Buddhist Perspectives on 
Care at the End-of-Life

Friday, April 5, 2013
8:30 am - 12:30 pm -- UW-Stevens Point

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
✓ Social Workers
✓ Health Care Professionals
✓ Hospice Workers
✓ Medical Social Workers
✓ Interested Individuals

Buddhist philosophy, psychology and teachings about death and dying offer valuable perspectives for professionals. In this workshop you will:

~ Learn how Buddhism began, where it is practiced, how it has spread in America, and the major branches of Buddhism.

~ Obtain an understanding of foundational Buddhist beliefs.

~ Examine common Buddhist practices and rituals across traditions that have relevance to end of life care.

~ Highlight implications for compassionate care across the dying trajectory, and considerations for caring for Buddhist patients.

ABOUT YOUR SPEAKER:  Betty Kramer, PhD, MSW

Dr. Betty Kramer is a Social Work Professor and member of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a nationally recognized gerontology researcher, scholar and educator who helped to establish competencies and a national research agenda for social work research in palliative and end-of-life care. As a Fellow of the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society, Dr. Kramer developed curriculum highlighting the importance of mindfulness for compassionate and ethically based social action, therapeutic intervention, and professional self-awareness and self-care. She has 28 years of experience with various forms of meditation, a long standing interest in Eastern perspectives on mental health, and is a practitioner of Tibetan Buddhism. Dr. Kramer is the mid-west facilitator for the Conscious End-of-Life Training Program with Grand Transitions Institute & Hospice.