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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERN INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH (WISR)

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CALENDAR: All seminars and events are onsite and online, *except where it indicates they are online only and not onsite. (Those with wisr.edu email addresses can find seminar/event info on their Google Calendars.)



Interdisciplinary Seminars & Events

***Mon. 2/10, 6-8pm** Yack & Hack: WISR's Future As An Online Learning Institution: **online only**

Sat. 2/29, 10:00am-12:30pm Professional Wellbeing, *A Turning Of The Soul!*

***Mon. 3/9, 6-8pm** Yack & Hack: WISR's Future As An Online Learning Institution, **online only**

Sat. 3/14, 10am-12:30pm Richard Lawrence Reflections on Battles with Racism

MFT Seminars (w/CEUs* see details below)

Sat. 2/1, 10am-1pm Psychopathology and Diagnostic Principles III

***Sat. 2/8, 10am-12pm** Practicum Process Group: **online only**

Sat. 3/7 10am-1pm Psychopathology and Diagnostic Principles IV

***Sat. 3/21, 10am-12pm** Practicum Process Group: **online only**

***Sat. 4/11, 10am-12pm** Practicum Process Group: **online only**

~**Look for our page on Facebook, also WISRBerkeley on Twitter.**

If you have difficulty logging in to Zoom seminars, go to

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362003-Zoom-Technical-Support>

and click on the blue "Help" button. *International phone numbers are also available.*



Announcements (more detail below)

Invitation to Catalog WISR's Library

Important Information and Disclosures about WISR Seminars and Events

WISR T-Shirt Sale--\$15 each or 2 for \$28.00. Limited sizes and colors are available. Contact us for choices still available: mail@wisr.edu.

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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: WHAT IS THE INTERNET? (Online/Webinar only; not on site) Meets the 2nd Monday of each month

6-8pm, Mondays, February 10th, March 9th

Mark Wilson, WISR's Learning Experience Designer/Technologist.

Mark Wilson will demonstrate the structure of the internet, how we connect to each other, and applications we can use to find, create and distribute digital works. To join from a distance use **Zoom Meeting ID**

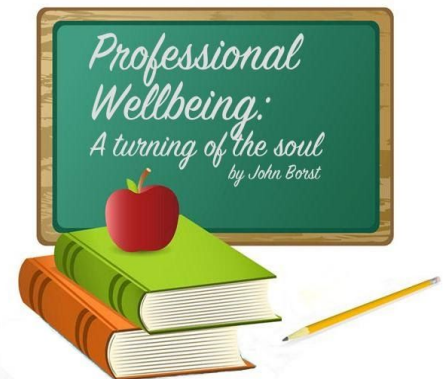
774 808 774 <https://zoom.us/j/774808774> or by phone 669 900 6833. For help with technical difficulties call 510 655 2830 or email mark.wilson@wisr.edu or john.bilorusky@wisr.edu.

PROFESSIONAL WELLBEING, A TURNING OF THE SOUL!

Saturday, February 29th, 10:00am-12:30pm

*John Borst, WISR alumnus (Ph.D. dissertation title, *The Metaphors We Teach By*)* invites you to attend a very unique professional development workshop to dialogue with colleagues about your teaching experience, to imagine and create an action plan to transform (or ponder) your teaching practice, and ready your soul for heightened growth, awareness, and professional wellbeing. Persons not employed as a teacher per se may apply workshop learnings to similar or different professional contexts, and/or benefit by understanding how one can support teachers in transforming their profession for the wellbeing of both students and society.

To join from a distance use **Zoom Meeting ID** 953-832-228, <https://zoom.us/j/953832228> or by phone 669 900 6833. For help with technical difficulties call 510 655 2830 or email john.bilorusky@wisr.edu.



RICHARD LAWRENCE REFLECTIONS ON BATTLES WITH RACISM

Saturday, March 14, 2020, 10:00 am-12:30pm

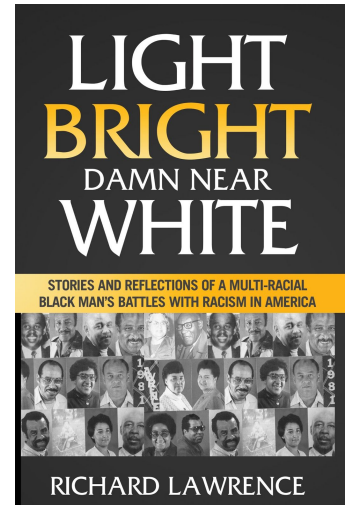
Victor Bloomberg, WISR Ed.D. Student, and Richard Lawrence, WISR Board of Directors, Facilitators. In conversation with Victor Bloomberg, Richard Lawrence recently asked, "How is it that I've always known that I'm loved and loveable despite all of the abuse that I've suffered from racism?" Implicit in Richard's question is a premise: the power required for emancipation is love. Our dialog is intimate. Intimacy is healing, empowering; and the vulnerability is mutual. Clinical education for psychotherapy attempts to teach methods of intimacy constrained by the Hippocratic Oath. We hope to show examples of non-clinical intimacy guided by the same ethics. Richard and Victor plan to use the

seminar conversation and post-seminar feedback to guide their continuing efforts. Their project's goal is to create short videos that can be used at WISR and in the community to support social justice activists.

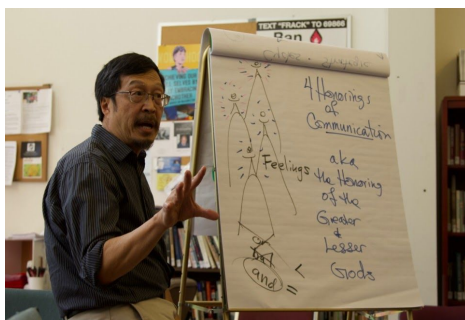
This will be the premier showing of an 8 minute video that Richard and Victor produced. In it, Richard shares an incident of racism and imagines turning it into an educational resource to combat racism. The significance of racist injustice is discussed. It is the second video produced by Victor and Richard in the past few months. The first video they produced was shared on the WISR Community Discussion Forum at Google Plus. The theme that ties each video is: "Respect for dignity empowers and emancipates." The first video provides some context for the seminar. The Youtube link is: <https://youtu.be/jfj6YK6cACA>. Following the premier of the second video, the seminar conversation will begin!

Richard Lawrence and Victor Bloomberg co-founded a nonprofit, "Info Power To The People, Inc.," in 2004. Its mission is to support the development of grassroots organizations. Both of them emerged from the historic wave of movements for human and civil rights during the 1960s. Richard's work with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rev. Jesse Jackson in Chicago instilled in him a lifelong dedication to social justice activism. Richard's memoir is the foundation for continuing conversations between him and Victor. It is: "Light, Bright, Damn Near White: Stories and Reflections of a Multi-Racial Black Man's Battles Against Racism in America"

<https://ipttp.com/books/light-bright-damn-near-white/> To join from a distance use **Zoom Meeting ID 204-739-752**, <https://zoom.us/j/204739752> or by phone **669 900 6833**. For help with technical difficulties call **510 655 2830** or email john.bilorusky@wizr.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 MFT and LPCC licenses and are now available by telephone conference call and video webinar.*



PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND DIAGNOSTIC PRINCIPLES III & IV

Saturday, February 1st, March 7th, 10am-1pm
Ronald Mah, MA, LMFT, PhD, WISR Faculty.

These workshops will examine the study of the diagnosis, assessment, prognosis and treatment of mental disorders. Included will be a study of the characteristics and dynamics associated with various pathologies, ranging from neurotic styles found among "normal," functioning adults to severe disorders. There will be an

examination of different systems of diagnosis, including the current edition of the DSM, and the strategies of treatment associated with these various diagnoses. Various approaches to diagnoses as related to varied mental health practices will lead to the concept and practice of differential diagnosis, the impact of co-occurring substance abuse disorders or medical psychological disorders, established diagnostic criteria for mental or emotional disorders, the role of diagnosis in recovery-oriented care, and the treatment modalities and placement criteria within the continuum of care. Diagnosis, including conceptualizations of issues will be linked to conceptualizations and therapeutic approaches and strategies.

To join from a distance on **Feb. 1st (III) and March 7th (IV)**, use **Zoom Meeting ID 129-544-872**, <https://zoom.us/j/129544872>; by phone, call **669-900-6833**. To RSVP or for help with technical difficulties call **510 655 2830** or email ronald.mah@wizr.edu or john.bilorusky@wizr.edu and provide a phone#.

PRACTICUM PROCESS GROUP: Monthly Series of Seminars (Online/Webinar only; not on site) Saturdays, February 8th, March 21st, 10am-12pm

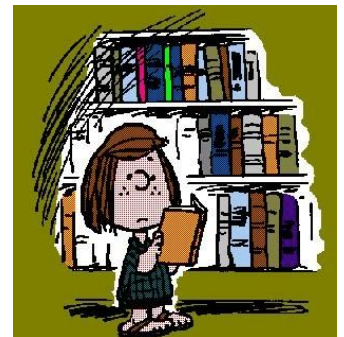
Rosa Reinikainen, MFT, WISR Adjunct Faculty will lead this group for those MFT and LPCC students and alumni who are who are pre-practicum, those who are in practicum, and those who have already done their practicum. We will be discussing issues around therapy practices, including treatment plans, assessments, modalities etc. This is a place for students, interns and associates to discuss their experiences, hopes and ideas and to discuss the world of therapy in a group setting. This is a monthly seminar where we can discuss any thoughts, ideas or concerns you might have surrounding practicum and therapy practices. Everyone is welcome regardless of where you are at in your learning.



To join from a distance On **February 8th**, use the **Zoom ID and link: 118-790-969**, <https://zoom.us/j/118790969> or by phone **669-900-6833**. To RSVP or for help with technical difficulties call **510-655-2830** or email rosa.reinikainen@wizr.edu and provide a phone# in case of technical difficulties. On **March 21st**, use the Zoom ID **511 514 811** and link <https://zoom.us/j/511514811>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation to Catalog WISR's Library: We are in the midst of cataloging the books in WISR's library and need 6 or more people people to 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 and 3) Are able to meet with the Librarian on weekends.* Please contact cynthia.roberson@wizr.edu or mail@wizr.edu for more information.





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- For those who are new to WISR, here are some important things to know about WISR seminars and events.
- All WISR seminars and events are accessible online through the use of Zoom, and they are also concurrently held on site at WISR's facility in Berkeley, CA, which is on unceded, traditional Ohlone territory.
- At WISR, we intend to create a learning environment that is safe, and supportive of mutually respectful dialogue and collaboration, and curiosity and openness in learning. [see WISR's Statement of Non-Discrimination and Affirmation of Diversity Values: <https://www.wizr.edu/wizr-statement-of-affirmation-of-diversity-values/> --and a portion a portion of which is found under "WISR Core Values Include" below]
- At WISR, we welcome people from all walks of life and of many, varied values and political beliefs, who share WISR's commitment to our affirmation of diversity values.
- At the beginning of each seminar, we give each participant a minute to introduce themselves, and if they wish, to share a bit about themselves. Those wishing to inform others of the personal pronoun they wish to have used for themselves, are encouraged to do so, when introducing themselves.
- All WISR seminars and events are recorded, and photos and brief video clips of WISR seminars may be posted on WISR's website. In addition, the entire video of each seminar is accessible to WISR students, faculty and staff through WISR's online courses. By participating in a WISR seminar or other event, you are giving WISR permission to use photos or videos of your participation in these seminars and events. However, if you have strong concerns about a particular portion of the seminar in which you made comments, you may, within 24 hours, request that we remove that portion of your comments. (For more details, go to: <https://www.wizr.edu/academics/sample-page/seminars-and-campus-events/>)

WISR CORE VALUES INCLUDE

Developing a multicultural, inclusive perspective. This means developing and using multicultural perspectives to inform one's purposes, and one's views of social issues and challenges and opportunities in one's chosen fields or arenas of endeavor—profession, workplace, community.

- Developing a sense of empathy, compassion and community toward, and with others.
- Appreciating and understanding the broad spectrum of perspectives and consciousness, and how those arise out of people's culture, gender, economic background, religious and sexual orientation.
- A culture of learning that respects and promotes the dignity of every person.
- The belief that no individual or group may rightfully prosper at the expense of others.
- The use of language that conveys respect for persons whose gender identity, culture, religion, sexual orientation, economic background, or political interests may differ from our own.

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