

WISR SEMINARS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ MAY (into June & July), 2012

I) INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINARS

THE EMPTY SPACE: CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION IN CIVIL SOCIETIES: TOWARDS AN INTEGRAL METHODOLOGY OF PEACE WORK

Dr. Peter Erlenwein, guest presenter

Saturday, May 26, 10:00am – 12:30pm

Conflict is the daily bread between individuals and groups, as well as nations and cultures. To negate that is not only to deny its stubborn reality but even more its chances for human development. "Peace is an ever new evolving creative process, that emerges exactly there where different interests collide," says the Alternative Nobel Prize winner, Johan Galtung from Norway. The fascinating insight of many of these outstanding laureates is that only a spiritually grounded conflict work will be able to solve political, economic or religious frictions in a globalized world- done by inspired members of civil societies, not traditional policy makers. To solve conflicts today is a deep challenge for individual and collective intelligence. The empty space it needs is that sphere of empowerment and compassion which enables the encounter with the truth of the other in the midst of violence and ignorance. 

Peter Erlenwein is a sociopsychologist and integral psychotherapist from Germany. He has been one of the initiators of the German Integral Forum. His work and life has been deeply inspired by his decade long intercultural studies in India (Guest professor for experimental interreligious dialogue in Pune, De Nobili College) and Africa (Namibia) and his collaboration with laureates of the Alternative Nobel Prize in Germany (Munich). His Wilber based integral approach combines deep analysis (C.G. Jung) with body mind work and ritual dance and movement improvisations and is focused on spiritual transformation work in conflict situations. Since 2011 he is living with his family in San Francisco, where - 30 years ago - he did his PhD research work on the Civil Right movement: titled- Politics and Identity. 

If you want to join the discussion by Skype, our user name is wisrinberkeley. If you have a problem getting through, call us at 510-655-2830.

COMPLEMENTARY ECONOMICS

Saturday, June 30, 10am – 2pm

Art Warmoth, PhD, WISR Faculty, Facilitator. This seminar will outline the basic structural flaws in the design of conventional currencies, which are amplified by free market fundamentalism. Complementary economics is an approach that can compensate for these design flaws and includes several specific economic tools: mutual credit clearing, Time Banking, public banking, micro-finance, and worker-owned cooperatives. It draws on the work of Bernard Lietaer, Thomas H. Greco, Jr., Edgar Cahn, Ellen Hodgson Brown, Muhammad Yunus, and the Mondragon (Spain) Cooperatives. *Please bring a lunch.*

GROUP ALCHEMY

Saturday, July 14, 10am– 2:00pm

Deborah Pruitt, PhD, WISR Faculty, Facilitator. Following on the introductory seminar, this is an opportunity to go deeper into the group alchemy model for building a culture of success. This cultural practices approach to effectiveness in groups can help any organization, partnership or volunteer group establish the habits that will prevent common frustrations and ensure great outcomes. This model is based on Deborah's research and practice in cultural anthropology and organizational development. Each participant will leave with practical plans for implementing positive practices in your groups. *Please bring a lunch.*

Prospective students and Community Learners are invited to attend these seminars. WISR is on Sacramento at Harmon Street, one block north of Alcatraz. **Contact WISR if you want to carpool.**

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II) MARRIAGE FAMILY THERAPY (MFT) SEMINARS are for students pursuing an MFT license. Other interested persons are welcome to attend but are requested to RSVP. They are held at WISR from 10am to 2pm with a short break. **Bring a bag lunch.** (Required seminars for our MA program leading to the State of California's MFT and LPCC licenses are now available by **telephone conference call**. Students or prospective students who wish to participate in a given seminar should contact the faculty member offering the seminar.

The May and June MFT seminars are part of the MFT license masters requirement but also specifically fulfill the educational requirements for the LPCC license masters. To fulfill the LPCC license educational requirement students are required to attend all four seminars along with producing a project. ***The crisis and trauma counseling series meets the LPCC requirements, and that are open for a fee to non-degree students who need it for the LPCC license.***

The seminars will cover:

- 1) Examination of types of trauma and crisis—resulting from such varied causes as natural disasters, social upheaval and unrest, car accidents, interpersonal violence, secondary trauma (e.g., observation of trauma), loss of home or loved ones, among others.
- 2) Theories and methods of immediate, mid-term and long-term interventions. Includes somatic, physiological, and neurological dynamics, as well as cognitive, emotional and behavioral considerations—and the interrelations of all these.
- 3) The role of multidisciplinary assessment and treatment, and strategies for helping trauma survivors to identify and access their own sources of strength and resilience.
- 4) Consideration of the impact of trauma and crises on entire families, communities and societies, and the role of larger scale interventions.
- 5) Examination of complications from multiple traumas and/or traumas experienced by people with pre-existing emotional challenges and conditions.
- 6) This series will also include crisis treatment protocol (including considerations regarding suicide, danger to others, child abuse, and domestic violence).
- 7) Critical incident debriefing.



TRAUMA AND CRISIS COUNSELING #1 OF 4 **Saturday, May 19, 10am-2pm**
Carole Morton, MA, MFT, Faculty. (See description above.) Carole will focus on theories and methods; role of multi-discipline assessment and treatment, examination of complications, and impact on families. ***Carole will do the second seminar of this pair (one of four required) on June 16. *If you plan to participate by phone conference, please e-mail Carole at carolejmorton@integrativepsychotherapist.net the week before the seminar for the conference call number and login to remind her to set up the conference phone technology.***

TRAUMA AND CRISIS COUNSELING #2 OF 4 **Saturday, May 26, 10am-2pm**
Please note: This will be at a location in San Leandro, not at WISR, per below
Ronald Mah, MA, MFT, WISR Faculty. (See description above for more information.) Ronald will focus on types of trauma and crisis; legal and ethical issues w/ trauma and crisis response; critical incident debriefing; and impact on families. ***This seminar and the second seminar of this pair (one of four required) on June 9 will be at his office at 433 Estudillo Ave., #305, San Leandro, CA 94577 (510) 614-5641. Please note: Ronald's seminars in May, June, July, August, and September will at his San Leandro office. *If you plan to participate by phone conference, please e-mail Ronald at Ronald@RonaldMah.com the week before the seminar for the conference call number and login and to remind him to set up the conference phone technology.***

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CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERINGS AT WISR

CLINICAL ANTHROPOLOGY & NARRATIVE MEDICINE (wisrclinanthro@gmail.com)

Faculty: Michael Mc Avoy, M.A. Medical Anthropology <http://www.wisr.edu/faculty-andstaff/community-partners-adjunct-faculty/> ; Paul Rueckhaus M.P.H. Community Health Education ; M.A. English Composition

INTRODUCTION TO CLINICALLY APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY: PART I*

Saturday, May 19: 10:00 am -1:00 pm

This seminar, Part I of a two part Introduction to Clinical Anthropology for psychologists, therapists, nurses, social workers and others in related health and social science fields, will undertake a practical, critical, activist and visionary examination of clinical anthropology in approaching and solving human health-related problems. This seminar will focus on introducing the intersection of Culture and Health in the context of the history of clinical and medical anthropology; contrasting Biomedicine with Cultural Systems of Health or Ethnomedicines; and examining the notion of Cultural Competence in Medicine from the levels of functioning – from the micro to macro within the healthcare system, to examining its personal, organizational and social sites of interface of clinical; how it is developed and the interfaces of cultural and health where it is applied. This seminar is recommended, but not required, for Introduction to Clinical Anthropology Part II which will be offered in June.

INTRODUCTION TO NARRATIVE MEDICINE*

Saturday in May (TBA: email for update on date): 2:00 pm -5:00 pm

This course provides an overview of the use of Narrative Medicine in the practice of clinically applied anthropology as well as skills development for employing it in clinical practice as well as social change. Participants will also acquiring pedagogic skills for teaching methods of narrative medicine to colleagues.

Tuition: \$ 60 for 3 CEU's from each 3 hour seminar.*

*These two courses meet the qualifications for 6 hours of continuing education credit for MFTs, LPCCs, LEPs, and/or LCSWs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

*Provider (WISR) approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 15365, for 6 contact hours of continuing education credit for RN's.

For more info: wisrclinanthro@gmail.com

III) ANNOUNCEMENTS

↳ **WISR'S 4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be August 23-25th, 2012

WISR's NEW WEBSITE! WISR's website: www.wisr.edu has had a major make-over--check it out. Also, WISR website and wisrville have links to recent news articles and commentaries from the progressive news service, Reader Supported News.

99%: Check out the Commons Blog at Wisrville for some of the recent email exchanges and further discussion on the 99% movement.... <http://commons.wisrville.org/>

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