



WISR SEMINARS ≈ April, 2008

I) INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR(S)

The Structure of Scientific Revolutions, Book Discussion Monday, April 7th, 6:30-8:30pm
Vera Labat, MPH, WISR Faculty & Ellen Furnari, WISR PhD Student, Facilitators. This will be the first of ongoing discussions about **Thomas Kuhn's** book, **The Structure of Scientific Revolutions**. Though organized by Vera Labat and Ellen Furnari, they see this as a mutually created exploration. Participants are encouraged to read the first 5 chapters in preparation. **If you want to participate and haven't done the reading, you are encouraged to get an article about the book from WISR and/or research on the internet (Wikipedia has an entry).** Please come prepared to share how Kuhn's analysis relates to your own work and with a pressing question or two, to investigate with the group. This book is considered by many to be a "modern classic" because it provides insights into how science is the result of human efforts with all the strengths and limitations that people bring to any inquiry. *This seminar is pertinent to the WISR community as we learn about how to do community-based and participatory research, as it is important to consider the complexities of how knowledge is produced, critiqued and revised over time.*

The Nation Talks about Race Wednesday, April 9, 6:30-8:30pm
Cynthia Lawrence, PhD, Sharada Wade, PhD & Marilyn Jackson, PhD, WISR Faculty, Facilitators. Race is a social construct that has been used to unite and divide. Democratic Presidential Candidate Barack Obama, in his recent speech, *A More Perfect Union*, has brought an enlightened analysis of this into the national discourse. We will discuss the speech, what has been said about it and how it has presented an opportunity for many people to look more critically at racism. **Please watch the speech on Utube or read it in advance.** Those who RSVP can also recommend readings by sending recommendations to WISR to be shared with others who RSVP. **http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2008/03/18/obama-race-speech-read-t_n_92077.html**

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. They will be held at WISR from 10am to 2pm with a short break. Attendees may wish to bring a bag lunch.

Practicing Therapy with Awareness of Our Impact on the Larger Society, Part I (of II)
Carole Morton, MFT, WISR MA Alumna, Faculty. Saturday, April 19, 10:00am-2:00pm
This seminar will explore how society impacts the individual. We will start by exploring our own personal experiences. We will then explore the profound impact therapists have on their clients, and how therapists can move beyond their own fears, prejudices and other limiting beliefs to become responsible therapists. *(Upcoming seminar(s) with Carole Morton will be Practicing Therapy with Awareness of Our Impact on the Larger Society, Part II on May 24 and Alcohol & Drug Addiction on June 28.)*

The Role of Psychological Testing in Therapy and its use in Marriage and Family Therapy
Ronald Mah, MA, MFT, WISR Faculty. Saturday, April 26, 10:00am-2:00pm
Personality tests, couples and relationship testing, and collaboration with non-MFT professionals and testing will also be discussed. *(Upcoming monthly Saturday seminar(s) with Ronald Mah will be May 17 and June 14.)*

III) OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING /EVENTS

We are planning to have a table for WISR at **Earth Day in Berkeley on Saturday, April 19th**. *If you can volunteer at the table for an hour or more*, please contact WISR as soon as possible.

☞ 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.

If you intend to attend an event at WISR and need a ride or can offer one, please let us know.