



## *Social Construction: Relational Theory and Transformative Practices*

*Durham, New Hampshire*

*October 5-7, 2017*

*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 Ph.D. students are encouraged to attend, as are other interested students and professionals.

Workshop sessions will be complimented by informal gatherings and an opening dinner together. Our meeting venue is the Community Church of Durham.

Hotel rooms can be booked separately at the Holiday Inn Express (information below). *Please mention the "Taos Institute" group when booking.* Room reservations must be received by **September 15, 2017.**

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 dinner reception, Friday and Saturday coffee/tea breaks (lunch and dinner is on your own Friday and Saturday):**

Regular registration: \$600

Student registration: \$450\*

\*Taos Ph.D. students' registration is covered by your tuition unless you have already attended four workshops. Please check with Dawn Dole to make sure you are eligible.

## **Schedule**

Opening Reception (dinner) and introductory session 6:00pm Thursday, October 5

*At Sheila's home: 156 Packers Falls Road, Durham, NH*

9-5 Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7

*At the Community Church of Durham, 17 Main Street, Durham (just across the street from the Holiday Inn Express)*

## **To Register:**

Send your name, status (student or other), contact information, and any dietary restrictions, 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**

*Please make your own hotel reservations before September 30.*

Holiday Inn Express

Phone: 603.868.1234

Double/Single: \$119.00 plus tax per night

*Please remember to make your own hotel reservations by September 15 (mention "Taos Institute" when booking). 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 workshop 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. If flying to Boston, you can take the MBTA (trip planner: <http://www.mbta.com>) to North Station and take the Amtrak (Downeaster: <http://www.amtrakdowneaster.com>) to Durham. You can also take the C&J Trailways bus (<http://www.ridecj.com>) from Logan airport to Portsmouth, NH and take a taxi from there to Durham (there is limited service directly to Durham so you can check that out as well) .

### **For more information contact**

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