



Social Construction: Relational Theory and Transformative Practices

Durham, New Hampshire

October 14-16, 2010

Sheila McNamee, Ph.D. and Harlene Anderson, Ph.D.

Sheila and Harlene invite you to join them in the beautiful New England environment for an intimate workshop. Bringing their breadth of experiences together, the workshop will introduce social construction and relational practices for those new to it and will help those familiar with it deepen their understandings and practices. Additionally, focus will be on the practical application of constructionist ideas in organizations, therapy, education, and community development. We will focus on relational constructionist understandings of language and meaning-making, polyvocality, transformative dialogue, and appreciative and future oriented perspectives. Participants will learn how social reality is constructed in language and the implications of this for our understandings, knowledge, and everyday practice. Participants with a background in social construction will have an opportunity to explore issues of special relevance to their projects and practices. Taos/Tilburg Ph.D. students are encouraged to attend, as are other interested students.

Workshop sessions will be complimented by informal gatherings and meals (lunches included in the cost of the workshop). Our meeting venue is the Community Church of Durham.

Hotel rooms can be booked separately at the Holiday Inn Express (information below). *Please mention booking code TIW.* Rooms will be held for the Taos Institute Workshop participants at the Holiday Inn Express **until September 14, 2010.**

Come to Durham and explore the potential of social construction and relational practices in your personal and professional lives.

CE Credits available through Houston Galveston Institute.

CE Hours fee: \$20.00 (payable by check or cash prior to the workshop)
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Registration Fee (includes Thursday reception, Friday and Saturday coffee breaks and lunch (dinner is on your own):

Regular registration: \$600
Student registration: \$450*

*Taos/Tilburg Ph.D. students' contact info@taosinstitute.net for your registration information.

Schedule

Opening Reception followed by introductory session 5:30pm Thursday, October 14, 9am-5pm Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16.

To Register:

Send your name, status (student or other) and contact information, along with a check (made out to Sheila McNamee) covering the registration fee to:

Sheila McNamee
156 Packers Falls Road
Durham, NH 03824

Hotel Accommodations

Holiday Inn Express
Phone: 603.868.1234
Double/Single: \$115.00 plus tax per night

Please remember to make your own hotel reservations by September 14 (reservation code: TIW). Please note that hotel rooms are difficult to find at this time of year due to fall foliage tours (another great reason to come to New England to talk about Social Construction in October!) If you would like to share a hotel room, let us know and we will put you in contact with other workshops participants.

Flight Arrangements

You can fly into Manchester Airport (MHT) in Manchester, New Hampshire which is approximately a 50 minute drive to Durham. You can also fly into Boston's Logan International Airport, approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes from Durham.

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