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## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

# The Future of Transformative Learning at WISR *Building Partnerships Locally and Beyond*

Thursday evening, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
through Sunday afternoon, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Advance registration appreciated. Contact [admin@wisr.edu](mailto:admin@wisr.edu) to RSVP if you are coming and **which days you think you will be attending**. This event is open free of charge to the community—however, as a non-profit, WISR requests a minimum donation of \$20 for the entire three days. Those who will attend only one session or who are financially challenged should donate what they are able. **Those want to participate in conference sessions from off site, by internet (video conference) or by phone, see the log in information, below, for each group of sessions (by morning, afternoon and evening on each day)!** If you experience technical difficulties, please call WISR at 510-655-2830 for help.

### THURSDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm: **Meet, Greet, Refreshments, Light Dinner/Snacks**

To log on from off site to the Thursday session at 6:30 pm, go to: <https://zoom.us/j/789847179>  
Or dial 408 638 0968, 646 876 9923 or 669 900 6833; Meeting ID: 789 847 179

6:30 to 8:00 pm: **Environmental Education**

Dr. Cara Judea Alhadeff, WISR Advisor Board and Dr. Sudia Paloma McCaleb, Director of Center for Critical Environmental and Global Literacy and WISR Faculty Member

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### FRIDAY, October 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am: **Meet, Greet, Refreshments, Snacks**

To log on from off site for the Friday morning session at 10 am, go to:  
<https://zoom.us/j/881327476>

Or dial 669 900 6833, 408 638 0968 or 646 876 9923; Meeting ID: 881 327 476

10 am to 11:15 am: Workshop—**“Collaboration Means Family (Dynamics) Shows Up . . . Oh My!**

Dr. Ronald Mah, LMFT, WISR Faculty Member

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11:30 am to 12:30 **Lunch Break** (restaurants nearby or snacks at WISR)

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To log on from off site for the two Friday afternoon sessions, 12:30 to 5 pm, go to:  
<https://zoom.us/j/413769745>

Or dial 669 900 6833, 408 638 0968 or 646 876 9923; Meeting ID: 413 769 745

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm: **Graduating Students Discuss Their Theses and Dissertations**

Nasira Abdul-Aleem, Masters' Thesis: FINDING FREEDOM IN THE FREE WORLD; A REDRESS OF REHAB FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISON RECIDIVISM

Danish Qasim, Masters' Thesis: SPIRITUAL ABUSE

Michael Ratner, Doctoral Dissertation: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Amber Elizabeth Gray, Doctoral Dissertation: THE ROLE OF SELF-COMPASSION IN ADDRESSING PERSONAL AND GLOBAL TRAUMA

3 pm to 5 pm: **Desire for Mutual Recognition.** Dr. Peter Gabel, JD, WISR Faculty Member.

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5 pm to 7:00 pm: **Dinner Break**

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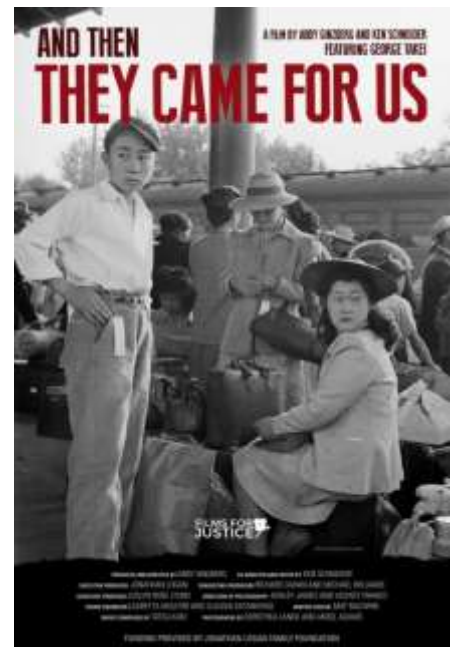
To log on from off site for the Friday evening session at 7 pm, go to: <https://zoom.us/j/838104140>

Or dial 646 876 9923, 669 900 6833 or 408 638 0968; Meeting ID: 838 104 140

7 pm to 8:30 pm: **Film: "And Then They Came for Us."**—documentary on the forced incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Following the Film, Dr. Satsuki Ina will discuss **"From Trauma To Activism"**-- her family's experience of the collective trauma resulting from the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII, it's relevance for today, and the call to social activism.

Session Leader: Dr. Satsuki Ina, LMFT, Professor Emeritus, California State University Sacramento.



**SATURDAY, October 6th****9:30 to 10:00 am: Meet, Greet, Refreshment, Snacks**

To log on from off site for the Saturday morning session at 10 am, go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/876398834>

Or dial 646 876 9923, 669 900 6833 or 408 638 0968; Meeting ID: 876 398 834

**10:00 to 11:30 am: Learning from the Experiences and Cultures of Others**—Sajad Shakoor, WISR MS alum and current Doctoral Student, on Prison Culture, and Dr. Suneetha de Silva, Professor, Dawson Community College, Montana, on Changing attitudes in Indian and Sri Lanka Cultures.**11:30 to 1 pm: Lunch Break**

To log on from off site for the Saturday afternoon sessions from 1 pm to 5 pm, go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/831243965>

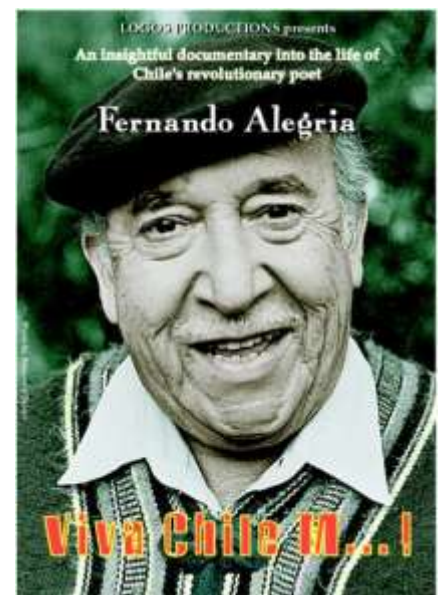
Or dial 646 876 9923, 1 669 900 6833 or 408 638 0968; Meeting ID: 831 243 965

**1 pm to 2:30 pm: Scholar-Activists in Higher Education—The National Scene, WISR's History, and WISR's Future.** Dr. John Bilorusky, WISR President and Faculty Member.**3 pm to 5 pm: Building Partnerships Locally and Globally--WISR as a center and model for experimentation—Expanding collaborations with other groups committed to transformative learning and social change.** Panelists:

- Dr. John Bilorusky, WISR President and Co-Founder, overview of collaborations past and present, and future possibilities;
- Karin Dremel, WISR Doctoral Student, on Developing a Network on Collective Trauma;
- Folk Education Association of America.

**5 pm to 6:30 pm: Dinner Break**To log on from off site for the Saturday evening session at 6:30 pm, go to: <https://zoom.us/j/523890821>

Or dial 646 876 9923, 669 900 6833 or 408 638 0968; Meeting ID: 523 890 821

**6:30 to 8:30 pm: Saturday evening--Celebrate WISR's past and present, and Plans for the Future.** To begin, WISR President, John Bilorusky, will lead us in sharing stories about, and the legacies of, people from WISR's history who have passed away—Michael McAvoy, Robert Blackburn, Terry Lunsford, Fernando Alegria, Sandra Tomlin, and Lee Francis. We will conclude with a

7:15 pm showing of the film Viva Chile M to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Fernando Alegria, Chilean poet, novelist, scholar, activist and founding member of WISR's Board.

**SUNDAY, October 7th:** Two sessions from 11 am to 3 pm:

To log on for the Sunday sessions from 11 am to 3 pm, go to: <https://zoom.us/j/656430080>  
Or dial 646 876 9923, 669 900 6833 or 408 638 0968; Meeting ID: 656 430 080

11 am to 1 pm: **Panel of Activist Therapists, On Being a Therapist and an Activist.**  
Panel Leader, Rosa Reinikainen, LMFT, WISR Doctoral Student  
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1:15 pm to 3 pm: **Closing Session, Online and Digital Learning at WISR Building on WISR's Past, Taking Action in the Present and for the Future, Locally and Globally.** Mark Wilson, WISR Learning Technology and Design Specialist.



**A NOTE ABOUT RECORDING EVENTS AT WISR:** As part of WISR's pursuit of accreditation and development of content for our online learning courses, it is important that we record seminars, which can be accessed **ONLY** by members of the WISR Learning Community and no one else. However, if there is a particular seminar or portion of a seminar that will make an individual feel uncomfortable and or that puts their privacy in jeopardy, as an exception to the rule, we will not record that session (or will delete a requested session or portion of a session), if we are notified by the concerned party within 24 hours of the end of that seminar. Recordings from the Annual Conference, Graduation Ceremonies, and some parts of the All School Gatherings may be posted to a larger audience on our website, and by participating in those events, an individual agrees to our sharing photos, video and audio of those events.  
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