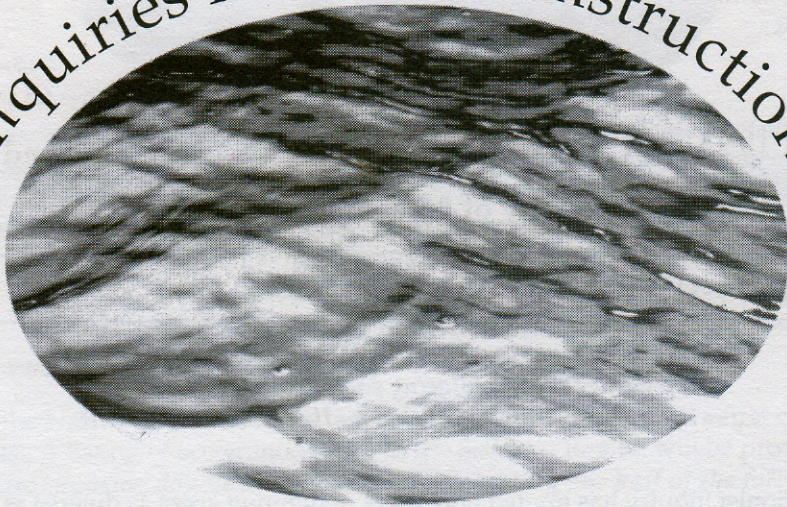


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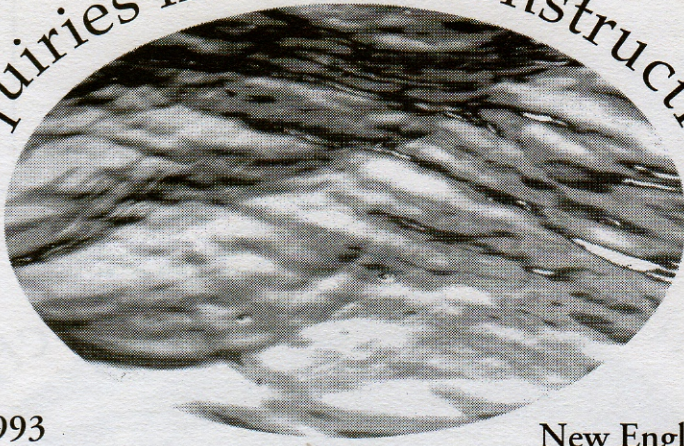
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AN INVITATION TO ATTEND

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## OUR GOAL

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*To gather those exploring social constructionism,  
extending the dialogue of this multi-faceted movement.*

Social constructionist inquiry has invited new ways of defining areas as diverse as science, communication, education, and ethics. It has stimulated a new range of dialogue cutting across the disciplines, blurring the lines between the academy and other cultural expressions. Social constructionism invites alternative modes of investigation in a wide array of social and professional practices.

This conference brings together scholars who share an interest in the social construction of understanding and action, and an understanding of the significance of this process in academic, professional, and everyday affairs. The conference will facilitate a wide-ranging interchange through symposia, keynote addresses, roundtable discussions, media presentations and social events.

The combination of the New England seacoast and the wooded beauty of the conference site offers a congenial atmosphere for the proceedings.

The members of the Conference Committee cordially extend an invitation to you to become a participant in this on-going exchange.

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## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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## PLENARY SPEAKERS

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### STEVE FULLER

Associate Professor of Philosophy at the Center for the Study of Science in Society at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, author of *Social Epistemology*, *Philosophy of Science and Its Discontents*, and the forthcoming volume, *Philosophy, Rhetoric, and the End of Knowledge: The Coming of Science and Technology Studies*, and editor of the journal, *Social Epistemology*.

### PATTI LATHER

Associate Professor in the Department of Education Policy and Leadership at Ohio State University, participating in an effort to offer a Gender and Education doctoral emphasis, author of *Getting Smart: Feminist Research and Pedagogy with/in the Postmodern*, currently working on the problems of women with AIDS and who are HIV positive.

### DONALD N. MCCLOSKEY

Professor of Economics at the University of Iowa and the author of *The Rhetoric of Economics*, and *If You're So Smart, The Narrative of Economic Expertise*, co-editor (with J.S. Nelson and A. Magill) of *The Rhetoric of the Human Sciences*, and head coordinator for the University of Iowa interdisciplinary program in the Rhetoric of Inquiry.

### STEPHEN A. TYLER

Professor of Anthropology and Linguistics at Rice University, author of: *The Said and The Unsaid: Mind, Meaning and Culture, India: An Anthropological Perspective*, and *The Unspeakable: Discourse, Dialogue, and Rhetoric in the Postmodern World*.

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## SYMPOSIA LEADERS

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#### *Developmental Studies*

Ben S. Bradley  
Department of Psychology  
James Cook University  
Townsville, Australia

#### *Organizational Theory*

David Cooperrider  
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#### *Psychological Discourse*

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#### *Feminist Social Construction*

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Pennsylvania State University  
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#### *Critical Social Construction*

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Horton Social Science Center  
University of New Hampshire  
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#### *Sociology of Knowledge*

Michael Lynch  
Department of Sociology  
Boston University  
Boston, MA 02215

#### *Therapeutic Practices*

Sheila McNamee  
Department of Communication  
Horton Social Science Center  
University of New Hampshire  
Durham, NH 03824

#### *Social Construction in the Media*

Joshua Meyrowitz  
Department of Communication  
Horton Social Science Center  
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#### *Subjectivity and Textuality*

Jill Morawski  
Department of Psychology  
Wesleyan University  
Middletown, CT 06457

#### *Negotiated Realities*

W. Barnett Pearce  
Department of Communication  
Loyola University  
820 North Michigan Avenue  
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#### *The Rhetoric of Inquiry*

Herbert Simons  
Rhetoric and Communication 265-65  
Temple University  
Philadelphia, PA 19122

#### *Narrative Construction*

Katharine Young  
Center for Science and Culture  
University of Delaware  
Newark, DE 19716



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## PARTICIPATION

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*We are striving to provide a collaborative context  
through a flexible and inclusive program format.*

The conference is open to all. If you would like to participate as a formal presenter, you should send a proposal consisting of a one page abstract, including title, author(s), a mailing address, and symposium title (if appropriate). Because of time and space limitations, not all worthy contributions can be accepted at this year's conference. However, offering a presentation is in no way required for attendance. Space limitations place an upward limit on the number of conferees-so **early registration** is desirable.

**Proposals should be sent by April 15, 1993** to Eileen McDonough Rogers, Director, Kellogg Program Office, The New England Center, University of New Hampshire, 15 Strafford Avenue, Durham, NH 03824-3560.

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## SCHEDULE AND FEES

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The Conference will begin on Thursday, June 3, 1993, in the New England Center with registration from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and an informal gathering. The format on Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5 will include plenary sessions, concurrent symposia, and paper discussions. Friday evening will include video and film presentations, and on Saturday evening there will be an optional New England Lobster Bake. On Sunday, a plenary session and concurrent symposia will be followed by the award winning New England Center Sunday Brunch. The Conference will conclude after brunch, at approximately 1:30 pm on Sunday, June 6, 1993.

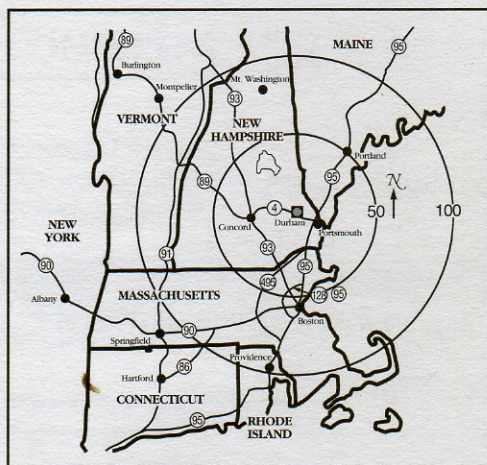
The registration fee includes: materials, meals, all coffee break buffets, and brunch on Sunday, June 6. The optional Lobster Feast in York Harbor, Maine will be an authentic Downeast meal with lobster fresh from the sea, Maine clams, seafood chowder, corn, potatoes and onions. (Alternative choices will be available for those who don't eat lobster.) After dinner there will be live entertainment including a Downeast sing-along. *Bring your musical instruments.*

Lodging is offered in the Twin Towers of the New England Center. You may indicate your selection on the attached registration form. The nearest airport is Portsmouth/Pease International Tradeport, served by Delta Business Express, and United Express. Boston's International Airport is one hour's drive from Durham, and the campus is reached by bus or limousine.

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## THE NEW ENGLAND CENTER

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The New England Center, on the campus of the University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, is a fully equipped conference center, with hotel, restaurants, and meeting rooms, completely dedicated to education. Located in the heart of the New England Seacoast region, the Center's ten wooded acres are enhanced by granite outcroppings, a brook, and stands of oak and evergreen trees.

The setting here in New Hampshire in the summer lends itself to personal reflection, informality and collegiality, so you are encouraged to *dress casually*.