

**Both/And Resources and 2Stories present:**

**KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING:  
DIALOGICAL RESOURCES FOR THERAPY & SUPERVISION**  
with **Sheila McNamee, PhD & Julie Tilsen, PhD**  
Friday March 2, 9:00-4:30 & Saturday March 3, 9:00-12:30, 2012  
Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave at Franklin Ave  
Eat Street, Minneapolis, MN

Sheila and Julie will present ideas and practices that facilitate fluid, flexible, and responsive relational engagement within the therapeutic relationship. They will explore a variety of ways that therapists & clients, supervisors & therapists can engage in generative conversations that construct new and hopeful stories within which to live. Practices that generate multiple perspectives and promote relational connection will be highlighted. They will also discuss how responding to client preferences and the therapeutic relationship meets the growing mandate for “evidence-based practice.”

This is a two-day workshop. Day one is a full day and will feature integration of theory and practice, reflexive activities focused on relational and ethical considerations, and practice-based activities. Day two is a half-day and will include a live consultation with a clinical supervisor and their supervisee. **You must attend Friday in order to attend Saturday. You may attend Friday without attending Saturday.**

Employing the story metaphor as a means to understand peoples' lives and our relationships with them, Sheila and Julie will explore the following questions:

- **Who** do I need to be for this client/supervisee?
- **Who** does the problem/this story require the client/supervisee to be?
- **What** are the cultural narratives that influence the current version of the story?
- **What** are the implications of this or other stories on the lives of those involved?
- **When** did/could things develop one way or another?
- **When** could I be inquiring about (past/present/future)?
- **Where** are these understandings of the story located?
- **Where** might different understandings be located?
- **Why** is this important, meaningful, significant?
- **How** can we keep the conversation going and generating new and meaningful stories?

**Schedule: Friday March 2**

**8:30 Registration**

**9:00-12:00 Workshop**

**12:00-1:30 Lunch on your own (Eat Street!)**

**1:30-4:30 Workshop**

**Saturday March 3**

**8:30 Registration**

**9:00-12:30 Workshop (live consultation)**

**Sheila McNamee, Ph.D.**, is Professor of Communication at the University of New Hampshire. She is co-founder, Vice President and Board Member of the Taos Institute. At the University of New Hampshire, she is the 2001 recipient of the Class of 1944 Professorship and the 2007 recipient of the Lindberg Award for Outstanding Scholar/Teacher. Her work is focused on dialogic transformation within a variety of social and institutional contexts including psychotherapy, organizations, education, healthcare, and local communities. She is author of *Relational Responsibility: Resources for Sustainable Dialogue*, with Kenneth Gergen. Other books include, *Therapy as Social Construction*, with Kenneth Gergen, *Philosophy in Therapy: The Social Poetics of Therapeutic Conversation*, with Klaus Deissler, *The Appreciative Organization*, with her co-founders of the Taos Institute, and *Research and Social Change: A Relational Constructionist Approach* and *The Social Construction of Organisation* both with Dian Marie Hosking. Sheila has also authored numerous articles and chapters on social constructionist theory and practice. She actively engages constructionist practices in a variety of contexts, bringing communities of

participants with diverse and often opposing viewpoints together to create livable futures. Sheila lectures and consults regularly, both nationally and internationally, for universities, private institutes, organizations, and communities. She holds visiting and affiliate faculty positions at Utrecht University, Tilburg University, and the University of Parma.

**Julie Tilsen, MA, LP, PhD** is an associate of the Taos Institute and Training Coordinator for the International Center for Clinical Excellence. In this capacity, she has the opportunity to train clinicians from around the world in the practice of feedback-informed therapy from a consumer-driven orientation. She is a featured presenter at the *Therapeutic Conversations Conferences*, having been interviewed for the *History of Change* series in 2007 (with Dave Nylund) and delivering the closing keynote in 2010 (with Dave Nylund). Julie has a private practice in Minneapolis working with kids, youth, and families. She provides harm-reduction services to people living with HIV/AIDS, trains and supervises therapists and youth workers in socially just, narrative-informed practices, and works with queer and transgender people and their families. Julie publishes in professional journals and her work is featured in several professional training videos produced by Alexander Street Press including, *“Queer Theory in Action: Theoretical Resources for Therapeutic Conversation,”* (with David Nylund) *“Feedback Informed Treatment,”* (with Scott Miller) and *“Therapy as Social Construction”* (with Sheila McNamee). Julie is the 2011 recipient of the Minnesota Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Distinguished Service Award.

<b>Cost: (student/non-student)</b>			
<b>Earlybird</b> (posted by Feb.3)	<b>Regular</b> (posted by Feb. 22)		<b>At door</b> (if space)
<b>Friday</b>	50/90	75/125	90/150
<b>Both days</b>	75/130	100/175	125/200

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\*\*\*Certificate of attendance for 9 CEs will be provided\*\*\**

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