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## GRIEF: LOSS AND RESILIENCE IN A PANDEMIC WORLD

### AN ONLINE CLASS FOR MENTAL HEALTH CAREGIVERS, CHAPLAINS, AND PASTORS

#### DATES

Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 17, 2021, 12:00-3:00 p.m. ET

#### OVERVIEW

So many losses mark this pandemic—from lives to social connections to jobs to the stories we live by and our sense of safety. The footprint of grief will long remain after the medical virus has abated. How do we accompany each other and help the healing process?

Join us for a three-part interactive series on grief: what it is (and isn't), the impact it has on our sense of meaning, and how to move forward with our eyes open and hopeful. This training is appropriate for all those who interact with the grieving—pastors, chaplains, lay ministers, healthcare workers, and anyone who would benefit from supporting others dealing with loss.

Objectives for this training include:

1. Reframing and better understanding grief as a process;
2. Identifying the internal, external, and spiritual adjustments that occur during mourning;
3. Providing initial support and intervention to the bereaved;
4. Understanding how grief and loss impact the process of meaning making for those who grieve; and
5. Relating the connection between hope for the future and the experience of loss.

This program will not be recorded for later reference.

*Co-sponsored with the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Bioethics and Health Law with support from Desert Ministries Inc., and its founding director, the late Rev. Dr. Richard M. Cromie.*

## INSTRUCTORS

**Amy DeGurian** is a field education coordinator and faculty lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work. She comes to the department with 25+ years of clinical and program coordination experience in the areas of health care, hospice, and gerontology. She has been a full time member of the field education department since 2013. DeGurian currently teaches both generalist social work practice and grief and loss in the MSW program. Recently DeGurian has been featured in local, regional, and national news mediums for her work and expertise around grief and loss. She also facilitates corporate trainings in the health care sector, specifically in the areas of communication and leadership. DeGurian co-facilitates community-based diversity and anti-racist trainings and was featured in a podcast addressing bereavement after suicide specific to the needs of veteran families. DeGurian holds an undergraduate degree in sociology from The Pennsylvania State University and an MSW from the University of Pittsburgh. She also has a gerontology certificate.

**Melissa M. Kelley** is associate professor of pastoral care and counseling and the faculty director of M.Div. program at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Previously, she was on the faculty of Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass. She has many years of pastoral-clinical experience, including serving as a campus minister for 14 years at both Boston College and Emmanuel College in Boston. She holds a Ph.D. from Boston University in pastoral psychology. Kelley is a fellow and nationally certified pastoral counselor through the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. She is also certified in thanatology: death, dying, and bereavement through the Association for Death Education and Counseling

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