

Critical Conversations
in Oncology Social Work:

SEX, DEATH & TAXES

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The Grace Hotel, Sydney



Every day, oncology social workers engage in challenging situations. At times, they step into uncomfortable territory, facilitate difficult conversations and advocate for change against the odds. The 2015 OSWA conference will explore the critical conversations that take place across the cancer care continuum. We know that cancer does not occur independently of everyday life.

The realities of sex, death and taxes are present throughout the cancer experience. OSWA's 10th annual conference invites oncology social workers to convene for discussion and learning around the broad themes of sex, death and taxes. As practitioners coming from various fields we will consider these themes across the areas of research, policy and practice.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



Sage A. Bolte, PhD, LCSW, OSW-C
(pronounced Bowl-tee)

Dr. Sage Bolte lives in Northern Virginia with her husband Jeff and their three children. She is a licensed clinical social worker who works with people impacted by cancer. Sage specialises in how cancer and its treatments impact sexual function and intimacy in relationships. Along with her area of interest in sexuality, she also spends a lot of time working with and writing about young adult cancer survivors. She has done numerous national and international presentations and has also contributed to a number of publications on both of these topics. Dr. Bolte has three chapters on these topics awaiting publication in the new Oxford Press' Professional Handbook for

Oncology Social Work. Additionally, she is passionate about educating health care professionals on how to approach the topic of sexual health with patients.

In 2008, Dr. Bolte received the American Cancer Society's Doctoral Training Grant. She received her PhD in Social Work from The Catholic University of America School of Social Service where her dissertation explored the sexual selves of young adult cancer survivors as compared to their healthy peers. Along with her consulting work, Sage is currently the Director of Life with Cancer®, a not for profit support and education program of Inova Cancer Services.