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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINS , Board Certified Chaplain	2004
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE , Endorsed as Chaplain	2003
CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION , Four Units	2001, 2002-03

EDUCATION

SAINT VLADIMIR'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY , Doctor of Ministry	2019
HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL , Master of Divinity	2002
HAVERFORD COLLEGE , Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Religion	1999

EXPERIENCE

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL	2019 – PRESENT
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Inpatient Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator

Division of Palliative Care and Geriatric Medicine

Boston, MA

- Facilitator for the Continuum Project “Serious Illness Conversations”
- Instructor for the Interprofessional Palliative Care Fellowship
- Coordinator of the annual Memorial Services for bereaved families

Faculty, Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care

- “Integrating a Patient’s Spiritual Life into Care” – *Palliative Care Education and Practice*
- “Integrating Social Work and Chaplaincy on the Team” – *Practical Aspects of Palliative Care*

BEACON HOSPICE

2012 – 2017

Staff Chaplain II / Program Liaison

Beverly, MA

- Coordinator for specialized “Deep Harbors” dementia care program
- Chaplain Liaison representing thirty-five Beacon chaplains

SUTTER CARE AT HOME HOSPICE

2010 – 2012

Staff Chaplain

Concord, CA

- Facilitator for Deborah Grassman’s “Dying Healed” curriculum
- Implemented a resilience curriculum for seven Hospice branch offices

HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY NETWORK - NYU LANGONE MEDICAL CENTER

2007 – 2010

Palliative Care Staff Chaplain

New York, NY

- Member of interprofessional team; led family meetings; rounded with medical students
- Mentored Palliative Care Fellows and Clinical Pastoral Education interns

ALL CARE HOSPICE

2003 – 2007

Senior Staff Chaplain / Bereavement Coordinator

Lynn, MA

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

Level II Resident, Caritas Saint Elizabeth’s Medical Center

Boston, MA (2002-2003)

Level I Intern, Crouse Hospital

Syracuse, NY (2001)

PEER-REVIEWED MEDICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Byrne-Martelli, Sarah** and Leah Rosenberg. Fast Facts and Concepts: “Communication Strategies when Patients Utilize Spiritual Language to Hope for a Miracle.” Forthcoming in *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 2022. <https://www.mypcnow.org>
- Drutchas, Alexis, Alison Kavanaugh, Kristin Cina, Todd Rinehart, Eric L. Krakauer, Kathleen Doyle, Carine Davila, **Sarah Byrne-Martelli**, and Mihir Kamdar. “Innovation in a Crisis: Lessons Learned from the Rapid Development of an End-of-Life Palliative Care Unit during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Journal of Palliative Medicine* (2021).
- Krakauer, Eric L., Xiaoxiao Kwete, Khadidjatou Kane, Gauhar Afshan, Lisa Bazzett-Matabele, Danta Dona Ruthnie Bien-Aimé, **Sarah Byrne-Martelli**, et al. “Cervical cancer-associated suffering: Estimating the palliative care needs of a highly vulnerable population.” *JCO Global Oncology* 7 (2021): 862-872.
- Krakauer, Eric L., Khadidjatou Kane, Xiaoxiao Kwete, Gauhar Afshan, Lisa Bazzett-Matabele, Danta Dona Ruthnie Bien-Aimé, Lawrence F. Borges, **Sarah Byrne-Martelli**, et al. “Augmented Package of Palliative Care for Women With Cervical Cancer: Responding to Refractory Suffering.” *JCO Global Oncology* 7 (2021): 886-895.
- Krakauer, Eric L., Khadidjatou Kane, Xiaoxiao Kwete, Gauhar Afshan, Lisa Bazzett-Matabele, Danta Dona Ruthnie Bien-Aimé, Lawrence F. Borges, **Sarah Byrne-Martelli**, et al. “Essential Package of Palliative Care for Women With Cervical Cancer: Responding to the Suffering of a Highly Vulnerable Population.” *JCO Global Oncology* 7 (2021): 873-885.
- Sharpless, Joanna, David Ryley, **Sarah Byrne-Martelli**, and Bethany-Rose Daubman. “Navigating the Challenges of Fertility and Reproductive Planning for Terminal Cancer Patients.” *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* (2021).
- Byrne-Martelli, Sarah**. “The Still, Small Voice of Grief.” *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* (2020).
- Davila, Carine, **Sarah Byrne-Martelli**, and Justin Sanders. “En las Manos de Dios: Creating Spiritual Alignment with Latino Patients.” In *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, Vol. 35, No. 1. Springer (2020).

PEER-REVIEWED THEOLOGICAL PUBLICATIONS

- “Julian’s Alleluia.” *The Wheel*, Fall 2020.
- “Chanting through the Spring Surge.” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, Autumn/Winter 2020.
- “Advocacy for Chaplains.” *PlainViews*, Vol. 10 no. 6, 2013.
- “Listened When There Were No Words to be Heard.” *Sacred Journey: Fellowship in Prayer*, Vol. 62 no. 3.

BOOKS

- Memory Eternal: A Guide for the Grieving*. Under contract, forthcoming 2022. Ancient Faith Publications.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Massachusetts General Hospital Principal Investigator, IRB Protocol Number: 2020P002899 (ongoing).
“Describing the Prevalence and Correlates of Unmet Spiritual Concerns in Palliative Care Patients Near End of Life.” Multisite study.

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- El Apoyo Espiritual en los Cuidados Paliativos: Como Responder al Deseo para un Milagro*. Presented in Spanish. Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), 2021.
- Leave No One Behind: Equity in Palliative Care Access*. Webinar Lecturer for World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 2021.
- Spiritual Care, Grief, and Bereavement during the COVID Pandemic*. Invited Lecturer, Psychosocial Support for COVID-19 Patients and Families Conference, Hanoi National University of Education, Vietnam, 2021.
- Opening Up Chaplaincy Notes: “Best” Practices and Research Opportunities*. Panel Co-Presenter, Transforming Chaplaincy Webinar, 2021.
- Spiritual Distress at End of Life*. Annual Lecturer, Mass General Brigham Neurology Residents, 2020.
- Navigating a Pandemic: Palliative Care Innovation at the Mass General Brigham during the COVID-19 Surge*. Palliative Care Grand Rounds Co-Presenter, 2020.

Creating Meaningful Connections During COVID. Clinical Case Seminar Co-Presenter, Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care, 2020.

Tengo Fe en Dios (I Have Faith in God): Caring for a Young Latina Woman Critically Ill with COVID-19. Clinical Case Seminar Expert Respondent, Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care, 2020.

Learning to Live with Ambiguous Loss. Massachusetts General Hospital: Dementia Care Collaborative, 2020.

What I've Seen. What I've Felt. Reflections of Inpatient Palliative Care Chaplains Amid the Pandemic. Chaplaincy Innovation Lab Webinar, 2020.

What Does Love Require? Keynote Speaker for the Momentum Conference. Hope Multiplied, 2020.

Memory Eternal: A Vision for Orthodox Christian Bereavement. St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary Webinar, 2020.

The Role of the Chaplain in Palliative Care. Plenary Speaker for *Caring for the Human Spirit* Conference, Myrtle Beach SC, 2019.

Trends in Chaplaincy Research: A Thematic Analysis of APC's "Best Papers" from 2012-2018. Poster, Association of Professional Chaplains Conference, June 2019, Orlando FL.

Spiritual Assessment" and "Fundamentals of Palliative Care" Lectures for Chaplaincy Residents, MGH, 2019.

Best Papers for Chaplaincy. Webinar Co-Presenter, Association of Professional Chaplains, 2016-2019.

I Walk the Line: The Chaplain's Compliant and Resistant Presence. Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Religion, and Psychology (OCAMPR), 2018.

Spiritual Suffering: A Chaplain's Perspective. Workshop Co-Presenter, OCAMPR, Brookline MA, 2016.

Serving on a BCCI Certification Committee. Webinar Co-Presenter, APC, 2016.

Designing and Implementing a Quality Improvement Project. APC Conference, Louisville KY, 2015.

How to Become a Board Certified Chaplain. Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge MA, 2014, 2012.

Women in Leadership and Service. Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline MA, 2013.

Perceptions and Practices of Spiritual Care among Hospice Home Health Aides. Poster, APC, Dallas TX, 2011.

Sing When the Spirit Says Sing: Clinical Applications of Music in Spiritual Care. Pre-Conference Workshop, Spiritual Care Collaborative Summit, Orlando FL, 2009.

A Transforming Partnership: Chaplaincy and Medical Education. APC Conference, Pittsburgh PA, 2008.

COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Joy Comes in the Morning. Plenary Speaker, Eastern Diocesan Conference, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, 2021.

Sacred Steps: A Hospital Chaplain Finds Joyful Sorrow For COVID-19 Patients Facing Death. KALW Public Radio, Crosscurrents Podcasts, 2020.

Being the Gap: Chaplains and COVID-19. Interview published on The Living Church website, 2020.

A Joyful Sorrow. Interview published on Harvard Divinity School website, 2020.

Chaplaincy at the Front Lines. The Word, a Publication of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, 2020.

Healing Stories from Hospice. Retreat leader, Saints Anargyroi Orthodox Church, Marlborough MA, 2017.

Grief and Mourning from a Chaplain's Perspective. Retreat leader, New England Clergy of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church, Watertown MA, 2016.

Exploring End of Life Questions. Speaker, New Skete Orthodox Christian Community, Cambridge NY, 2011.

ORGANIZATIONS

Member of the Board of Directors, Association of Professional Chaplains: 2020 – present

Secretary of the Board, Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion: 2018 – present

Commission Member, Board of Chaplaincy Certification Inc: 2014 – 2018

INTERESTS

"The Wounded Healer" Chaplaincy Podcast for Ancient Faith Ministries

Member of the Boston Byzantine Choir