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ANNOUNCING

Baywood Publishing is pleased to announce as of January 1, 2012, Darcy L. Harris has assumed the role of Series Editor of the highly acclaimed *Death, Value and Meaning Series*.

Having worked closely for many years with John D. Morgan, the founder of the Series, Dr. Harris is the ideal successor to take the reigns from Dale A. Lund, past Series Editor. We welcome Dr. Harris as she brings her expertise stemming from 30+ years in the field of Thanatology. Teacher, author, lecturer and clinician, Dr. Harris envisions taking the Series to even greater heights. Since its launch in 1992 the *Death, Value and Meaning Series* has bragging rights to nearly 70 titles and is ever growing. Dr. Harris welcomes your manuscript proposals and is extremely interested in exploring issues related to cutting edge topics in Thanatology, such as social justice and diversity issues, the intersection of grief and trauma, the experience of grief in the presence of non-death and intangible losses, and clinical practice issues in areas related to death and bereavement.

Darcy L. Harris, Ph.D., FT, is a professor in the Department of Interdisciplinary Programs at King's University College at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, where she is the Coordinator of the Thanatology Program. She also maintains a private clinical practice with a focus on issues related to change, loss, and transition. She serves as a consultant for the Southern Ontario Fertility Treatment Program in London, Ontario, as well as a community consultant for victims of traumatic loss.

Prior to her teaching responsibilities at King's University College, Dr. Harris worked as an expanded role nurse in the areas of oncology and hospice care in the United States for 15 years. She then completed graduate training in counseling psychology and maintained a full-time therapy practice for another 10 years prior to completing her doctoral studies in Psychology and Thanatology at the Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Harris planned and developed the undergraduate degree program in Thanatology at King's University College, which provides students from around the world with the opportunity to study about death, dying, and bereavement. She has implemented coursework in Thanatology in the specific interest areas of critical theory, social justice, and the exploration of grief after non-death losses. She is also adjunct faculty in the College of Graduate Studies at the University of Western Ontario, and she is on the board of directors for the Association for Death Education and Counseling.

Dr. Harris has written extensively, and frequently provides presentations on topics related to death, grief, and loss in contemporary society. Topical areas include the social context of grief in Western Society, women's experiences of reproductive losses, and shame and social stigma in death and grief. She has recently published *Counting Our Losses: Reflecting on Change, Loss, and Transition in Everyday Life* (Routledge), which explores non-death and nonfinite loss, served as a co-editor for the book *Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society: Bridging Research and Practice* (Routledge), and she is the co-author of the book, *Principles and Practice of Grief Counseling* (Springer), which is a clinically-oriented guide that explores basic understandings of counseling practice with bereaved individuals.

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