

## WISR SEMINARS & OCTOBER, 2007



### I) INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR(S)

#### **What is Science About? What is Social Research Involving Action and Participation About?**

*Deborah Pruitt, PhD & John Bilorusky, PhD, WISR Faculty* Thursday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm

This seminar will address science and social research involving action and participation. Participants will be engaged to consider some of the themes and issues of debate among scientists (including those in the natural sciences), social researchers, and change agents. What are some of the various viewpoints regarding what constitutes “good,” meaningful, useful and ethical science? Or social research? Or the use of inquiry and research as an intentional and integral ingredient in action, participation and change efforts? **This seminar is part of the required ongoing seminars at WISR on “action-research.” All students in the Bay Area are expected to make every effort to attend, or negotiate alternative arrangements for studying these ideas and issues.**

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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 II**

**Saturday, October 13, 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 November 3.*)

#### **Interviewing Children Concerning Matters of Abuse & Neglect Sat., Oct. 27, 10:00am-2:00pm**

*Ronald Mah, MA, MFT, WISR Faculty, Seminar Facilitator, William Heineke, Ed.D., WISR Ph.D. Student, Presenter.* Interviewing children is a process. This assessment process involves both interviewing and the collection of collateral information. The interviewing process involves variables which include but may not be limited to: (1) the age and sex of the child, (2) the family's circumstances, (3) the roles and responsibilities of involved professionals, and (3) the interface between case law and accepted interviewing practices. *William earned a doctorate in counseling and counselor education at the University of Wyoming in 1969. He was a founding member of the Campbell County Child Protection Team (CPT) in 1978. He has testified as a therapist in criminal and civil cases involving child abuse and neglect. He continues to work in the community mental health center, Behavioral Health Services of Campbell County Memorial Hospital, as a psychologist. (Upcoming seminar(s) with Ronald Mah will be November 17.)*

### III) OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS& UPCOMING /EVENTS

**Call for Papers**, short or long, on your reflections on issues and ideas raised by the article by Robert Putnam, “E Pluribus Unum: Diversity and Community in the Twenty-first Century,” winner of the 2006 Johan Skytte Prize Lecture, published by the Nordic Political Science Association available on WISR’s website at: <http://www.wisr.edu/newsletterfiles/Putnam2007.pdf>.

#### **Resolutions of Age: Self Help/Practical Gerontology**

**Tues., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm**

*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.

☞ Prospective students and others wishing to learn more about WISR are invited to attend these seminars.

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