us when we die? After studying over 5,000 NDEs, Jeff synthesized their findings into the 10 Life-Changing Lessons from Heaven so he and others could benefit from their profound wisdom. Because learning about the NDE life review had such a profound impact on his life, he then wrote Your Life's Ripple Effect. Jeff has also written a book for those grieving the loss of loved ones called Comforting Truths from Heaven and one for kids who have lost a loved one called What You'll Learn in Heaven.*



**Brian D. Smith, BSc**

## **Illuminating New Paths: Harnessing Positive Intelligence to Maximize NDE Lessons and Minimize Grief**

**Friday 1:30 - 3:45 pm**  
(*\$40 separate registration required*)

Dive into this transformative workshop designed to empower you to manage grief and integrate profound insights from near-death experiences (NDEs). Learn how Positive Intelligence can help you combat internal saboteurs and amplify your inner sage, enhancing resilience and grace in the face of life's challenges. This workshop bridges the transformative wisdom of NDEs and the empowering tools of Positive Intelligence. Join Brian for this unique journey, and emerge equipped with practical strategies for turning life's deepest trials into personal growth and enlightenment opportunities.

*Brian Smith is a certified life coach, grief guide, and small business consultant. Brian's mission is to help others by sharing lessons he has learned from decades of experience and study. Brian began this work shortly after the untimely passing of his 15-year-old daughter Shayna in the summer of 2015. Brian overcame a fear of death prior to Shayna's passing and believes that he and Shayna are on a mission together to help others heal and overcome fear. Brian is on the boards of the SoulPhone Foundation and Helping Parents Heal. Brian is the author of Grief 2 Growth: Planted. Not Buried and he is the host of the Grief 2 Growth podcast.*



**Sarina Baptista, AA**

## **The Divine Feminine Love Experience**

**Friday 4:00 - 6:15 pm**  
(*\$40 separate registration required*)

Experience Universal, unconditional love and healing through the Divine Feminine and the power of the Crystalline Grid. In this workshop, we will discuss our connection to the Divine Feminine and the Universe via the heart center. We will learn ways to enhance this connection through the Crystalline symbol activation, guided visualization, and meditations. We will also meet our multidimensional guides and healers and experience this multidimensional energy healing. You will receive tools for daily heart connection and healing at the highest frequency!

*Sarina Baptista is an award-winning author, international speaker, spiritual teacher, and evidential psychic medium. Her book, My View from Heaven, is a 2019 COVR Visionary Awards Bronze Recipient in the Iconic Book category and a 2021 Speak Up Talk Radio Firebird Book Award Winner in three categories. She was a featured speaker for the "Life, Death, and Beyond" International Conference in Crete, Greece, and is a visiting medium at Lily Dale, NY, during their summer program. Sarina has presented at IANDS conferences and has created many training programs, including spiritual mentoring, workshops, and retreats. She discovered her gifts through her own tragedy: the passing of her seven-year-old son in March 2007. She learned that her son did not really die. Rather, he was still very close, and he led her to her incredible gifts.*



**William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT, and Monica Williams, MD**

## **Explore the Shared Crossing Spectrum of End-of-Life Experiences: What They Are and How You (and Your Patients) May Experience Them**

**Saturday 1:30 - 3:45 pm**  
(*\$40 separate registration required*)

Join William Peters, the world's leading expert on shared crossing experiences, and Monica Williams, MD, the Medical Director of the Shared Crossing Research Initiative, in exploring the mystical and transformative power of spiritual end-of-life experiences in a dynamic



experiential workshop. Peters and Williams will present video case studies and actual patient encounters and will engage participants in exploring their own personal and/or professional end-of-life experiences. Participants will learn how to identify and manifest these transformative experiences in their personal and professional experiences.

*William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT, is a psychotherapist and the founder of the Shared Crossing Project whose mission is to positively transform relationships to death and dying through education and raising awareness about extraordinary end-of-life experiences (shared crossings) and their healing benefits. William is a global leader in shared death studies and end-of-life phenomenon. He teaches methods to facilitate the shared death experience and to assist experiencers in meaningfully integrating their experiences. His work is informed by his two NDEs and a variety of shared crossings. William's book, entitled At Heaven's Door: What Shared Journeys to the Afterlife Teach About Dying Well and Living Better, is published by Simon & Schuster.*

*Monica Williams, MD, is a board-certified emergency physician who is on staff at one of the largest emergency departments in the nation, Huntsville Hospital, where she is also the Medical Director for Advanced Care Planning and End of Life Education Programs. Dr. Monica is a passionate author and keynote speaker whose focus is empowering patients and families in critical and end-of-life decision-making. Her book, It's OK to Die and companion website are tools devoted to transforming the end of life into a time of peace, closure, and healing. Dr. Monica has lectured from Princeton to LA, and her work has appeared in the New York Times, the Health Around the Web Column, and the Washington Post. She has appeared on the Emmy Award winning TV show The Doctors, and her work has been adopted by UCLA's Center for Integrative Oncology. William Peters and Dr. Monica are, respectively, the principal investigator and medical director for the Shared Crossing Research Initiative which collects and studies shared crossings. Their works have been published in the American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and the Omega – Journal of Death Studies.*



**Eben Alexander, MD, and Karen Newell**

## **Cultivating Purpose and Co-Creating an Ideal World With Love**

**Saturday 4:00 - 6:15 pm** (\$70 separate registration required)

Near-death experiencers speak of the amazing force of love at the heart of the spiritual realm. Other related phenomena such as end-of-life dreams and visions, after-death communication, and terminal lucidity verify that love is the fundamental glue that binds us all together. Learning to harness this love in our daily lives is key to living a fuller life individually and ultimately changing the world for the better. Using specialized brainwave entrainment audio recordings, we can learn to bypass the thinking mind and get more in touch with the love that connects us with the heart of the universe. Living with this understanding is a conducive pathway to achieving spiritual growth. If spiritual growth is the ultimate aim in life, then it becomes imperative for each of us to help create peaceful and functioning communities that support an individual's pursuit of spiritual life. Regular spiritual practices and actions help all other aspects of life to naturally fall into place.

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## Rev. Sue Frederick

### Sacred Numerology as a Portal to Your Soul's Purpose and Your Departed Loved Ones

**Sunday 10:30 am - 12:45 pm** (\$40 separate registration required)

Experience the profound wisdom of Rev. Sue Frederick's unique teachings on Sacred Numerology. She'll guide you through a process of using numbers to reveal your soul's purpose and open the pathway to connecting with your departed. Rev. Sue, an ordained Unity minister, intuitive coach, Master Numerologist, and Soul Regression Therapist, has used numerology and spiritual practice to guide clients to connect to departed loved ones. Join us in discovering how Sacred Numerology can guide you in so many helpful ways.

*Reverend Sue Frederick, ordained Unity Minister, lifelong intuitive, Past Life and Between Lives Soul Regression Therapist, and Master Numerologist, is the author of Through a Divine Lens: Practices to Quiet Your Ego and Align With Your Soul, Bridges to Heaven: True Stories of Loved Ones on the Other Side, I See Your Soul Mate, and I See Your Dream Job. As an intuitive coach and spiritual guide, she's helped thousands of people realign with their soul's purpose and connect to departed loved ones for healing conversations. Her work has been featured in the New York Times, CNN.com, and Real Simple, Yoga Journal, Natural Health, and Complete Woman magazines. <http://www.SueFrederick.com>*



## Roland L. Walters, BS

### Energy Cascade of Healing Light

**Sunday 1:30 - 3:45 pm** (\$40 separate registration required)

Immerse yourself in the healing power of Light and Love. Join Roland Walters, a multifaceted spiritual counselor, for a transformative group energy session. The Energy Cascade consists of four rounds of increasing levels of the healing energy of Divine Light and Love. Here, you can experience the connection with one another and the Divine. Through the power of healing, you may embrace a more mindful and loving way of seeing yourself and others. Take advantage of this unique chance to come together as one to experience the healing energy of Love through the power of "I AM."

*Roland L. Walters, founder of In The Healing Light, is a spiritual guide and compassionate counselor whose mission is to support individuals connecting to the Oneness of Divine Love, helping them create a more conscious, loving, and fulfilled lifestyle. With a shamanic background, Roland incorporates his expertise in Light energy to offer transformative services, including energy healing and spiritual counseling. What sets Roland's work apart is the safe space he creates where, free from expectations, a genuine openness allows for the authentic exchange of healing energy. Roland firmly believes this profound transformation uncovers the limitless potential of an awakened spirit. Roland, a graduate of NC State University, has shared his NDE story on several podcasts and is featured in In Just One Afternoon: Listening Into the Hearts of Men by Marilyn Shannon.*

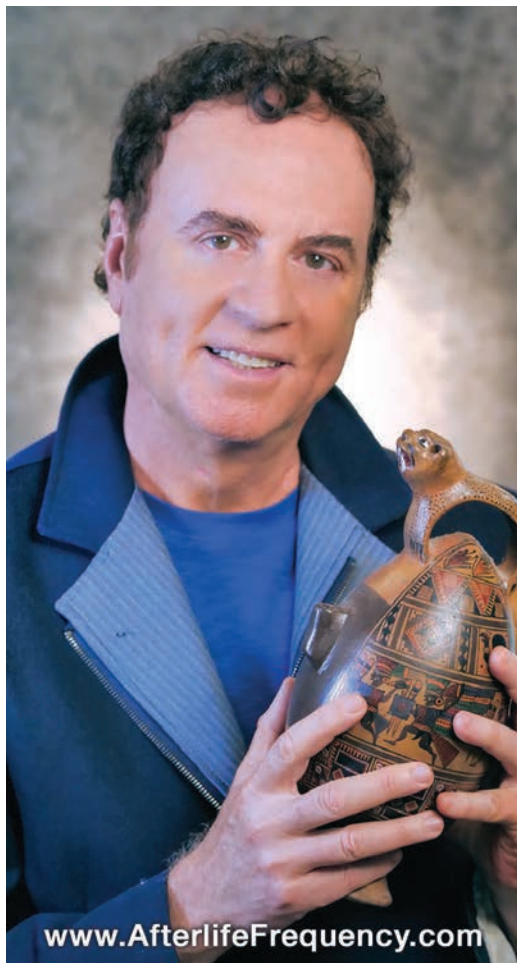


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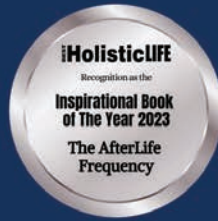
A listing of US licensed mental health professionals who have particular training to work with clients with transpersonal experiences, including near-death experiences and related experiences, will be coming soon. Watch for it at [www.iands.org](http://www.iands.org).





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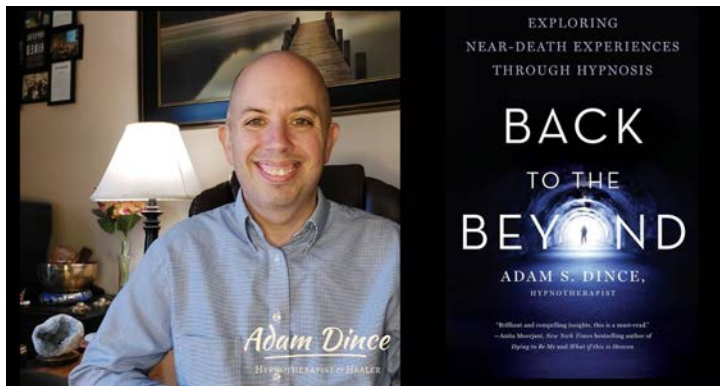
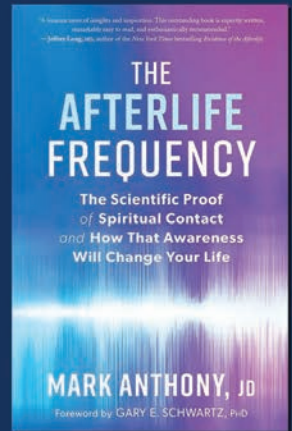
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# PANELS - listed in chronological order

**Thursday**  
**9:15 - 10:15 am**



## **Spiritual AND Religious: Bridging Mystical Experiences and Christianity**

Moderator: Stephanie Bradbury, MDiv  
Rev. Graham Standish, PhD / Walt Scotson / Roberta Moore, MBA

Far too many experiencers have been told by Christians that their NDE or other mystical experiences simply can't be true. Still, many other Christians know they are true because they've had their own experiences. We are a group of Christian clergy and leaders who embrace your experiences. Like you, we know that Jesus's mission was one of love and inclusivity and that your deep spiritual experiences—we call them spiritually transformative experiences (STEs)—are gateways to a deeper relationship with God. We will be sharing our insights in ways that can bring unity between STEs, NDEs, and Christian spirituality.

**Thursday**  
**12:15 - 1:15 pm**



## **Anomalous NDE Panel**

Moderator:  
Angela Willson-Quayle, PhD  
Alex Haley, JD /  
Glory Schneider, MFA

These panelists have had experiences that are highly unusual, even confounding. The learning that has been transformational for them may be part of a personal history that is not even known or accessible. Demystifying and translating their experiences were necessary components of claiming their meaning—for themselves, and for sharing with others.



**Thursday**  
**4:00 - 6:15 pm**  
**(2 hours w/  
break)**

## **Insights From NDEs/STEs for Living Our Best Life**

Moderator: Victoria Reynolds  
Brianna Lafferty, MA / Jayme Tener, MEd / Hillary Hardin / Lisa Arrington /  
Vicki Werner, BS / Shaun Martin, MA

This panel discussion is guaranteed to be an eye-opening and heart expanding experience. Each member of the panel will share an overview of their personal near-death experience or transformative spiritual experience. They will also explain how their experience expanded their consciousness into seeing what is possible for themselves and how it provided insights for living with greater purpose and meaning. Following the presentations there will be audience participation through Q&A.

**Friday**  
**9:15 - 10:15 am**



## Life Between Life Reviews Enhance Love of Self and Love for Others

Moderators: Jim Fisher, MBA /  
Jen Catlin, MS

Learn what a life between life (LBL) review is and how hypnosis can be used to access guidance on one's life purpose. Jim and Jen will discuss LBL reviews and how the information obtained can lead to greater love for oneself and for others. Through their own and others' experiences, they will provide real-life examples showing how people benefited from their LBLs and inspired them toward loving action. You may be inspired to seek your own LBL to better appreciate the importance of the spiritual planning that went into your current incarnation and to gain insight into the behaviors of challenging people in your life.

**Friday**  
**12:15 - 1:15 pm**



## A 12-Step NDE Integration Process: In Service to Experiencers and Their Loved Ones

Moderator: Bethany Silver, PhD  
Diana (DiFranco) Marquez Lyons, LCSW, LISW, ACMHP / Jim Bruton

Near-death experiences are uniquely personal and life changing. Until they find community among their own, Experiencers may feel rejected, isolated, confused and afraid to reach out for support. Learn how to facilitate a 12-Step NDE Integration support group that offers experiencers a path to community, validation, support, and acceptance.

**Friday**  
**1:30 - 2:30 pm**



## Back to the Beyond: Exploring Near-Death Experiences Through Hypnosis

Adam Dince, MBA / Betty Guadagno

Hypnotherapist Adam Dince will speak about how hypnosis can allow you to revisit the dimensions and realms you journeyed to during the out-of-body experience portion of your NDE. And be prepared to have your mind blown by Betty Guadagno's hypnotic journey back to the Beyond. Adam and Betty will also be facilitating a Q&A session after the presentation. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about how hypnotherapy can help near-death experiencers reconnect with the place most call home.



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Friday  
4:00 - 5:00 pm



## End of Life Experiences: Evidence for Terminal Lucidity in Children and Adults

Moderator: Marjorie Woollacott, PhD  
Bruce Greyson, MD / Karalee Kothe, MA / Natasha Tassell-Matamua, PhD

Terminal lucidity is a phenomenon in which there are unexplained increases in mental clarity, verbal communication, and/or physical capability in the days and hours prior to the death of a person who has been mentally impaired or comatose. This panel will explore its history, the research that is ongoing in the area, new data from research in a pediatric population, and descriptions of terminal lucidity in animals, as well as the significance of these results for care by family and the medical community at the end of life.

Friday  
4:00 - 5:00 pm



## Revealing the Path: Transmuting Challenges Across All Time Through Gentleness and Love

Moderator: Kimberly Braun, MA, CSP  
Sharon Milliman / Emilie Spear, BS, CIA, CISA, CRISC

During this time of unprecedented challenge and uncertainty, there are doors that already exist leading to realms of liberation and love. Join 4 near-death experiencers as they draw upon the transformative insights of their experiences to provide for you: keys of understanding and direction that will unlock these doors, foundational evidence that the answers are within you as part of your essential nature, insight into the connectedness of all time and why this matters, and capacity to move forward through all circumstances empowered with clarity and inspiration.

Friday  
8:15 - 9:45 pm



## Movie: *Architecture of Death: The Inner World of Dying* (third movie in the *When You Die* trilogy) followed by a Panel with Q&A

Panelists: Johanna Lunn, BA, William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT, Maggie Callanan, RN

The *Architecture of Death* explores the physical aspect of dying as well as the unseen felt experiences that can occur, including the changing roles within a family, the potential to heal old wounds, deathbed visions or dreams, messages to loved ones from the dying or recently passed, and a host of other phenomena. Professionals who have spent their careers at the bedside share extraordinary stories as Director Johanna Lunn takes viewers by the hand to explore what death might look like.

This presentation will include the screening of the 60-minute documentary *The Architecture of Death*, followed by a Q & A with Director Johanna Lunn, William Peters, an expert featured in the film, and Registered Nurse, Maggie Callanan.



**Saturday**  
**12:15 - 1:15 pm**



MMSc, MCLC

## **Transformative Messages From the Other Side: A Mediumship Panel**

Moderator: Maria Lupita Gurule  
Patricia L'Dara, MA / Ray Catania,

A common condition of near-death experiencers (NDErs) is that “the veil to the other side” is lifted, creating rich, mystical, and life-altering experiences even beyond the NDE itself. In this panel, meet three NDErs who straddle between the seen and unseen, bridging the subconscious / unconscious with the conscious. Each will share their experience that forever altered their lives into loving service for Souls—both here and there. Discover the transformative power within to uplift humanity, aid the Earth, and experience life for the better.

**Saturday**  
**12:15 - 1:15 pm**



Moderator: Rebecca Valla, MD

Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K / Rebecca Austill-Clausen, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, Reiki Master

## **Ethical Action is an Act of Love**

This panel includes three of the five members of the IANDS Ethics Committee. They will each share their personal and professional commitment in the work of supporting IANDS's ethical standards. They will show that to behave ethically is to manifest love. They will also seek the input of all of the IANDS community with regard to training and awareness needs in applying and effectively utilizing the ethics policies.

**Saturday**  
**12:15 - 2:30 pm**

**(2 hours w/  
break)**



Moderator: Daniel Endy, BS

Brianna Lafferty, BS / Michael Alton Haley, BA

## **Dispelling the Shame and Fear Accompanying Distressing Spiritual Experiences Such as NDEs, STEs, and OBEs**

Following a presentation, there will be sharing and group discussion for those who have had a distressing NDE, STE, or OBE. Many distressing experiencers feel even more out of place than pleasant experiencers. This extended 2-hour session will give you a chance to meet other DSTERS, to listen to their experiences, and to learn how they handled these unusual cases. (Non-experiencers are also welcome to attend.) We are glad to continue the ground-breaking work of Nancy Evans Bush in the area of distressing NDEs.

**Saturday**  
**1:30 - 2:30 pm**



## **It Happened at IANDS: Witnessing a Family's Transformation From Terrifying Death to Afterlife Peace**

Father Nathan Castle, OP / Michael A. Quinn /  
Linda L. Quinn

Between early April and mid-July, 1994, approximately three-quarters of a million Rwandans were massacred in a genocidal purge. Most were members of the Tutsi tribe. On August 19, 2019, a family of three presented themselves in a dream to Father Nathan seeking help in moving from one afterlife plane to the next. Father Nathan and Michael Quinn were prayer partners in this crossing as they moved into prayer and recorded a session involving this family that had died in the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. This process was assisted by St. Charles Lwanga and Mother Mary under the title of Our Lady of Rwanda. In this presentation, the presenters will reenact their experience.

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**Saturday  
1:30 - 3:45 pm**  
  
**(2 hours w/  
break)**



## **Healing Transformations Through Love and Light**

Moderator: Tonda Nampaio-Cardenas  
Loreli Drache / Rebecca Kastl Millsap, MS / Elizabeth Clark, MT-BC

Each of our professional women panelists present to you a very unique journey and perspective. We each are here to share our stories of how we have transformed through our personal experiences and how we each have brought our gifts to the world of healing.

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**Saturday  
1:30 - 3:45 pm**  
  
**(2 hours w/  
break)**



## **Military/Veteran Experiencers Discussion Group**

Moderators: Venus-Val Tower / Paul Sperry, MS / Chuck Swedrock, MBA

A sharing event for active or veteran military service members. (For military and veteran experiencers only.)

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**Saturday  
4:00 - 6:15 pm**  
  
**(2 hours  
w/break)**



## **No Story is Too Small: Transforming Ourselves to Transform the World**

Moderator: Peter Panagore, MDiv  
Kristen Adams, MA / Kendall (Ken) Gilligan, MD / David Ulrich /  
Shelly Liedtke, BMSc / Ellen Corson, BA / Michele Addino-Colchin, MA / Françoise E. Netter, MA

NDEs and STEs are life-altering events for those who experience them. They are irresistible catalysts for change. Initially, the change is internal as experiencers reconsider their beliefs about life and the hereafter. During this time, many NDErs and STErs keep their experiences to themselves as they engage in the challenging inner work of reformation and transformation. In a parallel process, they also reconsider their relationship to neighbors and humanity as a whole. Over time, they gain sufficient clarity and courage to emerge from their seclusion and share their stories with others. This sharing has helped to build the NDE community through organizations like IANDS. It



also draws in STers by offering validation and community as well as non-NDers by offering knowledge, inspiration, and hope. Through the stories of several individuals, this panel presentation gives voice to the transformative process. Hear stories from the early days when those who shared their experiences were scoffed at or seen as delusional, to recent time where open-minded people are beginning to listen. Glimpse an emerging future where NDers and STers move from the margins of society to a position of acceptance and inclusion where their experiences and contributions can serve to help others on their transformative journeys.

**Sunday**  
**10:30 - 11:30 am**



## **NDE Awakenings to the Joy of Healthcare Service**

Co-Moderators: Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K and Vincent DeVice, BSN, RN  
Deborah King, PhD, RN / Deborah Snider, ThM

These panelists are healthcare professionals who have had inspiring NDEs that have led them to even greater commitment and purpose in their work with patients. The co-moderators are also professionals in healthcare who will bring their sensitivity to the expanded awareness of the threshold for loving connection between patient and practitioner.

**Sunday**  
**1:30 - 2:30 pm**



## **Trauma and Darkness Can Lead Us to Love and Light**

Moderator: Cathy Gabrielsen, BS  
Oshara Waago / Leora Leon, BA / Ritu LeBouef, MBA / Keshia Santero

The Trauma Panel will lead you on a miraculous and supernatural ride of spiritual awakening and emotional self-healing. This knowledgeable and empathetic panel will share their expertise, wisdom, strategies, and tools that aid them in transforming their trauma and the residual emotional and physical pain. You will learn much from Panel members' varied life experiences that will not only show you how to recover, heal trauma, and eliminate fear, but also help you find the strength within you to manifest a life filled with peace, purpose, and power.

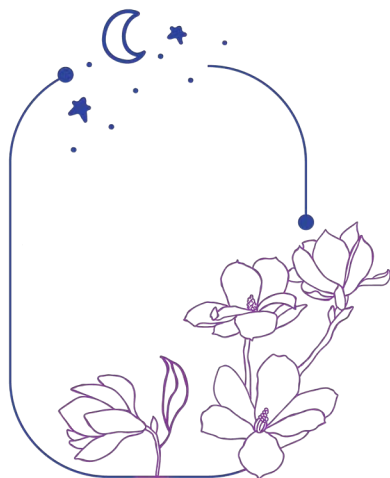
**Sunday**  
**1:30 - 2:30 pm**



## **Your Spiritual Experience Contains Your Gift to the World**

Moderator: Betty Guadagno  
Mystic Chics: Wendy Casey / Audrey Casey Herrick / Mary Casey Bowers

No matter how lonely you have felt, how isolated, how nervous that everything you once knew has now changed, it has changed FOR you. Your experience has happened because you were ready for it. Join The Mystic Chics as they share their own experiences of doubt, loneliness, and isolation due to spiritual experiences and gifts they have had since birth. Participants experience an awakening of empowerment and confidence to take loving action in their lives. This trio of two sisters and an aunt offer a safe, supportive, substance-free environment in their sacred healing ceremonies, igniting the God Source within. In this discussion, you can ask questions and learn tools on how to best navigate this new version of Amazing You!



## What is The Experienter Lounge?

Located in the **VALOR** room, 14th Floor, North Tower  
(included in registration)

The Experienter Lounge is a safe and comfortable place to meet, gather, hang out, assist each other, and share NDE stories or other experiences with one another. It is also a place to relax, be silent, and listen. For many who are especially sensitive or empathic, the Experienter Lounge can serve as a refuge from the crowds and activities at the conference. We hope that experiencers will use this valuable resource to meet each other during the conference—or simply to find a quiet place to chill out.

Experiencers of all transformative and mystical events are welcome, not just NDErs. And those who are experiencing grief and loss of a loved one are welcome to listen in for comfort and spiritual nurturance in a non-judgmental atmosphere of love, respect, and acceptance. Friends of experiencers, or others who wish to participate in or listen to the discussion, are also welcome.



## What are Healing Sessions?

Located in the **VICTORY** and **LIBERTY** rooms, 14th  
Floor, North Tower

(additional charge; discounts for multiple sessions.  
Purchase tickets in the Bookstore, 14th floor, North Tower.)

Healing Sessions allow you to try or re-experience a variety of healing modalities. Stop by the Healing Welcome Center on the 14th Floor/North

Tower to check out each day's new posting of healers and their services. Purchase your ticket at the Healing Welcome Center or Bookstore, both on the 14th Floor. Then sign-up for your individual 20-minute session(s) at the Healing Welcome Center! Tickets are \$18 each and must be given to the service provider/healer at the start of your session. Sessions are available only during time ranges indicated on the schedule. Enjoy, relax, . . . and heal!

Reiki - Psychic Mediums - Spiritual Coaching - Marconic Healing - Indigenous Travel Blessing while Making Prayer Ties - Reconnective Healing - Craniosacral Therapy - Storytelling to Heal - Exploring Consciousness Together - Energetic Healing by Intent - Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction - Healing with Divine Stillness - I Ching and Intuitive Readings - Spiritual Shamanic Healing - Message Bearing Reiki... and more!

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## CROSSING THE VEIL AND COMING BACK TO LIFE

An Ensemble Theater Piece

**Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 - 3:45 pm**

*In the Van Buren Room*



*This piece is a new work conceived by Robert Cornett and led by Ted Pugh, based on true stories of five people who have reported a near-death experience (NDE) and the challenges of integrating the experience into their lives.*

Ensemble:

**Eddie Allen, Robert Cornett, Laurie Portocarrero, Vincent Ropollo,  
 Dasana Smyth, Christina Porkert, and Sarah Stosiek**



# LECTURES / ACTIVITIES - listed in chronological order



**Thursday, 9:15 - 10:15 am Elissa Hope Hope From Heaven**

Elissa will describe her near-death experience in which she encountered God as well as her extraordinary experiences of after-death communication with her deceased boyfriend, Todd. She will discuss the implications of her experiences for the knowledge that each person has an eternal soul and that our deceased loved ones are always with us.



**Thursday, 9:15 - 10:15 am William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT, and Linda Higdon How Shared Death Experiences Catalyze Transformational Growth and Enduring Relationships Across the Veil**

Join William Peters, the leading expert and bestselling author on the shared death experience (SDE), and Linda Higdon, Trustee of Ripples International, Kenya, for a deep dive into the mystical world of the shared death experience. Learn about the SDE and its transformational benefits, including accelerated spiritual development, enhanced appreciation for interpersonal relationships (including continuing bonds), and inspiration to serve the common good. Special guest Linda Higdon will share how her SDE with her 6-year-old nephew inspired her to start Ripples International, an organization that serves street kids of Kenya.



**Thursday, 9:15 - 10:15 am Ellen Wier, MA Calling in Angel Messages and Loving Kindness With Singing Bowls, Breathwork and Journeying Through Music**

Experience crystal singing bowl vibrations, high frequency visualizations, and white light induction. Reconnect with your life's purpose by calling in divine love and guidance. Release what no longer serves you to allow universal energy to flow effortlessly into your energetic being. You'll be guided with magical sound vibration, "journeying" to music, and Angelic messages from Source. You'll experience the embodiment of sound vibration and learn to balance your Divine Messages with your consciousness for powerful shifts in your life. Kimberly will also demonstrate her mediumship readings from the Angels. This warm, loving, guided experience of healing with the Angels will include a Theta manifestation exercise with a beautiful crystal bowl prayer.



**Thursday, 9:15 - 10:15 am Janice Messino, BA Integrating Near-Death Experience and General Life Experiences Through the Practice of Qigong**

Using gentle body movements, Qigong is known as meditation in movement. The benefits of Qigong are many, including improving spiritual, physical, and mental health for longevity, strength, flexibility, and balance in body and mind by accessing the calm within. This practice may be done standing or sitting.



**Thursday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm Rev. Amirah Hall, PhD Awakened by the Afterlife: Amirah Hall's Transformative NDE in Egypt**

Amirah Hall will delve into her personal NDE in Egypt and how it has shaped her worldview, including her spontaneous mediumship abilities. She will offer insights on the afterlife and how her experience has inspired her loving actions in mentoring others on their spiritual journey. The talk promises to be an inspiring exploration of NDEs, the afterlife, and the transformative power of spirituality.



**Thursday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm Kathy Winings, MDiv, EdD Dying to Experience and Live Authentic Love**

Our books, movies, and TV shows are filled with stories of our search for true love. It took a near-death experience in order for Kathy to come face-to-face with the meaning of a profound experience of love. More importantly, it took time for her to realize how to live her daily life based on that new experience of authentic love.



**Thursday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm Virginia Chambers, MPH The Power of Story: An Act of Compassion Across the Veil**

After Virginia spent the night in an old B&B that had been a safe house in the Underground Railroad, she expectantly communicated with restless spirits. This extraordinary encounter not only elicited her respect for the countless acts of courage performed by unsung heroes of that time but also spoke to the benefits of living a life of kindness and compassion and the profound benefits that storytelling can have for both the storyteller and the listener.



**Thursday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm Jonathan Dinsmore, MS Mystical Luminosity Experience: Initiating the Phenomenon for Psychological Study**

Jonathan will speak on the project he has headed for the past two years of initiating mystical luminosity experience as a topic of scientific study. In this talk, both theoretical and empirical work done on the phenomenon will be summarized, providing background and highlighting the key findings of three studies. Future directions will be suggested followed by Q & A with the audience.



**Thursday, 1:30 - 2:30 pm Steve Weber, MBA Lessons Learned From the Place Between Here and There: A Spiritual NDE**

Life is good and people are good, even when very sad things happen. Steve will describe how a near-death experience helped a grieving father understand his loss and find peace in this world and any other that may come after. This presentation is especially helpful for those who are struggling with the passing of a loved one or have a fear of what comes after this life.





**Thursday, 1:30 - 2:30 pm   Leena Zafary   Vibrational View of NDE and Life After NDE**

Leena Zafary will share how Bio-Acoustics helped her understand and integrate her near-death experience and spiritually transformative experience. Bio-Acoustics can find what is out of balance in you at core levels and returning them to a state of balance. It can have a dramatic effect on how you feel, function, act, recover, and enjoy life. The state of your health is in the sound of your voice. Frequencies and architectures found in the human voice can be used to identify the innate mathematical biomarkers that represent states of health and wellness.



**Thursday, 1:30 - 2:30 pm   Norma Edwards, DDiv   The Amazing Life of a Near-Death Experimenter**

In 1966 Norma Edwards died on an operating table. On the other side of the veil, she gained insight on love/light, reincarnation, and the Akashic Records. She was sent back with a message. A strong desire to relate to and incorporate lessons from the Akashic Records placed her on a path to practical spirituality and a fulfilling purpose driven life. Using supportive stories from her own life, Norma will examine life on both sides of the veil and share knowledge from the Akashic Records. Examine the possibility of awakening to Oneness with or without a near-death experience and the potential role of NDEs in planetary evolution.



**Thursday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm   Evan Premo, BM   Spiritual Soundings: Seeking the Source of Loving Action**

The music Evan Premo creates helps participants surrender the story of this incarnation in order to go deep within themselves into a place of expanded consciousness. Evan's drone-based, ambient style music facilitates a deep meditative experience that connects listeners to one another and all consciousness. Participants may meditate, pray, listen deeply, move, or sound along: humming, singing drones, or chanting.



**Thursday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm   Vinney Todd Tolman   The Light After Death: My Journey to Heaven and Back**

Vincent (Vinney) Tolman was found dead in the bathroom of a small restaurant. He had been dead for over half an hour at the age of 25. When paramedics arrived, they put him in a body bag and took him away. A rookie paramedic had a feeling to risk his career, break all protocols, and try to resuscitate Vinney. Miraculously, the paramedic restarted Vinney's heart, and Vinney was in a coma for three days. During this time, he had his transformative near-death experience and then wrote the book *The Light After Death: My Journey to Heaven and Back* about this experience.



**Thursday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm   Nell Rose Foreman, BS   Peace, Empowerment, and Freedom – The Power of Post-Traumatic Growth and Understanding That Feelings Can Heal**

Nell Rose will speak of the lessons learned through the most difficult times in her life. She will tell what happened during her spiritually transformative experience (STE) and what she continues to learn from the illness and death of her son, Jack, as well as the many mystical experiences she continues to have with him. The loving and transformative power from her experiences helps her to empower people to shift from anxiety, fear, and trauma and to create a life of peace and freedom.



**Thursday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm   Shaun Lether, BA   Awakening to My Purpose: How My Near-Death Experience and Other Spiritually Transformative Experiences Changed Everything I Believed About Myself and the World**

During Shaun's 2018 near-death experience, he saw that earthly life was a dream. He was not the false beliefs he had held about himself and the world. Through a series of spiritually transformative experiences (STEs) and NDEs, with their powerful aftereffects, Shaun woke up to his true spiritual nature and discovered his life purpose of mind, body, and spirit healing, as well as being of service to others. He will share his story and remind you that we are worthy of the Love and support that is always available from the "other side."



**Thursday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm   Scott Drummond   Pronounced Dead for 20 Minutes: What He Saw in Heaven and How it Changed His Life Forever!**

Scott's impactful, life-changing near-death experience completely altered his perceptions of life, family values, and professional life. Being struck by lightning a few years after his NDE was a wake-up call, reminding him of the gifts and goals he had been given in Heaven. Scott will share the lessons he learned while in Heaven, such as the importance of being of service to others and of always being kind. He will describe the impact of finally, after 40 years, receiving validation, education, and support regarding his NDE.



**Thursday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm   Pamela Nance, MA   My Near Death Experience: Awakening the Divine Source Within**

Pamela will speak of her life-altering NDE and how she was transformed both mentally and physically. She will share her life's journey and purpose since the NDE, as well as how she turned that experience into a tangible modality to heal people, animals, and plants.

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**Thursday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**    **Mary Jo Bulbrook** **The Power & Joy of Bringing Angels Into Your Life to Inspire Loving Action**  
Mary Jo has invited the Angel of Grace to this lecture to inspire LOVING action to IANDS participants at this meeting. Since January 1, 2023, after Mary Jo heard a voice from an Angel who stated her name was Grace, the Angel of Grace visual presence has been located at the front door of Mary Jo's office. In this presentation, Mary Jo will share the presence of the Angel of Grace.



**Thursday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm**    **Rev. Lisamarie Boncek, BSc**                      **Service to Mankind**  
Rev. Lisamarie Boncek will speak of her many spiritual experiences, visions, and near-death experiences, her journey of service to mankind and to God, and her miraculous healing from Jesus.



**Thursday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm**    **Joseph Banks**    **Pia Domu: The Loving Home (with live acoustic guitar music)**  
After an accident at work in 2011 that resulted in his becoming unconscious inside of an airplane fuel tank, Joseph began having sleep paralysis, which eventually progressed into out-of-body experiences (OBEs). With the dedication to face what was happening to him on a nightly basis, he left fear behind. This perspective afforded him a unique perspective on what it really means to be alive, and once that new insight became part of his frame of mind, the act Living became simply the experience of "Being Alive."



**Thursday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm**    **Tammi Spring, BA**                      **Thank You for Being: 5 Lessons From an NDE**  
Experience the opening to everyday miracles as you're guided through Tammi's near-death experience story. She made a choice to return to a fraught and dangerous life situation—an arc of danger, heartbreak, trust, and adventure. It was, and continues to be, one filled with beautiful synchronicities brought to fruition through a focus on self-love, presence in the moment, integrating the divine feminine, and honoring intuition. Tammi shares five key lessons from her time home, each theme vibrantly illustrated with artwork she creates to show spirituality and synchronicities among humans, nature, our soul's home, and infinite love and consciousness.



**Thursday, 9:30 - 10:00 pm**    **Tammi Spring, BA** (*pictured above*), **Evan Premo, BM**    **Full Body Somatic Meditation (with live music)**  
Experience a full body somatic meditation for grounding energy into the body while connecting to soul at Source. Evan Premo's drone based ambient style music facilitates a deep meditative experience which connects listeners to one another and all consciousness.



**Friday, 9:15 - 10:15 am**    **Kimberly Clark Sharp, MSW, LICSW**                      **Love and Laughter: The Pursuit of Happiness After a Near-Death Experience**  
Coming back from a near-death experience with a love for all can be so annoying. And how exactly does one get through the world after a love-infused spiritual experience when the world seems less than eager for a hug? Finding the funny helps—or at least finding a wry chuckle—both of which will be available during this presentation.



**Friday, 9:15 - 10:15 am**    **Scott Olsen, PhD**    **Awakening to Sacred Geometry: Pathway to Teaching Illumination for All**  
Scott will share his perinatal experience when he was brought home from the hospital and was hovering above his father's church, watching the scene unfold—an experience that he later described in detail to his shocked parents. But most importantly, he was in full consciousness, seeing clearly not only the past but also his intended role in this life to rediscover the secret doctrine of Plato. This mission, in turn, led to his love of beauty, recognition of the sacred connectedness of all existence, and realization of the higher role of selflessness in assisting the transformation and illumination of all living beings—the so-called Bodhisattva vow.



**Friday, 9:15 - 10:15 am**    **Archedon**                      **The Experiment**  
A new form of science experiment using near-death and spiritual experience narratives will be presented. "The Experiment" gives powerful evidence that the content of these experiences opens doors to a larger reality. Using ontological statements directly from near-death and spiritually transformative experience data, answers to age old religious and philosophical puzzles such as the purpose behind deep suffering and post-mortal judgment untangle gently, after which healing ensues.



**Friday, 9:15 - 10:15 am**    **Dr. Keyaunoosh Kassauei, MD**                      **Inspired to Loving Action by Embodiment Coaching With Emotional and Spiritual Intelligence**  
Keyaunoosh will discuss the five tiers of PIERS model of Conscious Coaching: PQ/physical intelligence, IQ, emotional intelligence, RQ/relational intelligence, and spiritual intelligence. She will share how her experience could have been different if she and her health care professional networks had the tools and education she has today to fill up the gap of spiritual and emotional care of experiencers as patients.



**Friday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm**    **Rev. Sue Frederick**                      **How Three Shared-Death Experiences Fast-Tracker My Life Into Loving Action**  
Sue was 29 years old on the day in 1979 when her husband died in her arms. She watched his spirit rise from his body and soar into the Colorado mountains. She will share this story and two more shared death experiences—involving her husband, father, and best girlfriend—and how those journeys to the divine realms taught her the purpose of life in the physical world.

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**Friday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm     Ishtar Howell, BA     The Blissful Freedom of Living as Pure Awareness: The Greatest Gift of the NDE**

Near-death experiences provide a window into a profoundly blissful level of consciousness. Ishtar will share how this place of deep wholeness, limitless love, and clarity is not some out-of-reach experience but is truly our natural state. In fact, the natural tendency of human life is to move in its direction. The telos of human evolution depends on our reconnection to this field.



**Friday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm     Amber Kasic, MA     Underneath Life's Complications Lies the Discovery That LOVE is All There Is**

Amber will inspire attendees with the shared death experience between her and her father as he passed under hospice care. It led her on a journey of forgiveness, healing, expanded awareness of our greater reality, and it inspired loving action to help us all live more peaceful, connected lives with those around and beyond us.



**Friday 12:15 - 1:15 pm     Rebecca Valla, MD     Case Consultation / Peer Supervision for Professional Mental Health Care Providers**

A case consultation meeting for mental health professionals who would like input and assistance with difficult client cases.



**Friday, 1:30-2:30 pm     Jan Holden, EdD, LPC-S, ACMHP, Abbi O'Leary, BA, Lindsey Warwick, PhD (pictured clockwise from top)     Positions on Controversial Death-Related Social Issues: The Role of Transpersonal Experiences**

Are people who have had transpersonal experiences—such as near-death experiences, after-death communication, and psi experiences—called to transform their political positions and opinions? In late 2022, we surveyed members and friends of IANDS regarding their positions on five controversial death-related social issues: abortion, the death penalty, physician-assisted suicide, gun control, and a materialist vs. idealist philosophy, as well as their political affiliations—conservative, moderate, or liberal—before and after their transpersonal experiences. We compare our results to the US population at large, discuss implications of our findings, and conclude with Q&A with our audience.



**Friday, 1:30 - 2:30 pm     Chrystal Osier, BA     Love Is All That Matters**

Chrystal Rae had a near-death experience during an accident on an icy mountain road, when her small red jeep was forced to swerve, then plunged 25 feet off a cliff and rolled 10 times. In her NDE, and other spiritual experiences, a being of light showed her various paths in her future on Earth, and she was able to choose the right one for her. Chrystal Rae's soul mission is to share the heartfelt and inspirational message that "Love Is All That Matters."



**Friday, 1:30 - 2:30 pm     Stacy Natzel     Journey to New Earth**

After the birth of Stacy's second child, she had an intense out-of-body experience. During her experience she saw many visions of how the universe began as well as our purpose, and she experienced astral travel where she was able to visit New Earth.



**Friday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm     Curtis Childs, BA     The Nature of Love in Heaven According to Swedenborg**

Curtis will talk about love—how it shapes the afterlife, how it connects us in this world to each other and to our Source, and how we can strengthen those connections every day. He will explore the fascinating spiritual experiences of Emanuel Swedenborg, the brilliant 18th-century scientist and inventor, and the insights Swedenborg's experiences give us into the nature and power of love.



**Friday, 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm     Noelle St. Germain-Sehr, PhD, and Amanda St. Germain-Sehr, MA     Helping Grieving Clients: The Healing Power of After-Death Communication (ADC)**

The presenters will provide an overview of research on after-death communication (ADC) including characteristics, types, and aftereffects. They will present research and case examples discussing the impact of ADC on mediating grief symptoms and the clinical implications of spontaneous and facilitated ADC in grief counseling.



**Friday, 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm     Becca Waterpeace, BA     Interpretative Dance to Touched by an NDE**

Becca Waterpeace shall perform an interpretive dance to a song she wrote about being touched by her husband's near-death experiences. This song, *Touched by an NDE*, is performed by Soul Release, a band consisting of Becca and Sky Waterpeace. Sky Waterpeace is also a speaker at this conference.



**Friday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm     Kara Marlene     How a Childhood NDE Unlocked the Power to Miraculously Heal Generational Breast Cancer and the Power Within**

Kara Marlene will speak of the secrets unlocked from a near-death experience that led to miraculous cancer healing. She will describe how following the connection to that unlimited power within leads to a truly amazing life!



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**Friday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**     **Cathy Gabrielsen, BS**     **Your Path of Ascension: Messages From Ascended Masters**  
Join Cathy Gabrielsen as she shares essential messages she received from Ascended Masters on how to live our true selves, the keys to transformational knowing, and the path to becoming fully awakened human beings. Participants will not only discern where they are on their journey to ascension—their past, present, and future—and learn how to ascend to the next level and unite with their own divine nature, but they will also increase their own paranormal gifts, connection to spirit, consciousness, and vibration!



**Friday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**     **Cassandra Ricks, PhD**     **Answering the Call to an Extraordinary Life: The Keys to Navigate Life's Toughest Terrain, and Emerge Better Off Than Before**  
Experiencing six NDEs and multiple spiritually transformative experiences led Cassandra to re-invent her life and integrate the learnings into it. She will share her three secrets to transforming any challenge and accessing deep inner strength. You can learn to feel confident in your ability to achieve goals and dreams and to unlock the code for prosperous living.



**Friday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm**     **Krista Gorman, BS, and Ainsley Threadgold**     **Love As Our Guide After Death**  
Krista and Ainsley will share their journeys from their individual deaths to life with one another. At the center of it all was and is Love. They will discuss key points along their paths where Love was the guide that led them to greater connection with themselves, one another, and the world. Literal miracles occurred along the way!



**Friday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm**     **Jessika Jake**     **Superconscious Leadership**  
Come explore what it can mean to show up as a Superconscious Leader for your teams at work, in your community, and for yourself. Superconscious Leadership is unapologetically soul-centric, rooted in post-materialism, unequivocally acknowledging that as human beings, we have a who-ness (the human aspect) and a what-ness (the being aspect).



**Friday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm**     **Stephanie Bradbury BA, MDiv**     **How a Series of Mystical Experiences Called Me to the Priesthood, a Life of Joy With God, and Spiritual Service to Others**  
Rev. Stephanie will share six of her spiritually transformative experiences (STEs) and the lessons that she learned from each. She will then show how they influenced her call to ordination to the priesthood and a life devoted to God, service to others, and translating STEs to the church.



**Friday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm**     **Joe Hehn**     **Dreams of Antiquity: My Late Wife's Introduction to the Afterlife**  
Three days after her passing, Joe received a message from his late wife. That message served to encourage and inspire him to seek out new truths about death as he traveled the world. Through her enduring guidance and love, Joe discovered the soul's purpose as well as sacred and spiritual truths that ultimately released him from both grief and even the fear of death.



**Saturday, 9:15 - 10:15 am**     **Lorie Ladd**     **Embracing Your Divine Design**  
Lorie will activate a deep remembrance within you that your human journey on the Planet is divinely designed in order to navigate the courageous evolution in human consciousness. There are no mistakes. You are here for a reason.



**Saturday, 9:15 - 10:15 am**     **Louisa Peck, MA**     **Coming Out in Three Layers — Queer, Alcoholic, Woo-woo Wing-nut — and Why It Matters**  
Louisa Peck has “come out” three times, in each case rejecting the stereotypes and stigmas she’d internalized about queers, alcoholics, and, finally, “woo-woo wing-nuts” in order to embrace her own experiences of same-sex love, recovery from addiction, and connection with the divine. In each case, a supportive community has empowered her with the courage to share her truth in the face of disapproval. Louisa believes every action we take, every communication we share, has a ripple effect that can gradually and cumulatively change the world.



**Saturday, 9:15 - 10:15 am**     **Marieta Pehlivanova, PhD**     **Physicians and the Near-Death Experience**  
Near-death experiencers sometimes disclose their NDEs to healthcare providers, including physicians. The early period right after an NDE may be accompanied by emotional distress and shock, so support and validation is especially important at that point. Research shows that approximately one-third of disclosures happen within a day of an NDE and that early disclosures to medical professionals are much more common than to other professionals. NDE researchers and clinicians have presented specific recommendations for adequate and supportive interactions with NDE patients, including “normalizing” the experience and its aftereffects. However, these guidelines are yet to be integrated into medical curricula through education and evidence-based practices. Even though abundant research has documented NDEs as a phenomenon with consistent characteristics and aftereffects, experiences that are demonstrably different from hallucinations, dreams, or mental illness, barriers to integration of NDE knowledge into clinical practice remain strong. We have investigated physicians’ attitudes towards NDEs and their specific difficulties toward accepting, acknowledging, and addressing NDEs in their practice, and we will present concrete steps to help overcome this resistance.



**Saturday, 9:15 - 10:15 am**     **Susan Dyer**     **Born Clairvoyant + Unbelieved. Lived in Terror + Self-Hate. Died Joyful, Until “God” Asked Me to Return + Shed My Spiritual Camouflage.**  
Susan was born clairvoyant—and raised by baffled Catholics. As her visions were dismissed, Susan doubted her sanity and, by kindergarten, had come to hate herself. But a 2017 NDE clarified her journey. Susan merged with “Source” and promised to return to Earth and “live transparently”—despite the fact that this was her worst fear realized. Her honesty attracted women who needed what she offered, whether identification or practical techniques to guide their journeys to sovereignty and self-love. What she loathed most about herself is now her uniquely meaningful offering... a gift of Earth school's duality!

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**Saturday, 9:15 - 10:15 am** **Alejandro Agudo's film introduced by Angie Willson-Quayle, PhD**  
**Healthcare Personnel: Spanish NDE Film Accounts (with English subtitles)**

**Practical Information for**

Alejandro Agudo's documentary on near-death experiences (NDEs) designed for healthcare professionals with useful and specific information including how to identify an NDE incidence, characteristics of an NDE, the role of the professional, and suggested protocol. Various patients and professionals who have treated these experiences collaborated in the documentary.



**Saturday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm** **Betty Guadagno** **Dying to Believe – A Life Reinvented**

Betty Guadagno will take you through her awakening journey where she was shown her pre-birth planning, her divine mission, and the interconnectedness of all things. Betty experienced a Hero's Journey of transformation and metamorphosis. Her life began in darkness, trauma, and tragedy. At her lowest point, she overdosed and experienced an awakening that transported her to the space between life and eternity. In that space, Betty was greeted by her soul family, experienced unity consciousness, and was given the details of her spiritual mission.



**Saturday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm** **James Bonato, AA**

**Making My Documentary: *Peace on Both Sides of the Gate***

James Bonato will tell of the beautiful life-changing mindset he had in meeting the five near-death experiencers who star in his film *Peace on Both Sides of the Gate*, how he came to make this film, and how the need to apply the wisdom that derives from NDEs is so important in today's world.



**Saturday, 1:30 - 2:30 pm** **Mary Lydia Ryan**

**Moving in Grace: Navigating Challenging Life Circumstances**

Mary will present a healing sound journey and a telling of personal stories through her original music. She will include how she came to navigate the several years in her life healing from grief and fear and to recognize the beauty amidst the hardship. Her award-winning music included in her presentation, "Moving in Grace," was created during this time.



**Saturday, 1:30 - 2:30 pm** **Greg Pacini, MS** **Songs in the Key of Love**

Greg's memory of his near-death experience at birth was revealed to him in a vision many years later. He feels the echoes of this NDE in the songs that came to him as comfort. He hopes now they'll be comfort for you in this performance about love—an experience of love. Greg will perform nine songs reflecting self-love, love of others, trust, peace, oneness, and actions of love. You can sing along to two of these especially encouraging songs.



**Saturday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm** **Jennifer Kim Penberthy, PhD, ABPP**

**Near-Death Experiences and After-Death**

**Communications: A Discussion and Personal Experience of Loving Impact**

Kim will review the similarities and differences between near-death experiences (NDEs) and after-death communications (ADCs), including research on the characteristics and impact of each. Using a personal example of ADC and its impact on her, she will specifically examine its effects on loving actions and on compassion and connection with others.



**Saturday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm** **Christian Sundberg, BA**

**From Pre-Birth to Earth: Expressing Our True Nature of Love While Human**

As a pre-birth experiencer, Christian will speak about why love is so important to the human journey. He will do so by attempting to describe what we truly are as well as the value of the human experience to the soul as an opportunity for the expansion and actualization of our true loving nature.



**Saturday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm** **Sarina Baptista, AA**

**We Are One in Love and Life**

We truly are one in love and life. In this presentation, Sarina will discuss her own spiritually transformative experience with her seven-year-old son and how his love and determination led her to her own incredible discovery—that she was a medium—and her life's purpose was to reunite these two realms. From Sarina's 15 years as a medium, she has countless stories of the expansive love between those who have transitioned and those who are still here. She will share some of these inspiring stories of love and connection, a true testament to the energy of love.



**Saturday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm** **Robert Mays, Bsc, and Suzanne Mays, AAS**

**When Does Human Life Begin? Evidence From**

**NDEs and Related Experiences**

Near-death experiences (NDEs) and related experiences provide strong evidence that the mind or soul is a separate aspect of the human being from the physical body. Robert and Suzanne will draw on evidence from pre-birth and "intermission" memories, life-between-life and pre-birth hypnotic regression, and other cases to present the factors involved with the question of when life begins. They will explore the implications of this evidence for balancing the free will choice of the incarnating soul, the fetus, and the mother and for the interests of society.



**Saturday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm** **Felice DiMartino, BFA**

**AWAKEN LIGHT! Activate, Embody, Express Divine Remembrance**

We are in the midst of accelerated planetary transformation on all levels of existence. The massive paradigm shifts taking place

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provide us with extraordinary opportunities to awaken to the deeper truths of who we truly are. As the collective awareness grows, we each have the capability to expand our consciousness, experience our multidimensionality, and contribute to the rising vibration of humanity. Sharing transmissions from her near-death experience, and channeling of the frequency of Crystalline light, Felice ignites the remembering of our true identity and offers concrete ways to live from a place of alignment with the Source Light we are.



**Saturday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm Jelani (JClay) Clay Let Go: From Struggle to Serenity—A Musical Experience**  
Healing is not hard. JClay will teach you how to heal any trauma as easily as listening to your favorite song. This selection of original music by rap artist and spiritual teacher JClay is designed to boost your mood, raise your awareness, and keep you in a lasting state of peace. Only the weak have enemies, and the strong have inner peace. Let go.



**Saturday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm Rev. Angelia (Angie) LaRue The Non-Localness of Consciousness: A Colorado University Time-Jump Project and Adventures in the Universe**  
Angelia will discuss the non-localness of consciousness, giving examples from two different post graduate studies and experiments in which she was involved with the University of Boulder. Her presentation will include excerpts from the post-graduate student Kavan Ganapathy who designed the project, led it, and gathered and compiled the data from over three months of bi-weekly time jumps. Angelia will discuss surprising and startling issues she ran into traveling out-of-body and various ways those issues were solved. Her presentation will end with some exciting Intergalactic travels done outside of scientific protocol-based experimentation and done just for pleasure, which will include sketches and drawing from the participants of those travels.



**Saturday, 5:15 - 6:15 pm Stephanie Saint Claire, BA "She Goes First" – A Twinless Twin's Story of Death, Rebirth and Relationship Through The Veil**  
Stephanie's connection with her "wombmate" Amber only deepened after Amber's death at age 39. After receiving a visit from Amber's spirit at the time of her death, Stephanie was called to embark on an "excavation of the Soul": a journey of self-healing and actualization that has been guided primarily through her ongoing relationship with her sister who "speaks" to her through spontaneous "downloads," physical signs, messages, and other "coincidences." Stephanie now teaches women in midlife how to unblock their access to Spirit wisdom, inner peace, self-agency, and joy through Inner Child Healing and Self-Parenting work.



**Sunday, 10:30 - 11:30 am Cherie Aimée, BA, and Jody Long, JD Transformation From the Darkness to the Light**  
Jody and Cherie bring together Cherie's near-death experience and the practical wisdom to understand self-love and use that knowledge to transform your life. What is self-love and how do you transform yourself to embody love on Earth? You have to do the work. There are no short cuts, but there are many ways to develop your energy and light to maximize your spiritual journey on Earth. We will explore what love is and talk about ways that can help you make the right choices to a happier, healthier, and more spiritually balanced you.



**Sunday, 10:30 - 11:30 am Sky Waterpeace, MA 1 Mathematician + 2 NDEs = 0 Fear of Death + Infinite Freedom**  
A mathematician and hyper-rational former atheist, Sky will describe how two near-death experiences several years apart led ultimately to a complete transformation of his understanding of reality and of the nature of his true self. Sky will share his personal experiences including a rational framework for dissolving fear of death and judgment and achieving total conscious freedom.



**Sunday, 10:30 - 11:30 am Michelle Clare How Three NDEs Led Me to Discover the Super Power of My Soul**  
Michelle Clare will share with you how three near-death experiences completely changed her connection and framework for earthly life. As her "narrow scope" of life was enlarged, she's now able to connect with people's loved ones in Spirit on the other side and the bigger picture that is there for all of us. None of us are living this life alone; we all have a "Spirit Team" who is cheering us on and helping guide us to opportunities for our Soul's evolution.



**Sunday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm PMH Atwater, LHD Edge Walker: The Many Lives and Deaths of PMH Atwater**  
PMH will share what it has been like to carry out the instructions given to her during her third near-death experience from "The Voice Like None Other." She was told to research the NDE phenomena. She spoke with, interviewed, and sometimes observed, nearly 5,000 adults and children over a 44-year timeframe which resulted in her authoring 18 books about NDEs or related subjects. Her research style is similar to a police officer's style, as she is a cop's kid, and was "raised in a police station." She will share her own story, highlight the stories of others, and speak about what she discovered along the way.



**Sunday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm Jennifer Aurelia, MMEd Dive into the Heart Frequency With Aureliaslight**  
Jennifer is an award-winning recording artist, music and sound educator, and music medium. She will share the details of her spiritual awakening in 2007 which led to intuitive abilities and healing through her music, a myriad of prophecies that came after leading up to the Sandy Hook tragedy in her town, and then meeting her soulmate/twin flame in 2017 and losing him—his body—to death in 2021, which was the impetus to her near-death experience that same year. Jennifer will share how she had to surrender much of what she thought she was in order to be used as an instrument and channel for Divine service in the awakening and ascension of consciousness.



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**Sunday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm**    **Father Nathan Castle, OP, and David Maginley, MDiv (David will present virtually.)**    **The Evolution of Faith: A Christian Pastor's NDE,**

Theological education never prepared David for the direct experience of God. That came from surviving cancer four times and dying during a church service—an experience that awakened a “new” orthodoxy that both challenged and deepened the teachings of the church. Explore the challenges and opportunities for the Christian faith as we re-integrate near-death experiences and mystical experience as the universal finale in the human journey.



**Sunday, 12:15 - 1:15 pm**    **Bridget Cook-Burch, BA**    **Utilizing and Sharing Your Sacred Experiences: A Writing Workshop That Proves the Power of Your Story to Change the World**

Do you desire to be heard and acknowledged for your experiences and your learned wisdom but feel unsure about how to put it into words? Bridget's comprehensive coaching places you on the trajectory to writing your story with transformational impact. This workshop will include powerful, professional tips for how to share your story with the world. For some it might be religion-oriented, whereas others might have learned something broader that could help all of humankind. Let's dive in and discover together.



**Sunday, 1:30 - 3:45 pm**    **Robert Cornett, MTS (pictured left) and Ensemble (photos below)**    **Crossing the Veil and Coming Back Again: An Ensemble Theater Performance**

*Crossing the Veil and Coming Back* is an ensemble theater piece that tells the compelling and inspiring stories of five people who have had NDEs. The stories are based on real life NDEs. Presented by The Actors Ensemble based in Hudson, New York.



Eddie Allen / Dasana Smyth / Laurie Portocarrero / Ted Pugh / Vincent Ropollo / Sarah Stosiek / Christina Pokert



**Sunday, 1:30 - 2:30 pm**    **Kevin Jeffers, MFA**    **My Spiritual Experiences of Higher Consciousness in Loving Action: The Pattern's Uplift**

Kevin will speak of his discovery and direct experiences with what he calls the Pattern: Creative Intelligence's neural network. He'll explain how it powerfully transformed and inspired his life, uplifting his consciousness to loving action in his healing practices, Soul Retrievals, energy work, and spiritual life. This powerful transformation is achievable to each of us NOW!



**Sunday, 1:30 - 2:30 pm**    **Caroline Chang, BA**    **Life Challenges Can Inspire Our Soul's Purpose**

Caroline Chang has experienced the greatest challenge that any parent can experience—not just once, but twice. Both of her children have transitioned and are in spirit. Even though they are no longer here in the physical realm, she still has a very strong and close connection and communication with them. After the transition of each child, she was inspired to live her soul's purpose and inspire others. Caroline's presentation will be encouraging, uplifting, and inspiring for others to look at their challenges in life from a new perspective: the spiritual perspective.



**Sunday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm**    **Jeffrey Long, MD**    **Extraordinary Transformation After NDEs: A Survey of 834 NDErs Regarding Changes in Values, Beliefs, Relationships, and Spiritual Practices**

Jeff will present the results of a survey of 834 near-death experiencers regarding changes in their lives after their NDEs. This presentation will be informative as one of the largest studies of NDE aftereffects ever reported. The presentation will also be inspirational, with extensive quotes from NDErs regarding their extraordinary insights into their relationships, religious/spiritual practices, and love.



**Sunday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm**    **Ray Catania, MMSc, MCLC**    **BE Limitless! - An Atheist's Guide to Spiritual Awakening**

The road to enlightenment is paved with multiple awakenings of consciousness. This presentation will focus on how to induce your own spiritual awakening. It is through learning these techniques that you can start to invoke real change which, in turn, can lead you on a path to a new state of awakening.



**Sunday, 2:45 - 3:45 pm**    **David Morris, Nancy Walsh**    **The Relationship Transformation of a Brother and Sister: His NDE and Her Walk With Him Through the Loss of Her Husband**

David will speak of his drug addiction and subsequent overdose that facilitated his near-death experience and how his addiction was removed and his life transformed forever. His transformation influenced his sister Nancy's ability to become more aware of life after death, which helped her through the loss of her husband Dick. You will be reminded of the power of love and kindness, not only for yourself but also, just as importantly, for others. You may be inspired to confront strained relationships with a loving and kind approach and look for ways to begin the healing process through honesty, patience, and loving action.



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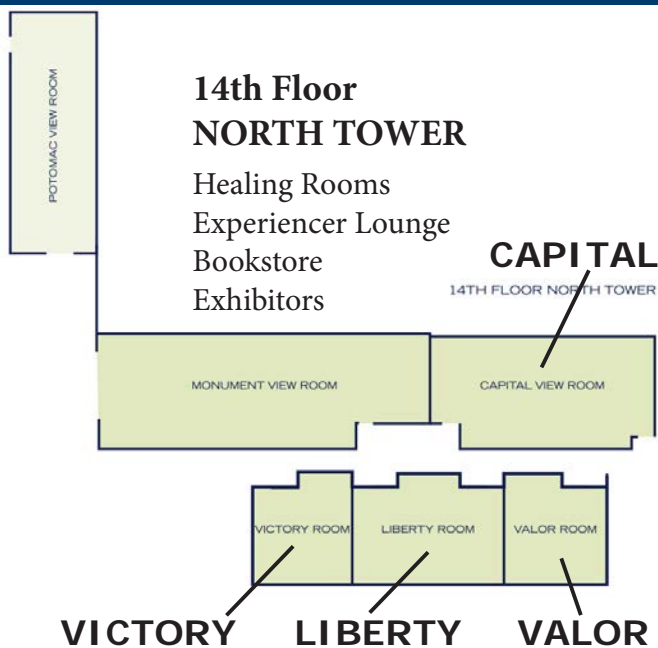
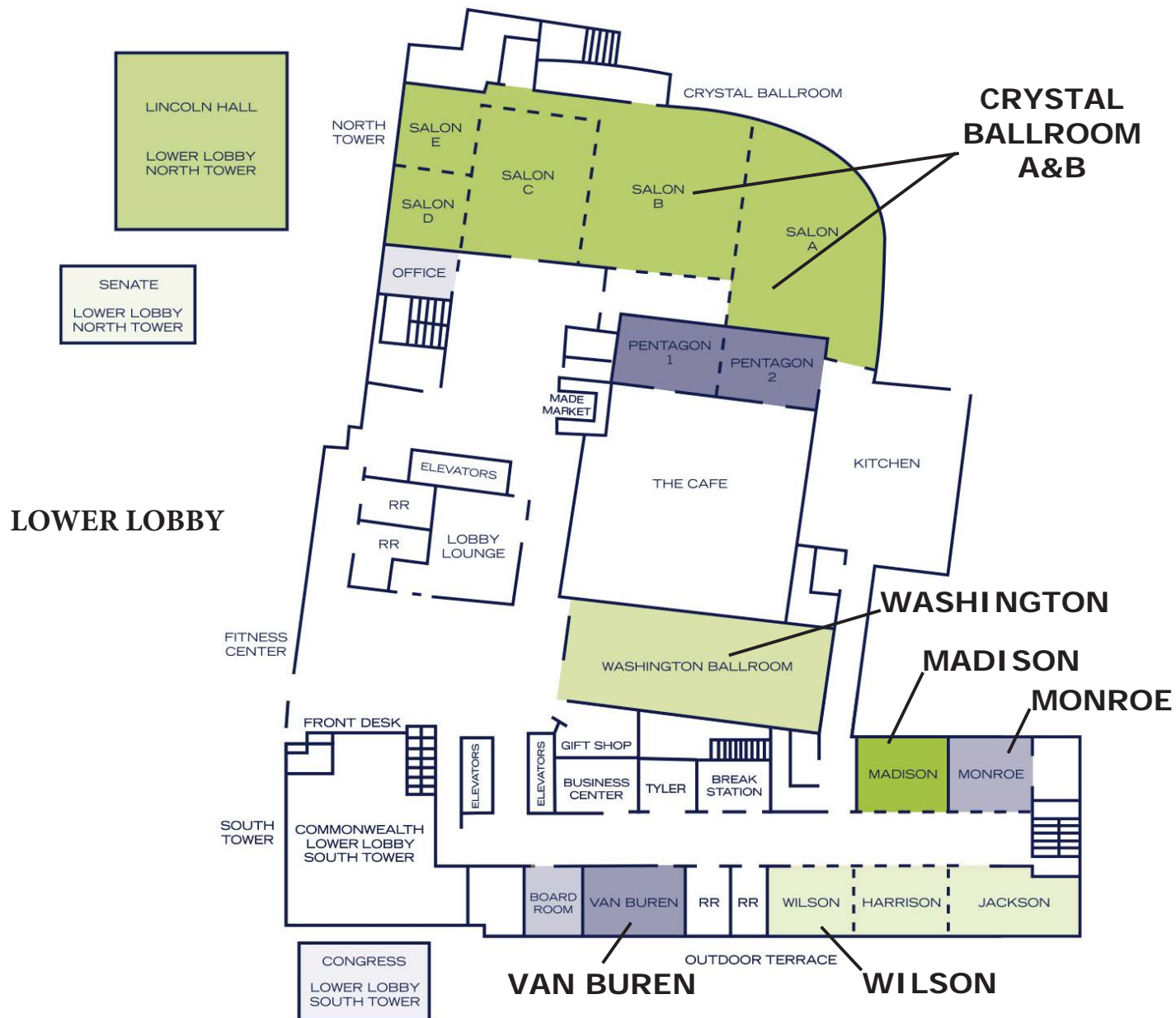
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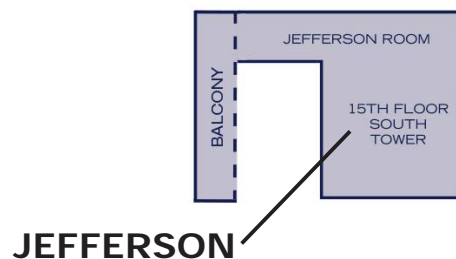


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