

Social Construction

September 16 - 19, 1999



and Relational Practices

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JOIN US FOR A SECOND LANDMARK CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 16 - 19, 1999

Social Construction and Relational Practices will provide a forum for the joint exploration of current developments in social constructionist thought and practice. The emphasis will be on relational practices that create and transform cultural life. Throughout the conference, a venue will be created to bring social constructionist theory and practice into mutually enriching dialogue.

This conference is designed as a living and learning community; all presentations, symposia, roundtable discussions, meals, and accommodations will be held at the New England Conference Center and Hotel on the campus of the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Accommodations and attendance are limited - please register today!

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Plenary Speakers



Kenneth J. Gergen is Mustin Professor of Psychology at Swarthmore College and Co-Founder of the Taos Institute. He is author of *The Saturated Self*, *Realities and Relationships*, and *Toward Transformation in Social Knowledge*.

John Shotter is Professor of Communication at the University of New Hampshire and author of *Conversational Realities*, *Cultural Politics of Everyday Life*, and *Social Accountability and Selfhood*.

Melissa Elliott Griffith, M.S.N., C.S. is Clinical Assistant Professor in Psychiatry at The George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She has a private practice at the Church Street Center in Vienna, Virginia and **James L. Griffith**, M.D. is Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at The George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. where he serves as Director of the Psychiatry Residency Training Program and Director of Consultation-Liaison and Emergency Psychiatric Services. They are co-authors of *The Body Speaks: Therapeutic Dialogues for Mind-Body Problems*.

Sallyann Roth, M.S.W. is a Founding Associate of the Public Conversations Project, Director of the Program in Narrative Therapies at the Family Institute of Cambridge which she co-directed for over fifteen years. She serves as a facilitator of the psychological component of the Project on Negotiation at Harvard Law School and has a private practice.



Conference Themes



New Directions in Constructionist Therapies

- Harlene Anderson, Houston Galveston Institute, and the Taos Institute

Discourse and Change Practices in Organizations

- Tojo Thatchenkery, Organizational Learning Laboratory - Program on Social and Organizational Learning, George Mason University

New Directions in Qualitative Research

- Art Bochner, Department of Communication, University of South Florida
- Carolyn Ellis, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida

Constructing Health and Illness

- Arlene Katz, Harvard Medical School
- John Shotter, Department of Communication, University of New Hampshire

Appreciative Inquiry

- David Cooperrider, Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University
- Diana Whitney, Whitney Consultants

Social Construction, Education, and the Authority of Knowledge

- Kenneth Bruffee, Honors Academy, Brooklyn College

The Self: Deconstruction/Reconstruction

- Michael Bamberg, Frances L. Hiatt School of Psychology, Clark University

Social Construction and the Creation of Civil Society

- W. Barnett Pearce, Co-Principal, Pearce Associates

New Directions in Constructionist Social Work

- Stanley Witkin, Department of Social Work, University of Vermont

Social Construction and Political Action

- John Lannanann, Department of Communication, University of New Hampshire

The Collaborative Construction of News

- Joshua Meyrowitz, Department of Communication, University of New Hampshire

Scholarship as Performance

- Mary Gergen, Department of Psychology, Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus, and The Taos Institute

*Practice gives words
their significance.*

Ludwig Wittgenstein

- Enjoy the beauty of fall in New Hampshire -

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A CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Your participation in this conference is welcomed and encouraged. If you would like to participate in one of the conference theme sessions, please submit your proposal in the following format:

Proposals must be:

- MS Word text document
- sent via email attachment - OR - on PC diskette
- 12 point Times New Roman or similar font
- 600-700 words. Proposals longer than this will be returned for revision, and are subject to the same 7/19 deadline.
- clearly marked as to the "conference theme" (see list in program section) under which your proposal should be reviewed. Proposals not identified as to theme will be returned for identification and are subject to the same 7/19 deadline.
- emailed to: taos.proposals@unh.edu
- surface mailed to: Conference Proposal, Thompson Hall 207, UNH, Durham, NH 03824
- received by 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Monday, July 19, 1999.

Who Should Attend

- scholars from
the humanities
and social sciences
- therapists
- educators
- community builders
- organizational
consultants
- anyone interested
in exploring the
potentials of
relational theory
and practice
- YOU

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REGISTRATION FORM

_____ Mr.	First Name	Last Name	First Name for Name Tag
_____ Mrs.	Title	Name of Organization	
_____ Ms.	Address	Phone	Fax
_____ Dr.	City	State	ZIP
			E-mail address

If you are selecting the CEU option, please enter your social security number here: _____

Please check one registration box and enter registration fee below.

General Attendance	Student Attendance	UNH Faculty and Staff
Full registration - includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• three nights' accommodation at the New England Conference Center and Hotel on the campus of the University of New Hampshire• all meals and breaks except for optional events (Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch)• attendance at all workshops, symposia, and roundtable discussions on September 16 - 19• all conference materials and session handouts		
<input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy \$640 (after August 2 - \$715) <input type="checkbox"/> Double occupancy \$485 (after August 2 - \$560)	<input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy \$540 (after August 2 - \$615) <input type="checkbox"/> Double occupancy \$385 (after August 2 - \$460)	<input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy \$540 (after August 2 - \$615) <input type="checkbox"/> Double occupancy \$385 (after August 2 - \$460)
Commuter rate - includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• all meals and breaks except for optional events (Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch)• attendance at all workshops, symposia, and roundtable discussions on September 16 - 19• all conference materials and session handouts		
<input type="checkbox"/> General commuter \$325 (after August 2 - \$400)	<input type="checkbox"/> Student commuter \$225 (after August 2 - \$300)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNH commuter \$225 (after August 2 - \$300)
Day rate - includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• all meals and breaks for one day except for optional events (Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch)• attendance at workshops, symposia, and roundtable discussions for one day• conference materials and handouts for one day		
General day rate <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, September 17 \$175 (after August 2 - \$250) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, September 18 \$175 (after August 2 - \$250) <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, September 19 \$100 (after August 2 - \$125)	Student day rate <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, September 17 \$75 (after August 2 - \$150) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, September 18 \$75 (after August 2 - \$150) <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, September 19 \$50 (after August 2 - \$100)	UNH day rate <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, September 17 \$75 (after August 2 - \$150) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, September 18 \$75 (after August 2 - \$150) <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, September 19 \$50 (after August 2 - \$100)

If you are choosing double accommodations:

☐ I will be sharing with _____

☐ Conferee ☐ Guest

☐ Assign a roommate for me. I prefer: ☐ non-smoker ☐ smoker

REGISTRATION FEES

Enter amount of registration fee from above here \$ _____

OPTIONAL FEES

Saturday dinner dance	\$33	\$ _____
Sunday brunch	\$14	\$ _____
CEU's available	\$15	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

\$ _____

PAYMENT

All registrations must be accompanied by full payment.

☐ Check (made payable to the University of New Hampshire)
☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ AmExp

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name as it appears on card _____

Signature _____

Roommate policy

If we are unable to assign a roommate, you will be charged the single room rate.

Registration Information

Please type or print all information. Use a separate form for each person (photocopy if needed). Full payment must accompany this registration and be in U.S. dollars (check or money order) drawn on a bank with a branch in the United States and made payable to University of New Hampshire, or charged to a credit card. Mail or fax this form to: **University Conference Office, 11 Brook Way, Durham, NH 03824. Fax: 603.862.0245.** If you have any questions relating to the registration process, please call the **University Conference Office at 603.862.1900.**

Cancellation Policy

For cancellations received on or before July 30, 1999, a full refund will be issued minus an administrative fee of \$50. Sorry, we cannot honor cancellations, or issue credits on registration fees, accommodations, or meals after 12:00 noon on Monday, August 2, 1999.

Continuing Education Credits

Continuing education credits are available for participants who are attending the full conference.

☐ Yes! I'd like to receive information on becoming a member of the Taos Institute!