

Inivited Lecture by Shivani Kaushik



## When:

Fri, Mar 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 12:30-1:30 pm

## Where:

In person: Room#189, 550 Sherbrooke

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## Louisiana State Penitentiary: A Textual Analysis of Correctional Staff Views on End-of-life Care

Shivani Kaushik, BA, BSW, MSSW, is a doctoral candidate in the School of Social Work at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. Shivani obtained a MSc. in SW from Columbia University, with a concentration in Advanced Clinical Practice in Aging. Shivani has significant clinical experience as a medical social worker, with over ten years of experience in the social services field. With a special interest in supporting diverse, vulnerable populations, Shivani also possesses a great interest and vast knowledge in working with and supporting individuals at the end-of-life, and those who have experienced loss and/or anticipatory grief. Shivani's practice expertise in end-of-life care has transcended into her research interests as she explores end-of-life interventions in correctional settings. As researcher of carceral health care, Shivani utilizes qualitative and mixed-methods research approaches to expose the inhumane and arduous processes incarcerated individuals endure to seek dignified care during old age and/or a terminal illness.

Shivani's presentation, Louisiana State Penitentiary: A Textual Analysis of Correctional Staff Views on End-of-life Care, will reveal findings from a textual analysis of correctional staff members views' on delivering end-oflife care. Utilizing Louisiana State Penitentiary as a case study, this presentation will present the meaning-making and transformative experiences of staff members participating in the hospice-based, peer-inmate program, the psychosocial processes that these individuals employ to support the unique needs of dying inmates, the impact of hospice care delivery on inmates' social relationships and how meaning-making and identity reconciliation are fostered through personal, lived experiences as well as future practice and research considerations to attain a better understanding of the needs of the dying and their essential providers.