

# StirFry Seminars & Consulting

## WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER

I am sitting at our table facing the garden as the morning light gently dances through the leaves. In the kitchen I can hear Naraya brewing another cup of Tulsi sweet rose tea, as I glance fondly at our dog Pokey, curled up in his soft, round bed across the room. This morning, like so many others, could easily be taken for granted. It's simple, perhaps repeated in a thousand various ways in homes all over the world.



And yet, I cannot also keep from thinking about Mitt Romney's telling a reporter that cutting 700 billion dollars from Medicaid, 23 billion from food stamps and cutting 50% from the Pell grants that helps poor income students to go college really won't affect the poor, the old and the hungry. Or the horrible image of the seventy-six year old woman burning in an elevator set afire by a man who said she owed him thousands of dollars. Or the 20<sup>th</sup> young person committing suicide in the past two years, by hanging herself because of being harassed and bullied for being different- the youngest victim being only ten years old. Or the young African American student who came to school excited to show his friends how he had his barber cut him a second part in his hair, only to have the principal fill it in with a permanent black marker because he felt it was "improper social attire." I can still hear the young boy's mother crying out, wondering why no one stopped this horrible thing from happening.

I do not know how to reconcile all these events in my life. All I know is that as this year is about to expire, we must remember to care for those around us, to look up and to see those who are hungry and poor and without hope and be outraged enough to do something about it. Mother Teresa was right, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

And so, my wish for all of you in this holiday season is that you remember to love and to cry. There is so much to be thankful for and so much that we each can do to make this a more compassionate and just world.

In community and friendship,



## MASTERING DIVERSITY TRAINING & FACILITATION LEVEL ONE

FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012 • FRIDAY 2PM-9PM; SATURDAY 8AM-6PM; SUNDAY 8AM-2PM

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*\*Some restrictions apply. Expires February 15, 2012\**

## StirFry Calendar of Events

January 18, 2012 Greensboro, NC	An Unfinished Conversation Not Open to the Public
January 24, 2012 Louisville, KY	<i>Last Chance for Eden</i> Film Showing & Discussion and A Promise Still to Keep - Keynote Not Open to the Public
February 2, 2012 Atlanta, GA	Inclusiveness Not Open to the Public
February 3, 2012 Davie, FL	What Stands Between Us Keynote and Workshop Not Open to the Public
February 10, 2012 Albuquerque, NM	Walking Each Other Home: Using Group Work to Create Communities of Caring & Compassion AND <i>If These Halls Could Talk</i> : Film Showing and Diversity Dialogue • Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW) Conference Open to the Public
February 17-19, 2012 ** Berkeley, CA	Mastering Diversity Training & Facilitation: Level One Open to the Public
February 20-21, 2012 Raleigh, NC	An Unfinished Conversation Not Open to the Public

\*\* Held at the Quan Yin Training Center, 2311 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, CA

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