

CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

Connecting the Personal with
the Professional for Effective
Care Delivery: A Narrative
Medicine Approach

WHEN

**Saturday, April 6th
8:30am – 4:30pm**

Light breakfast, refreshments, and lunch provided.

WHERE

SLU, II Monastero

3050 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103

REGISTER HERE

**FOR ALL
HEALTHCARE
CLINICIANS**

PRESENTERS

**Cara L. Wallace
April Trees
Jennifer Ohs
Leslie Hinyard**

**6.0* HOURS
FREE**
CREDITS**

**6 AMA/APA/Nursing –
\$25,
6 OT/PT – \$10,
6 CE's, SW – \$15**

***Pending CME approval**

****Cost waived for those
participating in a short
pre & post research
questionnaire**

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DESCRIPTION

Participants will be exposed to literature about current barriers to advance care planning (ACP) and quality communication about end-of-life care, in addition to information for how clinician's own personal experiences of loss, death, and personal ACP may be connected to professional practices in these areas. Participants will be exposed to techniques in Narrative Medicine to help guide reflection in one's own experiences of loss and end-of-life wishes. The narrative medicine exercises offer opportunity to examine how their own experiences are connected to professional identity and practice. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to connect to, interpret, and honor the stories of other participants as a practical example for how narrative medicine may enrich healthcare communication with patients, families and interprofessional teams.

PRESENTERS

Cara L. Wallace, PhD, LMSW is an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at Saint Louis University (SLU). Her research focuses on end-of-life care & is informed by her clinical experiences as a hospital and hospice social worker. She is also the coordinator for SLU's new Interprofessional Gerontology Certificate program.

April Trees, PhD is an Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of Communication at SLU. Her interests include teaching & research related to family communication and storytelling & she has completed Narrative Medicine training at Columbia University.

Jennifer Ohs, PhD is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication. Her research specialization lies at the intersection of interpersonal & health communication, with a focus area on medical & end-of-life care decision making.

Leslie Hinyard, PhD, MSW is an Associate Professor and Deputy Director for the SLU Center for Health Outcomes Research (SLUCOR). A primary area of her research focuses on outcomes of interprofessional education. She has also done research in narrative cancer communication.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of this event, participants will be able to:

- describe connections between personal experiences of loss and advance care planning with professional practices in healthcare communication, advance care planning, and end-of-life care,
- develop narrative skills to attend to, understand, and compassionately respond to stories of illness and loss,
- examine their own stories of loss through experiential & reflective activities and consider how those relate to their professional identities & practice.
- utilize narrative medicine skills in facilitating difficult conversations with patients, families and healthcare teams about values and goals of care.