

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

At the 34th Annual Conference of the Society For Descriptive Psychology

September 20, 2012

Ethical Tango

Do you want to learn how to promote the ethical competence of your legal staff, business leaders, medical and mental health staff, educators, and students ?

3.5 CEs

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Paula Holt, BS, MBA, JD

Attorney and Faculty Member
University of Denver Business School
Department of Business Ethics and Legal
Studies

Sonja Holt, PhD

Clinical Psychologist in Private Practice
Leader in developing ethical competence
programs

If so, the Society for
Descriptive Psychology is
offering two unique and
innovative workshops for
your consideration.

**Conference will be
September 20-23, 2012
At the
Golden Hotel
Golden, CO**

www.thegoldenhotel.com/

Impossible World

Do you want to learn how to help
your clients recover from trauma,
psychosis, and suicidal thinking?

3.5 CEs

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Ralph Wechsler, PhD

Aftercare Coordinator
PTSD Residential Treatment Program
Denver VA Medical Center

Ryan Breshears, PhD

Director of Psychological Services
Wellstar Medical System
Adj. Associate Professor
Univ of Georgia

To Register: See registration form below
For additional information regarding Descriptive
Psychology or the Society go to SDP.org
For additional information on preconference program:
Email: jholmes888@frontier.com

Preconference Workshop Fees*
Nonmembers-\$45 each/\$80 both
Society-Members-\$35 each/\$60 both
Students-\$25 each/\$40 both
CEs \$10 each/\$20 both
***Includes half-day admission to regular**
Conference workshops



Ethical Tango

Society For Descriptive Psychology Presents PRECONFERENCE

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and

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September 20-23, 2012
Golden, Colorado



Impossible World

Register for this Workshop if you are:

- ◆ An Educator in a university implementing an ethics curriculum.
- ◆ A future Business Leader or Attorney wanting to engage in ethical professional practices.
- ◆ A Therapist helping clients to monitor their judgments, decisions and behavior.
- ◆ A Teacher helping students to become self-regulating members of society.
- ◆ A Corrections Officer helping offenders to become good citizens

Ethical decision making compares to learning the **Tango** – both involve well timed steps, elegant movements, and powerful emotional expressions.

You will learn how to approach ethical dilemmas in a practical and systematic manner without violating your ethical principles, beliefs, or rules.

If you register for either preconference workshop you are invited to attend a half-day of the regular conference as our guest.

Below are some of the topics you can learn more about in workshops presented during the regular conference

- ◆ Increased creativity in Psychotherapy
- ◆ What do brains have to do with being a person
- ◆ Love across differences in race/culture
- ◆ Flashbacks and their treatment
- ◆ How persons reconstruct their world

Register for this Workshop, if you want to learn how to:

- ◆ "Make sense" of some of your most challenging clients.
- ◆ Learn how a thinkable world might become unthinkable, and why a person might change or leave a world that becomes impossible.
- ◆ More effectively deal with acute crises, by helping suicidal, psychotic, and traumatized clients understand what they are doing and why.
- ◆ Expand your clients' coping skills by helping them identify and accommodate new possibilities into their world.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration for:

Name _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Pre-conference Workshop registration:#

SDP members	\$35 _____	one workshop@
	\$60 _____	two workshops
Non-members	\$45 _____	one workshop
	\$80 _____	two workshops
Students	\$25 _____	one workshop
	\$40 _____	two workshops

Please check your selection of workshop(s)

[Ethical Tango](#) _____ [Impossible World](#) _____

Registration for either preconference workshop gives you admission to one half-day session of the regular conference without meals.

@ Please add \$5.00 for each workshop on registrations sent after September 1, 2012

Please print registration form and mail it with your check payable to:
Society For Descriptive Psychology

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

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The Panhandle Learning Institute maintains responsibility for this program and its contents.

Fees for CE credits

Each workshop 3.5 credits - \$10

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However, no refund is offered if person attends at least one CE session.

Direct questions about the Continuing Education offerings (credits, fees, refund policy) to Linda Wasserman, Panhandle Learning Institute, P.O. Box 7084, Pensacola, FL 32534, <<mailto:pelicanpost@cox.net>> , 850-206-4608, or <<http://www.panhandlelearning.com>> .

CONTINUING EDUCATION GOALS

Ethical Tango

- ◆ Participants, at the completion of this activity, will be able to:1Discuss the function of ethical theories in forming an ethical perspective for mastery of one's life circumstances
- ◆ Discuss the way in which an ethical perspective is one among four perspectives that come into play when a person makes a decision about what to do;
- ◆ Identify how an ethical perspective is acquired and how moral competence is enhanced by practice and experience in situations that call for the expression of that competence;
- ◆ Discuss the application of Descriptive Psychology conceptual tools to the task of enhancing moral competence in various settings, each comprised of distinctive social practices.

Impossible World

Participants, at the completion of this activity, will be able to:

- ◆ Describe how clients acquire their particular version of the world, as well as the ways clients respond to an impossible world
- ◆ Describe how psychosis can usefully be viewed as a way of distorting reality to maintain a world that is possible for the individual
- ◆ Describe suicidal clients as exiting an impossible world
- ◆ Describe the formulation of trauma as individuals' reaction to occurrences that are unthinkable in their world
- ◆ Identify ways to improve clinical outcomes by helping clients understand why they are doing what they are doing

CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

ETHICAL TANGO

Dr. Sonja Holt and Professor Paula Holt's seminar on the psychology of ethics never fails to keep me engaged. Their enthusiasm and knowledge of the subject matter is immediately apparent and continuously shines throughout their seminar. A wonderfully dynamic and in-sync duo!

Paula Holt, BS, MBA, JD Lecturer of Business Ethics and Legal Studies in the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver, Paula joined Daniels faculty after graduating with a law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, a Master's in Business Administration from Daniels and two Bachelors degrees in Finance and Marketing from Arizona State University. Paula currently teaches the Foundations of Business Law in a department ranked in the top ten worldwide for producing students with high ethical standards, and ranked #5 in Ethics. Paula is also the Faculty Adviser for the DU undergraduate Mock Trial Team, and teaches courses in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Contract Law. Paula also is currently an associate for a probate and family law practice, with an emphasis in alternative dispute resolution. A Colorado native, Paula resides in Arvada, Colorado.

Sonja Holt, PhD A Clinical Psychologist in Arvada Colorado for over 30 years Sonja received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Colorado where she completed her doctoral dissertation on Appraisal and Competence in Moral Judgment and Behavior. She has continued to develop this topic which has been invaluable to her work as a psychologist, as a parent and an educator in developing applications of ethics education in various settings.

Paula and Sonja have combined their expertise to provide educational programs for business leaders and future leaders that help them recognize and resolve ethical conflicts and dilemmas and respond to the ethical aspects of their professions. They have also developed and researched programs for educators, parents, and children.

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IMPOSSIBLE WORLD

Your presentation on trauma was captivating and impactful. It will greatly improve my ability to work with trauma clients. It was a very affective and touching presentation.

Ralph Wechsler, Ph.D.'s interests in psychosis, psychological trauma, and suicidal behavior started while working on an emergency psychiatric service during his graduate training at the University of Colorado at Boulder. In 1983, he completed his doctoral dissertation with Dr. Peter G. Ossorio, on the relationship between personality characteristics and manic states. After his graduate training, he worked primarily in inpatient settings, including a long-term inpatient unit that focused on psychotic disorders or complex personality disorders. At the Denver V.A. Medical Center, Ralph has continued working with psychotic disorders as well as posttraumatic stress disorder. He has served as the Director of Psychology Training and Director of Inpatient Mental Health Services. Ralph is currently the Aftercare Coordinator for the PTSD Residential Treatment Program at the Denver VA. In addition, he has maintained a diverse private practice and is on the faculty in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado. Ralph has presented on psychological trauma to a variety of audiences, including lawyers being training on mitigation issues in death penalty cases by the Colorado Alternate Defense Counsel, combat veterans and their spouses in the National Guard's Post Deployment Reintegration Program, law enforcement personnel at the Denver VAMC, and students from the University Of Denver Graduate School Of Professional Psychology.

Ryan E. Breshears, PhD is a licensed psychologist with a doctorate from the University of Georgia. Ryan is Director for Psychological Services with Well Star Health System, a 5-hospital integrated health network in metro-Atlanta. Ryan oversees program development including the integration of Health Psychology and Behavioral Health services across primary and specialty care services. He serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia. Ryan completed a postdoctoral clinical research fellowship with the Veterans Integrated Service Network located at the Denver VA Medical Center. As an implementation science researcher, he was a key facilitator in the implementation of the Self-Directed Violence Classification System devised by the Denver VA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He has published in several journals in the area of suicide prevention.