

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **Professional Experience:**

2019 – Present	Senior Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital Division of Palliative Care and Geriatric Medicine Faculty, Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care Sojourns Scholar Leader (2022), Cambia Health Foundation
2017 – 2019	Chaplain Per Diem, Massachusetts General Hospital
2015 – 2018	Instructor, Palliative Care Chaplaincy Specialty Certificate CSU Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care
2012 – 2017	Chaplain II, Beacon Hospice, Beverly MA
2010 – 2012	Staff Chaplain, Sutter Care at Home Hospice, Concord CA
2007 – 2010	Palliative Care Chaplain, NYU Langone Medical Center, New York NY
2004 – 2007	Senior Staff Chaplain, All Care Hospice, Lynn MA
2002 – 2003	Clinical Pastoral Education Resident, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Boston MA

### **Education:**

2019	Doctor of Ministry St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood NY
2002	Master of Divinity Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge MA
1999	Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Religion Haverford College, Haverford PA

### **Medical Publications:**

1. Engel, K.G., **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, Hayes, B.M...and Tolchin, D.W., 2024. Promoting Student Wellness in Early Encounters with Seriously Ill and Dying Patients. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 67(5), pp.e693-e694.
2. Chammas, D., Brenner, K.O., Gamble, A., Buxton, D., **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, Polisso, M., Shalev, D. and Rosenberg, L.B., 2024. Top ten tips palliative care clinicians should know about the psychological aspects of palliative care encounters. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 27(2), pp.251-254
3. **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, & Rosenberg, L.B. (2022). Communication Strategies When Patients Utilize Spiritual Language to Hope for a Miracle #433. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 25(3), 506-507.
4. Davila, C., Cartagena, L., **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, Bapat, A., & Stoltenberg, M. (2022). Creating a dedicated palliative care team for ICU Spanish speaking patients in response to COVID-19. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*.
5. **Byrne-Martelli, S.** (2021). The Still, Small Voice of Grief. *Journal of Pain and Symptom*

Management, 62(5), 1100-1102.

6. Sharpless, J., Ryley, D., **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, & Daubman, B.R. (2021). Navigating the Challenges of Fertility and Reproductive Planning for Terminal Cancer Patients. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 62(4), 843-847.
7. Rosenberg, L.B., Brenner, K.O., Jackson, V.A., Jacobsen, J.C., Shalev, D., **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, & Cramer, M.A. (2021). The meaning of together: Exploring transference and countertransference in palliative care settings. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 24(11), 1598-1602.
8. Drutchas, A., Kavanaugh, A., Cina, K., Rinehart, T., Krakauer, E.L., Doyle, K., **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, & Kamdar, M. (2021). Innovation in a crisis: lessons learned from the rapid development of an end-of-life palliative care unit during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 24(9), 1280-1283.
9. Krakauer, E.L., Kwete, X., Kane, K., Afshan, G., Bazzett-Matabele, L., **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, ... & Fidarova, E. (2021). Cervical cancer-associated suffering: Estimating the palliative care needs of a highly vulnerable population. *JCO Global Oncology*, 7, 862-872.
10. Krakauer, E.L., Kane, K., Kwete, X., Afshan, G., Bazzett-Matabele, L., **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, ... & Fidarova, E. (2021). Augmented package of palliative care for women with cervical cancer: Responding to refractory suffering. *JCO Global Oncology*, 7, 886-895.
11. Krakauer, E.L., Kane, K., Kwete, X., Afshan, G., Bazzett-Matabele, L., **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, ... & Fidarova, E. (2021). Essential package of palliative care for women with cervical cancer: Responding to the suffering of a vulnerable population. *JCO Global Oncology*, 7, 873-885.
12. Davila, C., **Byrne-Martelli, S.**, & Sanders, J. (2020, July). En Las Manos de Dios: Creating Spiritual Alignment with Latino Patients. In *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. (Vol. 35, No. Suppl. 1, pp. S457-S458).

#### **Theological Publications:**

1. **Byrne-Martelli, S.** (2023). A Palliative Care Chaplain's Response to Medical Aid in Dying. *Synergeia: The Journal of the Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion*, 1, Winter, 43-51.
2. **Byrne-Martelli, S.** (2020) Julian's Alleluia. *The Wheel*, 23, 56-58.
3. **Byrne-Martelli, S.** (2020). Chanting through the Spring Surge. *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, Autumn/Winter, 27-30.
4. **Byrne-Martelli, S.** (2013). Advocacy for Chaplains. *PlainViews*, Vol. 10, No. 6.
5. **Byrne-Martelli, S.** (2014). Listened When There Were No Words to be Heard. *Sacred Journey: Vol. 62, no. 31*.

#### **Books, Book Chapters, and White Papers:**

1. **Byrne-Martelli, S.** *Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians*. Ancient Faith Publications, 2022.
2. Penate E., **Byrne-Martelli S.**, Kestenbaum, A. "The Role of the Chaplain in Palliative Care" (chapter). *Spiritual Care in Palliative Care: What it is and Why it Matters*. Springer Nature. Under review.
3. Handzo, G., **Byrne-Martelli, S.** et al. *White Paper Consensus Statement: The Role of the Chaplain in Health Care*, 2022.
4. **Byrne-Martelli S.**, Duong L., Toai J. "Assessment and Relief of Psychological, Social, and Spiritual Suffering" (chapter). *Palliative Care Textbook*. University of Medicine at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Under review.

### **Research in Progress:**

- “Spiritual Care Integration in Inpatient Palliative Care Teams.” Funding: Cambia Health  
Principal Investigator, MGH IRB Protocol: 2023P000485 (ongoing).
- “Integration and Functioning of Palliative Care and Hospice Advanced Certified Chaplains.”  
Principal Investigator, MGH IRB Protocol: 2024P001478 (ongoing).
- “Describing the Prevalence and Correlates of Unmet Spiritual Concerns in Palliative Care Patients  
Near End of Life.” Principal Investigator, MGH IRB Protocol: 2020P002899.

### **Organizational Leadership Roles:**

- Quality Matters 2024 Conference Program Committee, Palliative Care Quality Collaborative  
Chair, Palliative Care & Hospice Advanced Certification, Board of Chaplaincy Certification /  
Association of Professional Chaplains: 2023-present
- Education Chair, Association of Professional Chaplains Annual Conference: 2023
- Convener, Palliative Care Special Interest Group, Hospice and Palliative Spiritual Care Research  
Network / Transforming Chaplaincy: 2022-present
- Member of the Board of Directors, Association of Professional Chaplains: 2020-2022
- Member of Institutional Review Board, Marymount Manhattan College, New York NY: 2021-present
- Clinical Pastoral Education Advisory Board, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary: 2018-  
present
- Secretary of the Board of Directors, Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and  
Religion: 2018-present
- Plenary Committee Chair, APC Annual Conference: 2016
- Plenary Committee Member, APC Annual Conference: 2015
- Commissioner, Board of Chaplaincy Certification Inc: 2014-2018
- Chair of Advocacy Commission, Association of Professional Chaplains: 2011-2014

### **Selected Academic Workshops and Presentations:**

#### International:

- Ten Practical Tips for Addressing Existential Suffering. Invited Lecturer, Clinical Master Class,  
Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians. McGill International Palliative Care Congress,  
Montreal Canada, October 2024.
- El Apoyo Espiritual en los Cuidados Paliativos: Como Responder al Deseo para un Milagro.* In  
Spanish. Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization, 2021.
- Spiritual Support for Palliative Care Patients: Navigating the Language of Hope and Miracles. Pan  
American Health Organization / World Health Organization, 2021.
- Leave No One Behind: Equity in Palliative Care Access. Lecturer for World Hospice and Palliative  
Care Day, University of Medicine at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, online, 2021.
- Spiritual Care, Grief, and Bereavement during the COVID Pandemic. Invited Lecturer, Psychosocial  
Support for COVID-19 Patients, Hanoi University, Vietnam, online, 2021.

#### National:

- The Art and Science of Pain and Palliative Care. Keynote Speaker. The Queen’s Medical  
Conference, Honolulu HI, November 2024.
- Spiritual Care Specialists and Generalists. The Ohio State Division of Palliative Medicine Grand  
Rounds, August 2024.
- "What About Domain 5?" Chaplains On Palliative Care Teams: A Mixed-Methods Research Study.  
Workshop, Association of Professional Chaplains Annual Conference, 2024.
- Putting the PC-7 to the Test: Results of a Multisite Pilot Study. Workshop, Association of  
Professional Chaplains Annual Conference, 2024.

Integrating Spiritual Care into your Palliative Care Team. Palliative Care Quality Collaborative Webinar, 2024.

Unleash the Therapist Within: Applying Psychotherapy Skills to Elevate Palliative Care Practice. Pre-Conference Workshop Co-Presenter. Annual Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care (AAHPM/HPNA), 2024.

Promoting Student Wellness in Early Encounters with Seriously Ill and Dying Patients. Poster, Annual Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care (AAHPM/HPNA), 2024.

Spiritual Care Specialists and Generalists. Penn Medicine Palliative Care Grand Rounds, 2023.

Praying for a Miracle: Communication Strategies for Health Professionals When Addressing Patients' Spiritual Beliefs. Marquette University's Institute for Palliative Care, 2023.

Advanced Practice Palliative Care and Hospice Chaplaincy. Workshop, Association of Professional Chaplains Annual Conference, 2023.

Spiritual Care Specialists and Generalists. Beth Israel Lahey Palliative Care Grand Rounds, 2023.

What Can We Do When Prognosis Is Poor, the Patient Family's Hope Is for a Miracle and the Treatment Team Feels Stuck? Transforming Chaplaincy Webinar, 2022.

Waiting for a Miracle: Communication Strategies for Spiritual Care Generalists. "Chalk Talk" Palliative Care Series, Advocate Aurora Health Dept. of Hospice and Palliative Care, 2022.

Spiritual Care Specialists and Generalists. UNC Palliative Care Grand Rounds, 2022.

Beyond "Presence:" Taking Spiritual Assessment to the Next Level. Palliative Care Grand Rounds, Memorial Care Long Beach Medical Center, 2022.

Communicating with Patients who Talk about Miracles. Chaplaincy Innovation Lab Webinar, 2022.

Field Guide for Aspiring Chaplains: Hospice and Palliative Care. Chaplaincy Innovation Lab Webinar, 2022.

Ethical Considerations in a Case of Cryonic Preservation. [Case presentation canceled]. Annual Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care (AAHPM/HPNA), 2022.

Opening Up Chaplaincy Notes: "Best" Practices and Research Opportunities. Panel Co-Presenter, Transforming Chaplaincy Webinar, 2021.

Cultivating Awareness and Resilience. Nursing Resource Guide for the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association, 2021.

What I've Seen. What I've Felt. Reflections of Inpatient Palliative Care Chaplains Amid the Pandemic. Chaplaincy Innovation Lab Webinar Panel, 2020.

What Does Love Require? Keynote Speaker for the Momentum Conference. Hope Multiplied, 2020.

A Vision for Orthodox Christian Bereavement Care. St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary Webinar, 2020.

The Role of the Chaplain in Palliative Care. Plenary Speaker, Human Spirit Conference, 2019.

Trends in Chaplaincy Research: A Thematic Analysis of APC's "Best Papers" from 2012-2018. Poster, Association of Professional Chaplains Conference, 2019.

I Walk the Line: The Chaplain's Compliant and Resistant Presence. Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Religion, and Psychology (OCAMPR), 2018.

Annual Best Papers for Chaplaincy. Webinar Presenter, APC, 2016-2019.

Spiritual Suffering: A Chaplain's Perspective. Workshop Co-Presenter, OCAMPR, 2016.

Serving on a BCCI Certification Committee. Webinar Co-Presenter, APC, 2016.

Designing and Implementing a Quality Improvement Project. APC Conference, 2015.

Perceptions and Practices of Spiritual Care among Hospice Aides. Poster, APC Conference, 2011.

Sing When the Spirit Says Sing: Clinical Applications of Music in Spiritual Care. Workshop Co-Presenter, Spiritual Care Collaborative Summit, 2009.

A Transforming Partnership: Chaplaincy and Medical Education. APC Conference, 2008.

### Regional:

Spiritual Care for Generalists. Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care, Palliative Care Education and Practice Faculty. Annually, 2019-present.

Integrating Chaplaincy and Social Work on the Palliative Care Team. Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care: Practical Aspects of Palliative Care Faculty. Annually, 2019-present.

Spiritual Care Generalists and Specialists: Integrating Research and Practice. Palliative Care Grand Rounds, Mass General Division of Palliative Care and Geriatric Medicine, 2022.

Caring for our Dying Patient's Total Pain. Interprofessional Pain Grand Rounds, Mass General Hospital, 2022.

Whole Person Care: The Latest in Spiritual Care Research. Spiritual Care Grand Rounds, Mass General, 2021.

Spiritual Distress at End of Life. Lecturer, Mass General Brigham Neurology Residents. Annually, 2020-present.

Interpreting Published Research for Chaplains. Lecturer, Mass General Clinical Pastoral Education students, 2020.

Navigating a Pandemic: Innovation during the COVID-19 Surge. MGB Palliative Care Grand Rounds, 2020.

Creating Meaningful Connections During COVID. Clinical Case Seminar Co-Presenter, Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care, 2020.

Tengo Fe en Dios (I Have Faith in God): Caring for a Young Latina Woman Critically Ill with COVID-19. Clinical Case Seminar Expert Respondent, Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care, 2020.

Learning to Live with Ambiguous Loss. Mass General Dementia Care Collaborative, 2020.

"Spiritual Assessment" and "Fundamentals of Palliative Care" Lectures for Chaplaincy Residents, MGH, 2019-present.

### **Peer Review Activity:**

BMC Palliative Care. ISSN: 1472684X

Palliative and Supportive Care. ISSN: 14789523, 14789515

Journal of Religion and Health. ISSN: 0022-4197

### **Community-Based Presentations:**

#### National:

Sorrow Into Joy: Encountering Christ in our Paschal Lives. Retreat Leader, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Upper Darby PA.

Myths and Truths about Hospice and Palliative Care. Lecturer, Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church, Novato CA, 2024.

Memory Eternal. Lenten Retreat Leader. Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Tacoma WA, 2024.

Joy Comes in the Mourning. Retreat leader, Antiochian Women of the East, Bolivar PA, 2023.

Death: Embracing the Last Transition. "How God Works" Podcast. Produced by PRX, 2022.

Sacred Steps: A Hospital Chaplain Finds Joyful Sorrow For COVID-19 Patients Facing Death. KALW Public Radio, Crosscurrents Podcasts, 2020.

Understanding Death and Bereavement. Mental Health and Orthodox Christianity Video Miniseries Presenter, Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, 2020.

Being the Gap: Chaplains and COVID-19. The Living Church (online), 2020.

A Joyful Sorrow. Interview article published on Harvard Divinity School website, 2020.

Chaplaincy at the Front Lines. The Word. Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, 2020.

**Regional:**

Joy Comes in the Mourning. Retreat leader, St. Mary Antiochian Women, Cambridge MA, 2024.

Processing Grief through the Lens of Faith. Lecture series, Telos Project, Boston MA, 2021.

Religious Diversity and Equity. Building Interfaith Leadership Initiative Lecturer, Betty Ann Greenbaum Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership, Boston MA, 2021.

Joy Comes in the Mourning. Plenary Speaker, Eastern Diocesan Conference, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, 2021.

Healing Stories from Hospice. Retreat Leader, Saints Anargyroi Orthodox Church, Marlborough MA, 2017.

Grief and Mourning from a Chaplain's Perspective. Retreat Leader, New England Clergy of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church, Watertown MA, 2016.

Exploring End of Life Questions. Speaker, New Skete Orthodox Christian Community, Cambridge NY, 2011.

**Professional Memberships:**

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Association of Professional Chaplains

Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion

**Activities and Interests:**

Spanish (Professional working proficiency; level B2)

Greek (Elementary working proficiency)

Certified Birth Doula (CD-DONA), 2007-2014

Lead Chanter and Member of the Board, Boston Byzantine Choir