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Graceful Exits: Exploring the Economics, Ethics, & Ethos of Death with Dignity

This course explores the complex issue of Death with Dignity, also known as assisted suicide, through its historical development, ethical debates, legal frameworks, and cultural perspectives. The movement gained national attention through the advocacy of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, sparking widespread discussion on end-of-life choices.

Participants will critically examine evolving policies on physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia while engaging in thoughtful discussions on this sensitive and often controversial topic. Designed to educate and foster awareness, this course provides a comprehensive look at the ethical and legal dimensions of end-of-life decision-making.



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YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Aleen Bayard, PhD



Aleen Bayard, PhD is an adjunct faculty member at Northwestern University, teaching leadership and change management. She played a key role in Northwestern's partnership with the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, developing the curriculum for the Certificate in Jewish Leadership and teaching in the program for several years. Bayard holds degrees from Stanford University, Columbia University, and Northwestern University and earned her doctorate from Benedictine University. Through her consulting practice, she develops programs on leadership, culture, employee engagement, and team performance.

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 20 THROUGH NOVEMBER 24 1pm AK | 2pm PT | 3pm MT | 4pm CT | 5pm ET Each live session is 90 minutes

- Monday, October 20
- Monday, October 27
- Monday, November 3
- Monday, November 10
- Monday, November 17
- Monday, November 24

To register, please contact your local Osher Institute.