TUESDAY REFLECTIONS

PRESENTS

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Speaking on

"Doulas as Relationship-Centered Communication Conduits"

Birth, full spectrum and end-of-life doulas are serving an important role in healthcare, both in terms of patient-family support and health outcomes. Birth and post-partum doulas emerged in the United States in the 1960s in an effort to increase the agency of pregnant women and reduce unnecessary medical interventions. Additionally, end-of-life and death doulas are becoming increasingly common in palliative and hospice care. Studying the larger doula movements in the United States from a relationship-centered communication perspective offers a lens into the everyday lived experiences of those facing life and death scenarios and the role communication plays in these scenarios.

