

MYRA BLUEBOND-LANGNER, PhD, Hon.FRCPCH

Short Biographical Statement

Myra Bluebond-Langner is Professor and True Colours Chair in Palliative Care for Children and Young People at University College London, Institute of Child Health. In this capacity she also heads the Louis Dundas Centre for Children's Palliative Care - an academic and clinical partnership involving the Institute of Child Health and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. She is also Board of Governors' Professor of Anthropology (*Emerita*) and founder and former director of the Rutgers University Center for Children and Childhood Studies.

Myra Bluebond-Langner is the recipient of: the Margaret Mead Award from the American Anthropological Association and Society for Applied Anthropology (1987), the Warren Susman Award for Excellence in Teaching from Rutgers University (1990), the Children's Hospice International Charles Corr Award for contributions to the literature on children and death (1997), the Association for Death Education and Counseling Research Recognition Award (2000), the Rutgers University Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Research (2009) and the University of Illinois, Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Alumni Association Achievement Award (2009). She was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (2013). She is currently Chair for Together for Short Lives and Association for Pediatric Palliative Medicine Research Group.

Myra Bluebond-Langner has received grants and fellowships from the: American Cancer Society, American Council of Learned Societies, Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities, Department of Health (England), The Health Foundation (England), Johnson&Johnson Family of Companies, Marie Curie Cancer Care and Raisa Gorbachev Foundation, The Schumann Fund for NJ, National Endowment for the Humanities (USA), National Institutes of Health Research-CLAHRC Program (England), National Science Foundation (USA), Verizon Corporation, as well as the Annie E. Casey, Geraldine Dodge, Olivia Hodson, Howard, Stanley Thomas Johnson, John S. and James L. Knight, Kurr, William Penn, and Fannie E. Rippel Foundations.

Author of several articles in journals and edited collections; she is perhaps best known for her books: *The Private Worlds of Dying Children* (Princeton University Press, 1978), *In the Shadow of Illness: Parents and Siblings of the Chronically Ill Child* (Princeton University Press, 1996) and *The Psychosocial Aspects of Cystic Fibrosis* (with Denise Angst and Bryan Lask, Arnold and Oxford University Press Publishers, 2001).

Myra Bluebond-Langner is an associate editor of the *British Medical Journal: Supportive and Palliative Care* and also currently serves on the editorial boards of: *Children and Society*, *Childhoods Today*, *Clinical Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, *ETHOS: Journal of the Society of Psychological Anthropology*, and *Omega: Journal of Death, Dying and Bereavement*. She is the founding editor of the Rutgers University Press Book Series in Childhood Studies, the first multi-disciplinary book series in the field.