



WISR SEMINARS ≈ NOVEMBER, 2007

I) INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR(S)

Using & Improving WISR's Website (Webinar)

Wednesday, November 7, 6:30-8:30pm

John Bilorusky, WISR Faculty. This seminar will be by telephone and online, compliments of WISR Ph.D. Student and Faculty Member, Larry Loebig. *Students will hopefully be able to sit at their computers and look at WISR's website while on the phone.* The Conference call number will be 605-475-8594. To use the "convenos computer webinar interface" you will need a windows operating system. If you have broadband or DSL rather than dial-up internet connections, follow the web link below and use conference room #1510198 to join the conference online. <https://my.convenos.com/meetings.asp?action=enteropen&key=2949379>. You can also have your web browser directed to our website www.wisr.edu and simultaneously call in via any telephone and still fully participate. *You are welcome to join in even if you can't be at a computer.* John will give a tour of the website to share some of the thinking behind its organization, as well as some suggestions which have already been made to improve the site. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions about using the site, note difficulties and problems encountered and make suggestions for enhancing, expanding and improvement. **We will give attention to the different purposes the website can serve, including: to inform and recruit prospective students; aid students with their learning and community involvements; facilitate dialogue and sharing of writings among members of the WISR community; and disseminating knowledge and ideas to the larger community.**

Resolutions of Age: Self Help/Practical Gerontology

Tuesday, November 20, 6:30-8:30 pm

Richard Allen, Ph.D., WISR Alumnus, will be visiting from Oregon to talk about his new book, Resolutions of Age, a collective life review of elders who resolve to appreciate their lives as they age in the context of continuing education and of passing on their stories to loved ones. The six participants testified that this collective and collaborative life review process enhanced their self esteem as well as their sense of self importance and physical health. *This seminar relates to several important WISR themes including higher education, social change, aging and mental health. Some may want to find out more about how the research was done as an example of participatory action research. Others may want to ask about the process of publishing a book.*

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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.

Aging & Long Term Care, Part III

Saturday, November 3, 10:00am -2:00pm

Carole Morton, MFT, WISR MA Alumna, Faculty. This three-part seminar series will cover the biological, social and psychological aspects of aging as well as how to assess and treat problems that arise for the individual during this time. We will look at issues of abuse, mental and/or physical illness/decline, drug and alcohol use, bereavement support, assisting with finding long-term care (when necessary), and healthy aging strategies. *(Upcoming seminar(s) with Carole Morton will be December 15.)*

☞ See next page for additional MFT Seminars and Announcements ☛

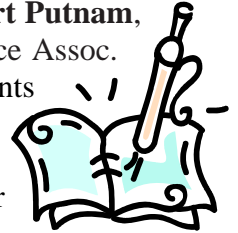
Human Development Theories – Part III

Saturday, November 17, 10:00am-2:00pm

Ronald Mah, MA, MFT, WISR Faculty. This will be the third 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 (**Upcoming monthly Saturday seminars with Ronald Mah will be December 1 and January 12, 2008 which will be the All School Gathering** ☞ see next page.)

III) OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING /EVENTS

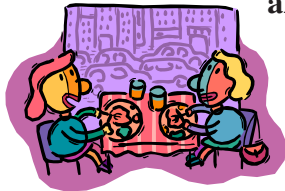
✎ **Call for Papers.** You are invited to write about your reflections on the issues and ideas raised by *E Pluribus Unum: Diversity and Community in the Twenty-first Century*, by **Robert Putnam**, winner of the 2006 Johan Skytte Prize Lecture, published by the Nordic Political Science Assoc. and available 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, by email preferably, for possible posting at our website and/or for possible publishing on WISR's website in an Occasional Paper.



Alumni Dinner

Tuesday, November 20, 5:00-6:15 pm

WISR alumni, former students, board, faculty and friends are invited to participate in this dinner to discuss ways to organize an alumni association. **RSVP ~ Location at local restaurant to be announced.** At our last dinner meeting last spring, we discussed the possibility of forming a more organized alumni association, envisioning officers, a bank account and more. Another topic to consider is how this can not only help WISR but also be of benefit for alumni who participate. Alumni could help to arrange for educational events at WISR, such as on how to publish your writing, for instance. On that subject, Richard Allen, PhD, WISR alumnus, will be presenting a seminar after this dinner on his upcoming book, Resolutions of Age (see above). WISR alumni are always encouraged not only to attend but also to lead seminars in which they have expertise and, and which they would like to present at WISR.



☞ **WISR Tshirts with the WISeR owl logo and Berkeley, California, printed below Western Institute for Social Research,** are available for \$15.00 at WISR plus postage by mail. Contact WISR for colors and sizes available.



All School Gathering

Saturday, January 12, 9:45am to 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.**

☞ **If you prefer to receive this announcement by email,** please contact WISR and keep us updated with your addresses for monthly emails and occasional snail mails.