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This interdisciplinary seminar critically engages with aspects of death, dying, disposal, and grief. Presentations and discussions explore topics from both academic and clinical perspectives in areas as diverse as medicine, psychology, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, religion, law, politics, architecture, and the media. In recent years the seminar has focused on contemporary developments in technology, culture, and society, and attendance is maintained at a level that provides members with ample opportunity for active participation.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

October 23	*The Harm of Death for Animals, Plants, and Fungi* **Jeff Sebo**, New York University
November 20	*Unpacking: Dead/Alive, Dying/Living* **Jerry Nessel**, Independent Scholar
December 11	*Measuring Consumer Preferences for New Methods of Disposition* **Tanya D. Marsh**, Wake Forest School of Law
February 24	*Beyond Grief: Earth Emotions at the Edge of Collapse* **Glenn Albrecht**, Walter Murdoch University
April 16	*Re-thinking Natural Organic Reduction (NOR) with Green-Wood Cemetery and in a Larger Socio-Cultural Context* **Jean F. Bonhotal**, Cornell University
May 5	*End-of-Life Communication in a Changing World: Digital Legacies, Divided Families, and Collective Loss* **Ágnes Zana**, Semmelweis University, Budapest (Hungary)
June 10	*"Legacy League" - Starting Conversations about Death* **Mandi Zucker**, End of Life Choices New York (EOLCNY)

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