GTR803A/B Facilitating Global Trauma Recovery: Facilitator Training

Abstract:

Building on both the introductory and advanced courses, this continuing education course prepares participants to facilitate trauma recovery education in an international setting. Participants will deepen their understanding of the developmental impact of complex trauma as well as the role of culture, religion and community both in trauma formation and recovery. Participants will explore how to support local trauma recovery practices. Using case studies and live practice¹, students will focus on cross-cultural communication, trauma interventions for destabilized communities, and practical scripture engagement. Students completing 803A may apply to complete 803B, a 2 credit immersion experience in an international setting.

Objectives:

1. Identify key facets of the facilitator or “train the trainer” model, including best practices and common threats from western assumptions
2. Demonstrate skill in reading and communicating within and between cultures
3. Identify common group dynamics influencing caregiver learning and development
4. Engage in learning from local experts
5. Identify benefits of organizational collaboration
6. Practice program and process reviews through feedback mechanisms

Course Outline:

1. 803A Online: April 27– May 25, 2018 (40 hours of educational activity)
2. 803B Live training : multi-day travel to TBD international training (optional, by invitation)

Note: This course is broken into two parts, an online portion and an immersion experience. Students may choose to complete only the online portion or both portions. However, students not completing the on campus portion will not be eligible for immersion experiences with GTRI.

Costs:

$515 for online portion alone. Immersion portion costs $1030 for two credits plus travel costs (previous trip costs were $3500 and are eligible for tax-deductible donations). Immersion portion (803B) may not take place in the same year the 803A is given. See the bottom of the syllabus for immersion details.

Pre-requisites:

¹ Live practice only available for those who complete the immersion experience.
GTR801A Introduction to Global Trauma Recovery and GTR802A Advanced Trauma Recovery. Participants do not need to complete GTR802B in order to take this course.

Professors:

Dr. Diane Langberg is a practicing psychologist whose clinical expertise includes more than 40 years of working with trauma survivors and clergy. She speaks internationally on topics related to women, trauma, ministry and the Christian life. She is the director of Diane Langberg, Ph.D. & Associates, a Christian counseling practice.

Dr. Philip Monroe is the Taylor Visiting Professor of counseling & Psychology and former Director of the MA in Counseling program at the seminary. He maintains a small private practice with Dr. Langberg. Currently he is Director of Training and Materials at the American Bible Society.

Required Purchased Readings:


See weekly schedule for readings. Additional readings found on e-campus.

**COURSE PROCEDURES & COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Materials.** Upper level graduate courses are designed for the motivated student. Required readings, narrated PowerPoint shows, and videos are expected to be completed by due dates in order to facilitate discussion and interaction with the material. At the end of the course, you will be asked what percentage of the material you completed on-time.

2. **Discussions.** This course only exists as a reading/on-line course. Each week you will have discussion board entries to make. Each entry should be substantive. You should also plan to respond at least once each discussion board to another person. Again, these ought also to be substantive. Merely agreeing or disagreeing does not count. [Activity does not count as part of CE hours]

3. **Live Video Conference Class Time.** Your professor will hold required virtual office hours to discuss class materials and reinforce learnings once each Tuesday at 4 pm (New York time zone). If you are unable to attend the live webcast, you must notify the instructor prior to the session and then will be required to watch the recording within 72 hours.

4. **Written Assignments.** Postgraduate training focuses less on regurgitation and more on consolidating key concepts (learnings) and application. Each week you will have a short written assignment in the form of a journal to track what you are learning and to consider how you might use what you are learning in your current and future context. In order to sharpen your focus, please choose a community in which to use as your point of reference. For example, you may choose a country, a region, a village, a population in which to keep in mind as you write
your reflections. This choice can be your current setting or a setting that the Lord has placed on your heart. The more specific you are, the more helpful it will be as you serve (or prepare to) that population. Some examples might be:

a. **Child headed families in Rwanda**
b. **Widows in Haiti**
c. **Low-income sexually abused adult women in southeastern PA**
d. **Trafficked boys in SE Asia**
e. **Families of returning veterans**

The final written assignment for part A is called a **Case Map**. You will collate some of the learnings from this course into a set of objectives you might follow for future work. Produce a 5 page map which will serve as a guide for next steps in facilitating trauma healing in your country/region/population of interest. The map should include these sections and can be written in either bullet point or paragraph style:

1. Trauma overview in this region
2. Organizations to partner with (who are already on the ground)
3. Potential cultural barriers and resources
4. Initial steps of engagement

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**Course Schedule with Topics, Assignments, Submission Method Homework hours, & Due Dates:**

**A. Online Portion**

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<th>Week 1: 4/27-5/3</th>
<th><strong>Introduction to Course: Community Harm &amp; Healing</strong></th>
<th><strong>Time to Complete</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Learn</strong></td>
<td>1. View Narrated PowerPoint</td>
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<td>2. <em>Collective Trauma</em>, by Jack Saul (read part 1)</td>
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<td>3. Tracy article, “Concepts of Gender and the Global Abuse of Women”</td>
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<td>4. Charney Resilience Prescription Page (PDF)</td>
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<td>5. Listen to Charney audio presentation:</td>
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<td><strong>Think/Engage</strong></td>
<td>Discuss: Identify ways in which the community in which you live supports trauma recovery (or could if it adopted certain practices)</td>
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<td><strong>Office Hours</strong></td>
<td>Required live (or recorded) Zoom meeting 4/30, 4pm</td>
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<td><strong>Create</strong></td>
<td>Journal: Application of community impact to your chosen setting</td>
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<th>Week 2: 5/4-10</th>
<th><strong>Capacity Building in Low Resource Communities</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Learn</strong></td>
<td>1. View narrated PowerPoint</td>
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<td>2. Weine et al, “Guidelines for International Training in Mental Health and Psychosocial Interventions...”</td>
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<td>3. <em>Collective Trauma</em>, (read part 2)</td>
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<td>4. <em>Tattoos on the Heart</em> (read approximately 1/3 of the book)</td>
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<td>5. Review HROC Leader’s manual for training leaders content</td>
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<td><strong>Week 3: 5/11 – 17</strong></td>
<td><strong>Navigating Foreign-Local Partnerships</strong></td>
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| **Learn**            | 1. View Narrated PowerPoint show  
                      2. *Collective Trauma* (final section)  
                      4. Watch [http://nbccinternational.org/What_we_do/MHF](http://nbccinternational.org/What_we_do/MHF)  
                      5. Read Wessels’ *Do No Harm* article.  
                      6. Read Dos/Don’ts sheet  
                      7. Read Shah articles: Ethnomedical competence; Ethical Standards  
                      8. Read Monroe and Langberg chapter “Improving Trauma Care in Developing Nations” (e-campus) |
| **Think/Engage**     | Discuss: Effective foreign/local partnerships require (a) humble/flexible/open outsiders plus (b) local bridge builders with capacity to translate in two directions. In light of the need to encourage “pushback” (see Shah’s writing) and contextualization of content, what skills do you think you most need to grow in to not hinder an effective partnership? What roadblocks do you see as most likely to appear? How might you prevent them? |
| **Create**           | Journal about the cultural challenges to engage in “pushback” in your location of interest. What barriers exist and how might you go about removing them? |
| **Office Hours**     | Zoom: 5/14 at 4 pm |
| **Total**            | 11 hrs |

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<th><strong>Week 4: 5/18-25</strong></th>
<th><strong>Managing Group Learning; Dialogical Education</strong></th>
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| **Learn**           | 1. View Narrated PowerPoint Slides  
                      2. Fleming article, “Group Process and Learning” (e-campus)  
                      4. *Tattoos on the Heart*, last third of the book  
                      5. Vella chapter “Twelve Principles” (e-campus)  
                      6. Vella chapter “What” (e-campus) |

**Office Hours**
- **Required Zoom:** 5/7 at 4 pm (1 hr)
- **Required Zoom:** 5/14 at 4 pm (1 hr)
- **5/18-25** (10 hrs)
   8. Optional: “Person-Group Fit, Group Climate, and Outcomes...”

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<th>Think/Engage</th>
<th>No Discussion this week. Use time to complete Case Map</th>
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**B. Fieldwork portion.** This portion will take place TBD. It includes prior team-building meetings that may take place over SKYPE and face-to-face meetings. Students should expect one post-trip debriefing session. Assignments for the Fieldwork portion include the following:

a. Completion of approval process and signed informed consent forms
b. Successful fundraising for trip costs (this excludes tuition costs)
   c. Country specific readings prior to travel
d. Completion of daily journaling and participation in daily debriefing sessions
e. Final expanded response paper with the following parts *(Due one month after trip completion, submitted via email to pmonroe@biblical.edu):*
   i. Key trip highlights/personal experiences (2-4 pages double-spaced)
   ii. Key learnings and applications (2-4 pages)
   iii. Continuing questions and/or recommendations for future GTRI immersion trips (1 page)

**Article Bibliography:**


**Recommended and Related Readings** (not required for class):

Carson, David; Lawson, David; Casado-Kehoe, Montserrat; and Wilcox, David (2011). *International Lay Counselor Training: A Short Term Training-the-Trainer Program for Christian Leaders and Workers in Developing Countries*. Outskirts Press.