

WISR SEMINARS & FEBRUARY, 2008



I) INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR(S)

The Struggle For Social Change In Miami's Overtown Community

Thursday, February 14, 6:30-8:30pm

Agnes R. Morton, RN, MS, MPH, WISR PhD Student & John Bilorusky, PhD, WISR Faculty, Facilitators. Agnes Morton's seminar will focus on the fight for social change in her predominantly African-American community in Miami, FL. that's currently being threatened with gentrification and displacement of its majority low income resident population, in one of the oldest communities within the city. **She will show films about community history of Overtown and some of the recent social change efforts there.** If convenient, please bring fingerfood snacks to share. *Agnes R. Morton is a Community Health Nurse/ Health Educator/ with research interests in health disparities, health literacy, health promotion and disease prevention in medically underserved communities. She has done extensive work in cultural competence in health care and recently returned to Miami (her birthplace) after residing in California for approximately forty years. She is currently active with the Power U Center For Social Change, a grassroots organization fighting for social justice in Miami's Overtown. She is currently engaged in Community-Based Participatory Action Research focused upon health disparities in Miami's Overtown Community.*

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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 usually from 10am to 2pm on Saturdays and include a short break to eat a bag lunch.

Cross-Cultural Counseling- Part 2 of 3

Saturday, February 9, 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 March 22 and April 26.*)

Psychopathology

Saturday, February 16, 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 seminars with Carole Morton will be March 29, April 19 and May 24.*)

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III) OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING /EVENTS

👏👏👏 We are about to order more Tshirts with the WISer owl logo and  Berkeley, California, printed below *Western Institute for Social Research*. Contact WISR to make sure we order your size and color by Monday, February 4th. The cost is \$15.00 plus postage.

☞ WISR PhD student, Michael Ratner, has alerted us that for the months of January and February only, *Sage Publications* <http://online.sagepub.com/> (which have EXCELLENT journals--very pertinent to WISR)--have a promotion of a free online trial/access to their journals.

☞ 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.

