



NEVER SAY DIE: EUPHEMISM & THE LANGUAGE OF DEATH

TUESDAY, NOV 11, 2014
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

reception to follow

Stuart Hall, Room 102
5835 S. Greenwood Avenue

This workshop will be presented in American Sign Language (ASL); ASL-English interpretation will be provided.

Free and open to the public

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It's difficult to talk about death. When we do, we often resort to a variety of euphemisms and circumlocutions, ranging from the pious and solemn to the profane, the graphic, and the downright absurd.

What are we saying when we refuse to say “die”?

In this collaborative workshop, we will explore the varieties, meanings, and uses of euphemism in talking (through both speech and sign)—and not talking—about death.

Participants include:

- Peter S. Cook** (Columbia College)
- Monica Malec, M.D.** (The University of Chicago)
- Michael Silverstein** (The University of Chicago)
- Jesse A. Soodalter, M.D.** (The University of Chicago)
- Malynne Sternstein** (The University of Chicago)

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