

Bo's Place and the Institute for Spirituality and Health present:

# The Colors of Mourning: A Panel Discussion Death Rites and Rituals across Spiritual Traditions

## **synopsis:**

This 3-hour program focuses on various rites and rituals by which communities and individuals mourn the deceased. Different cultural communities have unique ways of recognizing death. These rituals often stem from faith-based understandings of the meaning of death, the body, and an afterlife. Rituals may be formal or informal, public or private, solemn or celebratory and are inherently tied to the psychology of those who practice them. The spiritual framework from which a ritual is drawn often informs how the mourner understands and processes the death. Through discussion from several cultural perspectives, attendees will develop knowledge of various mourning rituals and their meaning for specific cultural communities, as well as increased competence in working with diverse populations of bereaved individuals.

## **speakers:**



**Dr. Andy Achenbaum, Ph.D.**

Professor Emeritus of History and Social Work, University of Houston  
Graduate College of Social Work



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Content Manager, Institute for Spirituality and Health



**Luis Bautista**

Spiritual Teacher, Founder of The More Love Foundation



**Diana Muniz**

Chaplaincy Intern, Memorial Hermann Hospital



**Jerry Ruhl, Ph.D.**

Psychologist in Private Practice

## **when:**

Thursday, March 30, 2017  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Check-in and pastries at 8:30 am

## **location:**

Bo's Place  
10050 Buffalo Speedway  
Houston, TX 77054

## **cost:**

\$45 with 3 CEUs  
\$30 without CEUs  
\$5 student rate

## **to register:**

<http://tinyurl.com/BosPlaceColorsOfMourning>  
Pre-registration required (space is limited)

## **questions:**

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