

What Does This “Wild and Precious Life” Demand of Us?

Thursday Lunchtime Conferences

March 14, 2013

ARE ALTRUISM & EMPATHY INNATE, TAUGHT OR CAUGHT?

Lecture by **Felix Warneken**, Laboratory for Developmental Studies, Harvard University

Personal reflection on the issue: Marcia Boelhke*

Note: On this day the main lecture begins at 11.30am and the personal reflection at 12:30pm

March 21, 2013

WHY DO GOOD PEOPLE DO BAD THINGS?

Setting the issue: Paula Chandoha*

Lecture by **Francesca Gino**, Negotiations, Organizations & Markets Unit, Harvard Business School, co-teaches PhD course on Decision Making and Ethics

March 28, 2013 - NO LECTURES—venue unavailable

April 4, 2013

IS FORGIVENESS ALWAYS RIGHT OR REQUIRED?

Setting the issue: Charlene Brotman*

Lecture by **Jan Wall**, Lesley University; assistant professor of psychology, teaching *Psychology of Forgiveness*

April 11, 2013

WHY NOT KINDNESS? INTIMACY AND COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION

Setting the issue: Emmy Robertson*

Lecture by **Sallyann Roth**, Public Conversations Project; **Taos Institute**; fmr co-director Family Institute Cambridge; consults with Harvard Law School’s Negotiation Project.

April 18, 2013

CARING FOR THE EARTH: WHAT’S STOPPING US?

Setting the issue: MaryMargaret Halsey*

Lecture by **Fred Small**, Unitarian Universalist minister, co-chair of **Religious Witness for the Earth**, a national interfaith network dedicated to public witness on environmental issues, especially global climate change

April 25, 2013

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MAN?

Setting the issue: Steve Cadwell

Lecture by **William Pollack**, dir Centers for Men and Young Men, assoc clinical prof psychology Dept of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge Health Alliance, author *REAL BOYS: Rescuing Our Sons from the Myths of Boyhood*

May 2, 2013

HOW DO ETHICAL DEMANDS DIFFER FOR WOMEN AND MEN?

Setting the issue: Elizabeth Dodson Gray*

Lectures by **John Stendahl**, Lutheran Church of the Newtons, Newton Centre and **Janet Cooper Nelson**, chaplain Brown University

May 9, 2013

INDIVIDUALISM & INTERDEPENDENCE: WHERE DO OUR CULTURAL MESSAGES COME FROM AND HOW DO THEY SHAPE US?

Setting the issue: HD, a WomenExplore participant*

Lecture by **Maureen Walker**, psychologist, dir Program Development at Jean Baker Miller Training Institute, assoc dir MBA program at Harvard Business School

May 16, 2013

WHAT ARE THE WAYS WE CRAVE LOVE?

Setting the issue: Dorianne Low*

Lecture by **Lyda Kuth**, maker of the documentary film, *Love and Other Anxieties*

May 23, 2013

“STANDING STILL AND LEARNING TO BE ASTONISHED”: CAN WE OPEN UP TO BEAUTY?

Setting the issue: Elaine Fisher*

Lecture by **Peg Baim**, clinical dir Center for Training, Benson-Henry Institute of Mind Body Medicine, MGH

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

Thursdays 11 am: Coffee, 11.30 am: Setting the issue, 12 noon: Main lecture, 1 pm – 1.30 pm: Discussion
Except Thursday March 14 when the main lecture is 11.30am – 12.30pm, & personal focus at 12.30pm

University Lutheran Church, 66 Winthrop St, Cambridge MA just off JFK St.
10am – 11am Open Community Support Group, 1.45pm – 3.45pm Collaborative Program Planning.

You are welcome to come to all or part of the session.

Single mornings \$15. Groups (5+) \$12. Students \$5. Series subscription \$120.

The WomenExplore 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 WE. WE also hosts support and conversation groups for women. WE began at the Harvard Divinity School in 1973 as the Theological Opportunities Program and became an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 2003.