

WISR SEMINARS ❁ DECEMBER, 2007

I) INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR(S)

WISR Holiday Gathering and Discussion

Tuesday, December 11th, 6:30-8:30pm

Marilyn Jackson, PhD & John Bilorusky, PhD, WISR Faculty, Facilitators. How do we observe *the holidays* amidst cultural diversity? Please come to share the traditions that are important to you during this winter solstice season. You might want to bring an artifact, picture or song to help you tell your story. Participants will include: *Roger Mason, WISR PhD candidate, of Swedish and German background, will share insights from his research about Shakers on the meaning and importance of ritual to community; Kim Randolph, a diversity consultant and community mediator, who will present on the importance and significance of the 7 Principles of Kwanzaa and their relationship to community building, self-determination, and the spirit of social change; and Nasira Abdul-Aleem, WISR MA student, who will introduce the two Muslim Eid holidays, and the benefits and problems associated with the Eid postage stamp. Please bring fingerfood snacks and if you like, food from your cultural holiday tradition to make this a more festive occasion.*

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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. The MFT seminars are on **Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm** and include a short break to eat a bag lunch.

Cross-Cultural Counseling- Part 1 of 3

Saturday, December 1, 10:00am-2:00pm

Ronald Mah, MA, MFT, WISR Faculty. Common and problematic approaches to cross-cultural counseling will be discussed, as well as a practical approach. Cross-cultural and multi-cultural principles that exist in all therapy will be discussed. Differences among the terms, "diversity," "multi-culturalism," and "cross-culturalism" will be examined. An interactive "quiz" will be used to bring up areas of cultural differences for examination and understanding. February 9, 2008 10am-2pm is the next MFT seminar lead by Ronald Mah. (**Upcoming monthly Saturday seminars with Ronald Mah will be January 12, 2008 {the All School Gathering that MFT students should attend ☞ see below} and February 9, 2008.**)

Psychopathology

Saturday, December 15, 10:00am -2:00pm

Carole Morton, MFT, WISR MA Alumna, Faculty. This course will review the diagnosis and treatment of behaviours and experiences which may be indicative of severe mental illness - hallucination, delusion, bi-polar 1 & 2, schizophrenia, etc. (*Upcoming seminar(s) with Carole Morton will be January 19th and February 16th.*)

III) OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING /EVENTS

✍ **Call for Papers.** You are invited to write about your reflections on the issues and ideas raised by *E Pluribus Unum: Diversity and Community in the Twenty-first Century*, by **Robert Putnam**, winner of the 2006 Johan Skytte Prize Lecture, published by the Nordic Political Science Assoc. and available at <http://www.wisr.edu/newsletterfiles/Putnam2007.pdf>. WISR Students may want to write a paper on this subject as part of their course work and to fulfill requirements. WISR Students Alumni, Board and Faculty are encouraged to submit a short essay or longer paper to WISR for possible posting at our website and/or in an Occasional Paper.



All School Gathering

Saturday, January 12, 9:45am -1:00pm

☞ All students are expected to make every effort to attend. For MFT students, attending this seminar will count as having attended an MFT seminar for the month of January.

☞ Prospective students and others wishing to learn more about WISR are invited to attend these seminars. WISR is on Sacramento at Harmon Street, one block north of Alcatraz.~ mail@wisr.edu