

CHANGE AS A CONSTANT: Adapting, Surviving, Thriving

Thursday Half-Day Conferences

March 8, 2012

WOMEN'S ALTERNATIVES TO COMPETITION AND AGGRESSION

Setting the issue:* Sarah Roche-Mahdi, CODEPINK

[Anne Macksoud](#)'s film *Missing Peace: Women of Faith and the Failure of War* will be followed by a lively discussion

March 15, 2012

THE POWER OF VOICES FROM OUR PAST: HAUNTING...INHIBITING...LIBERATING?

Setting the issue*: Maryfrances Davis, Charlene Brotman, and Anna Donovan

Lecture by [Mary Catherine Bateson](#), writer & cultural anthropologist, author of *Composing a Life* and *Composing a Further Life: The Age of Active Wisdom*

March 22, 2012

HEALING OUR GRIEF: MOVING THROUGH MAJOR TRANSITIONS

Setting the issue:* Joey DuBois

Lecture by [Jean Marchant](#), [womanpriest](#) previously director of healthcare ministry for the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston

March 29, 2012

GLOBAL ALERT: HOW CAN WE PROSPER WITHOUT GROWTH?

Setting the issue:* Annie Hoffman

Lecture by [Julie Nelson](#), Dept of Economics Chair, UMass Boston, Global Development & the Environment Institute, Tufts University

April 5, 2012 - NO LECTURES—venue unavailable

April 12, 2012

PARTNERING AND UNPARTNERING AS LIFE CHANGES

Setting the issue:* Marcia Miller Boehlke

Lecture by [Nancy Feth](#), relationship counselor

April 19, 2012

SEXUALITY AND SENSUALITY THROUGHOUT LIFE

Setting the issue:* Chris Farrow-Noble

Lecture by [Gina Ogden](#), sex therapist, researcher, author of *The Return of Desire* and *The Heart and Soul of Sex*

April 26, 2012

FREEDOM YOUR SPACE AND YOUR LIFE: THE EMOTIONAL PROCESS OF DECLUTTERING

Setting the issue:* Jadzia Allison

Lecture by [Gail Steketee](#), Dean BU School of Social Work, co-author of *Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things* and *Buried in Treasures: Help for Compulsive Acquiring, Saving, and Hoarding*

May 3, 2012

RISKING CHANGE: CONFRONTING VERBAL ABUSE

Setting the issue:* Paula Chandoha

Lecture by [Jan Bergstrom](#), relational and trauma therapist

May 10, 2012

FEELING "AT HOME" DURING YOUR LIFE'S JOURNEY

Panel: [Emily Robertson](#), [Penny Dunning](#), [Martha Nielsen](#), [Elizabeth Dodson Gray](#)

Followed by an open mic participatory discussion

May 17, 2012

MAINTAINING YOUR CENTER WITHIN CHAOS

Setting the issue:* Beth Cohen

Lecture by [Susan Trausch](#), former Boston Globe reporter, author of *Groping Toward Whatever – or How I Learned to Retire (Sort Of)*

* Advisory Committee member or guest speaks briefly on how this topic relates to her own life experience.

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