Overcoming the effects of trauma: Lessons learned from the science of recovery

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Dr. Jones is a Professor of Psychology at Virginia Tech University, and a Clinical Psychologist who specializes in trauma psychology in the areas of natural and technological disasters as well as interpersonal violence. He is also an expert in the behavioral sciences. A related area of study is Disaster Preparedness. Among consequences of trauma studies include Posttraumatic stress disorder, Depression, and Post Traumatic Growth. Assessment, conceptualization, and treatment of consequent psychiatric and psychosocial disorders also serve as a major topic of interest. Co-editor of Behavior Therapy and Black Populations: Psychosocial Issues and Empirical Findings, Dr. Jones has also served as a member of numerous editorial boards and served as a guest reviewer for a variety of peer reviewed journals.

He is a member of the Hurricane Katrina Community Advisory Group administered by the Department of Health Care Policy at the Harvard Medical School. He recently became a member of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Advisory Committee designed to provide advice to Secretary Margaret Spellings at the Department of Education. He is presently engaged in the mental health efforts following the 4-16 shootings at Virginia Tech. Dr. Jones received his Ph.D. from Penn State University and completed his clinical internship at Brown University. He also held a secondary appointment at Yale University at the Child Study Center. He has appeared on CBS News, CBC News, BBC, PBS, C-Span, and a host of other media outlets including print, radio and the web.