



## PROFILE

Dr. Polyxeni Stylianou is a Certified Thanatologist (CT) by the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) and the representative of the Association for the Study of Death and Society (ASDS) in Cyprus. She specializes in the Pedagogy of Loss and Grief, and as an external associate of the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, she provides seminars for teachers and parents. She also offers related seminars in collaboration with other organizations in Cyprus and abroad. Her research work focuses on integrating the concepts of loss and grief in education.

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# Polyxeni Stylianou, PhD, CT

Certified in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement

Primary Teacher, Teacher Trainer, Researcher

## EDUCATION

### Open University of Cyprus

2009 - 2013

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Educational Theory and Curriculum Studies

Title of Dissertation: "Integrating the concept of loss and bereavement in Primary Education" – GPA: 10/10

### The Institute of Education, University of London

2004 - 2005

Master of Arts (MA), Education (Psychology)

Title of Dissertation: "An exploration of school counsellors', teachers' and students' perceptions of the effectiveness of school counselling in Public Secondary Education in Cyprus" – GPA: Distinction

### University of Cyprus

1997 - 2001

Bachelor's degree, Primary School Teaching – GPA: 8,3/10

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- November 19, 2024 – **"Supporting Grieving Children: Compassionate Care for Anticipating Loss" (1,5 hours)**, Association for Death Education and Counseling.
- November 11-13, 2024 – **European Grief Conference EGC 2024 (20 hours)**, Irish Hospice Foundation, Bereavement Network Europe, Danish National Center for Grief, and University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dublin, Ireland.
- October 12, 2024 – **Training titled "Creating Trauma-Aware Schools" (3 hours)**, Systemic Institute of Cyprus, Nicosia.

- June 24–25, 2024 – **Conference titled: Contested Narratives and Controversial Issues in Citizenship Education (16 hours)**, Metropolitan University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.
- March 28, 2024 – **Scientific Seminar on "The Role of the Social Worker and the Interdisciplinary Approach in Palliative Care" (4 hours)**, Cyprus Association of Social Workers.
- January 20, 2024 – **"Teaching Controversial Issues" workshop (3.5 hours)**, Association for Historical Dialogue and Research, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – **Certified in Thanatology: Death Dying and Bereavement**, Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC).
- September 7–9, 2023 – **Death Dying and Disposal 16th Conference "Learning from Suffering and Dying – New Languages from Sciences to the Humanities" (18 hours)**, ASDS & Università degli Studi di Padova, Padua, Italy.
- November 2022 – February 2023 – **Palliative and Pastoral Care (76 hours, 5 ECTS)**, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece.
- January 24, 2023 – **"The Transformative Power of Self-Compassion" (1.5 hour)**, ADEC webinar.
- September 21–23, 2022 – **First European Grief Conference (15 hours)**, Bereavement Network Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- June 9–10, 2022 – **CDAS Conference 2022: Institutions and Death (10 hours)**, University of Bath, UK.
- April 16, 2022 – Educational Seminar titled **"Discussing loss and grief with kids" (4 hours)**, "Anoikto Parathyro", Online (in Greek).
- March – April 2022 – **Workshops on Creative Writing (7,5 hours)**, Amused, Cyprus.
- September 1–4, 2021 – **15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Death, Dying, and Disposal (DDD15) Diversity and Decolonization (20 hours)**, Manchester Metropolitan University & ASDS.
- October 2020 – May 2021 – **Training Program titled "Pedagogy of Loss and Death" (300 hours)**, University of Crete (in Greek).
- June – November 2020 – **Training Program titled "Grief support and counselling of grieving children, teens and their families" Cycle B (50 hours)**, Merimna Thessalonikis, Greece (in Greek).
- December 3, 2020 – **Seminar titled "The culture of grief – Philosophy, Ecology and Politics of Loss in the Twenty-First Century" (6 hours)**, Aalborg Universitet.
- May 29, 2020 – **Webinar titled "When grief goes viral: Psychological Assessment and Intervention in the Coronavirus Crisis» (2 hours)**, Portland Institute for Loss and Transition.

- April 21, 2020 – **Webinar titled “Grieving the Loss of Living Lives” (1.5 hour)**, ADEC - The Thanatology Association.
- February 17-21, 2020 – **Course titled “Death Education and grief in classroom” (35 hours)**, Europrogettazione Treviso, Italy.
- September 2019 – January 2020 – **Training Program titled “Grief support and counselling of grieving children, teens and their families” Cycle A (50 hours)**, Merimna Thessalonikis, Greece (in Greek).
- September 4-7, 2019 – **14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Death, Dying and the Disposal (DDD14) Education and Engagement (20 hours)** – University of Bath, U.K.
- April 9-13, 2019 – **41<sup>st</sup> Annual ADEC Conference (30 hours)**, Association for Death Education and Counselling, Atlanta, U.S.A.
- November 28-29, 2018 – **Training Program titled “Palliative Care for Professionals in Health and Provision” (10 hours)**, Frederick University, Nicosia, Cyprus (in Greek).
- September 6-9, 2017 – **Death, Dying and Disposal 13 Ritual, Religion and Magic Conference (20 hours)**, University of Central Lancashire, Preston.
- June 6-8, 2016 – **International Conference on Bringing Teacher Education Forward: National and International Perspectives (15 hours)**, University of Oslo, Norway.
- September 2-5, 2015 – **12th International Conference on Death, Dying and the Disposal of the Body (DDD12) Eastern and Western Ways of Dying and Death (20 hour)** – University of Alba Iulia, Romania.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **Cyprus Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports**

#### **Primary School Teacher**

2001– today

Primary School Teacher in Public Schools in Cyprus  
(Children Ages 6-12 years old)

### **Cyprus Pedagogical Institute,**

#### **In-Service Training Department – Teacher Trainer**

2016 – 2019

- Creator and manager of the page titled “Loss, grief and child” in Pedagogical Institute’s web page [http://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2222&Itemid=124&lang=el](http://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2222&Itemid=124&lang=el)
- Producer of educational material for integrating the concepts of loss and grief into primary education through children's literature. The following link shows an example translated in English: [http://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/files/epimorfosi/synedria/app/WordsOnWaves\\_LessonPlan.pdf](http://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/files/epimorfosi/synedria/app/WordsOnWaves_LessonPlan.pdf)

- Teachers' Professional Development Supporter.
- Seminars' Presenter:
  - "Integrating the concepts of loss and grief in Education" (12,5-hour optional seminar for teachers).
  - "Loss, grief and child – The school's role" (2-hour school-based seminar).
  - "Loss, grief and child" (2-hour seminar for parents).
- Coordinator of the conferences:
  - "Loss, grief and Child – The role of schools" (January 2019).
  - "Approaching the concepts of loss and bereavement – Teachers' role" (January 2018).
  - "Loss, grief and child – The role of schools" (March 2017).
- Coordinator of the Seminar Series "Teachers talk about their work".
- Coordinator of the European Erasmus + KA2 Program titled "HOPEs - Happiness Optimism Positive Ethos in schools" (2017/18).
- Member of the Committee on Prevention and Violence in the Family (Cyprus).

#### **Cyprus Pedagogical Institute / External Associate**

##### **In-service training department - Teacher trainer**

- February – March 2016. Seminar's Presenter: "Integrating the concepts of loss and grief in Education" (12,5-hour optional seminar for teachers)
- September 2019 – today: Seminars' presenter of
  - "Approaching the notions of loss and grief in the school setting" (12-hour optional seminar for teachers).
  - "Integrating loss and grief in education – Good practices" (4-hour basic seminar for teachers)
  - "Loss, grief and child – The role of the school" (4-hour basic seminar for teachers).
  - "Loss, Grief and Child" (2-hour optional seminar for parents).
  - "Four books and a film: Discussing loss and grief with children" (12,5-hour optional seminar for teachers).
  - "The Pedagogy of Loss and Grief: Good Practices (2-hour seminar for teachers' training).
  - "Approaching Loss and Grief Concepts in the School Setting" (12,5-hour seminar for teachers).
  - "Discussing the concepts of Loss and Grief with children" (2-hour seminar for pre-school teachers).

## University of Crete / External Associate

### Training Program titled "Pedagogy of Loss and Death"

- November 2021 – February 2022: Seminars' presenter of:
  - "Pedagogy of loss and grief – the role of school"
  - "Discussing the concepts of loss and grief with children through children's literature – Good practice and research results".

## PUBLICATIONS (IN ENGLISH)

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Stylianou, P., & Zembylas, M. (2025). Capturing grief: Photovoice as a tool for learning and researching, *Death Studies*, published online

<https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2025.2452479>

Stylianou, P., & Zembylas, M. (2023). Practicing Death education in Elementary Schools. Reflecting on the Implementation of A Unit Plan in a Year 3 Classroom. *Jahrbuch für Tod und Gesellschaft*, 2, 26–45.

[https://www.beltz.de/fachmedien/sozialpaedagogik\\_soziale\\_arbeit/produkte/details/49880-jahrbuch-fuer-tod-und-gesellschaft-2023.html](https://www.beltz.de/fachmedien/sozialpaedagogik_soziale_arbeit/produkte/details/49880-jahrbuch-fuer-tod-und-gesellschaft-2023.html)

Stylianou, P., & Zembylas, M. (2020). Engaging with issues of death, loss, and grief in elementary school: Teachers' perceptions and affective experiences of an in-service training program on death education in Cyprus. *Theory & Research in Social Education*, 49(1), 54–77.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/00933104.2020.1841700>

Stylianou, P., & Zembylas, M. (2018b). Ethical and political dimensions of action research and lesson study: reflections from a research project on a controversial issue in Cyprus. *Educational Action Research*, 27(4), 581–594. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09650792.2018.1483835>

Stylianou, P., & Zembylas, M. (2018a). Peer support for bereaved children: Setting eyes on children's views through an educational action research project. *Death Studies*, 42(7), 446–455.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2017.1369472>

Stylianou, P., & Zembylas, M. (2016). Dealing with the concepts of "Grief" and "Grieving" in the classroom: children's perceptions, emotions, and behavior. *OMEGA - Journal of Death and Dying*, 77(3), 240–266.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/0030222815626717>

Diakidoy, I., Stylianou, P., Carefillidou, C., & Papageorgiou, P. (2005). The relationship between listening and reading comprehension of different type of text at increasing grade levels. *Reading Psychology*, 26(1), 55–80.

DOI:10.1080/02702710590910584

## Master's Thesis

Stylianou, P. (2005). *An exploration of school counsellors', teachers' and students' perceptions of the effectiveness of school counselling in Public Secondary Education in Cyprus*. Dissertation in partial fulfilment of the degree of M.A. in Education (Psychology), Institute of Education, University of London.

## PUBLICATIONS (IN GREEK)

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### PHD Thesis

Στυλιανού, Π. (2013). *Η ένταξη των εννοιών της απώλειας και του πένθους στη Δημοτική Εκπαίδευση*. Διδακτορική Διατριβή στο Πρόγραμμα Θεωρία της Παιδείας και Αναλυτικά Προγράμματα, Ανοικτό Πανεπιστήμιο Κύπρου. ISBN: 978-9963695-32-4.

<http://kypseli-testing.ouc.ac.cy/handle/11128/1167>

### Journals in Greek

Στυλιανού, Π. (2021). Η πανδημία της νόσου Covid-19 και η εκπαίδευση. *ΣΥΜ-ΒΟΛΗ*, 10, 59-71.

<https://periodiko.metropolisofkyrenia.com/23gs/uploads/2021/08/Anatipo-Stylianou.pdf>

Στυλιανού, Π. (2020). Ιστορίες στην (για την) Κρίση της Πανδημίας του Κορονοϊού. *Ανέμη*, 28, 68-75.

Στυλιανού, Π. (2020). Η εκπαίδευση για τον θάνατο (Death Education). *ΣΥΜ-ΒΟΛΗ*, 8, 107-122. (αναδημοσίευση)

<https://periodiko.metropolisofkyrenia.com/23gs/uploads/2020/07/8-ANATIPO-STYLIANOU.pdf>

Στυλιανού, Π. (2019). Συζητώντας τις έννοιες της απώλειας και του πένθους με παιδιά, *δελτίο Παιδαγωγικού Ινστιτούτου Κύπρου*, 21, 34-42.

[https://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/files/tekmiriosi/ekdoseis/deltia/deltio21\\_dec2019.pdf](https://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/files/tekmiriosi/ekdoseis/deltia/deltio21_dec2019.pdf)

Στυλιανού, Π. (2018). Εμείς και οι Άλλοι: Μια περιπλάνηση στη σημασία και το περιεχόμενο της μνήμης για τον άνθρωπο. *ΣΥΜ-ΒΟΛΗ*, 4, 65-77.

[https://periodiko.metropolisofkyrenia.com/23gs/uploads/2020/01/SYMBOLIX\\_4\\_FULL.pdf](https://periodiko.metropolisofkyrenia.com/23gs/uploads/2020/01/SYMBOLIX_4_FULL.pdf)



Στυλιανού, Π. (2017). Εντάσσοντας τις έννοιες της Απώλειας και του Πένθους στην Εκπαίδευση: Αναγκαιότητα και Προοπτικές, *Δελτίο Παιδαγωγικού Ινστιτούτου Κύπρου*, 19, 43-49.

[http://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/files/tekmiriosi/ekdoseis/deltia/deltio19\\_dec2017.pdf](http://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/files/tekmiriosi/ekdoseis/deltia/deltio19_dec2017.pdf)

Στυλιανού, Π. (2015). Η εκπαίδευση για τον θάνατο (Death Education). *ΣΥΜ-ΒΟΛΗ*, 1, 33-48.

<https://periodiko.metropolisofkyrenia.com/23gs/uploads/2020/01/SYMBOLIX-1.pdf>

### **Educational Material – Proposed Lesson Plans**

Proposed lesson plans based on children literature on discussing the notions of Loss and Grief in classroom (in Greek):

<https://postdeatheducation.com/category/%ce%b5%ce%ba%cf%80%ce%b1%ce%b9%ce%b4%ce%b5%cf%85%cf%84%ce%b9%ce%ba%cf%8c-%cf%85%ce%bb%ce%b9%ce%ba%cf%8c/>

Proposed lesson plans on integrating the concepts of Loss and Grief in Primary Education through Children Literature (in Greek):

[http://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2222&Itemid=124&lang=el](http://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2222&Itemid=124&lang=el)

Proposed Lesson Plan on Integrating the Concepts of Loss and Grief in Primary Education based on the children book “Words on waves” by Elena Pericleous:

[https://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/files/epimorfosi/synedria/app/WordsOnWaves\\_LessonPlan.pdf](https://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/files/epimorfosi/synedria/app/WordsOnWaves_LessonPlan.pdf)

### **Chapters in books**

Στυλιανού, Π., Περικλέους, Ε., & Δημητρίου, Χ. (2025). Γραμματισμός στο πένθος και εκπαίδευση. Στο Σοφοκλέους, Σ., Κοντοβούρκη, Σ. & Ιωαννίδου, Ε., (Επιμ.) Πρακτικά Συνεδρίου «Γραμματισμός και Σύγχρονη Κοινωνία: Δημιουργικότητα, Ισότητα, Κοινωνική Δράση», 310-321.

<http://www.pi.ac.cy/5thLitConCyp>

Στυλιανού, Π. (2021). Συζητώντας με τα παιδιά την απώλεια και το πένθος. Στον Συλλογικό Τόμο με θέμα «Παιδί και Βιοηθική», 93 – 111. Εθνική Επιτροπή Βιοηθικής Κύπρου. [shorturl.at/iyAOU](http://shorturl.at/iyAOU)

Στυλιανού, Π. (2020). Η Στήριξη του Παιδιού που Πενθεί. Στο Ε. Παπαλεοντίου-Λουκά (Επιμ.), *Ψυχική υγεία παιδιού και εφήβου-Τόμος Β΄*, 242-256. Εκδόσεις Αρμός. ISBN: 978-960-615-270-2

## SCIENTIFIC EDITING (IN ENGLISH)

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Pericleous, E. (2019). *Words on waves*. Nicosia: Ministry of Education and Culture, Pedagogical Institute. ISBN: 978-9963-0-1690-7 (in Greek and in English).

<http://www.pi.ac.cy/pi/files/epimorfosi/synedria/app/WordsOnWaves.pdf>

Literature Unit on "Loss and Grief" (2023), Cyprus Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth (in Greek).

<https://logod.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/yliko/ypost-e-st-taxi>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS, & WORKSHOPS

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May 5, 2025 – **Grief Literacy and Education**, Presentation at the Staff Meeting of Klirou Elementary School.

April 2, 2025 – **First International Congress on the Pedagogy of Death and the Improvement of Education** – Keynote speech titled «Empowering Teachers to Navigate Death Education in the Classroom – Addressing Challenges and Exploring Opportunities», Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain.

February 22, 2025 – Conference titled “**Children and teenagers with a life-threatening disease – The role of school**”, Keynote speaker, Cyprus Pedagogical Institute.

January 18, 2025 – **Bicommunal Teacher Training title «Exploring Shared Narratives: Cross-Community Resources and Practices in Intercultural Education»** – Workshop title «Exploring Loss and Grief using Photovoice as a narrative based methodology», Association for Historical Dialogue and Research, Nicosia, Cyprus.

November 11-13, 2024 – **European Grief Conference EGC 2024** – Presentation titled “Photovoice as a Research and Educational Tool in Grief Education” (with Michalinos Zembylas), Irish Hospice Foundation, Bereavement Network Europe, Danish National Center for Grief, and University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dublin, Ireland.

May 27-31, 2024 – **Grief Literacy Workshops (30 hours)**, Craiova, Romania, Dominou Association.



May 15, 2024 – **Grief Literacy and Education**, Presentation at the Staff Meeting of the 2nd Elementary School of Lakatamia.

April 14, 2024 – Podcast on **Pedagogy of Loss and Grief**, Thanatology with Panagiotis Pentaris.

April 11, 2024 – Workshop titled "**Here and Now**" (with Elena Pericleous), Agios Georgios High School, Nicosia.

April 6, 2024 – Workshop titled "**Grief: What Sinks Us? What Holds Us?**" (with Eleni Petridou – art psychotherapist), Mind and Health Center, Nicosia.

March – May 2024 – Mentor in the **Peace Education Program**, Association for Historical Dialogue and Research, Nicosia.

November 2023 – **5th International Conference: "Literacy and Contemporary Society: Creativity, Equity, Social Action", 4-5-6 December 2023, Nicosia, Cyprus** – Symposium on Grief Literacy in Education (with Elena Perikleous, Charalambos Demetriou, and Michalinos Zembylas), Presentation title "Photovoice: What is loss and bereavement to you?" (In Greek).

September 2023 – **16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Death, Dying, and Disposal (DDD16) Learning from Suffering and Dying – New Languages from Sciences to the Humanities** – Presentation titled "Teachers Professional Development on Death Education: Challenges and Perspectives", ASDS & Universita degli Studi di Padova, Padua, Italy.

March 2023 – **Workshop "Approaches to dealing with grief & loss in schools"** – Association for Historical Dialogue and Research, Home of Cooperation, Nicosia – Session titled "Pedagogical Approaches for addressing grief and loss – the elephant in the room".

February 2023 (University of Cyprus, Students Community) – **Lecture on Death Education** (in Greek).

September 2022 – **First European Grief Conference** – Copenhagen, Presentation titled "Am I an expert? – Teachers' Professional Development on Death Education".

June 2022 – **CDAS Conference 2022: Institutions and Death** – University of Bath, UK, Presentation titled "Death Education in Elementary Schools: Reflecting on the implementation of unit plan" (with Michalinos Zembylas).

September 2021 – **15th International Conference on Death, Dying, and Disposal (DDD15) Diversity and Decolonization** – Manchester Metropolitan University & ASDS, Presentation titled “Death Education in elementary school: Teachers’ perceptions and affecting experiences of an in-service training program in Cyprus” (with Michalinos Zembylas).

September 2021 – **ASDS Seminars**, Presenter of the seminar titled “The Pedagogy of Loss and Grief through Children’s Literature” (2-hour webinar in Greek).

November 2019 (Cyprus National Bioethics Committee, Nicosia, Cyprus) **Awareness Week – Child and Bioethics** – Presentation titled “Discussing loss and grief with children” (in Greek).

October 2019 (Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Nicosia, Cyprus) **3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Literacy and Contemporary Society: Identities, Texts, Institutions**. Presentation titled “Death Literacy: Shall I talk to children about Death? Approaching the challenge through children book Words on waves by Elena Perikleous” (with Elena Perikleous, in Greek).

September 2019 (University of Bath, UK) **14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Death, Dying and Disposal (DDD14) – Education and Engagement**. Presentation titled “Words on waves: Integrating loss and grief in classroom through children’s literature” (with Elena Perikleous).

March 2019 (Cyprus Educational Group – Cyprus Technological University, Limassol) **18<sup>th</sup> Cyprus Scientific Conference titled “Re-Vision of the Cyprus Public School in a world of constant and changing challenges”** – Presentation titled “Integrating grief concept in Primary Education – Complexity and New perspectives” (with Michalinos Zembylas) and Workshop titled “Approaching death issues in Primary Education through children’s book ‘Words on waves’” (with Elena Perikleous) (in Greek).

January 2019 (Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Nicosia) **3<sup>rd</sup> Conference titled “Loss Greif and Child – The role of school”** – Keynote speaker “Discussing the concepts of loss and grief with children: concerns, results, suggestions” (in Greek).

October 2018 (Cyprus Pedagogical Society, Nicosia) **15<sup>th</sup> Conference titled “The role of Educational Action Research as an equalizer in a society of inequalities”** – Two presentations titled “Children’s grief – Robbie Harries approach through her children book ‘Goodbye Mousie’” and “Ethical and Political Dimensions of the Educational Action Research and the Lesson Study: The case of a controversial issue” (with Michalinos Zembylas) (in Greek).

April 2019 (ADEC, Atlanta, GA USA) **ADEC 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference** – Presentation titled “Teaching about grief in school: Complexities and new possibilities”.

June 2018 (University of Valletta, Malta) **2018 International Conference 'Teacher Education and Educational Research in the Mediterranean'** – Presentation titled “Ethical and political dimensions of action research and lesson study: reflections from a research project on a controversial issue in Cyprus” (with Michalinos Zembylas).

March 2018 (Cyprus Pedagogical Institute – Ministry of Education and Culture, Nicosia, Cyprus) Educational Conference titled **“Empowering and supporting teachers in the modern school”** – Presentation titled “Goodbye... No matter what... in the wind – Discussing loss and grief through children’s literature” (in Greek).

September 2017 (UCLAN Preston, UK) **13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Death, Dying and Disposal (DDD13) Ritual Religion and Magic Conference** – Presentation titled “Peer support for bereaved children: Setting eyes on children’s views through an educational action research project” (with Michalinos Zembylas).

April 2017 (Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece) – Lecture within the **Program of Educational Science** titled “Death Education: The need and perspectives” (in Greek).

March 2017 (Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Nicosia, Cyprus) – **1<sup>st</sup> Conference titled “Loss, Grief and Child – The role of school”** – Keynote speaker “Integrating the concepts of loss and grief in Education – the need and perspectives” / Presenter of the Workshop titled “The good dinosaur: Discussing loss and grief with children” (in Greek).

March 2017 (University of Cyprus, Students Community) – **Lecture on Death Education** (in Greek).

October 2016 (Cyprus Pedagogical Society) **14<sup>th</sup> Cyprus Conference titled "Education, Interdisciplinary and Modern World: The Role and Impact of Educational Research"** – Presentation titled "Peer support to grieving children: children's opinions through educational research" (with Michalinos Zembylas) (in Greek).

June 2016 (University of Oslo, Norway) **International Conference on Bringing Teacher Education Forward: National and International Perspectives** – Presentation titled: "Talking about Loss and Bereavement in the Classroom: an Action Research Intervention" (with Michalinos Zembylas).

September 2015 (University of Alba Iulia, Romania) **12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Death, Dying and the Disposal of the Body (DDD12) Eastern and Western Ways of Dying and Death** – Presentation titled: "Exploring Children's Perceptions of Loss and Bereavement: An Action Research Intervention" (with Michalinos Zembylas).

September 2015 (European University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus) **Conference titled "Teachers' professionalism and educational change"** – Presentation titled "Discussing the concept of grief in classroom: attitudes, emotions and behavior" (with Michalinos Zembylas) (in Greek).

November 2014 (European University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus) **Interdisciplinary series of seminars titled "Difficult topics in the educational process"** – Lecture titled "Integrating the concepts of loss and grief in primary education" (in Greek).

October 2014 (Cyprus Pedagogical Society, Nicosia, Cyprus) **13<sup>th</sup> Cyprus Conference titled "In front of the educational challenges: From thesis and antithesis to synthesis"** – Presentation titled "Integrating loss and grief concepts in Primary Education" (with Michalinos Zembylas) (in Greek).

January 2014 (Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Nicosia, Cyprus) **24<sup>th</sup> Cyprus Head Teachers Conference titled "The Head Teachers Role in Teachers Development in school"** – Presentation titled "Action Research: An example" (in Greek).

April 2009 (University of Patras, Greece). **Second South-European and Mediterranean Conference titled “Citizenship, Identity and Culture – The Challenge for Education”** - Presentation titled “Death education in the elementary school: The need and perspectives”.

#### **AWARD**

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Teacher’s Awards 2025, Excellence in Promoting Reading Culture, Πανεπιστήμιο Frederick & Rivergate Bibliopolis.

#### **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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- Ambassador of the Association for the Study of Death and Society (ASDS) for Cyprus.
- Member of the Association for Death Education and Counselling (ADEC).
- Member of the Bereavement Network Europe (BNE).
- Peer reviewer in:
  - Action in Teacher Education
  - Death Studies
  - Educational Action Research – An international journal
  - Omega – Journal of Death and Dying
  - Review in Education – An International Journal of Major Studies in Education
  - Teachers and Teaching: Theory and Practice Journal
  - Theory and Research in Social Education
- Reviewer of the book: *Decolonising Death Studies* by Panagiotis Pentaris & Stacey Pitsillidis.