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SEMINARS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY-JUNE, 2019

CALENDAR

Interdisciplinary Seminars & Events

5/13 Yack & Hack: WISR's Future As An Online Learning Institution

5/11 All School Gathering/Open House--a panel of WISR Alumni will share their work and how studying at WISR influenced their studies.

6/1 Music & Culture/Music Therapy ~ Meet visiting scholars

Dr. Svanibor Pettan and ***Dr. Lasanthi Manaranjanie Kalinga Dona***

6/10 Yack & Hack: WISR's Future As An Online Learning Institution

MFT Seminars (w/CEUs* see details below)

5/4 Family Systems Theory, Part II

5/18 Human Sexuality, MFT 561, Part III

6/15 Sorry Is Not Enough, Infidelity And Betrayal In Couples And Couple Therapy

Special Announcements: 11th Annual Conference: Thursday-Saturday, October 24-26

Invitation to Help Catalogue WISR's Library!

Latest about Standing Tall. 2nd Edition by WISR alumnus Jake Sloan

WISR Sidewalk Exhibitions at Farmers Markets: You are invited to join our booth to tell people about WISR while you shop for locally grown produce. Bring your own promotional items to display along WISR's Exhibit Table. Tell people how WISR collaborates with your organization to enrich the community. (Contact Dalia.Liang@wisr.edu if you can volunteer.)

Grand Lake Farmers Market, Saturday, June 9, 9:00am-2:00pm, Lake Park Ave, Oakl.

Temescal Farmers Market, Sunday, June 9, 9:00am-1:00pm 5300 Claremont Ave, Oakl.



A NOTE ABOUT RECORDING EVENTS AT WISR: As part of WISR's 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.

Look for our page and group on Facebook, also WISR Berkeley on Twitter. Contact us if you want to join our seminars virtually by Zoom or phone. If you have difficulty logging in, go to <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362003-Zoom-Technical-Support> and click on the blue "Help" button. **International numbers are available.**

Prospective students and Community Learners are invited to attend these seminars. Contact WISR if you need a ride from the BART or want to carpool. Please avoid wearing perfume or cologne to WISR gatherings as requested by those with asthma & allergies.



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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 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.

YACK & HACK: WISR'S FUTURE AS AN ONLINE LEARNING INSTITUTION

Monday, May 13th, June 10th....

6-8pm with Mark Wilson, WISR's Learning Designer \ Technologist. Meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 6-8pm.

Join us to discuss WISR's future, online learning, and how we use Google's Education Suite and other free digital technologies to create, access, and distribute educational resources worldwide. The public is welcome and everyone should bring a laptop if they have one. To join from a distance use **Zoom Meeting ID 774 808 774** <https://zoom.us/j/774808774>; or by phone **669 900 6833**.



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ALL SCHOOL GATHERING/OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 11th, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

9:30 am Gather and Quick Check in (one minute each)

Music provided by Dr. Sudia Paloma McCaleb.

10:20am Panelists: We will feature a Panel of WISR's Alumni, who will share about their work and how studying at WISR influenced their studies.

12:30 - 1:15 pm Discussion, Announcements, Socializing and Snacks

Ronald Mah, PhD, WISR Alumnus, was raised in the sixties in Berkeley where the social-cultural-political background led him to enroll in the Masters of Psychology program at WISR in 1987. From his daycare center origins he became licensed and practiced as a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist since 1994. He drew upon his background and natural merger with the WISR mission in his clinical work, teaching at WISR, and training ECE and therapists upon graduation from WISR in 1991. He later achieved a PhD at WISR during which time he wrote 20 projects on couple therapy which he later converted and self-published as ebooks.

Oba T'Shaka, PhD, WISR Alumnus is an activist's scholar, renowned public speaker, professor, workshop leader, author, organizer and visionary of exceptional influence who addresses audiences in the United States, Britain, France and Africa. For 38 years, Dr. T'Shaka was a Professor at San Francisco State University and Chair of the Black Studies Department where he is now Professor Emeritus.

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Dennis Hastings, WISR Alumnus and Margery Coffey, WISR Alumna, earned their PhDs at WISR after producing a number of outstanding scholar projects, culminating in their dissertation, *Grandfather Remembers*, a history of the Omaha people in the face of the European invasion, from an Omaha perspective. Dr. Hastings' research skills and Dr. Coffey's writing and artistic skills merged to form an academic team. The Omaha Tribal Historical Research Project, Inc. (OTHRP) was founded by Hastings and who is the Director and Coffey is the Assistant Director. 137 pages of their dissertation was used in a Supreme Court case in which the Omaha won unanimously.

Danish Qasim will be finishing his Master's in Education and Community Leadership at WISR in May and will be going on to do his doctorate at WISR on the topic of spiritual abuse in Islam. He is the founding director of Inshaykhs Clothing. He graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 2010 with a BA in Religious Studies. He began a serious study of the Islamic sciences in 2006 with local teachers and served as an Arabic translator while in college. Upon graduating he dedicated himself to full time traditional Islamic studies. Most of his overseas studies were in Teumerat, Mauritania in the school of Murabit al-Hajj (رحمه الله) where he studied fiqh (jurisprudence), Arabic, tazkiya (spiritual purification), hadith, and aqidah (theology).

All students are expected to make every effort to participate whether on site or by internet or phone. From a distance use **Zoom Meeting ID, 228 744 232**, <https://zoom.us/j/228744232> or by phone, **669 900 6833**. For help with technical difficulties call **510 655 2830** or email john.bilorusky@wisr.edu.

MUSIC & CULTURE/MUSIC THERAPY

Saturday, June 1, 10am-12pm. Meet two visiting scholars at Berkeley for a talk on music and culture, music therapy and human dignity and humiliation studies. **Join us for a discussion on music, politics and war, minorities, multiculturalism, gender, and applied ethnomusicology.**

Dr. Svanibor Pettan is a visiting professor at the University of California-Berkeley in the Spring semester 2019 and teaches the course *Music and Minorities in Europe*. He is professor and chair in ethnomusicology at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. Among his recent publications are the documentary with study-guide, *Kosovo Through the Eyes of Local Romani (Gypsy) Musicians* and the just-released (February 2019) three volumes of *The Oxford Handbook of Applied Ethnomusicology*, which he co-edited with Jeff Todd Titon.



Dr. Lasanthi Manaranjanie Kalinga Dona holds a PhD in musicology (with focus on medical ethnomusicology and music therapy) from the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. She represents Sri Lanka in the **International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM)** and performs Indian classical and Sri Lankan traditional music as a singer and violinist.

She is the author of *Music and Healing Rituals of Sri Lanka: Their Relevance for Community Music Therapy and Medical Ethnomusicology*.

From a distance use **Zoom Meeting ID, 267 135 068**, <https://zoom.us/j/267135068> or by phone, **669 900 6833**. If you have technical difficulties call **510 655 2830** or email john.bilorusky@wisr.edu.

MARRIAGE FAMILY THERAPY (MFT) SEMINARS are for WISR students pursuing an MFT and/or LPCC license. Other interested persons are welcome to attend (on site or by video conference) and receive CEU credit for MFTs and LPCCs, but you must RSVP the faculty member (see email contact info below) in advance.

*WISR students not in the MFT program may get CEU credit for no additional charge, others pay \$40. *These seminars are typically held at WISR from 10am to 12 or 1pm (as listed) with a short break; often students bring a snack. 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.*

HUMAN SEXUALITY, PART III: MFT 561

Saturday, May 18, 10am-1:20pm

Ronald Mah, MA, LMFT, PhD, WISR Faculty. This will be a study of personal and interpersonal dimensions of sexual experiences and behavior, including such topics such as anatomy and physiology of human sexuality, normal and abnormal sexual behavior, sexual dysfunction and its causes and treatment, psychosexual development, sociocultural and family influences on sexuality, sexual orientation and identity, and sexual counseling.



This will include a minimum of 10 hours of seminar participation in the study of human sexuality. Also included will be the study of physiological, psychological, and social cultural variables associated with sexual behavior and gender identity, and the assessment and treatment of psychosexual dysfunction. -- To join from a distance use **Zoom Meeting ID: 237 370 141**, <https://zoom.us/j/237370141>; or by phone **669 900 6833**. To RSVP or for help with technical difficulties call **510 655 2830** or email ronald.mah@wisr.edu or john.bilorusky@wisr.edu and provide a phone# in case of technical difficulties.



FAMILY SYSTEMS THEORY, PART II

Saturday, May 4th, 10am-12pm

Monika Scott, MA, LMFT, WISR Faculty. This is a two-part series that will explore Structural Family Therapy, Strategic Family Therapy, and Bowen Family Systems. We will look at the architects of each theory such as Salvador Minchin, Jay Haley, Virginia Satir, and the application in practice with families. We will also explore Reliance Theory and other successful modalities in working with families. -- To join from a distance use **Zoom**

Meeting ID: 247 095 837, <https://zoom.us/j/247095837>; or by phone, 669 900 6833. To RSVP or for help with technical difficulties call **510 655 2830** or email monika.scott-davis@wisr.edu and provide a phone# in case of technical difficulties.

SORRY IS NOT ENOUGH, INFIDELITY AND BETRAYAL IN COUPLES AND COUPLE THERAPY

Saturday, June 15, 10am-1pm

Ronald Mah, MA, LMFT, PhD, WISR Faculty. Despite social, cultural, and personal standards of monogamy, affairs remain prevalent in many committed couples. Possibly the most difficult challenge in couple therapy, infidelity in a committed couple can manifest in a variety of forms and for a variety of reasons that reflect the personality and issues of unfaithful partners. The student and therapist is guided in making accurate assessment of causes and types of affairs leading to therapeutic strategies. Reality that apology no matter how sincere is not enough for recovery lead to areas of clinical exploration. Gender and cultural standards and differences are differentiated as well as characterological issues including personality disorders in the assessment process.

Authentic and inauthentic forgiveness in recovery, along with acceptance as an alternative approach/process are examined for reconciliation, as well as the roles of the unfaithful partner and the offended partner in creating the context of infidelity. Immediate considerations at the beginning of treatment including boundaries, decision-making, and discussing the impact of the affair lead to issues of intense scrutiny, transparency, flashbacks, trauma, and assessment of commitment along with etiological considerations such as attachment losses, social modeling, and family-of-origin dynamics that guide the therapist to identify the logic of infidelity and thus, the logic of recovery.

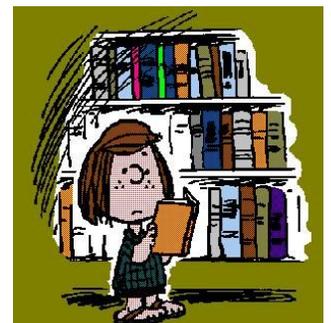
Announcements:

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Help Catalogue WISR's Library! We are in the midst of cataloging the books in WISR's library. We very much need a half dozen, or more people who can volunteer about 4 hours per week for at least several months. Training is provided. *Requirements for volunteers include:*

- 1) Be able to read and follow detailed instructions.*
- 2) Have good computer, typing, and internet use skills.*
- 3) Are able to meet with the Librarian on weekends*

Please contact cynthia.roberson@wisr.edu or mail@wisr.edu for more information.



Standing Tall, 2nd Edition by WISR Alumnus Jake Sloan just out. You can currently order the Paperback from Bookbaby: <https://store.bookbaby.com/book/Standing-Tall2>.

The Ebook is now available on Amazon and from other book sellers; the paperback will be available there soon as well. Read more at this article in Boule Journal under Features, page 45:

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