

2011 Duke Spirituality & Health Research Class (August)

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important health care concerns for veterans and their families experiencing the consequences of significant loss and trauma. Spiritual, emotional, and psychological pain under grid a sense of meaninglessness and hopelessness in those suffering profound loss and trauma. The most effective treatment for complicated grief in veterans and their families affected by significant loss and trauma is unknown. Lament processing using a narrative approach through Acceptance Commitment Therapy (ACT) has significant potential to be efficacious in improving QOL through the growth of spiritual resilience. E-mail: Melvin.Jones3@va.gov.

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