

WISR SEMINARS ✨ August, 2007

I) INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR(S)

Action Research, Technology & the Internet **Thursday, August 16, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**
John Bilorusky, PhD, WISR Faculty and Larry Loebig, WISR Faculty and PhD Candidate
will lead this seminar, exploring the uses of the Internet and Technology in contributing to solid, transformative participatory action-research. **Examples of topics will include a consideration of Wikipedia's strengths and limitations in facilitating participation and constructive inquiry in the articulation and building of knowledge.** The seminar will look at much more than how the Internet can be used to "gather information." We will consider the role of the Internet in aiding collaborative inquiry, in making inquiry public and subject to critical scrutiny, in eliciting diverse perspectives on emerging knowledge, among other issues. **We will also explore: How to use Cluster Engine searches; How search engines work; How to use Online Survey Software; Gathering Data vs. Research.**

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II) MARRIAGE FAMILY THERAPY (MFT) SEMINARS are designed for students pursuing an MFT license. Other interested persons are welcome to attend but are requested to RSVP.

Understanding How People Change, The Transtheoretical Model of Change **(Prochaska and Di Clemente)**

Saturday, August 4, 10am-1pm

WISR PhD student Vicente Gannam, visiting from Canada, will lead this seminar on the "Transtheoretical Model of Change" (TMC) which proposes processes and stages that describe the phenomenon of change in human behaviour. This model has been applied to a wide variety of problem behaviours. This workshop will provide a theoretical overview of the TMC and discuss how it can be applied to addictions counseling. Participants can expect to obtain a general understanding of the TMC, how to assess their clients' stages of change, and the principles that can assist in tailoring interventions to specific stages.

~Vicente Gannam, B.Sc., MA, has worked in the social services since 1987, in the U.S., Canada, and Latin America. He currently is a Senior Addiction Program Analyst for the Ontario Ministry of Health, in Canada, where he is responsible for several substance abuse and problem gambling provincial initiatives such as a youth strategy, a review of the withdrawal management system, and system quality management and accreditation. Vicente has also developed and implemented a problem gambling provincial strategy targeting special populations and aboriginal communities. (Upcoming monthly Saturday MFT seminars will be from 10:00am-2:00pm. Carole Morton, MFT, WISR Faculty and Alumna, will lead seminars as follows: September 22 on Aging; October 13 and November 3.)

Human Development Theories – Part I

Ronald Mah, MA, MFT, WISR Faculty

Saturday, August 25, 10:00am-2:00pm

This will be the first in a series of MFT seminars focusing on theories of human development and child development. The fundamentals of developmental theories will be presented. Various developmental theories and their application to therapy will be discussed including: Freud, Piaget, Erickson, Kohlberg. **(There will be a short break and participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. ~ Upcoming monthly Saturday seminars from 10:00am-2:00pm seminar(s) with Ronald Mah will be September 8, October 27, and November 17.)**