



In collaboration with the Houston Galveston Institute

Presents a Conference:

Dialogues that Deliver: Generative Practices in Collaboration, Conflict and Community September 25-28, 2008 Sarasota, Florida

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Pre-conference workshops:

Sept 23-24th Social Construction, Relational Theory and Transformational Practices with Sheila McNamee and Harlene Anderson

Sept 24th Pathways to Publishing – a Writing Workshop with Jane Seiling and Jackie Stavros

Join The Taos Institute for a unique opportunity to interact with practitioners discovering and experimenting with dialogic practices that deliver.

Participate in a forum for sharing across multiple arenas of action.

Create a context for the collaborative creation of new ideas around dialogue.

Engage in a weaving of theory, practice, conversation, nature, and good fun.

Join in an opportunity for generating further resources for social change through dialogue.

The conference will be of particular interest to practitioners and academics from any profession concerned with personal or social change.

- Keynote sessions featuring Kenneth Gergen, John Shotter and Seth Kahan
- Special Feature: A dialogue with the founders of the Taos Institute. Fifteen years ago, the founders met in Taos, NM for the first time to explore how social constructionist thoughts and theories impact their practices, teaching and research. This will be the first time in 10 years that the founders will all be together again. It will be a dialogue to remember.
- Workshops include:
 - **The Dialogue of the Practice-Based Approach to Social Change Research** with Ron Chenail, Sally St. George, Dan Wulff, Maureen Duffy, Laurie Charles
 - **The Challenge of Introducing Collaborative Practices in Traditional Organizations: Relationships and Conversations with Teachers and Students that Make a Difference** with Harlene Anderson and Sylvia London
 - **Rethinking Public Healthcare Practice: Dialogue and Collaboration** with Sheila McNamee and Bob Cottor
 - **The Role of Dialogue in an Appreciative Inquiry** with Jane Watkins
 - **Dialogue as Coordinated Movement** with Ken and Mary Gergen
 - **Beyond Conflict Resolution: Transformative Dialogue** with Sheila McNamee and Sara Cobb
 - **Re-membering Conversations: Constructing Living Dialogues with the Stories of the Dead** with Lorraine Hedtke
 - **Dialogues with the Community: Social Engagement as a Practice of Mental Health** with Sue Levin and Saliha Bava
 - **The Dialogue of the Coaching Partnership: Coaching from an Collaborative/Appreciative Approach** with Barbara Sloan
 - **Overcoming Polarization and Estrangement in our Relational Worlds — Family, Professional, Community, and Even Political** with Sallyann Roth