

# The Ninth Annual Cultural Awareness Workshop

## *Crossing the Divide: Understanding the Impact of Culture and Diversity on Grieving and End of Life*



Wednesday, June 2, 2010  
7:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.  
Silver Maple Ballroom, Davis Center

Presented by the  
Department of Family Medicine and  
the Office of Multicultural Affairs  
College of Medicine, University of Vermont

### Program:

- **Keynote Speaker - Multicultural Perspectives on the Language of Grief and the Art of Consolation - Sandra L. Bertman, PhD, FT**
- *Disparities at the End of Life: The Impact of Race, Culture, and Socioeconomics on Advance Directives and Access to Hospice and End of Life Care* – Debbie Lieber, MD
- *Funerary Customs and Religious Traditions in Asian and Buddhist Cultures* – Cuong Mai, PhD
- Panel Discussion: *Perspectives on Religion and Culture on Illness, Death, and Dying* – Meera Ramachandran, Moderator; Rabbi Ira Schiffer
- *Día de los Muertos: a short film about Mexican rituals and attitudes towards death and dying* – Irma Valeriano, PhD

### Featuring:

**Sandra L. Bertman**, PhD, FT – Keynote Speaker, Distinguished Professor of Thanatology and Arts, National Center for Death Education, Mount Ida College  
**Deborah Lieber**, MD, and **Meera Ramachandran**, MD – Family Medicine Residents  
**Cuong T. Mai**, PhD – Professor of Religion, University of Vermont  
**Irma Valeriano**, PhD – Professor Romance Languages, University of Vermont  
**Rabbi Ira J. Schiffer** - Associate Chaplain/Hillel Rabbi, Middlebury College. “A Jewish Framework for End of Life Care and Mourning.”

Course Director: **Monica Romanko**, MD, Associate Residency Director, Assistant Professor, Director of Program on Cultural Competency

There is no registration fee for this program. Pre-registration is required, however. Registration includes all conference materials, breakfast, and lunch. Registration **deadline is May 26.**

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