

MEDIATORS BEYOND BORDERS

A coalition of students, faculty and community support groups are in the process of establishing a University Chapter of Mediators Beyond Borders at WISR. (<http://www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org/>).. WISR's MBB Chapter will be open to all students and is open to non-degree learners for a \$100/year fee which also gives them access to a blog at <http://wisrville.org>, to membership in MBB, and participation in all WISR seminars and group learning activities (but not for academic credit).

Mediation Beyond Borders (MBB) Learning Opportunity:

An Invitation to the WISR Learning Community

What are we inviting you to?

An ongoing monthly learning/coaching salon for credit or personal transformation.

As change agents and help agents we experience or work with clients who deal with conflict.

What is the cost of conflict in the organization, work place and society?

We will look at a free tool available from Mediation Training International.

What is the cost of destructive conflict?

What are the benefits of conflict?

Is there a conflict going on that effects you personally or piques/stimulates your intellectual curiosity?

This will be a shared self learning project an interdevelopmental think tank.

Our teleconference room is more like a safe group mastermind coaching environment than it is a classroom - Our interdevelopmental purpose when we get together is developing skills and wisdom, creating a supportive environment and sharing. You can do this from the comfort and convenience of your home or office.

The Cost of Admission is your willingness and dedication to make yourself and your project a priority - be it goal or inquiry - we ask that you have something specific in mind.

What is one thing that you could learn or have the ability to do at the end of

the year that would give you incredible results?

We will do research, we will share, we will listen and we will take action.

You determine the value of what you need to make this worthwhile.

Please make your game worth playing.

Each session will include:

1. a round robin shared overview of the material
2. analysis of the assignments, case study and audio
3. accelerated skills and learning workshop
4. skills and knowledge wrap up - next topics and resources
- 5 optional interdevelopmental master-mind group session on getting unstuck

If this is a group that piques your interest, send me an email or give me a call.

~Larry Loebig

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The Macro Conflict

As admins, project leaders, change agents and leaders working with diverse populations -we will be more

productive, (bottom line) there will be less emotional wear and tear on you and your important relationships. How much world power would you and your group have at your disposal if you could learn how to work with and channel the energy created by conflict? As a catalyst for change - we seek to identify those tipping points and maximum learning moments. Yes sometimes we point out the obvious. We can create a world of specialists or we can create a special world. The 99% movement is a symptom of a very important issue and we are now at a very important crossroads. We need to decide on the course of human being as well as human doing.



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The WISR 2012 Annual conference and All School Gathering will be exploring social activism around the action and focus created by the Occupy Movement.

One analysis is the 1% know what they want and are focused on getting it. They control 80% of the current valuable resources.

The 99% is a more diverse group both culturally and economically and don't know as a group what is common ground or how to articulate a vision. They are also creating their own economic and cultural stratifications within the movements.

United the 99% are in control and as long as they are in conflict they are not. How can the citizens of the United States cultivate the ability to institute a voters revolt at the polls and create meaningful change?

Can they ignore the influence of the 1% knowing the 1% are made up of communicators, influencers, legislators, corporate, business and financial executives, entertainers, authors and tv/media personalities.

~Larry Loebig

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## ***An Open Letter to WISR's Psychology / MFT Learning Community***

### **Greetings from Sunny Sabbini!**

I am a member of the WISR community and impending doctoral student. I am also a licensed MFT (primarily working with couples, as well as clients and families in recovery). I have training through the NCMC in Divorce Mediation, and I also use my skills in organizational settings as a Team Facilitator and Process Consultant. In addition to the opportunity described below, I would love to hear from you, learn about your work, and see if we might have opportunities to collaborate in the short or long-term.

We would like to invite you to participate in the monthly MBB learning & coaching salons.

I see many overlaps in clinical work and mediation, and invite you to explore how these salons can help you develop your clinical toolkit. As used both in individual and couples/family therapy, the concept of differentiation is central to our ability to develop ourselves and strengthen our relationships. It involves defining and expressing one's own true thoughts and feelings despite pressures to conform or please others.

In addition to teaching the communication skills necessary to cleanly express those thoughts, feelings, and needs, engaging in this work help our clients develop the psychological wherewithal to trust that they can survive engaging in this kind of conflict intimacy, and that doing so builds them and strengthens the relationships that matter most.

Please join our MBB learning & coaching salon to gain frameworks and tools that will support your work as a therapist. Again, I welcome you to contact me to ask more about MBB and mediation, these salons, and our clinical work.

In collaboration.

Sunny

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