



Thursday Half-Day Conferences

LIFTING THE MASK: The Courage to Live My Truth

September 15, 2011

CURTAIN UP: WOMEN'S STORIES, THE POWER OF SHARING OUR EXPERIENCES

Playback theater performance by [True Story Theater](#) acting out true stories from the lives of audience members who volunteer to share their experiences.

September 22, 2011

THE CONTINUING DILEMMA OF TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES: WHY IS IT STILL SO HARD?

Setting the issue: Lindsa Vallee*
Lecture by [Abby Seixas](#), psychotherapist and author of *Finding the Deep River Within*

September 29, 2011

WHAT DOES "FEMINISM" MEAN TO ME?

Panel: [Gina Helfrich](#), Harvard College Women's Center; [Elora Halim Chowdhury](#), Women's Studies, UMass Boston; [Sally Haslanger](#), director of the MIT Women's and Gender Studies Program
Moderator: [Leila Ahmed](#), Harvard Divinity School

October 6, 2011

DISCERNING AND VALIDATING MY INNER TRUTH

Setting the issue: Jadzia Allison*
Lecture by [Janet Cooper Nelson](#), Chaplain of the University & director of the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life, Brown University

October 13, 2011

INVESTING IN FACE-TO-FACE COMMUNICATION IN AN AGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Setting the issue: Judith Cohen*
Lecture by [Jacqueline Olds](#), associate clinical professor of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, co-author of *The Lonely American: Drifting Apart in the Twenty-first Century*

October 20, 2011

THE MADNESS OF CROWDS: LIVING MY TRUTH IN A DIVISIVE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

Setting the issue: Luis Ramirez Urrutia
Lecture by [Arnie Arnesen](#), liberal media personality, former member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives

October 27, 2011

CHANGING THE SCRIPT: ALTERNATIVES FOR DEALING WITH CONFLICT

Lecture by Elizabeth Morse,* international business lawyer, peace activist, and author of upcoming book, *A Woman's Guide to Effective Negotiation*
Lecture by [Laila Atshan](#), psychosocial counselor, trainer, and UNICEF special consultant for trauma victims in conflict zones

November 3, 2011

WOMEN ACKNOWLEDGING DISCOMFORT IN CONFLICT & NOT BACKING OFF

Setting the issue: Mary Margaret Halsey*
Lecture by [Sara Laschever](#) cultural commentator, co-author of *Women Don't Ask: Negotiation and the Gender Divide*

November 10, 2011

DELUSIONS OF GENDER: UNMASKING PATRIARCHY

Setting the issue: Elizabeth Dodson Gray*
Lecture by [Carol Cohn](#) director of the Boston Consortium for Gender, Security, and Human Rights

November 17, 2011

ACT II: COMPOSING OUR LIVES, BEING TRUE TO OURSELVES

Setting the issue: Suzy Becker
Lecture by [Sigrid Olsen](#), fashion designer, artist

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The Theological Opportunities Program lecture series creates an open learning and sharing space for women and men. The lectures focus on issues of concern to women from the personal to the global. Series themes and topics are planned by group consensus and all women are invited to participate. Many women have found the inspiration and courage to make significant changes in their lives or careers from the knowledge and support they have found at TOP. TOP also hosts support and conversation groups for women. TOP began at the Harvard Divinity School in 1973 and became an independent non-profit organization (501c3) in 2003.