

# **Candi Cann, Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core and Religion at Baylor University**

Waco, TX, US

Expert on death, dying and grief, diversity in death and the intersection of death and technology around the world

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## **Biography**

A noted death scholar, Dr. Candi K. Cann, Associate Professor of Religion in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core in the Honors College at Baylor University, teaches in both the BIC and the Religion department. Her research focuses on death, dying, and grief. She is especially interested in the intersections of marginality, diversity, and death technologies. Her books include "Virtual Afterlives: Grieving the Dead in the 21st Century," centered on grief and memorialization in the contemporary world; "Dying to Eat: Cross Cultural Perspectives on Food, Death and the Afterlife," an edited collection on the intersection of food in death and grief; and "The Routledge Handbook of Death and Afterlife," an edited collection of 35 chapters examining death and afterlife from around the world. Dr. Cann has been a featured guest on NPR Science Friday, various BBC radio programs and CSPAN's Book TV and has written numerous articles and book chapters, including "African American Deathways" in Oxford Bibliographies in African American Studies. Her co-written piece on "Death, Grief, and Funerals in the COVID Age" ([www.covidpaper.org](http://www.covidpaper.org)), centered on optimal strategies for helping people develop new rituals to honor those who die during the COVID-19 era. The article's resources and best practices for support during an unprecedented time were recognized and utilized by OptionB.org, National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, Presidential Taskforce on Grief and Loss, and the New York State Psychological Association, among many others. For 2022-2023, Dr. Cann received the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award from the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The award allowed her to teach and conduct research in South Korea as the first Fulbright Scholar at Han Nam University, one of a few Christian universities in South Korea. Her research focused on the rise of the country's hospital funeral homes, examining the ways in which they promote religious pluralism, a topic that aligned with her current research on diversity in death, and the intersection of death and technology around the world.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Death and Dying, Digital Death, Digital Afterlife, Death and Diversity, Modern Mourning Practices, Death and Technology, Hispanic Bereavement Customs, World Cultures, World Religions

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## **Education**

**Harvard University**  
Ph.D.

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A.M.

**University of Hawaii at Manoa**  
M.A.

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian College**  
B.A.

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