

W.I.S.R. CLINICAL ANTHROPOLOGY & NARRATIVE MEDICINE CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR SERIES

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**SPRING 2012 COURSES:**

**Saturday April 21: 10:00 am -1:00 pm**

### **INTRODUCTION: CLINICALLY APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Faculty:** Michael Mc Avoy, M.A. Medical Anthropology <http://www.wisr.edu/faculty-and-staff/community-partners-adjunct-faculty/>; Paul Rueckhaus M.P.H. Community Health Education ; M.A. English Composition; Crispin Shelley M.A., Phd.(c) Clinical Psychology

This course 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. Emphasis will be on the history of clinical anthropology, theoretical models and anthropological approaches to understanding health, disease, illness, medicine and therapy, challenges of clinical application, anthropology and health policy. Also addressed will be ethical considerations in clinically applied research and application, specific uses in applied health settings and the role for a 'liberation clinical anthropology' in creating a more just, sacred and sustainable world.

**Tuition: \$ 60 \* 3 CEU's. (See below for more information on CEUS)**

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Saturday April 21: 2:00 pm -5:00 pm

INTRODUCTION TO NARRATIVE MEDICINE

Faculty: Paul Rueckhaus M.P.H. Community Health Education ; M.A. English Composition; Michael Mc Avoy, M.A. Medical Anthropology <http://www.wisr.edu/faculty-and-staff/community-partners-adjunct-faculty/>; Crispin Shelley M.A., Phd.(c) Clinical Psychology

Narrative Medicine fortifies clinical practice with the competence to recognize, absorb, metabolize, interpret, and be moved by the stories of illness. Through narrative training, doctors, nurses, social workers and psychotherapists improve the effectiveness of care by developing the capacity for attention, reflection, representation, and affiliation with patients and colleagues as well as understand the social context and its productive role in pathology and thus the concomitant need to address larger social change to achieve greater healing.

The afternoon 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.

Prospective students and others wishing to learn more about WISR are invited to attend these seminars.
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Topics will include:

1. Narrative Medicine: Method for Improving Clinical Effectiveness
2. Narrative Medicine: The Voice of the Patient and Reconceptualizing Empathy
3. Close Reading and Writing in the Clinical Context: Training for Attentive Listening
4. Illness Narratives: The Skills of Bearing Witness to the Suffering of Others
5. Actionable narratives: Social Change from the clinical to the political

***Course meets 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.**

Tuition: \$ 60 * 3 CEU's. For more information contact: wisrclinanthro@gmail.com

CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR SERIES in CLINICALLY APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY and NARRATIVE MEDICINE: WISR offers Board of Behavioral Sciences approved Continuing Education (CE) for all Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEPs), and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCCs) as well as Bureau of Registered Nurses approved Continuing Education (CE) courses for all registered nurses in California. These courses will address personal and social healing and offer in-depth learning opportunities in select required and elective clinical subject areas. The courses enable students to equip themselves with the practical skills and analytical tools necessary to maintain their licensure and enhance their professional expertise. Core Faculty Carole Morton MA is the WISR coordinator for the BBS CE courses and BRN approved CE's to nurses are coordinated by WISR Core Faculty Vera Labat MPH. Additionally, these seminars are also open to all current WISR students and alumni/ae as well as students.

Clinically Applied Anthropology and Narrative Medicine have emerged as significant resources for medical, psychological and clinical social work practitioners. Their role includes:

- the 'brokering' of culturally appropriate and culturally sensitive, and thus more effective and productive, care between providers and patients who often come from vastly divergent ethnic, class and gendered cultures;
- being able to 'critically' interpret the way that social, political, economic and ideological forces in the culture hegemonically structure clinical practice to resonate with and reproduce the existing social system;
- 'actively' suggesting and creating change in the culture to break this cycle;
- 'imagining' alternative and wholly new discourses on the body; health, disease, illness, and sickness; curing, healing, medicine and psychotherapy which when 'practiced' in the clinical as well as other health contexts lead to better health and medical outcomes and help shape a culture in which we recognize our common humanity, oneness with the natural world and together create a more just, sacred and sustainable world. (Some seminars are also available as Home Study courses).

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