

# The Longest Loss: Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia



Eden Seminary is hosting “The Longest Loss: Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia” on April 28. This educational session features a recorded webinar moderated by Frank Sesno, Director of the School of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University as well as a local panel discussion moderated by Dr. Kristen Leslie, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care at Eden. This program is produced by Hospice Foundation of America and in cooperation with Dignity Memorial Funeral Providers.

When the diagnosis is Alzheimer’s disease or dementia, grief doesn’t wait for death. Grieving can begin in the doctor’s office when patients and families receive the news. Then, over a span of what may be a decade, losses associated with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia become a pervasive part of life for millions of patients, their families and friends. After death, survivors’ grief may be complicated by the nature of a lengthy disease process that has changed their relationship with the deceased. Through a combination of candid interviews and a recorded in-studio discussion, experts will identify how medical and social service professionals can best help patients, families and themselves cope with loss and grief associated with these progressive illnesses.

A \$15 registration fee includes a complimentary copy of “The Longest Loss: Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia,” given to the first 100 registrants. For an additional fee of \$15, CEs are available for a variety of professional groups, including clergy, nurses, social workers and those working with death, dying, and bereavement. Registrants may apply for CE credits online. Information will be available the day of the workshop.

For program and CE details, see HFA’s website at <http://hospicefoundation.org/Professionals/All-Programs/Program-Display?programid=26>.

The April 28 program at Eden begins with registration at 8:45 am and concludes at 12:30 pm. Lunch will be available. Eden Seminary is located at 475 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119.

To register go to [www.eden.edu/longestloss](http://www.eden.edu/longestloss)  
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