



"Multicultural is WISER"

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**SEMINARS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MAY, 2017**

ANNOUNCING:

Institutional Loans (\$225/month) and Limited Number of Work-Study Positions now available. Encourage friends and prospective students to visit: www.wisr.edu/welcome to learn more. Look for updates to this flyer monthly online: <http://www.wisr.edu/hot-news/> and find us on Facebook.



INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR(S) are a way for WISR students to learn about core subjects of social change, writing, multiculturalism, adult/higher education, community leadership and social action-research. Community members are welcome to participate as well. **Students are strongly requested to participate in at least one seminar each month, unless they have an unavoidable conflict.** Students who have enrolled on or after October 1, 2016 are required to do so. Students also have the option of creating seminars on topics of interest, of forming their own peer discussion groups, and developing regular collaborations with other WISR students.

**COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE BUILDING:
Progressive Educator, John Dewey**

Monday, May 8th, 6-8pm

Vera Labat, MPH, & Michael McAvoy, MA, WISR Faculty, co-facilitators. This will be a discussion about the work of Educator John Dewey, progressive educator, philosopher, social reformer and psychologist from the early 20th century. Students are also invited to join to discuss their current projects and questions.

Please RSVP mmcavoy@wisr.edu if you plan to participate by videoconference or phone and provide a phone # in case of technical difficulties. Log on to:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/863204581>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (646) 749-3112

Access Code: 863-204-581

INTERDISCIPLINARY REFLECTION, DISCUSSION, & WRITING SUPPORT SEMINAR



Friday May 26th, 6-9pm

John Bilorusky, PhD, Facilitator. As part of our efforts to improve student dialogue and collaboration with one another and with faculty and to support each student's studies and projects, this seminar will provide each participating student an opportunity to present about some of the things they are studying, or planning to study, in order to get feedback--be it about readings, ideas they are developing, questions about learning strategies (e.g., setting aside enough time to write), action projects in which they are engaged, or anything else that will be helpful. *Also, students may share with others drafts of their writing, ideas not yet written, feelings and thoughts about their writing process, including breakthroughs and challenges, moments of joy, and frustration.*

This will provide students with an opportunity to learn from one another and to be part of an active, multicultural learning community, including identifying fellow students with whom they can collaborate. **Please RSVP johnb@wisr.edu** if you plan to participate by videoconference or phone and provide a phone # in case of technical difficulties. **Log on to:**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/589383045>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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Access Code: 589-383-045

MARRIAGE FAMILY THERAPY (MFT) SEMINARS are for students pursuing an MFT license. Other interested persons are welcome but you are requested to RSVP the faculty member (see email contact info below) in advance. They are typically held at WISR from 10am to 2pm (unless listed otherwise) with a short break so **bring a lunch**. **MFT students must participate in a total of 48 such seminars in order to graduate.** These required seminars for our MS program lead to the State of California's MFT and LPCC licenses and **are now available by telephone conference call and video webinar.**

CHILD ABUSE, ASSESSMENT & REPORTING
Saturday, May 13
10am – 1pm



Monika Scott Davis, MA, LMFT, WISR Faculty. We will discuss methods used to assess a child for child abuse and the reporting requirements for mandated reporters. **Please RSVP Monika:** msd7abundantlife@gmail.com, so she can send articles that you will need to read to be prepared for the seminar; also **if you plan to participate by videoconference or phone and provide a phone # in case of technical difficulties.** Log on at:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/766024197>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (224) 501-3412

Access Code: 766-024-197

Upcoming MFT Seminar(s) with Monika Scott-Davis, Case Management, Advocacy & Collaborative Treatment, will be June 17, 10-1pm.

CROSS-CULTURAL COUNSELING III

Saturday, May 20, 10am-2pm

Ronald Mah, MA, LMFT, PhD, WISR Faculty

We will study the importance of cultural, racial, ethnic, and subgroup values and beliefs, and how they affect individuals, interpersonal relations, family life, and the therapeutic process. This will include an examination of the wide range of

ethnic backgrounds and the cultural mores and values common in California. We will also study multicultural development and cross-cultural interaction, including experiences of race, ethnicity, class, spirituality and/or religion, sexual orientation, gender, and disability and their incorporation into the psychotherapeutic process.

We will study multicultural counseling theories and techniques, including strategies for working with and advocating for diverse populations. This includes the study of human behavior within the social context of socioeconomic status and other contextual issues affecting social position and an understanding of the effects of socioeconomic status on treatment and available resources.

Please RSVP ronald@ronaldmah.com, if you plan to if you plan to participate by videoconference or phone and provide a phone # in case of technical difficulties. Log on at:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/585754117>

You can also dial in using your phone:

United States: +1 (571) 317-3122

Access Code: 585-754-117

Upcoming seminar(s) with Ronald Mah will be June 3, 10am-2pm.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WISR MS Student Gabriela Hoffmeyer has been awarded a **2017 NADC/California Arts Council Grant for Disabled Artists** for her proposed Community Outreach Expressive Arts & Trauma Awareness and Recovery Projects <http://www.wisr.edu/hot-news/>.

WISR Doctoral Student Karen Jackson was awarded a \$10,000 mini grant by **LifeLong Medical Care and the City of Berkeley** <http://wisrville.org/2017/04/21/wisr-doctoral-student-karen-jackson-awarded-a-mini-grant-for-project-to-decrease-consumption-of-sugar-sweetened-beverages-among-young-adults/>