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AREAS OF FOCUS

- Social Psychology
- Suicidology
- Emotions

CURRENT RESEARCH

Studying the social aspect of suicide, particularly the impact of celebrity death by suicide on others to determine the degree to which suicide may be contagious

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The NIH Suicide Prevention Toolkit for Loved Ones of Suicidal Individuals (in progress).

Schurtz, D.R., Finkenberg, M., & Cerel, J. (2020). Suicide reporting guidelines in the era of social media: An examination of the impact of violations of media reporting guidelines in Twitter. *Suicidology Online* (under review).

Schurtz, D.R. (2018, November 19). Quitting Facebook: Isolating, yet oddly, freeing. *The Baltimore Sun*.

