

About Bowen Theory

Dr. Murray Bowen is the true pioneer of family systems theory. Bowen theory affirms that the individual can change behavior if aware of the impact current and historical family behavior has on the definition of his or her choices. "Family" may be viewed as all those with whom an individual has emotional ties, the immediate family with whom the individual lives, the extended family of relatives and friends, and the community at large.

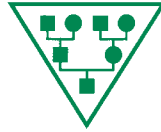
About the Pittsburgh Family Systems Conference & Symposium

Begun in 1977 at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, this "almost annual" event began as a two day meeting for new students of Bowen theory in Pittsburgh to formally present their ideas to each other. A guest expert in the then exciting and new family systems field presented his ideas on the first (conference) day, and served as discussant on the second (symposium) day. This conference/symposium format evolved over the years to include presenters from outside of Pittsburgh, and to include guest experts from the natural sciences. Another early change was to allow participation from an audience of non-presenters. A continuing goal of the event is to give new presenters a chance "to try their wings." The Pittsburgh Family Systems Conference and Symposium has been one of the "core offerings" of WPFC since its inception in 1985, along with the Lecture Series on Bowen Theory and the Basic Seminar.

About the 32nd Conference and Symposium

DARWIN PLANTED THE SEEDS OF EVOLUTION. Mendel planted the seeds of genetics. Bowen planted the seeds of family systems. Those who follow spread and cultivate these seeds. Paulina McCullough came to Pittsburgh to spread the seeds planted by Murray Bowen. Others touched by Bowen and McCullough have joined in to cultivate Western Pennsylvania Family Center. They in turn have planted, spread and cultivated the seeds of Bowen theory in their personal and professional lives, in Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania, and beyond.... and the cycle goes on.

THESE TWO DAYS—looking back and looking ahead—will provide ample opportunity for a retrospective of Bowen theory in the personal and professional lives of the participants and conference attendees. This, in turn, will provide a springboard for thinking about moving Bowen theory into the future. What is the place of WPFC and other teaching centers in this? Who will be the leaders? How are they identified and "cultivated"? What is the responsibility of those who say Bowen theory is important to them in moving Bowen theory into the future?



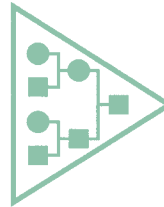
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32nd Pittsburgh Family Systems Conference and Symposium

*Planting, Spreading and Cultivating the Seeds:
25 Years and Growing*

SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2010



Other Presenters:

Ona Cohn Bregman: *A Mother and Two Daughters: Triangles, Death and Bowen Theory*

Christopher Burnett: *A Matter of Perspective: Bowen Theory, Models of Systems Theory, and Applied Systems Thinking*

Sandra Caffo: *Exploring the Crevices of Differentiation: A Day in the Life*

Maureen Capp: *Studying the Death of a Sibling*

Pat Comella: *The Murray Bowen Archives Project of Leaders for Tomorrow*

Robin Cumberland: *Dancing with the Theory*

Robert Feikema: *Future Application of Bowen Theory to Organizational and Societal Functioning*

Randy Frost: *Thoughts on the Future of Research Based on Bowen Theory*

Roberta Gilbert: *Planting and Cultivating – A 25 Year Effort*

Nancy Gimbel: *Reflections on Bowen's Ninth Concept in My Life and Practice*

Carl Jensen: *Thoughts About Learning Bowen Theory*

Janet Kuhn: *Forty Years With Bowen Theory*

Robert Noone: *Bowen Theory, Family, and Social Neuroscience*

Jane Purifoy: *Heroes, Guns and Alzheimer's*

Catherine Rakow: *The Two Tracks in My Life – Chance and the Prepared Mind*

Susan Stith: *Marriage Preparation with a Longer Shelf-Life: Presenting Bowen to Engaged Couples*

Peter Titelman: *My History With Bowen Theory*

AND OTHERS....

**WPFC CONFERENCE CENTER
733 North Highland Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206**

**REGISTRATION: 8:30 am
PROGRAM: 9 am - 5 pm daily**

Invited Speakers:

James B. Smith, M.S.

Co-founder and Executive Director of WPFC
WPFC at 25: Looking Back...Looking Ahead

Paulina G. McCullough

founding Executive Director of WPFC
Permanence as a Determinant of Functioning

Stuart Libman

Co-founder of WPFC
Moving Conceptually with "Family"

James C Maloni

WPFC faculty member
Approaching Four Decades With Bowen Theory – From Foreign to Preferred Taste



Friday Night: September 24 25th Anniversary Dinner & Celebration LeMont Restaurant

1114 Grandview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15211
Cash Bar: 6-7 PM
Dinner and Celebration: 7-9 PM
Co-Hosts: Cynthia Larkby and Walter Smith
\$90

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations received by September 17, 2010 will receive a refund of the tuition minus a 20% administrative fee. There will be no refund for cancellation requests received within one week of the program date. If the program is cancelled by the WPFC, each registrant will receive a full refund.

Continuing Education Credits

See registration form for fees assessed.

SOCIAL WORK / 6 CEUs PER DAY (PENDING)

Credit hours of continuing education are provided through co-sponsorship with the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, a Pennsylvania-approved provider of social work continuing education. These credit hours satisfy requirements for LSW, LMFT and LPC renewal. For information on social work continuing education, call 412-624-3711.

PSYCHOLOGY / 6 CEUs PER DAY (PENDING)

Credit hours of continuing education are provided through co-sponsorship with the Center for Applied Psychology (CAP), Indiana University of Pennsylvania. CAP is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. The CAP maintains responsibility for co-sponsored programs.

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AS IT APPEARS ON THE CREDIT CARD

Registration includes Continental Breakfast.
Lunch on your own. ID required for student fee.

25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER (Friday) \$90

FEE: BOTH DAYS ONE DAY

Before 9/17: \$175 \$100

After 9/17: \$200 \$125

Students: \$75 \$50

CEUs: 6 LSW, LMFT, LPC or Psychology Continuing Education Units per day (pending)

LSW, LMFT, LPC \$15 \$20

Psychology \$35 \$30

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$