



2024 CONFERENCE

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR NEAR-DEATH STUDIES, INC

presents:

TRANSFORMED

by Near-Death and Related Experiences

August 28 - September 1
PHOENIX, AZ

*Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass
5594 West Wild Horse Pass Blvd,
Phoenix, AZ 85226*



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A WARM WELCOME TO PHOENIX!

The theme of our conference this year is the transformation that often follows near-death experiences and related experiences. However, you don't need to have had such an experience to be transformed: According to our previous conference attendees, the very process of attending the conference can be transformative. I hope this is the case for you: that you leave feeling enhanced and expanded in your sense of self, service, and sense of what makes our Earthly lives most meaningful and of what lies beyond it. Have a wonderful conference!

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2024 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

APT = Academic and Professional Track CE C = Continuing Education eligible for Counselors

LOCAL TIME (MST)	TITLE	PRESENTER(S)	APT or CE	TYPE	ROOM
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Reiki Level I Certificate-Provided Training: Discover Your Natural Healing Energy and Enhance After-Death Communication	Rebecca Austill-Clausen, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA		Workshop	Bird/RdRunnr
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Making the Connection with Higher Consciousness	Suzanne Giesemann, MPA		Workshop	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
4:00 - 6:00 pm	Near-Death Experience, A Guided Journey	Anita Moorjani		Workshop	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
REGISTRATION	Registration Desk Open: Thurs - Sat: 7:30 am - 6:30 pm and Sun: 7:30 am - 1:30 pm				
8:00 - 8:30 am	Opening Blessing	Aaron Sabori, Tonda Nampaio-Cardenas Rebecca Kastl, MS CCC-SLP, RMT		Morning Activity	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
8:30 - 8:45 am	Welcome & Announcements	Scott Taylor, EdD, Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN		Opening	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
8:45 - 9:00 am	15 min break			BREAK	
9:00 - 10:00 am	Chasing the Light: A Journey of Transformation Through Near-Death Experiences	KEYNOTE Chase Skylar DeMayo, BS, BMin		Keynote	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
10:00 - 10:30 am	30 min break / and book signing			BREAK	Bookstore
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Experience a Virtual Reality NDE	Virgil Wong, MFA, Daniel Ryan, BFA		Experience	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Hours available for Healing Sessions 10:30 am - 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm	To sign up for session(s), visit the Healing Welcome Center in Bird / Roadrunner			Bird / Roadrunner
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Experiencer Lounge	Hours open: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm			Quail
10:30 - 11:30 am	Putting FORM Into TransFORMation	Jeffery Olsen, BSc		Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
10:30 - 11:30 am	Dreams and NDEs as Life Changing Events	Bhaskar Banerji, PhD, Kimberly Mascaro, PhD	CE C	Co-Presentation	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
10:30 - 11:30 am	Capacity to Heal: NDE, Sadie the Miracle Dog, and the Native American Flute	Donna M. Rebadow, MS, LAc, CSMA		Lecture	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
11:30 am - 1:15 pm	1 hour and 45 min break			BREAK - Lunch	
11:40 am - 1:10 pm	Lunch with Speaker	1 hour 30 min LUNCH WITH SPEAKER		Social (Meal)	Coyote / Buzzard / Eagle
12:15 - 1:00 pm	Movement Activity	Jules Cantrell		Activity	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Aliens and the Near-Death Experience	PMH Atwater, LHD		Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Native American Near-Death Experiences: What We Learn From Them	Martin Tanner, JD	CE C	Lecture	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Waking Up to Wisdom: Healing Gifts That Awoke Within Us and Pathways to Unlock Yours	Melinda Peterson, RN, MS, HNB-BC, Bernadette Thompson, BA, Rebecca Kastl, MS CCC-SLP, RMT		Panel	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Military NDE Discussion Group (hour 1 of 2)	Chase DeMayo, BS, BMin - Moderator Genny Krackau, Chuck Swedrock, MBA, MSW David Campbell		Discussion	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
2:15 - 2:30 pm	15 min break			BREAK	
2:30 - 5:30 pm	Hours available for Healing Sessions 10:30 am - 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm	To sign up for session(s), visit the Healing Welcome Center in Bird / Roadrunner			Bird / Roadrunner
2:30 - 5:30 pm	Experiencer Lounge	Hours open: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm			Quail
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Six Ways the Life Review Transforms Both NDErs and Non-NDErs	Jeff Janssen, MS	APT	Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom

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THURSDAY

LOCAL TIME (MST)	TITLE	PRESENTER(S)	APT or CE	TYPE	ROOM
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Spiritual Transformation After the Loss of Our Dads	Liz Entin, Amber Kasic, MA		Co-Presentation	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
2:30 - 3:30 pm	There Is More	LaVonne Wells, BS		Lecture	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Military NDE Discussion Group (hour 2 of 2)	Chase DeMayo, BS, BMin, Genny Krackau, Chuck Swedrock, MBA, MSW David Campbell		Discussion	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
3:30 - 4:00 pm	30 min break			BREAK	
4:00 - 5:00 pm	The Way of Light: A Journey of Divine Service	Melissa Mullen		Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Where Sand Blooms: Transformations of Near-Death Experiencers and Their Healthcare Providers in the Arab World	Silvia Al Rabadi, PhD	APT CE C	Lecture	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Navigating the Aftereffects of a Near-Death Experience	Lotte Valentin, NMD, Philip Hasheider, BSc, Mary Hasheider, BSc	CE C	Panel	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
5:00 - 5:30 pm	30 min break			BREAK	
5:30 - 7:30 pm	MEET & GREET with Music, Art, Light Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar	Lee Ann Heltzel - Live Community Art, Karen Michelle, PsyD - Harp Music, Christina Tourin, MT, CTHP - Harp Music		Social Gathering	Akimel Lobby and Bookstore/ Exhibitor
7:00 - 9:00 pm	What Every Soul Knows: The Joy of Remembering Who We Really Are - Movie & Panel Q & A	Peter Alessandria, Producer / Director, and several interviewees from the movie		Movie & Panel	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
7:00 - 9:00 pm	The Sacred Hoop	Tonda Nampaio-Cardenas, Rebecca Kastl, MS CCC-SLP, RMT		Workshop	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
9:15- 9:45 pm	Connecting to Soul, Somatic Meditation	Tammi Spring, BA		Evening Activity	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom

8:00 - 8:30 am	A Glimpse of Heaven: Sound and Music for Messages and Healing	Ellen Wier, MA, MT-BC		Morning Activity	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
8:30 - 8:45 am	Welcome & Announcements	Scott Taylor, EdD, Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN		Opening	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
8:45 - 9:00 am	15 min break			BREAK	
9:00 - 10:00 am	The Healing Effects of Afterlife Communication	KEYNOTE Suzanne Giesemann, MPA		Keynote	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
10:00 - 10:30 am	30 min break / and book signing			BREAK	Bookstore
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Experience a Virtual Reality NDE	Virgil Wong, MFA, Daniel Ryan, BFA		Experience	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
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10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Experiencer Lounge	Hours open: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm			Quail
10:30 - 11:30 am	The Natural World, Personal Transformation, and the Healing Energy of NDEs	Nancy Rynes, BSc		Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
10:30 - 11:30 am	Terminal Lucidity in Children: Transformational Effects	Marjorie Woollacott, PhD, Natasha Tassell-Matamua, PhD	APT CE C	Co-Presentation	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
10:30 - 11:30 am	How To Want To Be Here	Katie Darling, MSU, Gregory Andrews		Co-Presentation	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
11:30 am - 1:15 pm	1 hour and 45 min break			BREAK - Lunch	
11:40 am - 1:10 pm	Lunch with Speaker	1 hour 30 min LUNCH WITH SPEAKER		Social	Coyote / Buzzard / Eagle
12:15 - 1:00 pm	Open Heart Drum Meditation and Movement	Rev. Elke Macartney, BA		Activity	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Poster Preparers Q & A	Fr. Nathan Castle, OP, Stephen Claxton-Oldfield, PhD, CT, Daniel J. Daly, MS, Bryon K. Ehlmann, PhD, Laura O'Sullivan, MA		Posters	Foyer

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1:15 - 2:15 pm	NDE and the Seven Type Spectrum of Spiritual Experience	Jonathan Ellerby, PhD		Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
1:15 - 2:15 pm	The Impact of After-Death Communication on Grief and Afterlife Beliefs	Noelle St. Germaine-Sehr, PhD, LPC-S, NCC, ACMHP, Kim Penberthy, PhD, ABPP, Tess McCormick, BA, Gwen Grams, PhD	APT CE C	Co-Presentation	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Spiritually Transformative Experiences and Healing Religious Trauma	Pooja Chilukuri, MS, FNTF		Lecture	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Distressing NDEs Discussion Group (hour 1 of 2)	Daniel Endy, BSCE - Moderator, MK (Kathy) McDaniel, Brianna Lafferty, BS, Bryan Jackson, BS		Discussion	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
2:15 - 2:30 pm	15 min break			BREAK	
2:30 - 5:30 pm	Hours available for Healing Sessions 10:30 am - 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm	To sign up for session(s), visit the Healing Welcome Center in Bird / Roadrunner			Bird / Roadrunner
2:30 - 5:30 pm	Experiencer Lounge	Hours open: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm			Quail
2:30 - 3:30 pm	An Army of Eyewitnesses: A New Model to Explain Near-Death Phenomena	Jeff O'Driscoll, MD	CE C	Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
2:30 - 3:30 pm	YOU ARE ALWAYS HOME! Recenter and Root into This Remembrance!	Felice DiMartino, BFA, RYT, C-MMT		Lecture	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Soul Retrieval: Spiritual Service in Higher Consciousness After an NDE	Kevin Jeffers, MFA		Lecture	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Distressing NDEs Discussion Group (hour 2 of 2)	Daniel Endy, BSCE - Moderator, MK (Kathy) McDaniel, Brianna Lafferty, BS, Bryan Jackson, BS		Discussion	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
3:30 - 4:00 pm	30 min break			BREAK	
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Being in the World AND of It: Integrating Aftereffects of Multiple STEs	Margaret M. Clausen, PsyD	CE C	Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Arriving on a Song: A Transformative Apology From the "Other Side"	Susie Herrick, MA, LMFT	APT	Lecture	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
4:00 - 5:00 pm	After the NDE: Out of Our Heads and Into Our Hearts	Rev. Kathy Winings, MDiv, EdD, Eric Taylor, Cathy A Mortimer, LPN, BA	CE C	Panel	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
5:00 - 5:15 pm	15 min break			BREAK	
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Transformed by Light: Multidimensional Psychic Protection for Experiencers	Brooke Grove, MA		Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
5:15 - 6:15 pm	NDE – A Surprising Springboard for Purpose, Prosperity, and Joy	Kellan Fluckiger		Lecture	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Do Not Order One With Everything: Instructions for Your Next Incarnation	John Mathis, BA, RN		Lecture	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
5:15 - 6:45 pm	Invitational - Researchers' Reception	Thunder 1		By Invitation	Serenity Room:
6:30 - 8:30 pm	Shifts Through Time: Practical Time Travel	Nancy Rynes, BSc		Workshop	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
6:30 - 8:30 pm	A Glimpse of Heaven with Crystal Bowls and Musical Imagery	Ellen Wier, MA, MT-BC		Workshop	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
6:45 - 8:45 pm	FUNDRAISING BANQUET	Coyote/ Buzzard/ Eagle		Social	Coyote/Buzzard/ Eagle
9:00- 9:30 pm	Serenity Spa Opera	Mary Lydia Ryan, ORDM, Georgia Wild, BA		Evening Activity	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
8:00 - 8:30 am	Tapping into Other Realms Through Spoken Word Energy Healing	Chenée Fournier, BA		Morning Activity	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
8:30 - 8:45 am	Welcome & Announcements	Scott Taylor, EdD, Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN		Opening	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
8:45 - 9:00 am	15 min break			BREAK	

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9:00 - 10:00 am	View From the Other Side	KEYNOTE Anita Moorjani		Keynote	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
10:00 - 10:30 am	30 min break / and book signing			BREAK	Bookstore
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Experience a Virtual Reality NDE	Virgil Wong, MFA, Daniel Ryan, BFA		Experience	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
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10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Experiencer Lounge	Hours open: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm			Quail
10:30 - 11:30 am	Two NDEs and a Flurry of SDEs: The Making of the World's Leading Authority on the Shared Death Experience	William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT	APT CE C	Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
11:30 am - 1:15 pm	1 hour and 45 min break			BREAK - Lunch	
11:40 am - 1:10 pm	Lunch with Speaker	1 hour 30 min LUNCH WITH SPEAKER		Social	Coyote / Buzzard / Eagle
12:15 - 1:00 pm	Musical Sound Journey	Dashmesh Khalsa		Activity	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Poster Preparers' Q & A	Fr. Nathan Castle, OP, Stephen Claxton-Oldfield, PhD, CT, Daniel J. Daly, MS, Bryon K. Ehlmann, PhD, Laura O'Sullivan, MA		Posters	Foyer
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Redeeming Love: How My NDE Dissolved My Trauma and Rooted Me in Freedom	Rev. Kimberly Braun, MA, CSP		Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Love's Infinite Connection: Transforming With After-Death Wisdom	Catherine A. Weissenberg, MA, Kim Cantin, MBA		Co-Presentation	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Transformative Mystical Experiences, NDEs, and Religion	Fr. Nathan Castle, OP, Stephanie Bradbury, MDiv, David Maginley, MDiv, CSCP	APT CE C	Panel	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
1:15 - 2:15 pm	NDEs, UFOs, and ETs Discussion Group (hour 1 of 2)	Paul Sperry, MS, PMH Atwater, LHD, Paola Harris, MS, Rev. Catherine Chapey, Chris O'Connor		Discussion	Room 4: Kave Ballroom
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2:30 - 3:30 pm	From Pre-Birth to Human: A "Grand Canyon" Sized Journey of Experience	Christian Sundberg, BA, PMP		Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
2:30 - 3:30 pm	How NDEs, SDEs, and OBEs Changed Our Life Purpose!	Michelle Clare, Rev. Sue Frederick David A. Williamson		Panel	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Integrating NDE Aftereffects to Facilitate After- Death Communication	Neda Wassie, MSc, PhD Student		Lecture	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
2:30 - 3:30 pm	NDEs, UFOs, and ETs Discussion Group (hour 2 of 2)	Paul Sperry, MS, PMH Atwater, LHD, Paola Harris, MS, Rev. Catherine Chapey, Chris O'Connor		Discussion	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
3:30 - 4:00 pm	30 min break			BREAK	
4:00 - 5:00 pm	A Family's Co-Experience of Transpersonal Experiences and Their Subsequent Support of Their NDEr	Norman Klaunig, MA, MBA, NCC, LPC Assoc., Brianna Lafferty, BS, Jill Lafferty, MS, Tara Lafferty, MS	APT CE C	Panel	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
4:00 - 5:00 pm	From Sex Worker to Light Worker – A Life Transformed	Betty Guadagno, CRPA		Lecture	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom

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4:00 - 5:00 pm	Becoming Superhuman: 7 Secrets From The Other Side To Unlock Your True Potential	Alysa Rushton		Lecture	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
5:00 - 5:15 pm	15 min break			BREAK	
5:15- 7:15 pm	AFTER DEATH an Angel Films Movie	Room 2: Kave Ballroom 1 & 2		Movie	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
5:15 - 7:15 pm	Live a Life of Miracles	Rev. Kimberly Braun, MA, CSP		Workshop	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
5:45 - 6:45 pm	Invitational - Champions' Reception	Thunder 1		By Invitation	Serenity Room
7:30 - 10:00 pm	Music and Dancing (Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar)	Dance Party		Social	Akimel Foyer
9:00 - 9:30 pm	Inner Refuge Meditation	Christopher Rosing, BS		Evening Activity	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
8:00 - 8:30 am	Spirit Guide Meditation with Musical Accompaniment	Kat Sanders, Mary Lydia Ryan, ORDM		Morning Activity	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
8:30 - 8:45 am	Welcome & Announcements	Scott Taylor, EdD, Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN		Opening	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
8:45 - 9:00 am	15 min break			BREAK	Bookstore
9:00 - 10:00 am	What I Learned From Dying	KEYNOTE Vinney Todd Tolman		Keynote	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
10:00 - 10:30 am	30 min break / and book signing			BREAK	
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Experience a Virtual Reality NDE	Virgil Wong, MFA, Daniel Ryan, BFA		Experience	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
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10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Experiencer Lounge	Hours open: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm			Quail
10:30 - 11:30 am	The Effects of OBEs on Ego Dissolution and Empathy	Marina Weiler, PhD	APT CE C	Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
10:30 - 11:30 am	My Two NDEs – Traveling the Cosmos Via Spaceship and Christ Encounter!	Yvonne Sneedeen		Lecture	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
10:30 - 11:30 am	How Our Near-Death Experiences Led Us to Lead IANDS Local Groups	Keyaunoosh Kassauei, MD, Shaun Lether, BA, Leena Zafary, BARA		Panel	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
11:30 - 1:15 pm	1 hour and 45 min break			BREAK - Lunch	
12:15 - 1:00 pm	Yoga For Everybody - Move, Integrate, Metabolize	Melinda Peterson, RN, MS, HNB-BC		Activity	ROOM 4: Kave Ballroom
1:15 - 2:15 pm	A Quantum Journey: My Near-Death Experience	Steven Noack		Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
1:15 - 2:15 pm	When Does Human Life Begin? Evidence From Prebirth Memories and Related Experiences	Robert Mays, BSc, Suzanne Mays, AAS	APT	Co-Presentation	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
1:15 - 2:15 pm	The Ascension Path of Multidimensional Beings Through Reincarnation: Soul's Quantum Evolution to Light, Freedom, and Love	Maria Lupita Gurule, CMS-CHT, Rafael Garcia, BA, Joseph Banks		Panel	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
2:15 - 2:30 pm	15 min break			BREAK	
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Children's Memories of Past Lives: Features and Impact in Adulthood	Marieta Pehlivanova, PhD	APT CE C	Lecture	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
2:30 - 3:30 pm	The Five Secrets of Heaven	Curtis Childs, BA		Lecture	ROOM 2: Kave Ballroom
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Whispers From the Other Side: Interpreting Messages from the Afterlife	Laurie Majka, Connie Fusella, Sarina Baptista		Panel	ROOM 3: Deer/Scorpion
3:30 - 3:45 pm	15 min break			BREAK	
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Closing & Announcements	Jan Holden, EdD, LPC-S, ACMHP		Closing	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Closing Blessing	Aaron Sabori, Felice DiMartino, BFA, RYT, C-MMT		Closing	ROOM 1: Akimel Ballroom

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SUNDAY

JOIN US THURSDAY EVENING FOR THE MEET & GREET!



5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Bookstore
Light Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar

HARP MUSIC performed by
Karen Michelle, PsyD
Christina Tourin, MT, CTHP

LIVE COMMUNITY ART PROJECT led by
Lee Ann Heltzel

Mingle, visit with old friends, and meet new ones! Enjoy light appetizers and visit the cash bar for your beverage of choice. You will hear enchanting harp music played by award winning musicians. Feel free to participate in the creation of an exclusive frequency painting by a visionary artist. Witness the dance of frequencies, the convergence of creativity and consciousness, and the creation of a portal to 'the other side of the veil'—all through the strokes of the artist's paint brush.



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2024 IANDS
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AUGUST 30, 2024 AT 6:45 PM

Welcome

Chase Skylar DeMayo, BS, BMin

Special Guest Speaker

Janice Miner Holden, EdD, LPC-S, ACMHP
Professor Emerita of Counseling,
University of North Texas
President, International Association for Near-Death Studies
Editor, *Journal of Near-Death Studies*

Testimonial Speaker

David Maginley, M.Div, CSCP
Spiritual Counsellor, Author, Public Speaker

Call To Action

Deborah Conner, BA, MA
IANDS Development Chair
Board Member

Fundraising Banquet Dinner

Friday, August 30th at 6:45 pm

Purchase your ticket at the Add-On Ticket table (\$135)

The Fundraising Banquet Dinner is an elegant evening with wonderful food, special guest speakers, and beautiful music. Help us create a bright future for the IANDS community!

Enjoy an evening kissed by the enchanting harp music and an incredible menu to meet your personal preferences. The beautifully plated, tantalizing aroma, and mouthwatering extravaganza awaits you.

Inspiring reflections from **Dr. Jan Holden, IANDS President**, will engage your senses further by painting a mindful picture, inviting you to join her on a trip of transformation. She will present the story of a cosmic irony in the field of near-death studies, beginning with the mysterious disappearance of a prospecting miner from Phoenix, AZ, in 1949.

David Maginley, also from the IANDS Board, will share his journey through multiple NDEs and how IANDS has played a transformative role.

The Fundraising Banquet has many surprises! Make this your moment - win at the wine pull! Wine donated by IANDS Board members, from their home regions/states/countries, will be raffled during the evening. Tickets will be on sale exclusively at this event. All proceeds will be going to the student researcher scholarship fund.

MEET YOUR EMCEES!

Scott Taylor, EdD

Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN

Our emcees Scott and Debbie will start your day off with good cheer! You will hear all the important announcements and information to make your conference experience a great one.



Scott Taylor is president of the Expanded Awareness Institute (EAI). EAI helps people curious about near-death experiences (NDEs) and shared death experiences (SDEs) explore what those experiences mean to them and to our human culture. His YouTube podcast *The Afterlife Files*, is rated in the top 20% worldwide. On the faculty of The Shift Network, Scott teaches NDE meditation for his course *The Bi-Location Phenomenon*.

After completing her master's thesis on disclosure of near-death experiences (NDEs), **Debbie James** was appointed to the board of directors of the International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS). In 2009, Debbie co-authored and edited the first compilation of research on NDEs, *The Handbook of Near-Death Experiences: Thirty Years of Investigation*. Inspired by her belief in the art and science of nursing practice and education, Debbie has focused her career on the advancement of safe, evidence-based patient-centered care.



Licensed Mental Health Professionals (global)

at the conference are invited to join us for a **NETWORKING BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY** from 7:30 to 8:15 am. Where breakfast is served, look for a table with a sign that says, "Licensed Mental Health Professionals."

Rebecca Valla, MD psychiatrist;
Susie Herrick, LMFT; and
Jan Holden, LPC-S will be co-hosting.

Participants responsible for purchasing their meals.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

IANDS is pleased to announce that at the 2024 conference, licensed counselors will be able to receive up to 12 hours of continuing education credit from the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) through IANDS's partnership with the Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling—a division of the American Counseling Association. Any other health professional whose CE evaluator will accept NBCC credit is also welcome to use this opportunity.

The cost of CE is included in the regular registration fee. Upon signing in at the conference, or logging in to attend via livestream, information will be provided about how to register and complete requirements for CE.

This activity has been submitted to the American Holistic Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The American Holistic Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS - listed in chronological order



Chase Skylar DeMayo, BS, BMin **Chasing the Light: A Journey of Transformation** **Through Near-Death Experiences** **Thursday 9:00 - 10:00 am**

Through Chase Skylar DeMayo's captivating presentation, participants will delve into the profound realms of near-death experiences (NDEs) and their transformative impact on individuals. Drawing upon a rich tapestry of real-life accounts and the latest research findings, DeMayo explores the common themes and elements that often leave experiencers forever changed. He also examines the psychological, spiritual, and philosophical implications of NDEs, offering insights into the nature of consciousness, the meaning of life, and the possibility of an afterlife. By integrating personal stories with scientific analysis, DeMayo presents a balanced and thought-provoking perspective on the transformative power of NDEs.

It challenges conventional notions of reality, inviting listeners to explore the profound questions that lie at the heart of human existence. Ultimately, he aims to inspire a deeper understanding of life, death, and the profound interconnectedness of all things.

Chase Skylar DeMayo, a U.S. Air Force veteran and Orlando, Florida native, underwent a profound spiritual transformation after a near-death experience in 2008. His NDE led him to embrace a life philosophy of 'Chasing the Light,' focusing on personal and community betterment. For 12 years following his NDE, DeMayo kept his experience private, but eventually he used it to guide his work in community service and holistic healing, particularly in helping veterans and addressing mental health. As a speaker, he shares his insights to inspire others, embodying a spirit of service and commitment that defines his spiritual journey. Chase has recently completed a bachelor's degree in alternative medicine and another bachelor's in ministry, and he will soon be completing a doctorate in holistic counseling.



Suzanne Giesemann, MPA **The Healing Effects of Afterlife Communication** **Friday 9:00 - 10:00 am**

As humans, we too often doubt the existence of things we can't sense physically. Near-death experiences and evidence-based after-death communications show us that we are multidimensional beings. We learn that it is the soul that connects us to all experiences in all realities. Join Suzanne Giesemann as she highlights this web of love through "no other explanation" stories from across the veil and deep spiritual truths that will ignite your soul. Learn how awareness of our connection with a greater reality has the power to transform grief and provide ongoing comfort and healing in this powerful presentation that will help you set aside your human doubts and reclaim the Power that unites us all.

Suzanne Giesemann is a metaphysical teacher, author, and Messenger of Hope, recognized on the Watkins' list of the 100 Most Spiritually Influential Living People. She is a former U.S. Navy Commander who served as a commanding officer and as aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Today, she guides people to the awareness of a greater reality. She has published 14 books, 6 Hemi-Sync recordings, and YouTube videos with over nine million views. She produces the Awakened Way app and hosts the popular Messages of Hope podcast. Her gift of multidimensional communication has been verified by noted afterlife researchers, and her messages bring not only hope but also healing and love that go straight to the heart.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Anita Moorjani

View From the Other Side

Saturday 9:00 - 10:00 am



Embark on an extraordinary journey with Anita Moorjani, best-selling author and acclaimed inspirational speaker, as she recounts her riveting near-death experience (NDE). Anita's extraordinary voyage to the other side revealed a realm of boundless love and acceptance, profoundly altering her perceptions of health, fear, and the very essence of existence. By weaving the profound lessons gleaned from her experience, Anita presents a revolutionary perspective on life within our three-dimensional world. She underscores the importance of unconditional self-love, unravels the illusions of time and separation, and highlights the profound interconnectedness that binds all of existence.

*Anita Moorjani is a renowned author and spiritual speaker known for her transformative journey beyond the brink of death. While living in Hong Kong, Anita battled end-stage cancer before experiencing a remarkable near-death experience (NDE) that shifted her perspective on life. Her bestselling memoir *Dying to Be Me* chronicles her profound journey and miraculous healing. Its popularity established her as a premier NDE expert. A beacon of inspiration, Anita travels the world sharing her insights on self-love, consciousness, and the interconnectedness of all things. Her teachings empower others to embody the highest version of themselves and live vibrant, authentic lives. Anita continues to be a guiding light in the realm of spiritual exploration.*

Vinney Todd Tolman

What I Learned From Dying

Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am



Vincent "Vinney" Tolman will speak about what it's like to be dead for 45 minutes, offering profound insights into the mysteries of life, death, and the afterlife. Vinney will describe his extraordinary journey of defying the odds and returning from the brink of death. He will share what he learned while on the other side, how much God truly loves each of us humans, and the principles of the afterlife. Participants should prepare to be moved, challenged, and inspired as they delve with Vinney into the depths of the human spirit and the resilience of the human soul. Vinney's story not only engenders hope but also offers advice about how best to live, based on what he learned during his NDE.

*Vinney Tolman was born in Arlington, Texas and raised in California and Utah. Growing up, Vinney would feel the most comfortable in the mountains by his home. He had his first brush with death as a newborn, then again at age 14 with an embolism after being hit by a truck. An active Rugby player in high school and college, Vinney has lived in Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam and maintains a conversational fluency in Vietnamese. A home builder for most of his life, and having worked in television and film production, his favorite job is being a teacher and light-worker, someone who helps others discover and find their own light and divine path. He is a spirit coach, licensed reverend, teacher, master energy practitioner, healer, and trauma specialist who helps people access the roots of their own healing. He is the author of *The Light After Death: My Journey To Heaven and Back*.*

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

Reiki Level I Certificate-Provided Training: 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 28 years. She has taught thousands of medical professionals and all others the joys of Reiki healing. Reiki can be learned in one day. Participants will experience one-to-one Healing Sessions as they receive and share Reiki with multiple partners and will learn to give Reiki to themselves, 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 fourth time. Participants are invited to access their self-healing abilities at this highly effective experiential workshop.

Rebecca Austill-Clausen 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 spiritual transformative experience (STE) and shared death experience (SDE) 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.

Suzanne Giesemann, MPA



Making the Connection with Higher Consciousness

Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm

(\$80 separate registration required)

Evidence-based mediumship reveals that you don't have to die to experience the same greater reality as those who have had near-death experiences (NDEs). There is a better way! It is called The Awakened Way®. Join Suzanne as she explains why anyone can connect with loved ones and higher beings in the non-physical realms and can gain the same powerful benefits that have transformed so many experiencers. This fast-paced workshop will include proven tools for living a consciously connected and divinely guided life.

Suzanne Giesemann is a metaphysical teacher, author, and Messenger of Hope, recognized on the Watkins' list of the 100 Most Spiritually Influential Living People. She is a former U.S. Navy Commander who served as a commanding officer and as aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Today, she guides people to the awareness of a greater reality. She has published 14 books, 6 Hemi-Sync recordings, and YouTube videos with over nine million views. She produces the Awakened Way app and hosts the popular Messages of Hope podcast. Her gift of multidimensional communication has been verified by noted afterlife researchers, and her messages bring not only hope but also healing and love that go straight to the heart.

Anita Moorjani



Near-Death Experience, A Guided Journey with Anita Moorjani

Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 pm

(\$80 separate registration required)

In this workshop, Anita leads a transformative expedition into the realm of the other side. Participants are invited to connect with their higher self, guides, and deceased loved ones as they are comforted, inspired to reevaluate life's priorities, and offered a deeper understanding of life, death, and the interconnectedness of all beings. Anita will conclude this journey with tips for integration and a Q&A.

Anita Moorjani is a renowned author and spiritual speaker known for her transformative journey beyond the brink of death. While living in Hong Kong, Anita battled end-stage cancer before experiencing a remarkable near-death experience (NDE) that shifted her perspective on life. Her bestselling memoir, Dying to Be Me, chronicles her profound journey and miraculous healing. Its popularity established her as a premier NDE expert. A beacon of inspiration, Anita travels the world sharing her insights on self-love, consciousness, and the interconnectedness of all things. Her teachings empower others to embody the highest version of themselves and live vibrant, authentic lives. Anita continues to be a guiding light in the realm of spiritual exploration.

Tonda Nampaio-Cardenas and Rebecca Kastl, MS CCC-SLP, RMT



The Sacred Hoop

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 pm
(\$40 separate registration required)

Join us Thursday night! Bring your joyful curiosity, no art experience needed. Learn about indigenous spiritual traditions and explore your natural intuitive creativity. You will discover ways to add the beauty of indigenous teachings to your daily walk as we

acknowledge patterns of near-death or spiritually transformative experiences, and related experiences. By connecting to teachings and patterns within the sacred hoop, you'll create your own mini art piece to honor your NDE, STE and more.

Tonda Nampaio-Cardenas is a childhood trauma survivor, resulting in her near-death experience at age nine. Nature became her barometer to measure and make sense of the world, oftentimes bringing her solace and joy as a child running wild through the forests. As an adult, Tonda would find her mother and realize both her indigenous heritage and her natural abilities. As a medicine person, and honoring her visions and out-of-body experiences (OBEs), she continued to learn with elders in the local indigenous communities, while raising her family and stationed within the military. By being present and holding space for NDErs, military veterans, first responders, non-profits, and under-served women, all within the undercurrent of trauma survivor, Tonda would have a vision that would change her course and life ethos. She created the Red Earth Warrior Walks program, nature adventures with purpose for healing trauma and for finding a reconnection between Spirit and Self.

Rebecca Kastl is a pediatric speech-language pathologist, energy healer, and angel interpreter who underwent a life-changing Spiritually Transformative Experience in her twenties while working on healing from childhood trauma. In her experience, she saw a beautiful light that spoke to her, after which she began having psychic dreams, feeling angels around her, seeing alternate timelines of her life, and understanding how connected we all are. Her stepdad, an Indigenous Houma and Choctaw man from a medicine tradition, helped and guided her a lot during and after her experience, including teaching her how to honor the four directions, trust her dreams, and believe in her visions.



Nancy Rynes, BSc

Shifts Through Time: Practical Time Travel

Friday 6:30 - 8:30 pm
(\$40 separate registration required)

For people who have ever wondered about the possibility of living other lives and who want to try out a very light level of regression before committing to an in-depth session, this workshop is designed for participants to have a little

bit of fun together as a group and dive into some practical time travel experiences while exploring the possibilities of living multiple lives. Nancy, a Level 2 Certified QHHT Past Life Regressionist, will lead everyone on a quick trip through time with a group regression. Each participant will have their own experience of another life as Nancy helps them achieve a light trance to explore both the past and the future in a safe and fun setting. Participants should bring a notebook and pen to jot down notes, and perhaps even a blanket to stay warm and cozy.

Nancy Rynes is a geoscientist, archaeologist, artist, and explorer of all things weird and wonderful. As a near-death experiencer, remote viewer, QHHT regressionist, and energy worker, Nancy seeks to combine her innate curiosity about the nature of reality with a sense of discernment and groundedness learned as a geoscientist. She strives to make both scientific and "paranormal" topics easier to understand for everyone, Nancy has been featured on NBC TV's The TODAY Show, PBS Television, and the Netflix series Surviving Death. She is a popular keynote speaker and workshop leader and has appeared on many podcasts and radio shows.



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IANDS MISSION: To advance global understanding of near-death experiences and related phenomena through research, education, and supportive communities and resources.

WORKSHOPS - listed in chronological order

Ellen Wier, MA, MT-BC

A Glimpse of Heaven With Crystal Bowls and Musical Imagery

Friday 6:30 - 8:30 pm

(\$40 separate registration required)



“A Glimpse of Heaven with Crystal Bowls & Musical Imagery” is not just a workshop; it is a testament to the healing power of music, born from divine wisdom shown to me during my near-death experience and mystical events in my life. Designed to deepen our connection to the higher self, this process engages participants with the healing frequencies of crystal singing bowls and vocal toning to align the body’s energy centers, as participants immerse themselves in guided music imagery. They will work with theta brainwave states and altered states of consciousness,

allowing for a journey into deep meditative states and spiritual awareness. This unique combination not only supports personal healing but also fosters a connection with the collective consciousness, leveraging a powerful shared vibration for communal enlightenment and growth..

Ellen Wier (Formerly Whealton) is a near-death experiencer, light worker, transpersonal and music therapist, healer, workshop presenter, and educator who uses numerous modalities such as music, crystal singing bowls, chanting, visualization, and meditation in her practice. She experienced an NDE at age 12 after being kicked in the head by a horse. During that time she vowed to come back to heal people with music, after which she experienced tremendously impactful spiritual downloads before being drawn back to her body by music. Ellen has hosted a spiritual series on the AwakeTV network, and her work was highlighted by Jack Canfield, New York Times bestselling author of the Chicken Soup for the Soul books.

Kimberly Braun

Making the Connection with Higher Consciousness

Saturday 5:15 - 7:15 pm

(\$40 separate registration required)



Each person is a living expression of the Divine whose life is meant to be an awakening to oneself as Love Incarnate and to the continuous satisfaction of being the flow of the Divine and an agency of the miraculous. Kimberly Braun, who discovered this liberating wisdom through her NDE and mystical experiences, offers this experiential workshop that will provide the inspiration, inquiry, and exercises for participants to touch their very center and understand how to live from this place more consistently in every moment of their life. The Divine Love of one’s

being is pulsing to dissolve all fear, but how does this happen and what does it mean to be part of this process, to surrender all that limits one from this awakening, and to step in with great freedom and great intimacy? Kimberly invites participants to come play and discover new answers to these eternal questions.

Kimberly Braun, impelled from her earliest childhood experiences and her NDE at the age of 19, spent over a decade as a Carmelite monastic nun exploring the path of Presence and then obtained her master’s degree in theology and formal ordination. Having explored the many facets of self-realization and the essence of Being, she lives to inspire others to connect to, and live from, Divine Love at their center with great freedom and joy. Kimberly is a TEDx speaker, Reiki Master, international speaker and retreat leader, and former meditation faculty at the renowned Omega Institute. She has served tens of thousands of people through her writing, speaking, retreats, online courses, and community. Her latest books are Miracles in the Naked Light and Beloved Found, Poems from the Source.

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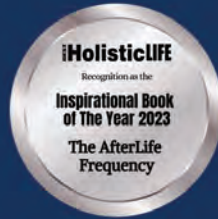
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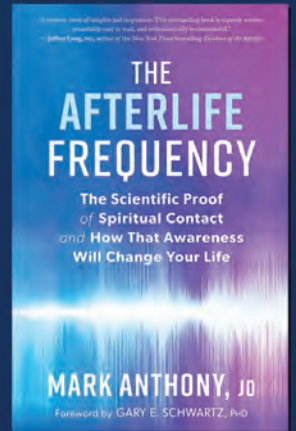


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PANELS

**Thursday
1:15 - 2:15 pm**



Waking Up to Wisdom: Healing Gifts That Awoke Within Us & Pathways to Unlock Yours

Melinda Peterson, RN, MS, HNB-BC / Bernadette Thompson, BA / Rebecca Kastl, MS CCC-SLP, RMT

Following their NDE/STEs, these three panelists experienced divine attunement to previously unaccessed healing gifts and abilities: developing relationships with ancestors through genealogical work, connecting to body wisdom through health intuitive/nursing work, and channeling personal messages from angels. Through listening to their stories, anecdotes, and integration accounts of their spiritual gifts and engaging in interactive activities, attendees may learn to connect with pathways to unlock their own divine gifts.

**Thursday
1:15 - 3:30 pm**



Military/Veteran Experiencers Discussion Group

Chase DeMayo, BS, BMin / Genny Krackau / Chuck Swedrock, MBA, MSW / David Campbell

In early IANDS conferences, the military was underrepresented due to individuals' fear of speaking out. Over the past few years, military near-death experiencers (NDErs) have increasingly found courage to share their experiences. This year's conference attendees have an opportunity to hear and learn from panelists, as well as fellow attendees, about the powerful NDEs that occurred during combat and in other military contexts.

**Thursday
4:00 - 5:00 pm**



Navigating the Aftereffects of a Near-Death Experience

Lotte Valentin, NMD / Philip Hasheider, BSc / Mary Hasheider, BSc

These panelists will provide an in-depth exploration of the transformative power of near-death experiences (NDEs), delving into how NDEs have deeply impacted their spiritual beliefs, personal relationships, and life journeys. Although these near-death encounters helped spark the development of new skills and perspectives, it still required them to adjust to unexpected changes in their life journeys. Dr. Lotte's journey led her to become both a physician and an evidential medium after she experienced numerous electrical interference events, visitations from the spirit world, as well as a long healing journey. Philip and his wife, Mary, will share first-hand experience of how an NDE can cause a seismic shift in even the most stable of couple relationships and will provide insights on how to navigate the dynamics of a different family landscape without leaving loved ones behind.

Friday
1:15 - 3:30 pm



Distressing NDEs Discussion

Daniel Endy, BSCE / MK (Kathy) McDaniel / Brianna Lafferty, BS / Bryan Jackson, BS

A panel of distressing NDErs will share their experiences and their insights about what causes distressing and hellish NDEs.

Friday
4:00 - 5:00 pm



After the NDE: Out of Our Heads and Into our Hearts

Rev. Kathy Winings, EdD / Eric Taylor / Rev. Cathy A Mortimer, LPN, BA

This panel brings three people together who have had very NDE experiences springing from diverse contexts. Cathy Mortimer's transformational journey began when she fell out of a tree at 6 years of age. Eric Taylor's transformative NDE sprang from a COVID crisis. Kathy Winings' NDE was due to the rupture of a cerebral aneurysm. The common thread that pulls them together is their incredible transformative journeys and the life-altering lessons learned. "After the NDE..." will offer an engaging conversation on the array of changes experienced by the panelists while also exploring the questions that have been raised because of their NDE. The panelists invite participants to look beyond the NDE for insights into on getting out of our heads and into our hearts as individuals, healthcare workers, educators, counselors and pastoral care leaders.

Saturday
1:15 - 2:15 pm



Transformative Mystical Experiences, NDEs, and Religion

Fr. Nathan Castle, OP / Stephanie Bradbury, MDiv / David Maginley, MDiv, CSCP

How do Christians integrate STEs, including mystical experiences and NDEs, when organized religion doesn't know how to make room for these profound phenomena? Christian clergy will discuss how to integrate these experiences with Christian faith.

NDEs, UFOs, and ETs Discussion Group

Saturday
1:15 - 3:30 pm



Paul Sperry, MS / PMH Atwater, LHD / Paola Harris, MS / Rev. Catherine Chapey / Chris O'Connor

Increasingly, near-death experiencers have disclosed extraterrestrial contacts during and/or after their NDEs. Members of this panel will describe their experiences and investigations of these phenomena and will discuss their implications for NDErs and for humanity at large.

PANELS

Saturday
2:30 - 3:30 pm



How NDEs, SDEs and OBEs Changed Our Life Purposes

Michelle Clare / Rev. Sue Frederick / David A. Williamson

On this panel, three engaging speakers—Michelle Clare, three-time NDEr; Rev. Sue Frederick, three-time SDEr; and David Williamson, who died of a heart attack and saw how his anger had misdirected his life—all found new direction and higher purpose from events that the conventional world might call “tragedies.” Michelle, Sue, and David survived brain injuries, devastating grief, and widowmaker heart attacks to reevaluate their spiritual beliefs and life purpose. These three lively, fun, and touching presenters are poised to deliver an engaging presentation.

Saturday
4:00 - 5:00 pm



A Family's Co-Experience of Transpersonal Experiences and Their Subsequent Support of Their NDEr

Norman Klaunig, MA, MBA, NCC, LPC Associate, PhD student / Brianna Lafferty, BS /
Jill Lafferty, MS / Tara Lafferty, MS

In 2001, Brianna—age 10, and her sister, Tara—age 8, began having some individual and some shared transpersonal experiences—mostly distressing. Independently of each other, they reported these experiences to Jill, their intuitive mother. Husband-and-father Ed was initially skeptical—until he had his own transpersonal experience. In this panel discussion, Norman will guide Brianna, the NDEr; her mother, Jill; and her sister, Tara, to describe their family dynamics surrounding these events and the relationship of those dynamics to the important matter of familial psychospiritual support in the aftermath of transpersonal experiences.

Sunday
10:30 - 11:30 am



How Our Near-Death Experiences Led Us to Lead IANDS Local Groups

Keyaunoosh Kassauei, MD / Shaun Lether, BA / Leena Zafary, BARA

These panelists will explore the conscious awareness of NDEs/STEs and the profound impact of aftereffects on their transformation, healing, and service as local IANDS group leaders.

**Sunday
1:15 - 2:15 pm**



The Ascension Path of Multidimensional Beings Through Reincarnation: Soul's Quantum Evolution to Light, Freedom, and Love

Maria Lupita Gurule, CMS-CHT / Rafael Garcia, BA / Joseph Banks

This unprecedented time on the planet marks entry into the next Golden Age cycle. The awareness of a greater self now finds home in the hearts and minds of each individual, for there, the soul thrives. As we humans evolve, our multidimensional consciousness, our souls expand into higher, more mysterious realms, into the parallel frequencies of the multiverse. There, we discover greater soul purpose, quantum jumping, akashic records, memories of lives lived, our soul blueprint, simultaneous lives, and so much more. These panelists will describe their astonishing roads of self-discovery and their insights into other realms that are available to us all. Participants will take a mind-bending adventure that will leave them in awe of the limitless possibilities of our universe.

**Sunday
2:30 - 3:30 pm**



Whispers From the Other Side: Interpreting Messages From the Afterlife

Laurie Majka / Connie Fusella / Sarina Baptista

For seekers of comfort, closure, or curiosity about the afterlife, this session offers a compelling look at how love transcends the physical world and how we can remain connected with those who have passed. Panelists will share heartfelt stories of loss and examples of afterlife communications—the subsequent signs and synchronicities that demonstrate how communication with the Other Side works, revealing that these connections are not merely coincidences but are rich with meaning and purpose. Attendees will discover the comfort and confirmation that after-death communications can provide and will learn how to tune into the Whispers from the Other Side—affirming the enduring power of eternal bonds that continue beyond death and prove that Love Never Dies!



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LECTURES / CO-PRESENTATIONS



Thurs - 10:30 - 11:30 am

Putting FORM Into TransFORMATION

Jeffery Olsen, BSc

Near-death experiences (NDEs) and related experiences carry great potential for transformation. The extent of transformation depends on how one takes an NDE and what one learns from others' NDEs to apply to one's own life experience. In this presentation, Jeff will explore how both experiencers and non-experiencers can transform the way we live, the way we treat others, and the way we treat ourselves by embracing the transformative potential inherent in near-death, out-of-body, and after-death communication experiences.



Thurs - 10:30 - 11:30 am

Dreams and NDEs as Life Changing Events

Bhaskar Banerji, PhD and Kimberly Mascaro, PhD

In this co-presentation, Bhaskar and Kimberly will examine some of the commonalities between NDEs and big dreams. Big dreams are nocturnal dreaming events that leave a profound impact on the dreamer upon awakening. Examples of big dreams are visitation dreams in which a deceased loved one visits a dreamer and conveys an important message from the beyond; lucid dreams in which the dreamer is conscious in the dream state and therefore able to explore dimensions of reality beyond the physical realm; and health-related dreams in which a dreamer is warned of impending death and how to circumvent such a prognosis. Thus, both NDEs and big dreams often serve as "wake up calls" for the experiencer. The presenters will explore the relationships between these life transformative transcendent experiences.



Thurs - 10:30 - 11:30 am

Capacity to Heal: NDE, Sadie the Miracle Dog, and the Native American Flute

Donna M. Rebadow, MS, LAc, CSMA

Donna shares her transformative journey of her NDE and subsequent partnership with Sadie, a German Shepherd pet therapy dog who was an intuitive healer. Donna uniquely parallels the learnings between her NDE and Sadie's work focusing on love, healing, and forgiveness. Through her NDE, Donna describes the life-changing insights gained when speaking with the Creator of the Universe and guardian angels. Hear key takeaways about spiritual guides—furry and otherwise—and how to fully receive and share love in all forms. Experience a Native American flute immersion with Donna as she shares her interpretation of "Afterlife."



Thurs - 1:15 - 2:15 pm

Aliens and the Near-Death Experience

PMH Atwater, LHD

Many near-death experiencers now claim to see or interact with alien aircraft and alien beings either during or after their near-death experience. The mental and emotional awakening they received from near-death states seems to have opened them to seeing UFOs in flight and/or facing alien beings in daily life. PMH will talk about her own research working with 38 near-death experiencers who remember encountering aliens either during their NDE or within one year afterward, and what they went through. She will also discuss Dr. Kenneth Ring's work and Whitley Streiber's work (author of "COMMUNION") regarding investigating what ET encounters and NDE encounters have in common, and how they differ. PMH is currently organizing her research on this topic into her upcoming book, "Aliens and the Near-Death Experience."

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Native American Near-Death Experiences: What We Learn From Them

Martin Tanner, JD

Native American near-death experiences (NDEs) provide a wealth of relatively untapped information for those interested in the study of these phenomena. Hearing Native American NDEs is fascinating for two primary reasons: (a) They reaffirm the universality of NDEs, and (b) they demonstrate that, although NDEs are found in all world cultures, they are inevitably interpreted through each experiencer's own heritage, culture, and personal experiences. This presentation will provide insights into Native American NDEs by descriptions of them in the words of the Native American experiencers themselves. It will focus primarily on Western Native American NDE. There are over 2,600 Native American dialects and 22 Native American tribes in Arizona alone. By necessity, this presentation will be a mere glimpse into Native American NDEs, but it will be refreshing, exciting, and educational to hear Native American perceptions of the purposes of NDEs in their own cultures.



Thurs - 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Six Ways the Life Review Transforms Both NDErs and Non-NDErs

Jeff Janssen, MS

NDEs are certainly life-changing in their own right – and the life review is one of the most transformative aspects of NDEs. This dynamic presentation takes a deep dive into the unforgettable life review and how it indelibly impacts both NDErs and non-NDErs. Based on in-depth research of over 200 life reviews, this powerful and paradigm-shifting program reveals exactly what happens in a life review and how it transforms NDErs as well as those who study them. Discover the six ways life reviews change people and how and why the life review is one of the most fascinating, impactful, and motivating aspects of near-death experiences.



Thurs - 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Spiritual Transformation After the Loss of Our Dads

Liz Entin and Amber Kasic, MA

Liz Entin, a sciencey-skeptic, and Amber Kasic, a believer in possibilities, will share their transformations and connections to the afterlife after the loss of their fathers. Amber was shocked when she began to get messages from her dad as her previously undiscovered mediumship abilities unfolded. Liz at first delved into the science and research being conducted by people such as Drs. Jim Tucker and Bruce Greyson at the University of Virginia, but as she delved deeper she even began to get her own signs. Amber is now a practicing medium, and Liz is an informal researcher into the evidence about an afterlife, with a blog and podcast. Both are thrilled and surprised as they continue their–now inter-dimensional–relationships with their dads.



Thurs - 2:30 - 3:30 pm

There Is More

LaVonne Wells, BS

Together, we will explore how the connection between life and love continues beyond death. Many have experienced signs and guidance from their departed loved ones, leading to profound personal transformation. I'll share my story of how my daughter, Kiva, has continued to support and assist me after her passing, illustrating that life is a journey of endless exploration and growth. Through love, we discover that there is always more to experience and learn.

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Thurs - 4:00 - 5:00 pm

The Way of Light: A Journey of Divine Service

Melissa Mullen

Childhood trauma as a sacred wound that enables a profound gift of healing is a known phenomenon. Melissa Mullen's journey began with a traumatic event at the age of 7 when her soul departed her body and passed into a dimension of pure love, wherein she merged with the highest expression of her soul and was asked to return to Earth to help. Knowing that she would not remember what to do and when to begin until the time for her activation came, she chose to walk-in to the material world, out of love, and because of her soul's true purpose and mission: Earth and all who dwell here. Melissa's presentation will demonstrate the presence of other-worldly beings protecting, teaching, and working through her to continuously merge her consciousness into a multidimensional lightworker in divine service, illuminating the way for others to awaken to their own divinity.



Thurs - 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Where Sand Blooms: Transformations of Near-Death Experiencers and Their Healthcare Providers in the Arab World

Silvia Al Rabadi, PhD

In this presentation, Silvia Rabadi will present ground-breaking research regarding NDEs in the Arab world. In the first half, focused on experiencers, she will review current literature and provide first-hand testimonies to provide insight into the distinct cultural and religious panoramas that influence the interpretation, aftereffects, and consequences of Arab world NDEs. In the second half, focused on healthcare providers, she will report results of a study using the pioneering Alef-NDE Scale to evaluate Arab world healthcare providers' reported experiences caring for near-death experiencers. Together, these research results carry important implications for holistic care of experiencers and preparation of those who provide that care.



Fri -10:30 - 11:30 am

The Natural World, Personal Transformation, and the Healing Energy of NDEs

Nancy Rynes, BSc

In this talk, Nancy will share stories of how the natural world can help us heal and transform our lives after extraordinary experiences such as NDEs. She will discuss our culture's current disconnect from nature, but also show how those connections are still there, available to anyone at any time. Finally, she will share examples of how everyone can connect with nature to help with their own transformations and healing.



Fri -10:30 - 11:30 am

Terminal Lucidity in Children: Transformational Effects

Marjorie Woollacott, PhD and Natasha Tassell-Matamua, PhD

Research indicates that children may have profound mystical experiences at the end of life as part of experiences of terminal lucidity. However, recent studies show that a high percentage of children experience their last days and minutes of life in an intensive care unit, as parents and medical staff have extreme difficulty deciding whether to withdraw treatments, torn between giving a child nurturing and emotionally supportive loving care and achieving the medical goal to prolong life. In this presentation, Marjorie and Tash will present cases of terminal lucidity and other end-of-life experiences in children, proposing that these experiences are more likely to occur when ICU treatments to simply prolong life are ended and the children are allowed to be fully present with their families. They will discuss transformational effects of these experiences on the children's medical caregivers and family members as well as implications for end-of-life care.

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How To Want To Be Here

Katie Darling, MSU and Gregory Andrews

Many NDErs talk about their agonizing return to the body, or joke that they don't fear death at all: "In fact... I can hardly wait!" Katie and Gregory call themselves, for fun, "New Wave Mystics"—exploring the mystical marriage of body and spirit, between the wave function of consciousness appearing as material bodies and the Infinite Wave of consciousness, the "I Am" that observes or perhaps creates the diverse "waves" of manifestation. Having felt they are "doing time," trapped here in 3D, and trying to get up and out of body, they are now exploring Oneness through "wave-literacy," the understandings and skills that integrate here and there. In this presentation, they will illuminate the edge between a "Holy Longing" for the Divine and a less-healthy "Death Urge" that can subtly degenerate people's bodies and psyches through resisting the very embodied experience that they enthusiastically signed up for. The speakers' hope is for everyone to experience Life in its fullness.

Fri -1:15 - 2:15 pm

NDE and the Seven Type Spectrum of Spiritual Experience

Jonathan Ellerby, PhD



This compelling presentation with bestselling author Jonathan Ellerby is intended for those who have experienced NDEs, who support people who have experienced NDEs, and who are in fields of research making sense of NDEs and their meaning. After over 30 years studying spiritual experiences, the nature of consciousness, and the transformative process of heart and mind, Jonathan has developed a seven type spectrum of spiritual experience that helps to organize, understand, explain, and discuss the varieties of phenomena common to near-death experiencers. Despite the global and timeless nature of these seven types of experience, NDEs, more than any practice, tradition, tool, or setting, foster the most vivid and consistent portrayal of these seven realms of life beyond life. Participants will come to understand NDEs in the broadest context of time, culture, psychology, and spiritual growth. This presentation is based on Jonathan's new book "The Seven Gateways of Spiritual Experience."



Fri -1:15 - 2:15 pm

The Impact of After-Death Communication on Grief and Afterlife Beliefs

Noelle St. Germaine-Sehr, PhD, LPC-S, NCC, ACMHP / Kim Penberthy, PhD, ABPP /
Tess McCormick, BA / Gwen Grams, PhD

The presenters will describe their research investigating the impact and consequences of after-death communication (ADC) on individuals' experiences of grief, spirituality, and beliefs regarding the afterlife. ADC refers to purported encounters or messages from deceased loved ones, which often challenge conventional understandings of mortality and transcendence. The presenters will discuss the impact of ADCs on individuals' spirituality and beliefs about the afterlife via data from a survey of community members and will present findings from an international study focused on the ways in which ADC influences the grieving process, including differences in ADC experiences involving traumatic versus anticipated loss and disparities in ADCs with partners versus non-partners. By offering insights into the multifaceted nature of ADC, the presenters seek to contribute to a deeper understanding of the human experience of loss and transcendence.

Fri -1:15 - 2:15 pm

Spiritually Transformative Experiences and Healing Religious Trauma

Pooja Chilukuri, MS, FNTF



Pooja will share the story of her profound spiritual transformation and mystical experiences with Jesus which steered her beyond the confines of Christian fundamentalism and harmful religious beliefs. She will share her religious quest spanning both Hinduism and Christianity, healing from religious trauma, and reconstructing her spiritual beliefs through the lens of NDE accounts.

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Fri -2:30 - 3:30 pm

An Army of Eyewitnesses: A New Model to Explain Near-Death Phenomena

Jeff O'Driscoll, MD

Hypotheses begin with observations. Aggregating data then supports or refutes a developing model. Much of what we think we know is, in fact, not provable. Rather, we accept theories that fit the observable evidence. When those models no longer fit, a new model must be developed. Stubbornly clinging to an obsolete model while rejecting available evidence is academically dishonest. The current model asserting that human consciousness ceases with physical death is, by definition, not provable largely because it demands physical evidence of a nonphysical existence. More importantly, it rejects a growing body of credible eyewitnesses who insist they have encountered human consciousness beyond physical death. In this presentation, Jeff will present the available evidence and offer a new model that fits the data. It is, quite simply, that individual consciousness continues beyond physical death and exists independent of the physical body.



Fri -2:30 - 3:30 pm

YOU ARE ALWAYS HOME! Recenter and Root Into This Remembrance!

Felice DiMartino, BFA, RYT, C-MMT

Upon transitioning to “the other side,” mystics, poets, philosophers, and near-death experiencers speak of returning Home. What if Home is a state of Being, experienced through remembrance of our multidimensional self? What if Home exists right here, right now in this precise moment of physical incarnation? What if, beyond place, time, circumstance, and form, we could return Home in each moment? Join Felice as she sheds light on Home as a state of BEing and as veils dissipate to experience this most profound and powerful Truth!



Fri -2:30 - 3:30 pm

Soul Retrieval: Spiritual Service in Higher Consciousness after an NDE

Kevin Jeffers, MFA

Drawing from his Monroe Institute training and decades of spiritual explorations, Kevin Jeffers will offer a unique and comprehensive perspective on how the NDE opens a door to channels to higher levels of consciousness. Kevin's NDE introduced him to an energy realm of souls “locked” into the energy rings surrounding the Earth plane, generally attributable to violent death, mental disorders, dementia, and other traumatic circumstances experienced in the process of transition from life to death. Inspired by curiosity and compassion for this situation, Kevin's own NDE transformed his focus more toward spiritual service to others. In the process, Kevin became committed to soul retrieval, which he defines as the recovery of souls bound into the Earth energy system. He will relate personal stories of soul retrievals, including those who passed in recent global conflicts, and how he has been able to verify details of those he has guided to the Light. His experiences will offer a new perspective on the spiritual realms and the transition process, highlighting many possibilities for healing oneself and the collective human family.



Fri - 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Being in the World AND of It: Integrating Aftereffects of Multiple STEs

Margaret M. Clausen, PsyD

In this presentation, Margaret Clausen shares how multiple spiritually transformative experiences (STEs) such as OBEs, NDEs, after-death communications, and resulting psychic abilities enable experiencers to be more present to the suffering as well as joy of our three-dimensional world. Rather than spiritually bypassing, fixing, or philosophizing about suffering, trauma, and pain, STEs can bring tremendous capacities to be closer, to give space for those struggling to voice their experiences, and to be present in ways that offer healing. STEs can be a window into embracing the entirety of our existence together, offering restoration, support, and hope.

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Fri - 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Arriving on a Song: A Transformative Apology From the “Other Side”

Susie Herrick, MA, LMFT

In this presentation, Susie describes how, in her memoir, she recounted her transformation from an internal misogyny to a vibrant feminine voice and a new relationship with her father. The catalyst for this transformation was the not-so-unusual experience of a heartbreaking divorce. In 2011, after writing for nine years and still not yet finished, her ex-husband died suddenly, offering a jolt and a twist to the ending. She was familiar with after-death communication (ADC) from personal experience throughout her life and through her professional experience as an educator and psychotherapist. So when she received an ADC from her former husband, she was surprised—but not unprepared — except for how comprehensive this ADC was, for its profound emotional effect on her, for its similarities to NDEs, for its relation to the Bardo research she had done based on multiple travels to Tibet, and for the events that followed.



Fri - 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Transformed by Light:

Multidimensional Psychic Protection for Experiencers

Brooke Grove, MA

Mystical experiencers return radically altered by the Light, wherein they must embark upon a continual journey of self-discovery, integration, and embodiment of their aftereffects. Although many of these gifts ultimately reorient the initiate toward a path of devout service, first the experiencer must learn to regulate, ground, and embody said gifts. Second, it is paramount that the experiencer learn and maintain appropriate daily energetic hygiene and alignment so that they may be of optimal service. Third, they must actively create boundaries to protect from lower frequency energies. However, experiencers often return with little to no readily available training regarding these foundational practices. This lecture, offered humbly by a perfectly imperfect experiencer and healer, explores the multidimensional nature of integrating aftereffects to highlight the energetic practices necessary for psychic protection and grounded embodiment of our Light, so we may best serve our awakening world.



Fri - 5:15 - 6:15 pm

NDE – A Surprising Springboard for Purpose, Prosperity, and Joy

Kellan Fluckiger

Near-death experiences are unusual opportunities to peer into the afterlife and to understand the nature of our own existence. They are also marvelous opportunities for changing who we are and how we show up in this world. Come with me and let's explore together how this experience provided actionable information, transmutation, motivation, and clarity that launched a global initiative to upgrade our consciousness, expand our choices, and help us create for a life of greater Purpose, Prosperity and Joy for everyone who will seek. Create YOUR Ultimate Life!



Fri - 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Do Not Order One With Everything: Instructions for Your Next Incarnation

John Mathis, BA, RN

John thinks that he left his instruction manual for this life in Heaven (a.k.a. the Cosmic Costco) and, being encumbered with the Y-chromosome, spent 39 years not asking for directions — hence, the literal ‘Come-To-Jesus’ meeting. He will discuss the “aftereffects” of an NDE that occurred to him before his NDE: spirit communication, remote viewing, ET interactions, Reiki, and past life regression. After his NDE came two shared NDEs during hospice care, drinking beers with an Archangel, and discovering an intra-dimensional being who goes by the name “The Architect.” As an RN and Clinical Data Scientist, he has constructed a theory on why NDEs occur. While he is uncomfortable with the lack of objective data to support his theory, his guides (George Carlin and Archangel Michael) keep encouraging him. It is an amusing exploration of the “before-effects”, how he engaged them with humor and tenacity, and offering on how to incorporate these changes in your life.

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Sat - 10:30 - 11:30 am

Two NDEs and a Flurry of SDEs: The Making of the World's Leading Authority on the Shared Death Experience

William Peters, MA, MEd, MFT

In this presentation, William will detail his harrowing journey from suburban prep schoolboy to renowned researcher on the shared death experience. During his first NDE associated with a fractured spine from a skiing accident at age 17, William pleaded with God to return to human life—which he later regretted because, upon return, he was transformed from athlete to person with physical disabilities and chronic pain. William's existential crisis led him to work in Peru with indigenous civil war refugees, in San Francisco with persons dying of AIDS, and as hospice worker at the Zen Hospice Project. Having experienced SDEs in each of these settings, William met Raymond Moody in 2009 and was inspired to dedicate his professional life to researching SDEs. William will also share how he came to the Buddhist practice of Vipassana meditation as healing balm for his struggles with depression and his desire to escape to the afterlife.



Sat - 1:15 - 2:15 pm

Redeeming Love: How My NDE Dissolved My Trauma and Rooted Me in Freedom

Rev. Kimberly Braun, MA, CSP

Join Kimberly Braun for a compelling session that will touch the deepest places of grace and unconditional love within yourself through her own experience. Using her NDE as a framework, she will reveal the foundational aspects of what it means to be human, what we are made for, and how to live a life rooted in that freedom and divinity. Attendees will find themselves inspired through her words, which will provide a place of true rest found unceasingly within and will ignite a personal sense of purpose and meaning in this life.



Sat - 1:15 - 2:15 pm

Love's Infinite Connection: Transforming With After-Death Wisdom Catherine A. Weissenberg, MA and Kim Cantin, MBA

They were brought together through a tragedy. Catherine Weissenberg, author and evidential medium, and Kim Cantin, author and mother of 17-year-old Jack Cantin who died in the 2018 Montecito, California mudslide, come together to share what Jack says about his transition, the afterlife, and his current mission. Attendees will receive proof that death is not an ending and that love is the bridge between this reality and the next. After losing her husband, son, and dog, and having her daughter buried alive, Kim did not lose her love or faith. Learn how Kim's unrelenting love and knowing, Catherine's gift of ongoing communication with Jack, the three-year sacred search for his remains, and miraculous clues and events all culminated in his discovery. Jack's after-death conversations and wisdom demonstrate and affirm love's ability to transcend death, transform, heal, and connect us beyond life. Love is our infinite connection!



Sat - 2:30 - 3:30 pm

From Pre-Birth to Human: A "Grand Canyon" Sized Journey of Experience

Christian Sundberg, BA, PMP

As a pre-birth experiencer, Christian will present on the love-filled transformation that our higher nature calls us humans to actualize while we are on Earth.



Sat - 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Integrating NDE Aftereffects to Facilitate After-Death Communication

Neda Wassie, MSc, PhD Student

Near-death experiences (NDEs) are known to have a variety of transformative aftereffects for the experiencer and those who learn about these phenomena. In this presentation, Neda speaks about her own NDE and how it led to new abilities, including precognitive dreams about death and communication with the deceased. This transformation

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has enabled Neda to approach death with an attitude of acceptance and to help others do the same. In her presentation, Neda addresses the therapeutic benefits of after-death communication and how to facilitate them for experiencers and non-experiencers alike. Neda also discusses how the Western scientific approach can integrate such extraordinary experiences to better serve clinical, non-clinical, and professional populations who face death and dying.



Sat - 4:00 - 5:00 pm

From Sex Worker to Light Worker – A Life Transformed

Betty Guadagno, CRPA

Betty Guadagno's journey commenced amidst shadows of adversity, grappling with the weight of drug addiction, involvement in sex work, and the heart-rending loss of her parents to suicide. However, a profound turning point emerged in March 2019 following a near-death-like experience associated with a drug overdose. During this awakening, Betty experienced many features that near-death experiencers describe, including her pre-birth planning which revealed to her that she was not merely a passive victim of circumstance but an active co-creator of her own reality. Upon returning to Earth, she felt profoundly reborn, healed spontaneously from heroin withdrawal, and attended a long-term drug treatment center where she pursued a transformative journey of recovery and personal growth. A living example that transformation is attainable regardless of one's starting point, Betty now resides in Brooklyn, NY, where she serves as a guide and mentor through life coaching, podcast hosting, and IANDS webinar coordinating.



Sat - 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Becoming Superhuman:

7 Secrets From The Other Side To Unlock Your True Potential

Alysa Rushton

In this presentation, participants will embark on a journey into the realm of near-death experiences (NDEs) and their profound implications for healthcare and wellness. Alysa will explore the invaluable insights and transformative technologies emerging from these experiences, promising unparalleled levels of healing and well-being. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the intricate interplay between the mind and body and will unlock the potential for rapid, transformative healing. Alysa embraces a holistic paradigm of wellness infused with divine light, ushering in a new era of spiritual integration and vibrant health.



Sun - 10:30 - 11:30 am

The Effects of OBEs on Ego Dissolution and Empathy

Marina Weiler, PhD

Out-of-body experiences (OBEs) have long fascinated individuals worldwide, offering tantalizing glimpses into realms beyond the confines of the physical body. Beyond mere curiosity, these extraordinary encounters hold the promise of profound personal metamorphosis. In this presentation, Marina explores the transformative power of OBEs, particularly their role in augmenting empathy—a cornerstone of human connection and understanding. We propose a mechanism by which OBEs facilitate heightened empathy through the dissolution of the ego, fostering a deep-seated sense of unity and interconnectedness with others. Drawing parallels with the phenomenon of ego dissolution induced by certain psychedelic substances, Marina explores the notion that OBEs may engender similar transformative effects. She hypothesizes that such changes are facilitated by alterations in the temporoparietal region of the brain and its associated mirror neurons, which play pivotal roles in both OBEs and empathy processes.



Sun - 10:30 - 11:30 am

My Two NDEs –

Traveling the Cosmos Via Spaceship & Christ Encounter!

Yvonne Sneed

In 2008, a deep emotional life crisis, in conjunction with an accidental overdose of strong medicines for heart arrhythmia, led to Yvonne's two profound, powerful, life-changing near-death experiences. During her first NDE, Yvonne was taken by two angelic beings through the cosmos to a place of Light. During her second experience, Yvonne visited a part of the place she calls 'Heaven' where she had a magnificent encounter with Christ. As a result of these experiences, she transcended her faith and heightened her understanding of Love, Compassion, Goodness, Kindness, and Acceptance of all.

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Sun - 1:15 - 2:15 pm

A Quantum Journey: My Near-Death Experience

Steven Noack

Steven Noack shares the near-death experience he had at the age of four and what he witnessed when he awoke to realize he was sitting with a being made out of light. For most of his life Steven kept this experience to himself until the same being made contact with him again 35 years later, and he began sharing his experience. Steven also shares the transformation that occurred when the light beings returned many years later, what they taught him about healing with the quantum field which he used to transform his life of surviving to a life of thriving, and how this potential is available to all people.



Sun - 1:15 - 2:15 pm

When Does Human Life Begin?

Evidence From Prebirth Memories and Related Experiences

Robert Mays, BSc and Suzanne Mays, AAS

Evidence from prebirth memories reveals a pattern of planning one's next incarnation and selecting one's parents, usually with the assistance of a guide. Further evidence from prebirth memories and different forms of hypnotic regression shows instances of the soul meeting the fetus in the womb prior to birth and becoming familiar with, but not yet being fully committed to, uniting with the fetus. Cases involving in vitro fertilization, spontaneous miscarriages, and failed abortion attempts indicate an energetic or "etheric" connection between the incarnating soul and the developing embryo and fetus, such that trauma can be experienced when the process is interrupted. Communication and negotiation between the mother and the incarnating soul are mitigating alternatives. We will explore the implications of this evidence for balancing the free will choice of the incarnating soul, the fetus, and the mother, and consideration of the interests of society.



Sun - 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Children's Memories of Past Lives: Features and Impact in Adulthood

Marieta Pehlivanova, PhD

The phenomenon of young children recounting memories of past-lives has fascinated researchers and the general public alike. Similar to NDEs, these apparent past-life memories among children raise the possibility that consciousness may persist beyond physical death. Formal investigations into such cases began at the University of Virginia (UVA) in the 1960s and continue to this day, with a special focus on American children. In this presentation, Marieta will review the research evidence that, despite cultural variation, these cases share some common features. Little research has addressed the long-term effect of childhood past-life memories on individuals' lives. Marieta will outline findings from the first follow-up study of American adults who were interviewed as children by UVA researchers regarding their alleged past-life memories, focusing on long-term psychosocial development and psychospiritual transformation.



Sun - 2:30 - 3:30

The Five Secrets of Heaven

Curtis Childs, BA

After over a decade of sharing spiritual experiences with millions of people, Curtis Childs has found that again and again, five fundamental truths have emerged as the tools that have the power to transform people's lives. He calls them the five secrets of heaven. The five secrets of heaven are simple tools for your life drawn deep from the wisdom of countless spiritual experiences. These tools bring insight and clarity into everything from how the spiritual world affects the physical world, to how our own minds work, to the purpose of life itself. Above all, they are a simple yet powerful way to bring the transformative power of the spiritual into everyday life.



Describing the Interrupted Death Experience Process

Fr. Nathan Castle, OP

Poster presentation in order to understand The Interrupted Death Experience process that Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P. uses to help souls cross over: Receive the dream and write it down in a dream journal. Schedule time with prayer partner(s). Protective prayer with the Saints and Angels. Begin recording; read the dream account, and welcome the prophetic speech of the guardian angel or the person being helped. Compassionate listening. At the appropriate moment inquire about a guide to assist in the movement. Close with a prayer of gratitude and goodbyes. Debrief (if needed) and transcribe the recording. For those stories shared publicly, have one follow-up session with a prayer partner to ask permission for public sharing.



Undergraduates' Awareness of and Beliefs About End-of-Life Phenomena: An Online Survey

Stephen Claxton-Oldfield, PhD, CT

One hundred and forty undergraduate students responded to an online survey investigating their awareness of and beliefs about a variety of unusual end-of-life phenomena (EOLP). At least three-quarters of the students had heard about deathbed visions, after-death communications, near-death experiences, and dying people choosing their time of death. Students were least aware of the phenomena of shapes leaving the body after death and clocks or watches stopping when someone dies. The two most common sources of students' knowledge about EOLP were TV/movies and the internet; the least common source was personal/direct experience. Fifty-three percent of the students agreed/strongly agreed that EOLP are spiritual events, while 41% strongly agreed/agreed that there are medical explanations for EOLP. Suggestions for future research are offered.



Focusing on Details: Unpacking Four Visual After-Death Communications

Daniel J. Daly, MS

What do people experience during an after-death communication (ADC)? Unpublished written accounts of four predominantly visual ADCs experienced by two siblings were used to create a matrix of ADC experience-related details. Preliminary analysis of this limited sample indicates that all four ADCs were: 1/ unexpected, 2/ populated by recognized characters, 3/ short in duration, 4/ highly impactful, and 5/ viewed with gratitude in hindsight. Notable variations occurred in: 1/ framing, 2/ overall appearance, 3/ physical circumstances, 4/ characters and action, 5/ sense modalities, and 6/ intellectual and emotional responses during the episodes.



Theory of a Natural Eternal Consciousness

Bryon K. Ehlmann, PhD

Human experiences, like being unaware a dream is over until waking up, and cognitive science principles, like experiencing consciousness one discrete moment at a time, support the theory of a natural eternal consciousness (NEC). Simply stated: If no supernatural consciousness exists after death, we are imperceptibly paused in our final conscious moment at death. Being such, from our perspective, we will never know our last experience is over. If it is an NDE and we believe we're in heaven, then we'll forever believe we're in heaven, with more glorious moments to come. This scenario exemplifies a natural afterlife—which, being timeless, can, philosophically, produce ultimate eternal happiness. Research supports that the reality revealed by the NEC theory will positively transform individuals and society. Tragic suicides and mass shootings will be reduced and human behavior will improve as more people realize that, psychologically, death can't bring nonexistence but may bring accountability.



Do End-of-Life Experiences Impact Grief?

Laura O'Sullivan, MA

As individuals approach the end of their lives, they, along with their families, friends, and even healthcare professionals, have reported inexplicable and extraordinary phenomena. These occurrences, often perceived to be spiritual or paranormal, include a range of experiences collectively referred to as 'end-of-life experiences' (ELEs) in academic circles. Often, these encounters manifest as vivid dreams or visions, a sense that someone has died, and witnessing events or phenomena that do not seem to happen by chance. Anecdotal accounts, grey literature, and international research suggest that ELEs are fairly common, however, ELEs are not well understood in the unique sociocultural society of Aotearoa New Zealand. Eighteen semi-structured interviews with bereaved loved ones in Aotearoa who have experienced or are aware of ELEs occurring at the end of their loved one's life have been conducted. Preliminary findings of a thematic analysis highlight that for some, these experiences lessened or eased their grief, with ELEs bringing comfort to bereaved loved ones, and facilitating an understanding of the continuation of life after death.

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Opening



Opening Blessing Ceremony with Gila River Community Elder

Aaron Sabori and Tonda Nampaio-Cardenas

Aaron, member of the Gila River Indian Community and Tonda will open this 2024 IANDS Conference in sacred ceremony.

Thu.
12:15 - 1:00 pm

Lunchtime
Activity



Movement Activity

Jules Cantrell

You are invited to integrate your conference experiences with this beneficial movement activity.

Thu.
9:15 - 9:45 pm

Evening
Closing



Connecting to Soul, Somatic Meditation

Tammi Spring, BA

Participants will be invited to experience a full body somatic meditation for grounding energy into the body while connecting to soul at source. Tammi will guide participants to integrate emotional and physical energy from the day, tap into their intuition and knowing, and use somatic and breathing methods to instill a peaceful and restful space for relaxing into the night.

Fri.
8:00 - 8:30 am

Morning
Opening



A Glimpse of Heaven: Sound and Music for Messages and Healing

Ellen Wier, MA, MT-BC

This immersive experience, involving crystal singing bowls, vocal toning, and guided imagery, is designed to connect participants with their higher selves, offering a taste of Ellen's unique method that blends music therapy with spiritual insights.

Fri.
12:15 - 1:00 pm

Lunchtime
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Open Heart Drum Meditation and Movement

Rev. Elke Macartney, BA

Elke invites participants to feel the rhythm of the heart beat drum and open to the center of their being— their heart space. She will seek to allow an emanation of pure Love to fill each participant, the room, and the planet. She intends that participants will integrate, embody, and ground through meditation, sound, and movement to cultivate presence for the rest of the conference.

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9:00 - 9:30 pm

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Serenity Spa Opera

Mary Lydia Ryan, ORDM / Georgia Wild, BA

Serenity Spa Opera is a unique musical experience in which textural sound cradles the audience in pure love. This gentle musical journey through soft vocals, chimes, Tibetan bells, and bowls offers a lavishing of luscious tones and frequencies that will be a lovely end to the day.

Everyone is invited to find a quiet seat in the main ballroom or feel free to recline along a row of seats or floor space where this musical experience can be received.

Tapping Into Other Realms Through Spoken Word Energy Healing

Chenée Fournier, BA

Sat.
8:00 - 8:30 am

Morning
Opening



During this spoken word energy healing session, participants will be guided into deeper states of awareness, expanded states of consciousness, and contact with their own “inner healer.” This session is a amalgamation of energy healing, energy center alignment, guided

meditation, and interdimensional communication.

Musical Sound Journey

Dashmesh Khalsa

Sat.
12:15 - 1:00 pm

Lunchtime
Activity



Dashmesh will be offering a sound journey with various instruments such as frame drums, didgeridoos, and handpans. Music is a universal language common to all cultures and can have the ability to give us a direct experience where words can fail. His music offering spans from meditative and contemplative, to energetic and driving. Feel free to lay out and take it as a journey or use movement or dance if inspired to do so.

Inner Refuge Meditation

Christopher Rosing, BS

Sat.
9:00 - 9:30 pm

Evening Closing



For this meditative event, Christopher will strive to create a warm and supportive environment in which he invites participants to bring to mind a challenge they are experiencing regard their health and wellbeing, their close relationships, or the suffering they perceive in the world. As they reflect on how this challenge lives in their bodies, speech, and minds, they can open to

and embrace the associated pain, enabling it to loosen and release as they rest, abiding in the stillness, silence, and spaciousness of being — the inner refuge. By connecting with the inner refuge, one is empowered not only to transform their own pain but also to become more available to compassionately support others who are suffering.

Spirit Guide Meditation with Musical Accompaniment

Kat Sanders and Mary Lydia Ryan, ORDM

Sun.
8:00 - 8:30 am

Morning
Opening



Participants will embark on a transformative journey to discover a simple way to connect with their spirit guides. They will learn to recognize subtle signs and messages sent by spirit guides and learn how

to use these communications to live life with a deeper sense of clarity and enlightenment.

Yoga For Everybody - Move, Integrate, Metabolize

Melinda Peterson, RN, MS, HNB-BC

Sun.
12:15 - 1:00 pm

Lunchtime
Activity



Need to move and stretch? Enjoy this opportunity to relieve tension from sitting, facilitate postural realignment, and invite relaxation. This is a great way to integrate your experience this weekend. No need to change into your yoga attire—stay dressed in your conference clothes. This yoga is adaptable and can be done with folks sitting on chairs or standing.

Closing Blessing

Aaron Sabori

Felice DiMartino, BFA, RYT, C-MMT

Thu.
8:00 - 8:30 am

Morning
Opening



Aaron will close the 2024 IANDS Conference in sacred ceremony, and then Felice will help the integration of the events of the last few days, and prepare the participants to return to the outside world in a brief, grounding blessing.

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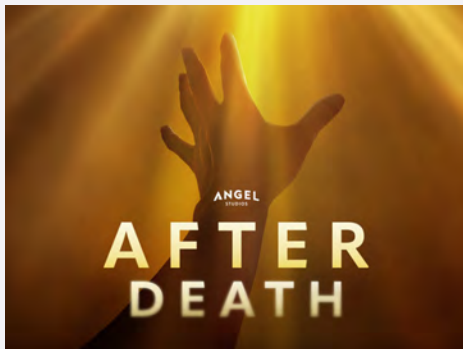


Thu.
7:00 - 9:00 pm

What Every Soul Knows: The Joy of Remembering Who We Really Are **45-minute Movie Preview followed by a Panel w/Q & A**

Hosted by filmmaker Peter Alessandria

Join us for a sneak preview of the upcoming documentary, "What Every Soul Knows: The Joy of Remembering Who We Really Are." The film features interviews more than 40 thought-leaders in the areas of near-death experiences, mediumship, channeling, and other psychic phenomena to uncover the path to remembering our true nature as eternal spiritual beings. The preview will be followed by Q&A with the director and with several interviewees from the documentary.



Sat.
5:15 - 7:15 pm

AFTER DEATH - Movie

Produced and distributed by Angel Studios

After Death is a gripping film that explores the afterlife based on real near-death experiences, conveyed by scientists, authors, and survivors. From the *New York Times* bestselling authors who brought you titles like *90 Minutes in Heaven*, *Imagine Heaven*, and *To Heaven and Back*, emerges a cinematic peek into the unknown that examines the spiritual and scientific dimensions of mortality, inviting viewers to contemplate the possibility of life after death.

VIRTUAL REALITY Near-Death Experience

Thurs. - Sun.

**10:00 am
- 12:00 pm**



IANDS Virtual Reality Near-Death Experience

Virgil Wong, MFA

Daniel Ryan, BFA

Each morning at the IANDS Conference, from 10 am - 12 noon, we will have the VR Experience available for you to experience!

Through fully immersive 360° virtual reality (VR), we can better understand what a near-death experience may feel like. IANDS is proud to debut The Virtual NDE, which visualizes some of the most common characteristics of NDEs from thousands of records reported to IANDS and the Near-Death Experience Research Foundation (NDERF).

IANDS's inaugural artists-in-residence, Virgil Wong and Daniel Ryan, created the Virtual NDE in close collaboration with IANDS board members led by Daniel Endy. The team designed this VR simulation to help non-experiencers better understand NDEs and adopt healthier views about life and mortality.

**Thurs - Sunday
Room 4**



Peace Tapestry Display

Nuestro Ñānamoli

This large Peace Tapestry will be on display in Room 4 for the duration of the conference. Nuestro will be working on the tapestry at times during the conference. He will be in silence (channeling peace and positive energy) when he is embroidering, and will be available during his breaks for questions.

**Thurs - Sunday
BOOKSTORE**



When Art Becomes an Imaginal Portal to The Other Side

Lee Ann Fortunato-Heltzel

Throughout the conference, Lee Ann Heltzel, the visionary artist behind MetaArt, invites you to witness the dance of frequencies, the convergence of creativity and consciousness, and the creation of a portal to 'the other side of the veil'—all through the strokes of her brush. Imagine standing at the threshold of reality, gazing into a physical portal that defies space and time. MetaArt offers an exciting invitation to boldly explore uncharted territories of dimensions

outside our grasp. Ocular Meditation, an ancient eyes-open practice, is the means of transportation. This is a community creation. You get to paint! Disclaimer: MetaArt experiences may lead to expanded consciousness, increased awe, and a desire to hug the cosmos.

**Thurs - Sunday
BOOKSTORE**



Personal Transformation and Healing Through Art

Laiken Gabbert

The theme of this art collection is exploring other realms, and it is meant to be both an emotional and intellectual experience. The collection was created using recycled/found objects as a base for each piece. Acrylic paint and various grades of gold and silver leaf were added for visual effect. The pieces are highly conceptual in nature—as described in the label

of each art piece. There are so many beautiful ways that humans express themselves in the service of others, whether through selfless acts or academic research, and their contributions deserve to be immortalized artistically.

MUSICIANS

**Thurs eve
Meet & Greet**

**and Fri eve
Banquet
Dinner**



Harp Music

Karen Michelle, PsyD and
Christina Tourin, MT, CTHP

Bookstore Music

**Various days
and times**



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kidney(s) are power centers; creators of structure absent of what no longer serves, anchors to sacred earth, emitters of joy.

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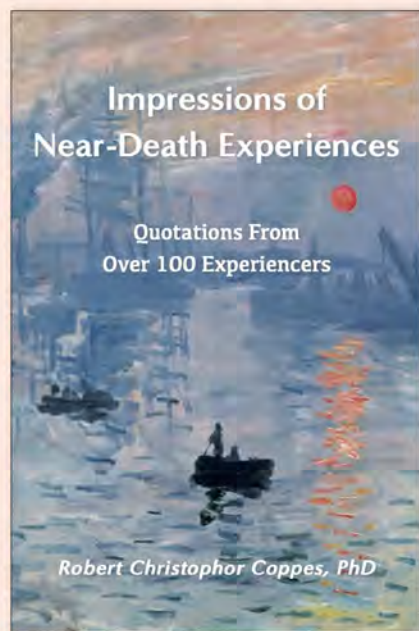


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The principal idea that emerges:

"We are ONE and LOVE binds us"



Robert Christopher Coppel has studied NDEs for decades and has lectured on this topic in the US and Europe. He considers this book his best because of the wealth of quotes from experiencers, in his opinion the best tutors in life.

Some of the amazing takeaways from the book:

- We are all children of God, and therefore, we are little Gods, too
- I am in God and God is in me. We are One. Perfect unity
- Don't waste your life thinking you aren't loved
- God is in everything and unites us all
- All is everything, and everything is One
- Love, be loved, just be, experience life

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A warm welcome to you to visit and hangout in the Experienter Lounge at the 2024 IANDS Conference!

Do you have a near-death or related transformative experience you would like to share with a small group, in a non-judgmental environment? You are invited to drop in or stay as long as you like to the Experienter Lounge. Feel safe and free to share and explore in this in-person, non-recorded “caring and sharing” Experienter Lounge.

Each session is guided by a certified facilitator to promote respect for individual uniqueness and experiences. You may share using “I” narratives—your own experience(s). You may also listen, stay silent and observe.

The IANDS model for creating a safe sharing space was created by mental health professionals (graduate level) and an ACISTE certified coach. A key to the quality that is emphasized for all of our offerings is the presence of a trained, certified IANDS facilitator. The facilitator keeps the sessions flowing smoothly while maintaining a calm, safe environment.

Our certified facilitators go through a rigorous process to ensure that they feel supported as a facilitator and well-prepared for providing a safe space that provides ample opportunity for discussions that remain centered upon spiritually transformational topics. We don't offer therapy or healing.

Experienter Lounge Coordinator:

Jacqueline Arnold, MSLS, is the Organizer/Host of Boulder Explorers & Experiencers of the Sacred (BEES) and IANDS in Boulder, CO. She is a past IANDS Board Director, certified LTC Ombudsman, certified Medicare Counselor from the state of Colorado, and Senior Advocate.

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Facilitators:

Shaun Lether, BA,
Rev. Elke Macartney, BA

Healing tickets are an additional charge of \$20 for each 20 minute session.

Purchase tickets in the Healing Welcome Center or the Add-On ticket table.

Sign up soon—Healing sessions fill up FAST!

Relax, Refresh, and Renew at IANDS!

What are Healing Sessions?

Healing Sessions allow you to try, or re-experience, a variety of healing modalities in 20-minute sessions, in a group setting. Stop by the **Healing Welcome Center** to check out each day's availability of healing practitioners and their services, and sign up for individual healing sessions. You **MUST** purchase healing tickets before signing up for your session. *The earlier you sign up, the better chance to receive your preferred healing practitioner and time!*

Healing Welcome Center is located in Deer/Scorpion

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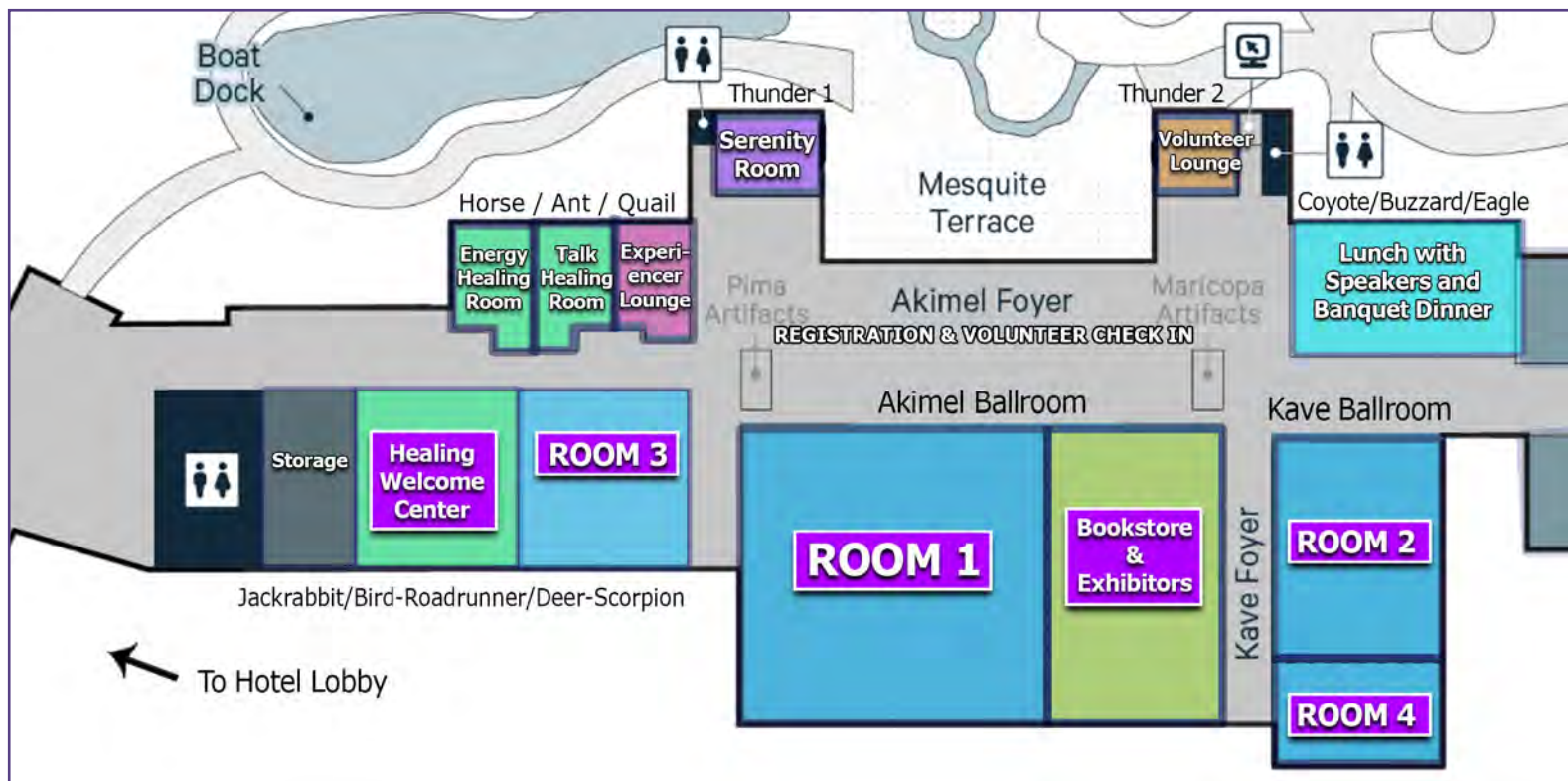


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