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15th Annual Emily Schindler Lecture addresses social inequity in the grief journey

(PASADENA, MD, March 6, 2020) — Chesapeake Life Center invites the community to the 15th annual **Emily Schindler Memorial Lecture**, “From Inequity Awareness to Social Action: Disrupting Disenfranchisement and Suffocated Grief in Marginalized Children and Adults,” presented by Dr. Tashel Bordere, Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri, Columbia. The lecture will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, Maryland.

Bordere’s presentation will address historical and contemporary ways in which youth and families from various marginalized social locations such as race, ethnicity, sex, socioeconomic status, and others, are faced with inequities and suffocated grief in their journey of healing while coping with loss. Drawing from research and case studies, it will describe socially just and culturally conscientious practices that facilitate the disruption of systemic factors that complicate grief, mourning, and coping processes for children and teens across cultural contexts including schools and hospitals.

This annual lecture was created in 2005 through a gift to the Schindler family from the Saint Agnes Cancer Center. Emily Schindler was an 18-year-old freshman at Frostburg State University and a member of the SPY swim team in Severna Park, Maryland, when she was tragically killed in a car accident in 2004.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and a light breakfast will be provided. Maryland Board social workers can earn three Category 1 continuing education credits. The Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists certifies that this program meets the criteria for 3.0 credit hours of Category A continuing education for Counselors and Therapists in Maryland. Pre-registration is required and can be completed at www.eventbrite.com/e/emily-schindler-memorial-lecture-tickets-98022380579. The cost is \$40, plus a \$2.99 online fee. For details, call 888-501-7077 or email griefinfo@hospicechesapeake.org.

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About Tashel C. Bordere, PhD, CT:

Dr. Tashel Bordere is an Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Science and State Extension Specialist in Youth Development at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has served as Board member of the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Chair of the Multicultural Committee, and Editor of the ADEC Forum. She has specialized training as a certified thanatologist (death, dying, and grief). Dr. Bordere’s research program assumes a contextual approach focusing on disenfranchising losses (homicide loss, assaultive violence, sexual assault) and black youth bereavement, suffocated grief, and cultural practices that promote healing and survival. Dr. Bordere has done numerous workshops, consultations, keynotes, and published works relating to social and political inequities in loss including her co-edited/co-authored book, “Handbook of Social Justice in Loss and Grief” (Routledge). She is a Forward Promise Fellow through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focusing on the promotion of healing, growth and thriving among boys and young men of color. Dr. Bordere was awarded the Ronald K. Barrett Award in 2018 from the Association of Death Education and Counseling for her research on Black adolescent and young adult grief. She has been featured on NPR – Teens and Grief, Hospice Foundation’s Live National Webcast - Living with Grief: Understanding the Value of Funerals for Children, and Open to Hope Cable Show – Saving At Risk Youth. She developed the S.H.E.D. Loss and Grief Tools Training.



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