

The Trauma Studies and Treatment Committee of the Met Chapter of NYSSCSW

Presents

The Trauma Studies Dialogue Series Dimensions of Loss in the Aftermath of Disaster: From Tragedy in Orlando, Newtown, and Charleston, to Anniversary Experiences

Presenter: Madelyn Miller, PhD,
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Friday, February 24, 2017
6:15pm - 7:45pm

**LOCATION: National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis,
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As disasters unfold across their immediate, emerging and long-term environments, complex dimensions of loss permeate the lives of survivors and their communities, from loss of loved ones, home and community, to loss of safety, security and hope for the future. Individual and collective experiences of loss accompany the distress and trauma of disaster realities, along with the resourcefulness and resilience brought to such experience. The profound sense of loss experienced now by so many across our population, in relation to the new administration, is only one illustration. This presentation addresses the essential consideration of loss in our community response work and clinical practice, including dimensions of loss evident soon after disaster through anniversary experiences decades later, each framed by cultural,

social, political, and historical contexts. The restorative aspects of relationships, social support, and collective experience are highlighted within a frame of enhancing well-being and social engagement. Our own nuanced experiences of cumulatively working with those enduring layers of loss after disaster will be included. Clinical practice implications will be discussed across the diversity of such collective experience, and an open dialogue among participants is invited.

Madelyn Miller, PhD, LCSW, CGP, specializes in working with adult survivors of trauma and loss in her psychotherapy practice and community work, teaches and trains on these issues, and supports the well-being and resourcefulness of colleagues and organizations closely engaged with survivors and their communities. She is Adjunct Associate Professor at NYU Silver School of Social Work Master's Program and at the school's Advanced Clinical Practice Certificate Program. Since 1997 she chairs the Disaster Trauma Committee at NYC-NASW, incorporating continuing learning within a global frame, collegial support, and a context for community. Her work in the aftermath of disaster includes direct response with various programs, support and training with colleagues and community groups, and continuing education through presentations, workshops, and collaborations. Considering the complexities of clinical work with survivors, inclusion of a community perspective after collective trauma and loss, and appreciation of the centrality of relational dimensions in all trauma and loss practice, her work highlights attention to the experiences of those working with survivors, and what is sustaining as they move forward.

